
The Bulletin

Hobbs Seniors' Club



December 2022

*Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass,
it's about learning to dance in the rain.*

- Anon

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone, and that we are still grappling with what has become 'public enemy number one.' We wish to thank all of you for your flexibility, cooperation, understanding, and support as we have attempted to deal with the ups and downs that continue to come our way.

MEMBERSHIP

New members continue to roll in, attracted by our outdoor signage, our website, and the good old word of mouth. Eleven people have joined since last month's *Bulletin*, and we welcome you aboard! And a big thank you to Rosie, who has spent considerable time meticulously going through our membership list to bring it up to date. Members who did not respond to our reminders to renew have been removed from our lists and will no longer receive communiques. Even so, we are approaching the 300 mark for total active members!

ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Now that the snow has begun to fly, so, too, shall we be faced with the occasional need to cancel an activity. Established Club procedure in such an instance is this: *Last-minute cancellations of activities (for bad weather or other reasons) are the responsibility of the conveners and/or instructors, through a telephone tree or group email.* It is, therefore, important for conveners to maintain an up-to-date list of participants, including email or phone information, which is an ongoing exercise. To assist them in this, we are asking participants of each activity to ensure their convener has their contact information. In cases where an activity takes place on more than one day, it is important that you notify the convener for the day or days you attend. Should the centre have to close entirely for any length of time, or if an event is cancelled, that information will be sent out to the full membership by the Board.

Please pay close attention to the attached Calendar which will highlight for each activity the last date in December and the resumption date in January.

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Well, we can definitely say it was a success! A total of 26 tables had been reserved, with a lovely assortment of crafts and baked goods on display. (Who knew we had so many talented people among our members!) There was a steady stream of shoppers, keeping everyone busy. Feedback has been very positive, and we have also received a number of suggestions on how to make our next one even better. A big "thank you" to Marjorie for her hard work in organizing the event, and to everyone who pitched in to help.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We couldn't let the old year go without a blowout party! You'll be pleased to learn that Peter Loan Catering and First Choice DJ are still willing and able to provide their services for this event. So, you can expect a first-class dinner, followed by great music to dance the afternoon away. Here are the details:

Date and time: Friday, December 30 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. meal at 12:30 p.m.

Menu: Roast beef and gravy, herb crusted chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, vegetable lasagna, 3-bean salad, garden salad, rolls and butter, assorted desserts.

Cost: \$20 per person, members and guests. Cash bar.

Tickets are being printed and will go on sale December 1. Deadline to purchase is December 20. Also, please inform us of any special dietary requirements not addressed in the menu when you register. Those who bought tickets for the December 10 party and wish to attend the New Year's Eve Blowout, will receive a refund of \$10 and a new ticket. So, put on your best bib and tucker, come on out and celebrate!

PLANS FOR 2023

- You already know that we plan to offer CPR/AED training for certain members. Date to be announced in January.
- We have also been offered what looks to be a very interesting presentation, *Armchair Travels*. Lynda Buske, a fairly new member, is a keen photographer and traveller, who will transport you to faraway places like the Baltic countries, the Danube, Ireland, or closer to home, Newfoundland.
- If anyone is interested in computer-related information, we have access to someone who is an expert in such things as: How to buy a new PC or laptop, how to keep passwords safe, how to protect your computer and data, and tips and tricks for Windows.
- And with any luck, we may even be able to bring back our much-enjoyed potlucks.

CLUB DOCUMENTS

This is to inform new members -- and remind older ones -- that the Hobbs Seniors' Club has a formal Constitution and By-Laws. They are available on our website, or you can pick up copies at the club (located in the mail slots inside the front cupboard). We also have a Policies and Procedures Manual, which is posted on the bulletin board and updated from time to time.

SCAMS

In closing, you probably don't need to be reminded that fraudulent schemes and scams continue to proliferate, and it's becoming harder and harder to keep on top of them. This is simply to remind you that you should ignore, block and delete anything that raises your suspicions – anything out of the ordinary, a number or name you don't recognize, requests for money, offers of refunds you are not expecting, and on and on. For example, the following are just two warnings from reputable organizations.

Fraud alert: We're aware of an email fraud/scam posing as Enbridge Gas and targeting people for a potential refund. At Enbridge Gas, we take phishing and spoofing attempts on our customers very seriously. If you encounter an e-mail, a social media ad, web page, text message or phone call—that you suspect is not from Enbridge Gas, please report it to us by visiting our [consumer protection page](#) for more information.

Beware of scams! The CRA will not contact you using text messages or instant messaging under any circumstances. Do not reply to a suspicious message or share any personal information. Visit our [scams webpage](#) for more information.

As the 'boys in blue' are told, "please be careful out there!"

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year



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