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STAFF

	Hours
Administration - Patty Royea	8:00 - 4:00
admin@nwess.ca	
Reception - Susan Kakeesim	9:00 - 3:00
info@nwess.ca	
Kitchen - Samantha Richards	9:00 - 3:00
Custodian - Natasha	8:00 - 4:00

LIFE MEMBER GUIDELINES

Qualifications for a Lifetime Membership:

- Be an active member for 15 years or more
- Be 70 years of age or older
- Have contributed exceptional service to the North West Edmonton Seniors Society
- Be nominated by a fellow member. They must submit a letter of recommendation outlining the exceptional service they have given to the North West Edmonton Seniors Society.

2 Life Memberships are selected yearly. Nominations will be accepted on or before January 31st each year.



Bingo **Birthday Party** Bocce Canasta **Creative Cards** Cribbage Cribbage Eve Drama Club Euchre Fit For Your Life Floor Curling Fun & Fitness Fundraising Sales Games Night Jam Session Jammers

Pancake Breakfast Delores Heck &

Pickleball Quilting **Rag Bag Crafters** Sat Aft Cribbage Shuffleboard **Televised Events** Whist Wool Crafters Yoga

Delores Heck Ursula Webber Vicky & Mike Dolynny Liz Tarkowski Valerie Granoien **Florence Meronowich** Ed Biedrava Joyce Ruptash Linda Frank Ursula Webber

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President's Message

Welcome February! The perfect time to cherish friendship, celebrate dreams and goals, and refocus on living an intentional life. February is a beautiful month that carries the feeling of spring right around the corner and is also known for being the month of love. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller.

February will bring us the following events:

Birthday Party – February 02. Pancake Breakfast – February 04. Fun Family Floor Curling – February 06 Evening. Invitational Floor Curling – February 09. Cribbage Tournament – February 10. Valentine's Social – February 14. Pot Luck & Games Night – February 16. NWESS Annual General Meeting – February 27.

January challenged the resolve of our members and guests by providing a dramatic change in weather. I was impressed by the enthusiasm and attendance at our events. My sincerest THANK YOU to all the volunteers and staff that turned difficult weather scenarios into successful programs and events. Welcome to winter in Alberta!

Wow! I am finding it difficult to come to acknowledgement that my first year as President is coming to a close. I will carry many memorable moments of enjoyment and laughter experienced while interacting with members and guests at our programs and events. I will also remember with sadness, the loss of some of our cherished members and their family members.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following:

THANK YOU to all members that provided words of encouragement, words of recommendation, many smiles, hugs and thanks. You provided me with the energy to follow a vision for NWESS.

THANK YOU to all volunteers and program liaisons that organized and provided help with our programs and events. You contributed to our success!

THANK YOU to all the staff. Your commitment and support to the members of NWESS is greatly valued. I enjoyed this year of change and growth with your support.

THANK YOU to the Executive and Board of Trustees for your support and understanding. This was a year of many changes to the function of the Board and new initiatives for NWESS.

THANK YOU to all our sponsors that provided funds, services and prizes for our society and events. You are truly our partners!

I leave you with the following thoughts:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"February: The month where even the groundhog comes out of hiding to predict the weather. If a groundhog can face its shadow, so can you!" – Unknown.

I look forward to seeing you at the center and hope many of you can attend the AGM. Yours in service, Frank Zrim - President

Save The Date



Friday, March 1st Birthday Party - 1:30

Sunday, March 3rd Pancake Breakfast - 10:00

> **Saturday, March 9th** Cribbage -12:30pm



Sunday, March 10th Montana's Brier - 10:30



Monday, March 11th Board Meeting - 10:30



Monday, March 11th Creative Cards - 1:00



Tuesday, March 12th Foot Clinic - 9:00am

Tuesday, March 12th EPL Armchair Travel-9:45



Thursday, Friday, March 14th &15th Tax Clinic - 10:00 to 3:00



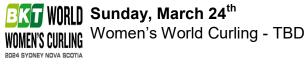
Friday, March 15th Games Night/Pot Luck - 5:30



Saturday, March 16th Spring Market - 10:00 - 3:00



Monday, March 18th River Cree - 10:30





GOOD **Friday, March 29th** Good Friday - Office Closed NEWS



CODE OF CONDUCT

While attending the North West Edmonton Seniors Centre, the following will apply:

Everyone will be protective of the safety, well being, and goodwill of the members, visitors, staff and the Centre as a whole.

Everyone will refrain from participating in any action(s) that disrupts or disturbs the morale, efficiency, safety, or normal operations of the organization.

Everyone will conduct themselves in a respectful manner when dealing with staff, members, and visitors.

No verbal attacks will be tolerated. Racial discrimination will not be tolerated. No sexual harassment will be tolerated. No physical attacks will be tolerated.

Anyone witnessing violations of the above code should write a letter of complaint with, when possible, two witnesses. Submit your letter to the President or Executive Director. A letter of warning will be issued to the offender on the first offense. Failing to change said behaviour following the letter of warning could result in a suspension or a retraction of membership.

> Approved by the Board October, 2015





NWESS – Alberta Floor Curling Tournament

As members of Alberta Floor Curling Association, we held our second mandatory Alberta Floor Curling Association tournament on Friday, January 12, 2024. The event was scheduled for 20 teams to attend, but instead Mother Nature made an appearance. She brought temperatures that dipped into the minus 30's, along with wind chills take took the temperature into the minus 40's and an extreme cold warning being issued across Alberta. The result of this caused many teams to cancel at the last minute. However, with some quick thinking and pivoting the event was started with some fun curling. This allowed the time necessary for a new schedule to be created. The tournament commenced with a total of 12 teams, representing the following senior centers.

SEESA (South East Edmonton Senior Association)

Fort Saskatchewan

Tofield

Kinsella (These dedicated curlers made the almost 2-hour trip in the extreme cold) NWESS

When individuals weren't curling, they were busy socializing and starting their vehicles to warm them up. We also enjoyed a delicious meal of beef stroganoff, salad and peach crisp prepared by our cook – Samantha. Throughout the event 50/50 were sold and the lucky winners were:

Bob Cormack

Ken Malbeuf

Carl Kindred

Frank Zrim

After the completion of all the games the winners of the tournament were:

1st – Team Stutzman from Tofield

2nd – Team Mizera from Kinsella

3rd – Team Ouellette from NWESS

4th – Team Dolynny from NWESS

Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the success of the tournament.



1st Place - Tofield Roger Stutzman Rodney Boida Audrey Senetza Lorraine McNealy



3rd Place - NWESS Tom McLaughlin Jacques Ouellette Missing: Eunice Lea-Wilson Connie Mitchell



2nd Place - Kinsella Ron Mizera Bob Cormack Maurice Furmanek Ken Malbeuf



4th Place - NWESS Mike Dolynny Sandy Bilawchuk Vicky Dolynny Missing: Al Hoffman

INFORMATION

<u>Saturday Afterncon Grib</u> January 13th, 2024

Door Prizes - Pat Covington, Charles Richards and Mary Romaniuk

 1^{st -} Brian & Fred Eichhorst - \$50.00
2ND - Marie Sharp & Mary Romaniuk -\$40.00
3rd - Beverly Thornton & Sheri Grier - \$30.00
Skunk Pot - \$3.00 - Katherine Razanski and Thelma Melnichuk

> 19 Pot -\$17.00– Debbie Fielder 50/50 - \$66.50-Mary Romaniuk

It was nice to see 46 brave seniors on one of the coldest days this winter.

February 10th should be better.

Summitted by Linda Biedrava

Are you in need of a place to rent for that special occasion or family get-together? How about North West Edmonton Seniors Centre.

Just stop by the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Lost on what to get someone for their birthday or other special occasion? How about a NWESS Gift Certificate. We can customize it to suite your request. Ask the office for more details.





WINNERS

January 4th Marie Countryman - \$25.50 January 11th Fred Ward - \$42.00 January 18th Florence Meronowich - \$18.50 January 25th Phyllis Stark - \$27.50

> Pot is at \$1,378.50

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OUR KITCHEN

is open from 9:30 to 3:00 Monday to Thursday Stop in for some delicious homemade soup and a sandwich. Lunch is served from 11:30 to 1:30.

WEDNESDAY'S SPECIALS - \$9.00

February 7th - Sign Up by February 2th

Liver & Onions

February 14th - Sign up by February 9th

Fish, Potato Wedges & Coleslaw

February 21st - Sign up by February 16th

Roast Beef, Mashed Potato & Vegetable

February 28th - Sign up by February 23rd

Beef Stew with Cheddar Biscuit

March 6th - Sign up by March 1st

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato & Vegetable



Are you energetic, organized, and like to have fun? Do you enjoy working with others and want to help make something great even more amazing for our members?



We are looking for event leads, we have several events that we would like to plan for in 2024, but we need leads to organize and coordinate these events. Without your help the events are in jeopardy of not happening. Here is the list of events:

Pie Day, Spring and Fall Fashion Show, Father's Day Celebration, Garden Market, Golf Tournament, Welcome Back Lunch/Membership Drive, Fall Bazaar, Silent Auction. Please leave your name at the office for the event you are interested in, a meeting will be held mid/late February.



Let's make things happen!

NEWS

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<u>YO</u> <u>Fit Fo</u> day a **Ple **If th	<i>Fitness For Everyone</i> 3 different fitness classes are offered at NWESS. They all are geared to seniors and focus on maintaining flexibility and individual fitness levels. YOGA - Sessions usually span 3 months at a time. Classes are once per week: Monday mornings 9:00 to 10:30 am. <i>Fit For Your Life</i> - Sessions usually span 2 months at a time. Classes are twice per week: Wednesday and Friday 9:30 to 10:30 am. Classes incorporate the use of light hand weights, small fitness balls and fitness bands or tubing as well as some cardio. **Please note: the cost for both Yoga and Fit For Your Life sessions are determined by the number of participants in each session. **If there is room available in a session, anyone can start mid session and the cost will be prorated by the number of classes remaining in that session. <i>Fun & Fitness</i> - classes are held Tuesday mornings 11:00 to 12:00. These classes are held on a drop								
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	Sheryl	Fagan	Feb 19	Catherine	Olson	Feb 17			
	Janet	Fitton	Feb 12	Elliott	Query	Feb 7			
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EVERYONE WELCOME February 4th

10:00 to Noon

Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham and beverages. All for \$8.00.

Come and enjoy great food and good times with family and friends.



Family Fun Floor Curling February 6th 5:30 PM

Bring the family and come and have a fun evening of floor curling.



Please bring your own tape runner and cutters. Please sign up in the cafeteria.

Creative cards is a fun get together to make cards from ready made kits. We meet one Monday a month. Our group is a friendly supportive group; and there is always room for more.

Why don't you give it a try? There is no long term commitment. You sign up for the classes that fit your schedule. We welcome some new faces.







FEET FJRST - Monthly Foot Gare



Angie is here on

Tuesday, February 13th@ 9:00.

Call the office or sign up in the cafeteria to book your appointment. The cost is \$40.00 and please bring your own













Monday, February 26th

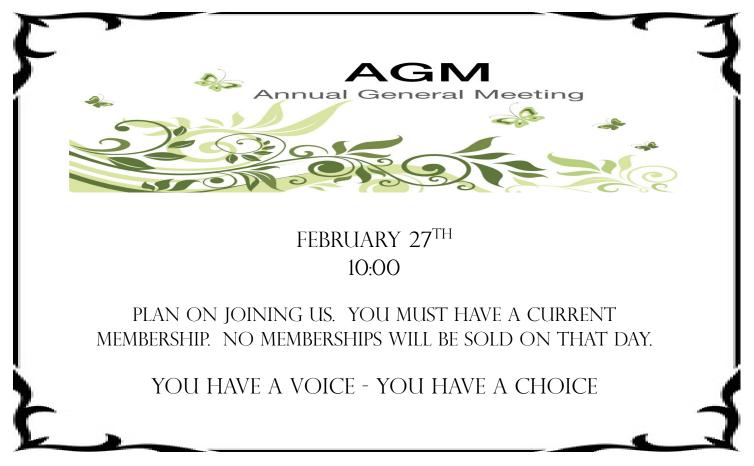
Enjoy the day visiting, eating and maybe a little gambling. You must purchase your tickets in advance.

\$9.00 per person and includes lunch and \$5.00 in free play.

Bus leaves the centre @ 10:30am and leaves the casino at 2:30.

Please see the front desk to get your tickets. You must pre-register. No refunds will be issued.

Please park in the north parking lot when attending this outing.







EVERYONE WELCOME

March 3rd 10:00 Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham and beverages. All for \$8.00.

Come and enjoy great food, good times with family and friends.





March 10th Pot Luck 1st game @10:30 Pot Luck - \$5.00 Lets enjoy the season together.

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FEET FIRGT-Monthly Foot Care

Angie is here on

Tuesday, March 12th @ 9:00. Call the office or sign up in the cafeteria to book your appointment. The cost is \$40.00 and please bring



Tuesday, March 12th 9:45 to 10:45 Bullet Journaling Does your to-do list stress you out? Learn a new way to organize your life with bullet journaling. We will explore the basics of bullet journaling, how to make a bullet journal work for you and the many resources available. **Please sign up in the cafeteria or give us a call.**

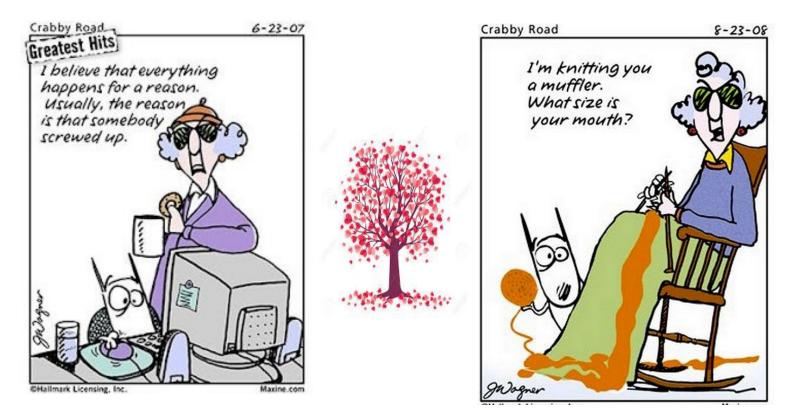






A <u>retired man</u> now volunteers to entertain patients in <u>assisted living homes</u> and hospitals. He visited one hospital in Brooklyn and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."





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DECEMBER PUZZLE ANSWERS



Through the Looking Glass - Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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JANUARY ANSWER - THE HIGHEST HAPPINESS ON EARTH IS THE HAPPINESS OF MARRIAGE



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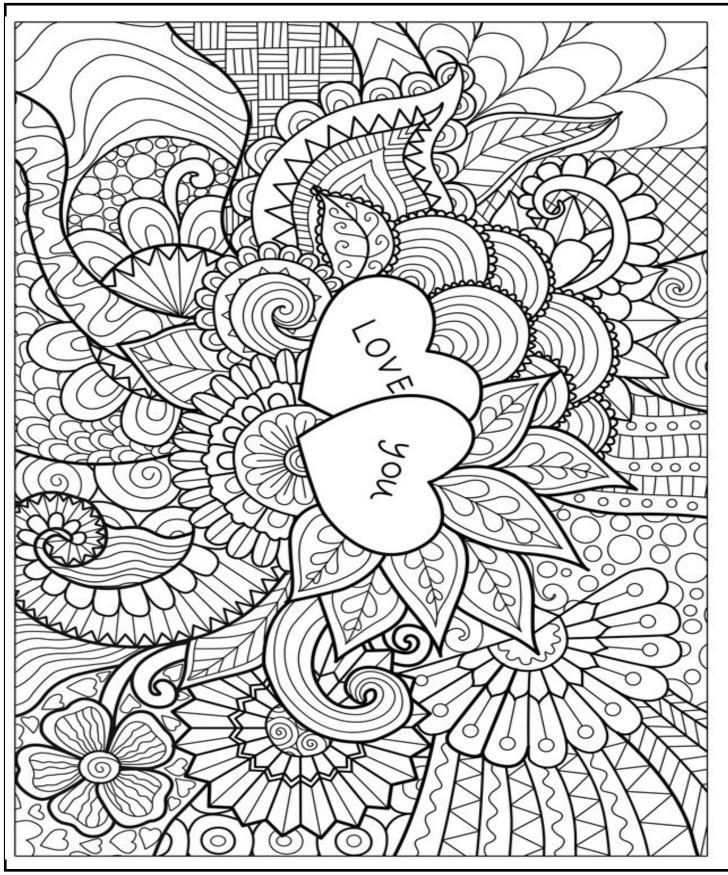
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Valentine's day

COLOR

Coloring has long been considered a therapeutic activity suitable for the young and old. Colouring evokes feelings of peace, enjoyment and satisfaction. Revisiting this much loved childhood pastime is well worth the effort.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pancake Breakfast 1st Sunday of Every Month 10:00 - Noon \$8.00	Yoga 9:00 - 10:30 do yoga and yoy W	Pickleball 9:00 - 11:30 Fun & Fitness 10:45 - 12:00	Fit For Life 9:30 - 10:30	Pickleball 9:00 - 11:30 Quilting 10:00 - Noon Bridge 11:30	Fit For Life 9:30 - 10:30 (Some early starts may be required.)	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Euchre 1:00 - 3:00 Floor Shuffle- board 1:00 - 3:00	Bingo 1:00 - 3:00 Canasta 1:00 - 3:00	Jam Session 1:00 - 3:30 Whist 1:00 - 3:00 Wool Crafters 1:00 - 3:00 Bocce 1:00 - 3:00 (Weather Permitting)	Cribbage 1:00 - 3:00 Floor Curling 1:00 - 3:00 Rag Bag Crafters 1:00 - 3:00 Drama Club 3:30 (When Required)	Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 Birthday Party 1:30 - 3:30 1st Friday of Every Month Birthday Free Member - \$3 Non Mem - \$5	Cribbage 2nd Saturday of Every Month 12:30 \$5.00
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Drop In Fee \$2.00 for Members \$5.00 for Non Members		Floor Curling - 7:00 - 9:00	Cribbage 7:00 - 9:00		Games Night & Pot Luck 5:30 3rd Friday of Every month With A Dish - \$2 Without - \$7	