



Welcome News



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President's Message

SWC is once again up and running in full swing. Registration day happened like clockwork thanks to years of experience on the part of the Activity Leaders, Board members and other volunteers who performed their jobs so well. In the end, we have 374 participants registered this semester, including 69 new individuals.

We regret that, Bev Nixon, who has generously given of her time and talent to both the Board and as a volunteer in the SWC office has had to step away from her responsibilities for a while. We wish her all the best and thank her for the hours of work she has given to SWC.

The Board has been lining up some education/information sessions for the Fall (Tony will give you the details) and our annual Christmas Dinner date is already set for Friday, Dec. 2.

Keep in touch with information, photos, and all things SWC by checking our website (www.swcbrockville.ca).

Cheryl Nix

Open House September 7, 2016

As a new initiative, this year's Open House with Registration was held at the Brockville Legion on Park Street in Brockville. Our clients appreciated the venue, and the ample parking space was an especially welcome feature.

There were many recommendations that we continue to use the Legion for future such Open Houses.

The board will certainly explore this possibility subject to availability of the venue.

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Open House (cont'd)

A total of 275 participants registered on the day. Of these 43 were first timers. As Cheryl reported above, since Open House, through registrations at the office, the grand total is now 374, including 69 new individuals. Very gratifying indeed.

Information Sessions

We have scheduled a couple of new sessions following on the success of the one to two hour individual special topic presentations held last semester.

Some preliminary information:

Investment Information Seminar

Tuesday, November 8, 1 pm to 3 pm
The Eastern Ontario Financial Services
1000 Islands Mall; Community Room #1
Snacks (not lunch) will be served

Fraud Awareness

Monday, November 21 at 2 pm
The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre
Location: To be arranged

We are also exploring some other topics we feel would be of interest to our membership.

CPR/Defibrillator Training

We are again seeing how much interest there is in attending another Red Cross training session in this important area.

The training would take place on a Saturday morning sometime this month or in November.

We have designed an online poll to gauge the level of interest.

Click [CPR Poll](#) (or the link in the covering email) and follow the instructions to indicate your personal wishes/preferences.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Christmas Dinner

Yes, now that summer is weeks behind us, we are already planning ahead for Christmas! The date has been set as president Cheryl noted in her message.

Debby Greffe, board director and our social convenor, has booked the **Brockville Legion** for our annual SWC Christmas Dinner. Confirmed date is **Friday, December 2, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**.

Catering will be by **Cindy Croteau**, who did such a fine job last year.

So for now, please mark your calendars. Further details, re price, menu, etc will be made known as arrangements are firmed up.

Course News and Updates

Some items of general interest:

- Most courses were up and running the week after Registration. Camera began on September 22 and Spanish on September 28.
- Bridge Instruction has moved to the Public Library.
- Quilting has moved some classes to the Mall.

Please note that if you are not now planning to attend a class you originally signed up for, please notify the office.

Culture Days II

Thanks again to the organizational efforts of directors Debby Greffe and Marian Rafferty, the Shepherd's Welcome Centre was very well represented at the second annual Culture Days celebrations on King Street on Saturday October 1.

Bill Checkley, Rod McAvoy, Mary MacDermott, and Janet Sutcliffe were out early helping Debby

and Marian with the setup under the newly acquired popup gazebo.

The gazebo with its featured displays from Quilting, The Art Studio and Tole Painting was one of the best looking booths on the street.

And of course the on-street demonstration of Tai Chi under the direction of Bob MacDougall really contributed to effectively presenting SWC as a vibrant, active organization.

To further enhance the occasion, Steve Greffe, husband of Debby, provided some lively vocals to his own guitar accompaniment.

Congrats and many thanks to all involved in this local version of a Canada wide initiative to feature the Arts and Culture groups across our communities.

Board News

- Unfortunately due to illness, Bev Nixon and Linda Campbell have had to step down from their board positions. We wish both of them well.
- Bill Checkley has taken on the important position of board Secretary. To allow him to properly fill this new role, Bill has given up the position as Assistant Activities' director.
- The board will review and discuss how best to fill the gaps left by the above developments and proceed with the appropriate course of action.

Reminders & Useful Information

- Email: swcadmin@myhighspeed.ca
- Office location: Take the elevator to third floor, turn left
- Office hours 10:00 – 12 noon, Mon. – Thurs. (except during June, July and August).
- SWC leases space from Wall St. Church and is a separate organization. Please take all questions and concerns to the SWC office.
- Wall St. United Church is a scent-free facility.

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