

BROCKVILLE 50+ ACTIVITY CENTRE

Formerly the Shepherd's Welcome Centre

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President's Message

The Activity Centre is closed for the summer so that all of our volunteer instructors, leaders and Board members can take a well-deserved break.

At the September Board meeting I will take off my hat as President and pass it to someone else. I will remain as Past President until the end of my term in 2019. At our recent AGM we said goodbye to Ralph Greenhalgh, who has been our very capable Treasurer for the past 18 years. Tony Dunbar, our current newsletter editor and website creator and manager is moving on as well. We are very grateful that he is going to continue as a volunteer website manager. We thank both men for the many hours of volunteer work they have given to the Activity Centre.

During this past semester the Board reviewed our registration process and have begun to implement some changes that we hope will reduce the "registration rush" and cut down on the length of line-ups. Some of you have heard about these changes from your current activity leaders. It is important to the Board that the ability to continue with one's activities of choice does not depend on who can get to the front of a line, find a parking spot or have the ability to stand in a long line-up. Basically, a current A.C. member can now rest assured that if he/she regularly participated in an activity during this past semester, his/her name will already be on the Registration Attendance Sheet in September. All one has to do is show up anytime between 9:30 – 11:30 to confirm one's desire to continue with one's activity and to pay one's fee. Further details of this change

in our registration process will be sent out in August.

For now, I trust all of you will have a safe and happy summer.

Cheryl Nix, President

AGM Report

Our annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Heritage Hall at Wall Street on May 9. There was a small, not unusual for these meetings, attendance but the business of the Activity Centre, along with that of the Shepherd's Centre Foundation, was successfully completed.

President Cheryl Nix again presented an illuminating report on the achievements and events of the past year. To access a copy of this report from our website [click here](#).

Other reports included treasurer Ralph Greenhalgh's financial report for the period May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018. Ralph also presented a budget for the upcoming financial period. Copies of these reports may be obtained on request.

A specially convened committee of Tony Dunbar, Barry Shaver and Dot Hudson presented a report listing the nominees they had evaluated as suitable for election to fill the existing board vacancies. The election subsequently proceeded utilizing this listing (see below).

New Board Members Elected

At the recent May 9 AGM at WSUC, the election of two (2) new board members took place. We are happy to welcome Jo Ann Brinkworth and Sue Hunter to the board. Both

these women come with impressive resumes and will be a definite asset to the board as they lead the AC forward into the future.

In addition, longtime board member and office manager Marian Rafferty was re-elected to another two (2) year term.

Ralph Greenhalgh and Tony Dunbar had previously announced they were stepping down from the board. In her closing remarks, president Cheryl Nix paid tribute to the two for their years of dedicated service: Ralph 18 years and Tony 8 years.

The nine (9) member board now comprises:

Mark Bailey
John Bonser
Jo Ann Brinkworth
Bill Carlyle
Debby Greffe
Sue Hunter
Cheryl Nix
Marian Rafferty
Barry Shaver

In keeping with practice and the AC bylaws, the officer positions, president, secretary, treasurer and other roles will be decided at the first meeting of the new board in August 2018.

Cheryl Nix Not Seeking Reappointment as President

As she indicated in her President's Message above, Cheryl Nix has decided not to accept reappointment by the board to the position of president for the upcoming year beginning in September 2018.

Over the past two years, from Sept 2016 on, Cheryl has capably and skillfully led our organization through some significant events.

Principal amongst these was steering us purposefully yet diplomatically to the adoption, by member referendum, of the name change from the Shepherd's Welcome Centre to the current Brockville 50+ Activity Centre

Cheryl's decision to step down means the appointment, from the newly elected board, of a new president. There are a number of competent people from which to choose. Luckily, the new appointee will have Cheryl to

guide him or her; as Cheryl has agreed to stay on the board as past-president.

A sincere thank you Cheryl for your sterling and dedicated leadership as president.

Random News and Other Information

- **Open House/Registration**

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the Brockville Memorial Centre.

- **Memorial Centre as an Activity Venue**

The future use of the Memorial Centre for certain activities is being explored.

- **Letter to Brockville City Council**

A letter has been sent to the Mayor and to each council member drawing attention to the AC and the services it provides to local seniors.

- **New Computer for the Office**

With board approval, a new desktop computer was recently purchased to help our hardworking office staff in their important work.

- **Summer Office Hours**

AC office will be closed June, July and August. There will be no monitoring of phone calls or emails during that time. Likewise, no newsletter until late August in time for the September 5 Open House/Registration.

Editorial Farewell

This is the last edition of the newsletter to be issued with me, Tony Dunbar, as editor. It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to help in bringing news of AC events and happenings to the membership at large. I trust you have found the newsletters informative and worthwhile.

A new editor will be appointed at the start of the new semester from among the new board.

I will be staying on, for now at least, as volunteer webmaster for our organization website www.fiftyplusbrockville.ca Please visit it occasionally at your leisure.

Cheers.

Tony Dunbar, Newsletter Editor