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## Welcome News



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### President's Message

Participants who have been with SWC for the past year or more are well aware that the Board of Directors have put a lot of time and effort into responding to the comments of participants regarding our name. Through a survey in the Fall of 2015 it was evident that many were concerned that our current name, though valued by many who have been around here for years, inadvertently had kept others away because it did not accurately reflect who we are, what we do and who can belong.

The Board of Directors took time during the past few meetings to consider the recommendations that were given to us by the Board sub-committee charged with gathering feedback from members. I am pleased to finally announce that the Board is putting forward a new name for this organization. The Board's mission was to choose a name that clearly defines who we are, what we do and who can belong. Those phrases became the filter every possible name had to pass through in order to continue to be considered. The Board wanted newly retired people and people who have just moved into Brockville and others to just hear or see the name and be able to know if it was an organization that they might want to join. We feel we have done just that!

The proposed name is **Brockville 50+ Activity Centre**. This name will be on our brochures, website, newsletter and other public media of communications, followed by the phrase *Formerly the Shepherd's Welcome Centre*. We are proud of our long and successful history as an organization. That history is represented on our brochure and in greater detail on our website.

Any change to this organization's By-Laws requires that the participants be given the opportunity to vote on the matter. The Board is now considering what method will give the majority of our members the opportunity to cast a ballot regarding the proposed new name in the most convenient manner possible. We will keep you informed as we develop a plan. Thank you again to everyone including the Board, the sub-committee, participants and volunteer leaders for contributing to this long and challenging process.

**Cheryl Nix - President**

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Time certainly does fly. It's time again to prepare for our annual general meeting.

The board has set the date for **Weds., May 10th**. As we now have much welcomed access to additional parking there, we have decided to hold the meeting in-house at Wall Street United Church. Venue will be the Heritage Hall.

Meeting time is tentatively set as 2 to 4 pm. Further details will be provided over the coming weeks.

## **Parking Issue**

In a notice to the SWC board, the church requested we emphasize to our members that they NOT, as apparently happened on a recent Wednesday afternoon, remove the metal chain specially installed to prevent parking in an area that would be subject to falling ice or snow from the church roof. This measure is obviously for the protection of our persons and cars and under no circumstances should be interfered with or circumvented. Future such action will result in the issuance of a ticket with a fine, the Church advises.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## **Information Sessions:**

**COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY Q&A SESSION II TUESDAY APRIL 4; 1 to 3 pm in the Upper Room at Wall Street United Church (WSUC).**

We're delighted to announce that William Thomson has agreed to facilitate another Q&A session on the use of various computer technologies.

This follows the very successful same topic session led by William on February 9 last. As then, the session will follow a wide ranging Question & Answer format where SWC participants will have the opportunity to seek advice and expert guidance from William, the owner and operator of TechTutors.

William again advises that the intent is not to spend time to "fix" an individual's problem. He will be focusing on helping to generally improve your use of the device; ex: use of apps, security settings, etc.

You're invited to bring your tablets (of the computer type!), smartphones, etc.

Class size is limited to 25. You may register early by dropping by the SWC office. Alternatively, call 613-345-2412 or email [swcadmin@myhighspeed.ca](mailto:swcadmin@myhighspeed.ca)

### **ELDER ABUSE SESSION**

We are actively looking at holding such a session some time in April. Our Office Manager Marian Rafferty has had preliminary discussions with Jim Lindsay from the Elder Abuse Prevention Services of the Council on Aging. Jim has agreed to lead the session and it remains to firm up a date.

We will keep you informed.

## **Board News**

### Board Appointments:

The board is delighted to announce the appointment of John Bonser and Barry Shaver. These two worthy candidates were unanimously chosen at the board meeting of March 10 to temporarily fill the current two vacancies on our board.

### Winter Class Cancellation Policy Review

The board requested past-president Tony Dunbar to form a committee to review the current cancellation policy and report on its advantages, drawbacks, etc.

The committee will seek input, direct and indirect, from a cross-section of interested parties: SWC leaders, participants, SWC office personnel, WSUC personnel, etc. It will then propose and recommend to the board changes where deemed necessary and appropriate..

### Next board meeting

Wednesday April 5 at 10 am at Wall Street United.

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