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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Les Miscampbell**



Hello Everyone,

With February behind us, now the days are getting longer and hopefully the snowy weather has mostly passed. February was a busy month at the club with activities in full swing. Elections Ontario requested the use of our auditorium for the Provincial Election on Feb. 27th, so the room was not available for our use for part of Feb. 26th and all day Feb. 27th.

As we look ahead to April, the week of April 27th to May 3rd has been designated National Volunteer Week. In recognition of this, your Board of Directors will host a volunteer luncheon on Wednesday April 30th at the Mandarin Restaurant in Box Grove at 88 Copper Creek Drive, Markham. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club. We rely on our volunteers and value and appreciate the contributions they make every day.

In accordance with our Constitution, a Board of Directors election is held each May. The dates for this year's election together with detailed information on the nomination process, election hours, the positions to be filled etc. can be found on page 3 and page 4 of this edition of the newsletter. They will also be posted on the club's website announcement page and the club's bulletin boards.

Although the board elections are still a little ways off, I hope you will start thinking about it now and reflect seriously on how important this club is to you. I do hope you will consider accepting a nomination and have your name added to the slate of candidates for one of the available board positions. Your reward will be in knowing that you helped shape our future and played a key role in ensuring the continued success of our club in addition to the personal satisfaction gained from helping others.

Always have your membership card with you when you visit the centre. You may be asked to produce it at any time, for example, when enrolling in a program or signing up for an event. If you haven't picked up your permanent membership card yet, please do so from the front desk. Enjoy your club and the many available activities. Thank your convenors and our other volunteers often. It will be appreciated.

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	DATE		REASON FOR CLOSURE	
	Monday, February 17th		Family Day	
	Friday, April 18th		Good Friday	
	Monday, April 21st		Easter Monday	
	Monday, May 19th		Victoria Day	
	Tuesday, July 1st		Canada Day	
	Monday, August 4th		Civic Holiday	
	Friday, August 22nd @5:00pm to Sunday, August 31st		Annual Building Maintenance	
	Monday, September 1st		Labour Day	
	Monday, October 13th		Thanksgiving	
	Tuesday, December 23rd @5:00pm to Thursday, January 1st, 2026		Closed for the Holidays	
	<h3><u>MEMORIAL POSTINGS</u></h3> <p>At the October 2024 board meeting, the board approved the posting of a memorial for recently deceased members in the club newsletter. The current form used to request a special occasion card has been updated so that when a member requests that a card be sent in the event of a death, they can also request a newsletter memorial posting. The deceased member's name will be the only information included in the newsletter posting. If there are any postings, they will appear in this space.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Tony Baron</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Robin Bryan</b></p>			

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[www.markhamseniorcentre.com](http://www.markhamseniorcentre.com). Use caution before providing personal information.



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# O.A.I.A. ELECTIONS 2025

## Call for Nominations

Nominations may be submitted to the Nomination Committee via the nomination box at the Front Desk beginning **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> until 1:00p.m. Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Nomination forms can be obtained from the Front Desk. The open positions needing to be filled are:**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>
VICE PRESIDENT	2 YEARS
ASSISTANT TREASURER	2 YEARS
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	2 YEARS
3 - DIRECTORS AT LARGE	2 YEARS

**The duties for these positions appear on the following page.**

Polling stations will be open from **10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>** and from **10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### Nomination Committee

Mary Lou Busato, Gloria Smith, Ken Budarick

## **2025 ELECTIONS - OPEN BOARD POSITION DUTIES**

### **Vice President**

**Duties:** Shall work with the President and other Board members in the management of the affairs of the Club; chair official meetings of the Club in the absence of the President. May sit as ex officio member of the committees of the Club. Shall oversee the Front Desk operation and provide general guidance to all other Club operations.

### **Assistant Treasurer**

**Duties:** Shall assist the Treasurer in the duties of the Treasury Office. Will assist in managing the day-to-day accounting and finance requirements. Create, balance, and maintain accurate deposit sheets and coordinate bank deposits. Confidentiality, organizational skills, and accuracy are important qualifications for this position.

### **Membership Director**

**Duties:** Shall work with the City of Markham on membership promotion, registrations and ensuring membership lists are up to date. Shall monitor and intervene when necessary to confirm program Convenors are adhering to membership policies & procedures. Shall, in conjunction with the City of Markham organize and oversee the annual membership renewal drive.

### **Director(s) at Large (3)**

**Duties:** Shall fulfill a support and communication role within the Club. Will aid and support their assigned portfolio Convenors in fulfilling their responsibilities. The Director at Large will inform their Convenors of planned closures and other Club events that might impact program schedules. They will serve as a conduit to bring any issues that cannot be resolved at their level to the Board for resolution. The Director at Large will also help to update and develop Club policies and procedures. The successful candidates for these positions ideally possess leadership skills, as well as an ability to problem solve and make sound decisions that encourage positive morale.

## **NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Your newsletter, O.A.I.A. News and Views, has been available for viewing on our website **markhamseniorcentre.com** for over 10 YEARS.

Throughout that period, we also printed black and white copies and made them available for pickup in the lobby on a first come basis.

Initially, the number of printed copies was large because at the time, only a relatively small number of our members used email and had Internet access. Over time that situation has changed. In fact an email address is now required to obtain a City of Markham registration number needed for club memberships. A recent review of our membership list revealed that only a very small number of members did not provide an email address to the City of Markham. Further analysis found most of those members do in fact have an email address they use within the club however elected for personal reasons not to provide it to the city when registering. That is their right however, by so doing, they will not receive a club closure notification in the event of bad weather or any other broadcast messages the club may send out.

Because the number of our members without Internet access is now very small and in consideration of the environment, the board has elected to stop printing black and white copies of the newsletter three months after this announcement. The May 2025 edition will be the last one printed.

### **The newsletter will continue to be available on our website.**

Members can conveniently view it (**in colour**) from home or on their mobile device. For those members for whom this still poses a problem, they can view it on the club's desktop computer in the lounge. Easy to follow written instructions are available at the lounge computer.

Thank you

The Board

## **TAI CHI**

The present Tai Chi session ends on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The new session will commence on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Auditorium. There will be nine (9) classes and the session will end on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

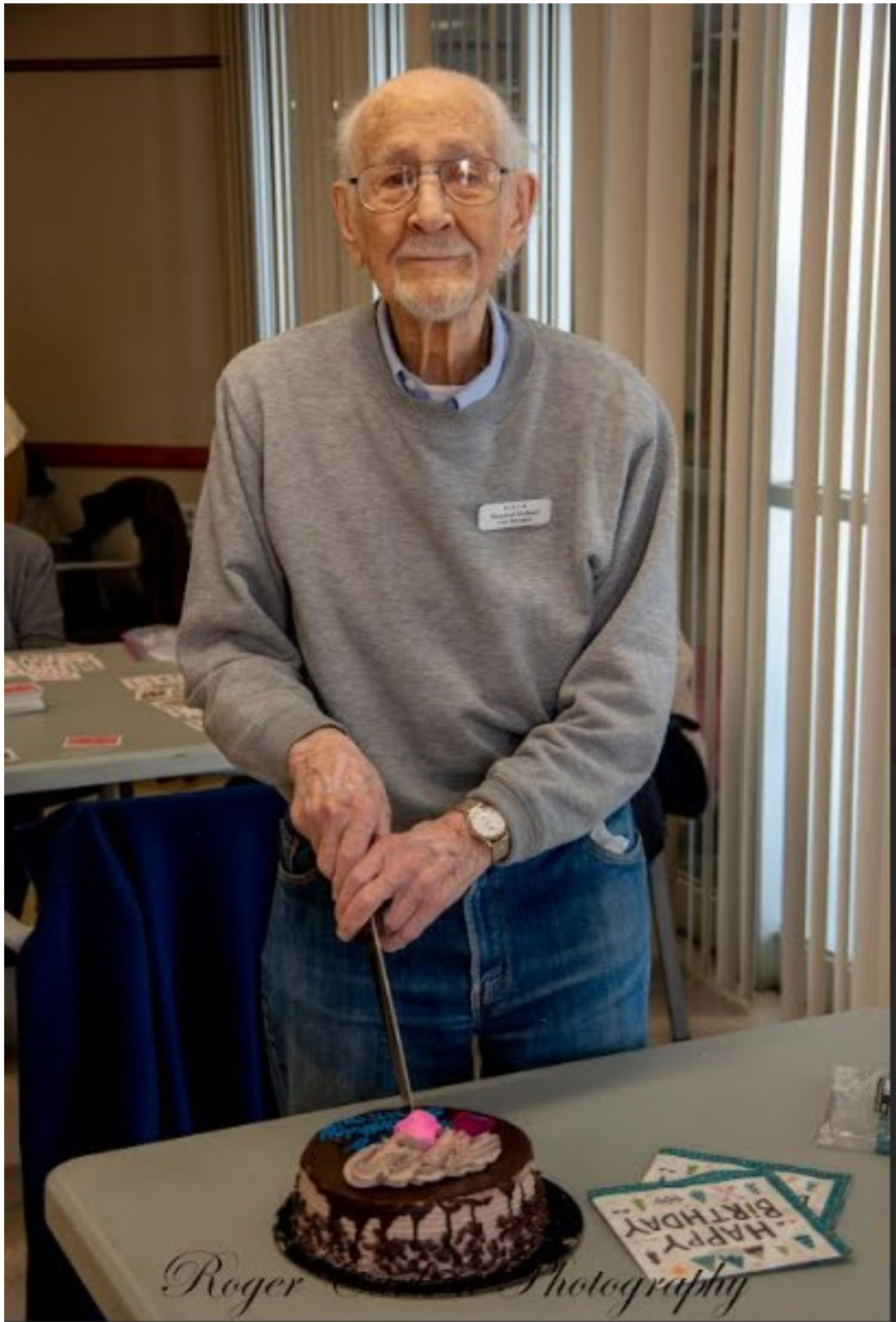
The cost has not yet been determined as it depends on the number of participants. The more participants there are, the fee will be less. I may mention that we now have a new Instructor.

A sign-in sheet is at the front desk for your convenience. Please sign in as early as possible in order that the fee may be calculated for the new session.

May Annamunthodo - Convenor

## **HAPPY 102 BIRTHDAY - STRATTON HOLLAND**

On Thursday February 20th at Canasta, we celebrated Stratton's 102nd Birthday in advance. (Actual date is February 22nd ). It was a great afternoon with our Canasta group singing and applauding our dear friend on his milestone birthday. Stratton, we wish you good health and blessings. Keith Shopman (Director)







## CHESS

Do you play chess?  
Come out and have a game or two.  
Every Friday in the Board Room, from  
10 am - noon. Teaching available.

Frank Dencshazi - Convenor  
Contact Front Desk - 905-294-5111

## MELODY MAKERS

MELODY MAKERS perform at our club the last Monday of every month

Come out and support them listening to all your favourites. If you wish to get up and dance that would be awesome

11:45 am to 12:45 pm. Monday Feb 24th, March 31st, April 28th, and May 26th, the last concert until the fall.

\$2 entry. \$1 Coffee/tea and cookies

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## SINGING - WEDNESDAY 11am-12pm West Activity Room

We started our singing group on the **15th of January** and are looking forward to continuing. We are happy to welcome new members, so feel free to stop by and see what we are all about. At present, we are enjoying a variety of music but are thinking about picking a few to perform later this year, or perhaps next year, depending on how the members feel.

Convenor - Donna Jacobs—Contact Front Desk 905-294-5111

## TRAVEL DESK

We reopened the Travel Desk on Monday, February 3rd and immediately offered our first trip of the year - Famous People Players. The trip will be on Wednesday, April 9th in Toronto's West End. The trip includes a delicious lunch, served by the special actors of the Famous People Players, a live performance of "Twist & Shout" and finally a delicious dessert. Tea and coffee included, with alcoholic drinks extra. Our last stop will be a visit to a cheese boutique in the West End of Toronto where you can pick up some Easter goodies. The cost is \$129.00 for members and \$134.00 for non members. **Seats are still available.**

We will launch our second trip of the year on Monday, March 3rd. This time we are going to the Hamilton Theatre in Cambridge for an afternoon musical performance of "Crazy For You" featuring several Gershwin tunes. Lunch will be at the very popular Golf's Steak House, which includes five different meal choices, plus a salad bar, dessert, tea and coffee. Alcoholic drinks are extra. There is a lot of interest in this trip. The cost for this trip is \$179.00 for members and \$184.00 for non members.

**Please keep in mind that a member or member and non-member can sign up for a new trip for the first two weeks; thereafter, non members are welcome to sign up on their own.**

There is a list of all the trips for 2025 posted at the Travel Desk. The only trip we have not confirmed is the Christmas Sounds Show with the Guse family, and that is because the dates have not been booked as of yet. We will follow up with our representative at Year Round Travel, Craig, shortly and finalize that trip as soon as we can. We want to include Christmas lights with this trip.

Lastly, we would like to welcome two new members to our Team—Janet and Steve. Both are floaters. We currently have one of our team members in the hospital, creating an immediate opening for Thursday afternoon. Janet and Steve both play cribbage on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, but Janet is able to cover the desk on Wednesday afternoon. Starting March 5th, Janet will work the Wednesday afternoon shift and I will take the Thursday afternoon shift.

Mary Lou Busato, Convenor

## KNITTING

The Wednesday afternoon knitters and crocheters are busy using their talents to create a variety of interesting products. Some members are learning to knit and crochet while others are quite skilled. We use donated yarn to sell completed items at the centre and at our sales during the year. Other members use their own yarn to create items for themselves, family, friends or charity. If you have small or large amounts of yarn to donate, please mark the bag "knitting group" and leave it at the main desk. Thanking you in advance.

Valerie, the new Convenor, is replacing Joyce who did an excellent job over the years for the knitting group and we thank her for all her hard work and sharing her skills with us. We are glad she will continue to be a member of our group. We also thank Gloria for her assistance and June for taking over as the new assistant.

Valerie McCune, Convenor



## CURRENT EVENTS PLUS GROUP

The Group Gathers Every Wednesday  
in the West Activity Room from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Come and join our "Group". The program consists of members getting to know each other through, sharing humour, discussing current local and world events, plus other subjects of interest. Pictures and videos related to the subjects of the day will be presented by a member and viewed on a large movie screen.

On entering, please sign in and deposit your \$0.50 in the  
"Room Fee" basket.

Do come and enjoy each other's company.  
See you all on Wednesday afternoons.

Carol McKnight	Convenor
Jan Jang	Co-Convenor

**DJEMBE DRUMMING**

Wednesday Noon — 1:00 p.m.  
In the Craft Room.  
Sign up at the front desk.

Cost depends on number  
of participants.  
Donna Baron - Convenor

**MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE**

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
In the Craft Room.  
Come out and enjoy a game with  
friends and neighbours

Margaret Crowley - Convenor

**CANASTA**

We meet from 1 p.m. — 4 p.m. in  
the west room every Thursday for  
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# Hello Spring!


I hope everyone stays safe and well as we look forward to Spring and brighter days.




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