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# *The Bulletin*

## Hobbs Seniors' Club



November-December 2023

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*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."  
~Laurence Binyon, "Ode of Remembrance"*

As 2023 is winding down we really have been enjoying some lovely autumn weather, however dropping temperatures are a harbinger of what's to come. This is simply a reminder to be alert for messages regarding cancellation of activities or events due to inclement weather. Last-minute cancellations of individual activities are the responsibility of the conveners and/or instructors, while notification regarding cancellation of an event or closure of the facility will come from the Board of Directors. It is important that you ensure your convener has your contact information so that you are included in any such messages.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership renewals for the 2023-24 year have been ongoing, but there are still around 70 members who have not yet renewed. Please be reminded that discounted renewals will be given until October 31, after which the full membership fee will apply along with completion of a new membership form.

### **ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS**

Please note that the Centre will be open for activities on November 7, the first Tuesday in November. In December, it will be closed on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> and the week of the 25<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> for our New Year's Eve Celebration.

### **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

- When: Saturday, November 18
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Vendors may start setting up their tables at 8:30 a.m.
- How to book: Marjorie Ashworth will take requests for table reservations.  
Email her at [margie.ashworth@gmail.com](mailto:margie.ashworth@gmail.com) or, if necessary, call 613-837-4133.  
Please indicate what items you are planning to sell. If you need more than one table, please understand that this will be possible only after everyone wishing to participate is able to reserve a table. This year, the lower level will also be open to allow for more tables.
- Cost: No reservation charge for members. Non-members \$10 per table.
- What is allowed: Any type of art or craft, home baking such as pastries, cookies, cakes, squares. Baked goods must be tightly packaged in cling wrap, either separately or by the plate, or in sealed containers. No sampling is allowed.
- Other info: Please have a list of baking ingredients on display.  
Table coverings will not be provided, so you should bring your own tablecloth or plastic cover.  
It will be up to you to set your prices; all proceeds will go to the vendor.  
You will need to bring a cash float, as all sales will be cash only.
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## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

WHEN: Friday, December 29, 12 – 4 p.m. (Doors open at 11:30, meal served at 12:30 p.m.)  
 COST: \$20 per person, members and guests. (Please note: no refunds will be given)  
 ENTERTAINMENT: First Choice DJ  
 REFRESHMENTS: A hot buffet by Peter Loan Catering. (Menu to be announced later.) Cash bar.  
 REGISTRATION: Tickets will go on sale mid-November. Deadline for sales December 18.  
 DETAILS: Please inform us of any special dietary requirements when you register.  
 All in all, an afternoon of delicious food, great music, door prizes, and a 50/50 draw.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

At this year's AGM, members approved the amendment of Article I of the Constitution to add the following Clause 3: *As funds permit, annual donations may be made to charitable/non-profit organizations in Ottawa that help seniors and/or persons in need.* It was agreed that the choice of charities to receive such donations would be selected by the Board, taking into consideration suggestions from the membership, as well as research and analysis of suitability conducted by independent third parties. Accordingly, we are inviting you to submit your suggestions together with an explanation of why you feel the organizations are worthy of our donation. Email Jo Anne at [hobbsseniorsclub@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsseniorsclub@gmail.com), no later than November 18.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

As you know, food banks are facing a significant increase in demand this year, particularly as the Christmas season approaches. So, once again, we shall be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Orleans-Cumberland Food Bank. (Please check the 'best before' dates.) Collection boxes will be set out in the lobby starting in November.

## SAFE-TRADE ZONES

In case you missed it, Ottawa police recently announced the setting up of three "safe-trade zones" to provide a level of security for people engaged in personal web shopping and trading. A growing number of police services have created this sort of protected zone for person-to-person online marketing, as websites are often used as tools to sell property and can present a personal safety risk due to the high volume of thefts and robberies that can occur during these transactions. Creating Safe-Trade parking spaces at OPS stations is about moving transactions away from secluded parking lots or private residences and bringing them into public places. The Safe-Trade spots in Ottawa are clearly marked by signage and a blue handshake logo painted on the pavement to help participants identify where to conduct safe exchanges. The East End Safe Trade zone is located at the Orleans Police Station, 3343 St-Joseph Blvd.

## IN MEMORIAM

Agnes Kritsch, a long-time member of the Club, slipped away peacefully on September 23, 2023 at the age of 89. Her husband, Delbert (also a Club member) passed away on February 14, 2022.



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