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Welcome News



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President's Message

To date SWC has 322 participants who have signed up and who are ready to brave the winter weather to get out and have some fun socializing, learning something new or working to stay fit. However, it is also the time of year when too much snow or ice can shut down our activities for a day; this can sometimes be frustrating. Since I know we have new members every semester I want to review the rationale for our weather-related closure policy.

Our current policy is: when school busses are cancelled all SWC activities held at the Wall St. Church site are closed. This policy ensures that participants have a common way to get the information they need early in the day by going to our website at www.swcbrockville.ca, listening to local radio, calling 1-800-629-0629 or going online to the STEO website to see if the busses are running. We have not been able to come up with a more efficient way to make a call regarding the roads and to provide our membership with up-to-date information.

We are currently gathering some feedback from our volunteer leaders regarding this subject. The school board and bus line that covers Brockville currently covers a much larger area than it used to. Therefore, it seems that bus cancellations perhaps used to better reflect our weather system than they sometimes do now. We have to think

about this and see if we can improve or not. If you have a suggestion on this matter that you would like us to consider, please send it to me at swcbdprez@gmail.com.

Also keep in mind that the Wall St. United Church staff does not have knowledge about or oversee SWC activities. We merely rent space in the church. We ask that you do not discuss our policies regarding weather-related closures or any other SWC matter with them. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and we hope that you thoroughly enjoy your SWC activities this semester.

Cheryl Nix

Open House and Registration

The Open House held at the Brockville Legion on Thursday January 5 was another big success. Registrations at the Legion for the second semester of SWC activities totalled 288. Since then, an additional 34 participants registered at the SWC Office, bringing the current grand total to the 322 referenced by Cheryl in her message above.

There was again much positive feedback from participants regarding our use of the Legion as venue. The general setup in the hall and of course the ample parking were much appreciated.

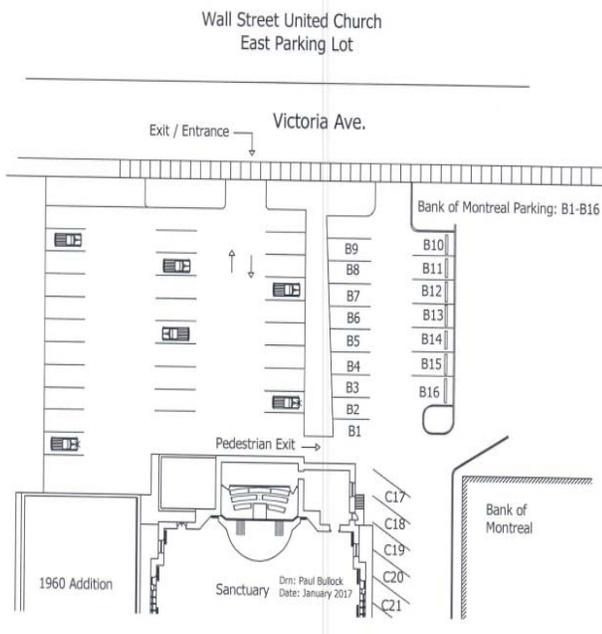
Many thanks are due to our office staff, Marian Rafferty and Laura Papaioannou; directors Debby Greffe, Ralph Greenhalgh,

Cheryl Nix and Bill Carlyle; and to Ray Verbeem and other volunteers, for their work in ensuring the success of this important event.

Thanks also of course to those leaders who attended and were available at their designated spots to answer questions and initiate the registration process for the many participants in attendance.

Parking at Wall Street

The building project on Wall Street is now to the point where there is some additional parking space available to all church facility users. Entry to this temporary, as yet unpaved, parking is now off of Victoria Avenue. For a schematic of the final configuration provided by Paul Bullock see below (use your document zoom to magnify the details):



We would ask that you please comply with the church's guidelines: park in a north-south direction, maximize use of the lot by occupying the space needed for just one car, etc.

A reminder also to new SWC registrants, and indeed to all others, that you need to get a parking pass from the SWC Office to

display when parked in the lot. Trevor Hutton will be on your case if you don't!

Course News and Updates

New Leaders:

The SWC welcomes two new leaders this semester. Margaret Lauridsen leads a class in Computer Instruction and Jo Ann Brinkworth serves as Pickle Ball leader on Wednesdays.

Classes Not Being Offered:

Music Notation, Astronomy 1 & 2, and Community of Song are not being offered this semester. We hope that Peri Howlett and Fred Wagner will consider returning next year to teach their popular courses. Rod McAvoy continues his good work with the SWC Women's Chorus.

Thousand Islands Mall:

We are able to continue to offer both Art Studio and Chair Yoga classes at this mall.

Pickle Ball:

We are now offering a third session since Badminton has been reduced to twice a week. George de Jong is organizing a clinic to instruct novices in both rules and skills.

Conversational Language Classes:

Conversational French continues to be popular. (Note: We continue to search for an instructor to teach a basic French Course.)

Elizabeth Stratton, who taught Beginners and Intermediate Spanish during semester one, is now offering Conversational Spanish for those who have previously taken a Spanish course.

Table Tennis:

The SWC has been approached by some people who would like the SWC to host table tennis. A room with equipment is available. We will investigate the potential level of interest and proceed from there.

Board News

- The next board of directors' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 1 at Wall Street United Church.
- An important item on the agenda will be the selection of a new name for our organization. As you know, the board previously made the decision to make the change following months of dialogue with SWC members. The next step is for the board to agree on a new name, selecting one from the three (3) options presented by the special sub-committee.
- The board continues its efforts to recruit suitable candidates to fill the two (2) current vacancies.

Newsletter Editor: Tony Dunbar

Winter Is Back!

Please remember to remove your winter footwear just inside the church door. Either put them under the coat rack or to be safe put them in a plastic bag and take them to the room where your activity takes place.

Besides the mess they leave for someone to clean up, **a wet tile floor can be a slippery floor** and we don't want anyone needlessly falling.

Reminders & Useful Information

- Email: swcadmin@myhighspeed.ca
- Phone number and website address may be found in the newsletter banner above
- Office location: Take the elevator to the 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.