

Formerly the Shepherd's Welcome Centre

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President's Message

My appointment as President only became effective on September 19th, so I am confident that you will appreciate the fact that this message is brief.

I am honoured by the trust shown in me, and I am very excited and committed to working with the Board towards the continued growth and the future of the Brockville 50+Activity Centre.

Brockville is a great community and I am proud and passionate to be part of the Activity Centre and to continuing with the work of my predecessors. A huge thank you to Cheryl Nix (you have set the bar high!). My vision is to continue with the progress made by her and those before her.

As the 2018 Fall semester is upon us, I look forward to meeting leaders and members alike. This is my 5th semester as a member and I am thrilled to be registered in five activities this Fall. See you in class.

Sue Hunter

President

Board News

As you now know from reading the previous paragraph the Board confirmed the appointment of Sue Hunter as President at its

meeting of September 19th. The Board is looking forward to working with Sue who is very enthusiastic about her appointment and we ask that our members also extend a warm welcome.

Course News

Registration day saw strong interest in all our offerings with most courses being full and waiting lists established for some. To date 363 individuals have registered and the office is still processing late registrations. When one considers that most registrants apply to join more than one course it is obvious that "fifty plus" has a very positive impact on the over 50 population.

One of the waiting lists is for the book clubs where there are currently six members on waiting lists. The Activity Centre is certainly open to establishing a third book club if sufficient interest is shown by members. The ideal size of a group is ten so if you are interested in joining a book club contact the office. Provided that we reach the magic number, you will be informed of a meeting date for the new group to get together and organize.

There is still strong demand for an instructional course in French but we have so far been unsuccessful in our search for a leader. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please let us know.

We have however been successful in our quest for a new leader for Beginners Conversational French and welcome Paulette LeClaire to this role.

Culture Days

On Saturday September 29th. The Activity Centre will once again be represented at Culture Days with a display on King Street in front of Photo Visions. This year we will have displays from our Quilting Group, and from our Arts Groups. We also will present demonstrations of Tai Chi. Volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions about our organization. Why not pay the display a visit and should you have time, stay awhile and show the Brockville community what we represent.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will once again be held at the Legion and this location has been reserved for December 7th. Cindy Croteau who is known to most of you has indicated that she will be available to cater this event, which means that it will, as always, be an event not to be missed. Further details on ticket sales and costs will be in the next Newsletter and on the website www.fiftyplusbrockville.ca

Registration Day

Registration for this semester proved to be smoother than on previous registration days. This was due to due to a combination of factors: Firstly the extra space available in the main room allowed for better separation of the groups and, secondly the changes introduced by the Board helped to reduce the line-ups associated with the early morning rush which in the past has led to complaints. The decision to speed up the payment process with more cashiers on hand and less requirement to verify waivers and write receipts on the spot

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made registration much faster leading to quite a few compliments.

We owe a big thank you to Jo Ann, Tony, Marian and other office volunteers, Cheryl and other Board members for their efforts in balancing receipts against registrations received and preparing class lists in time for the start of courses.

Church Closure

The Wall Street United Church will not be available for classes on November 22nd and 23rd this year as the space is required for the annual Yuletide Fair. If your class is affected, why not plan to attend the Fair instead to support the Church and perhaps get a start on, or even finish, Christmas shopping?

Please note that classes which are held at other locations will not be affected by this closure.

Office News

Once our overworked office staff complete the mammoth task of finalizing class lists and comparing them with registrations received, the office at Wall St united Church will be back to normal service and will continue to be open during the semester from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Thursday.

Editors Note

Should you be aware of any newsworthy happenings surrounding our programs which would be of interest to others, please let us know so that they can be considered for inclusion in future newsletters.