



# Welcome News



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## President's Message

Yet another very successful year at the Shepherd's Welcome Centre is drawing to a close.

We are a volunteer-based organization in all aspects of our operation and as always we are extremely grateful to all those who commit of their time and talents to make the SWC the success it is.

In my report to the recent AGM I summarized our achievements and initiatives over the past year. Once again, they were indeed impressive and a tribute to the team efforts of the whole SWC family.

I also indicated in my report that I am stepping down as president. It's been a privilege to have served in that capacity over the past four years. I will be staying on the board as past-president, providing advice as necessary to my as yet to be selected successor.

Gail Hanton will be leaving the board. SWC owes a great deal of gratitude to Gail for her many years of dedicated service, including as president. Thank you Gail for everything including your guidance and advice to me personally in your latter role as past-president.

In closing, as this is our last newsletter until August, I would like on behalf of the board to wish you and your families a safe and happy summer.

We look forward to seeing you back again in the fall.

***We may be getting older but we're not old yet!***

***Tony Dunbar***

## In Appreciation

As Tony Dunbar steps down as President of the SWC board, I would be remiss if I did not speak of the contribution he has made to SWC. Again I draw attention to the SWC website which Tony designed and continues to update on a regular basis. The website is the "scrap book" of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, containing a detailed history in words and photos of SWC activities and events. As new people move into this area they can be directed to a **first class** presentation of what SWC has to offer.

I also mention that it is Tony who encouraged the Board to do a complete review of the Vision, Mission and Core Values of SWC and to develop a Strategic Plan for the future. There is no person or organization that remains static, everything evolves. SWC remains the vibrant centre of affordable activities which was envisioned at its very beginning. However, through this process the Board was able to document afresh the Centre's strengths, challenges and goals. Though Board members will come and go, the SWC Strategic Plan of 2016 will remain as a blueprint from which to navigate into the future.

Thank you Tony for your work as President. The Board is very grateful that you are going to remain in the advisory role as Past President.

***The SWC office will be closed from  
Tuesday May, 31<sup>st</sup> until Fall  
Registration Day, Wednesday,  
September 7.***

## **Course News and Updates**

### **Summer Tai Chi**

Tai Chi (without instruction) will once again be available on Friday mornings in the pavilion at St. Lawrence Park starting the week after Canada Day.

### **The Painting Group**

Throughout this past year the Community Room at the 1000 Islands Mall has been a hub of creativity as people came together to draw and paint in oil (non-toxic products only), pastels, water colour and charcoal. This group was loosely structured; participants critiqued each other's work and Mary MacDermott was available for advice and instruction when needed.

A second Painting Group based on the same premise will be offered in the fall. Those who have been attending the Monday group will be given preference to continue with that group.

### **Chair Yoga**

Gwen Priestley will be offering two classes in September. The 1000 Islands Mall is providing rooms for a Monday and Thursday class. Monday from 2:30 – 3:30 and Thursday 11:00 – 12:00 noon.

The complete list of SWC fall courses and activities, complete with course definitions, will be put on the SWC website as soon as it is available and it will be attached to the August newsletter.

### **Brockville Arts Centre Discount**

SWC members are able to avail themselves of the lesser "group rate" for some productions. You must tell the SWC office staff to put your name on the BAC discount list in order to avail yourself of the discount. The next production where this would apply is South Pacific, June 17 to 19.

For detailed information about ticket prices and discounts go to the SWC website.

## **The AGM**

The Annual General Meeting was held in the 1000 Islands Mall Community room. There were 22 in attendance. The complete minutes for the meeting are now posted on the SWC website. As always, it is during the AGM that board members are elected. Welcome to our newest member, Linda Campbell. Linda has been one of the activity leaders for Pickle Ball and has agreed to assist with the leadership of SWC. The Board of Directors for the upcoming year is as follows:

**Linda Campbell**  
**Bill Carlyle**  
**Bill Checkley**  
**Debby Greffe**  
**Ralph Greenhalgh**  
**Cheryl Nix**  
**Bev Nixon**  
**Marian Rafferty**  
**Tony Dunbar (Past-President)**

As is customary and in keeping with our bylaws, officers will be appointed and specific roles assigned by the new board at their first meeting in August.

**The Directors present on behalf of the Foundation were:**

**Tim Blake**  
**Ralph Greenhalgh**  
**Murray Newell**  
**Marson Smith**  
**Marian Rafferty**

Both meetings started at 2:00 pm and adjourned by 3:25 pm.

*Have a wonderful summer.*  
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