
The Bulletin

Hobbs Seniors' Club

June 2023

*Great things are never done by one person.
They're done by a team of people.
- Steve Jobs*

We expect you are getting tired of hearing about the need for new directors, and this will be our last written word on the matter, so please read! The AGM is almost upon us, and we still do not have any serious interest in the president's position. It's difficult to get a handle on what is holding people back, but one common refrain is, "You are all doing such a good job, why change?" Please, take a moment and consider it in this light: Yes, things are running smoothly; your board has worked hard over the past five years to bring the club to its current position. And THAT is what should encourage you to step in: everything is in order, ready for new officers to take up the reins; the other board members will likely be people you already know and with whom you spend a few hours each week. So, you won't be coming into it "cold," which is what the first board of the newly constituted Hobbs Seniors' Club had to do in 2018 - and most of us didn't know each other - but just look at us now! Someone once said, "If you can laugh together, you can work together." We have certainly found that to be true.

Finally, don't forget that you will be mentored and supported as you start your two-year term, and Ann has volunteered to keep maintaining the website and writing the *Bulletin* for your distribution to members, so there's really no downside to stepping up, joining the team, and taking your turn to help keep the club - your club - going. As already mentioned, we have considered other options, such as dividing up the president's duties, but there really does need to be a point person who has an overall awareness of what is going on. And it would really not be fair to other directors who are already doing the job for which they signed on. In the end, if the club is left without a president, it is unlikely that it could continue as it is now. So, there you have it, folks; it's in your hands. Hope to see you on June 9th. In the meantime, please have a conversation with Ann to find out more about the president's place on the board.

ACTIVITIES

As in previous years, there will be a few adjustments to the activity calendar for the summer. Please note the following and be sure to check your July/August Calendar when it is published.

- Line dancing: Will pause for July and August. Last classes June 29, starting up again September 6.
- Yoga: Monday class will move to Wednesday at 9:30 for July and August.
- Gentle Sit and Stand: Wednesday class will move upstairs for July and August, with an 11 a.m. start time.

EVENTS

Armchair Travels with Lynda: We finally have a firm date and place to hold this long-awaited event. As a reminder, Lynda Buske is an avid traveller and photographer, who is anxious to share her experiences and take fellow members on virtual trips through various countries. Her first "tour" will be through Iceland in the summer and Norway. If time permits, she may add another destination. There is quite a bit of interest in this activity, and we hope that Lynda will be agreeable to at least one more presentation at a later date. Space is limited to 40, and as we already have people registered from our previous attempt, you would need to submit your name soon. Contact Sheila Dahl at sdahl@bell.net or 613-841-9445 if you don't have email. Although this is planned as a one-hour presentation, it is possible that it could extend to at least 3 p.m..

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 21st at 1:30 p.m.

Place: Orleans Public Library, 1705 Orleans Blvd - Patricia Room

Cost: Free

Cribbage Tournament:

Date & Time: Friday, June 23rd - 7 p.m. (please arrive by 6:45)
 Cost: \$6:00 for members / \$8 for non-members
 What to bring: Quarters for skunks and "19" hands (optional)

Strawberry Social Potluck: Further to our last Bulletin, we have now settled on a date for this event. A reminder with more details will go out next month, but in the meantime, please mark your calendar.

Date: Friday, July 7th at 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.)
 Cost: Free for members; \$2 for non-members. Tickets will go on sale mid-June.
 What to bring: Any strawberry-themed dish (use your imagination). Tea, coffee, cold drinks will be supplied.
 Entertainment: Terry McCann (pending confirmation)

Travels with Wendy: Don't forget to check the bulletin board re the upcoming coach trips organized by Wendy Schieman. They are very reasonable and might be a great way to spend a day.

REMINDER: The Club will be closed on Tuesday, June 6th for maintenance

FINISHING WITH A CHUCKLE...

- Eventually, you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
 - The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
 - Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
 - Maturity means being emotionally and mentally healthy. It is that time when you know when to say yes and when to say no, and when to say WHOOPPEE!
 - How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?
 - When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, just think of algebra.
 - I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
 - One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
 - Yeah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- And, finally...
- If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.



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