

# BROCKVILLE 50+ ACTIVITY CENTRE

Formerly the Shepherd's Welcome Centre

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## President's Message



The Activity Centre (A.C.) Board of Directors hope you have a wonderful time as all of us take time to spend time with family

and friends over the holidays.

As we continue to grow, the Board has worked to find new ways to accommodate our numbers. Thus, for example, our A.C. Quilting class has moved to a beautiful room at Bridlewood Seniors Residence. The Wedgewood Residence has also welcomed us to make use of some of their space; again, at no cost to us.

We have also looked at how our growing numbers affects our registration process. One result is that **at the January 10th Registration a new fee structure is being introduced.** Our volunteer leaders, instructors, members and office staff have been impacted by registrants indicating that they plan to participate in several courses and activities and who then only attend a couple of times or not at all.

When checking off many courses, people probably have the best of intentions or may simply want many options available to them as they start the new semester. However, people might not realize that every check mark means work for those I have mentioned, or it may mean that someone who really wanted to attend an activity might be kept out due to potentially misleading information that might take weeks to resolve. Our solution is as follows; **starting next semester one may**

**participate in up to three activities for \$25. There will be a \$5. fee for each additional activity over three.** For example, if one goes to three afternoons of Pickle Ball, that will be \$25. If one adds Quilting to that, it will be \$30. for the semester. The \$5. is intended to encourage one to give each selection a second thought, and yet be low enough so as not to discourage anyone from participating in anything they intend to do.

It has been a pleasure to work with the team of 9 Board members and our amazing group of volunteer instructors and leaders, without whom there would be no Activity Centre.

I look forward to coming together again in the New Year for more good times. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Cheryl Nix – President

## The School Buses Didn't Roll and.....?

Just a week or so ago we had our first school bus bad weather cancellation of the semester. It was the very first occasion for our new winter weather class cancellation policy to kick in. By all, accounts everything went very smoothly.

Congrats and thanks to all leaders and volunteers and of course to class participants for your cooperation.

As a reminder: to find out if school buses have been cancelled on a given day, the options are:

- Phone: 1-866-629-0629
- Website: Student Transportation Eastern Ontario [www.steo.ca](http://www.steo.ca)
- Radio: CFJR: 104.9; CBC Ottawa: 91.5

For a full outline of the cancellation policy from our website [click here](#)

## 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.

All winter coats & boots should be taken with members to their classes (put wet boots into a plastic bag).

## Open House and Registration

The date for the second semester open house and registration has been set:

Date: January 10, 2018

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 am

Venue: Brockville Legion on Park Street

Full details of the registration process and other information will be made known early in the new year.

## Activity Information

**Euchre:** The online poll we recently conducted indicated there was a significant number of people interested in playing this card game at the Centre. We will be introducing this social activity in the upcoming semester. Details to follow.

### **Mosaic Art**

We will also be offering in the upcoming semester this new art programme. Students, will learn how to create a mosaic using broken dishes and pieces of glass.

### **Nordic (Pole) Walking**

Another poll to gauge the level of interest in a potential new activity. If there is sufficient  
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interest we would offer it in the winter/spring semester.

To access the poll and vote [click here](#)

## Musical Directors

Did you know that two of our board members will be participating in the upcoming 26th edition of the New Year's Eve Concerts?

Board member Mark Bailey, will be performing from 8:00 to 8:45 pm in St. Paul's Anglican Church as a member of the group River House. Mark's group features songs from Beatles to Nashville.

Immediately following Mark's group, at 9 pm, at the same venue, Tony Dunbar will be performing with the Irish traditional music group Dublin Road. The 19th such occasion for Tony.

For a complete programme of these concerts, a great way to spend New Year's Eve, [click here](#).

## Board News

### Web and Email Address Changes:

The board is busy working on changing our website and email addresses to reflect our new name. We will inform you once these go into effect expected to be January 1, 2018 latest.

## Reminders & Useful Information

- Office email: [swcadmin@myhighspeed.ca](mailto: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).
- AC Office phone: 613-345-2412
- **Office will be closed over the holidays from December 22 to January 11, 2018**
- Wall St. Church is a scent-free facility





