

# AJAX SENIORS' CLUB

## St. Andrew's Friendship Centre

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Newsletter for December 2023

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- Merry Christmas all. It's hard to believe that the year 2023 is coming to a close already.
- The Annual General Meeting was held on Nov. 26. A lot of information about the merging of the 2 clubs was explained by Fraser & Jan. The details are in Fraser's Message.
- There will be a WHO TO Call list, effective Jan. 1, posted in both Centres and on the website. It will provide a list of contacts to call for any information or help you're looking for.
- On a personal note, I'd like to thank those of you who came up to me to tell me how much they enjoy the Newsletters. That was so nice of you and I appreciate it very much.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- \* Dec 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Winter
- \* Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- \* Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day
- \* Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

## CLUB INFO

- Owing to poor ticket sales this year's Christmas Dinner has been cancelled. Unfortunately, we needed a minimum amount to break even and were well below that number. Those of you who purchased tickets can get your refund from the person who sold them to you.
- There will be a games night on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Centre from 7 to Midnight. The games will be bingo, euchre, cribbage and, bid euchre. Snacks will be provided at half time. The cost is \$20 which includes everything. Sign up sheets will be posted at both Centres. Tickets will be available soon until Dec 22 from Dianne Hussey (905) 427-4244, Lois Austin (905) 686-8041 Jan Herbert (905) 903-3537

- We will be signing up the 2024 memberships starting on Jan 2 at the beginning of each activity session for the first 2 weeks. If needed we will continue for the third week. The cost will be \$20. Many thanks to Dianne Hussey, Jan Herbert and the other volunteers for their time and effort in organizing this.
- We are still looking for a Coordinator for the Social Group. If you are willing to take on this position or know someone who would, please contact Fraser. Until then, the Social Group is suspended.

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS

- Merry Christmas everyone !! It's that time again. Boy, do the days and months fly by fast.
- We held our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Sunday November 26, 2023. There was a low turn out of members. I take that to mean most of the members are happy with the way the board is operating!
- We did speak about the merging of the two centers and having one structure for the new Executive, one set of by-laws and one constitution. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the bulletin board by Dianne Hussey, the club secretary.
- Marilyn Crawford, Regional councillor; Rob Tyler Morin, Councillor; Lisa Bower, Councillor and Nancy Henry, Deputy Mayor came from the Ajax council to show support, which we appreciate.
- I did present the annual treasurer's report for the year as Iris did not attend. Unfortunately, it did show that we had a slight loss of \$1,930 which in the scheme of things is not such a bad thing. We were able to donate \$8,000 to local organizations that will again go towards helping the seniors of Ajax in many various ways, from clothing to food to offering help with hospital needs. We also gave to the local Legion to help with the completion of their new kitchen.
- The passing of members in the last year was again spoken to and I did mention the number. I did not list the names as I am always concerned about missing a person and that would be upsetting for their family.
- We do send a cheque to a charity of the family's choosing plus a card of condolences. I reiterated that we can only list the names when we are informed of a member passing. That is why I have listed the correct person to contact so the information does get to both the news editor and the treasurer in a timely manner.
- The merging of the two facilities should be a plus in many ways. The day to day running of the centers will not change much. We spoke about the running of events in the new year now that we have two fully operational parking lots. The new Manager of Activities for both facilities will be working closely with the coordinators as well as all the members to offer support and any assistance that is required. We do plan to hold a few meetings in the near future to help all coordinators understand and clarify any issues that they may have a concern with. At that meeting, we will be covering what their responsibilities are, the fire drill and the correct procedure of using the Defibrillator. There will be more info coming out so all coordinators can plan to attend. There will be food provided!

- Starting in 2024, there will also be a WHO TO CALL information list posted on the web page and on the bulletin boards so everyone knows the correct contact person.
- Owing to the low number of tickets sold for the clubs' Christmas Dinner, it has been cancelled. There may be something happening in the new year to off-set this.
- We do have a few new board members so please when you see them around the centre welcome them. We all like to be recognized. I also want to remind all coordinators that when they plan to stop their activity because of the time of year, to contact Jennifer as well as let me know so we make the appropriate changes to staffing.
- I do want to offer my thanks to the board members that are leaving us (Lois Austin, Iris Giles, Marilyn Creswell and Chris Bolduc). Thank you all for your help and assistance in the past few years. Looking forward to seeing you all enjoying friends here at the centre.

Once again Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year

**FRASER GRANT** (289) 200-4800

- It seems like last week everyone was worried about Y2K and how it was going to affect us all. Now here we are, ready to close the books on 2023. Next, year, 2024, is the beginning of a new chapter for AJAX SENIORS! Since 2012, Fraser and I have worked to bring the 2 Ajax Seniors centres together under one club! After standing up for what I believe in, some prodding, discussions, debates and taking small steps, we have reached our goal. The seniors who frequent the Pickering Village Centre will finally be formally recognized as Ajax Seniors, for after all, we have been since 1974!
- I have enjoyed my time being President at the Pickering Village Centre. The Village is close to my heart. It's where my roots are. I want to thank the people who have served on my executive for the past 12 years. Inge Mueller, Teri McComb, Corrie Meulenstein, Suzanne Desrosiers, Ed Russell, Rocco Rossi and Ed Graves have continually helped and supported me. I will always remember the two ladies (who have passed before us) who made me feel welcome when I first walked into the Village and asked about learning to quilt, Anna Kerstens and Mary Roach
- We now have one Executive to govern both senior centres, one constitution, one set of by-laws, our own logo and our own website! We are a group of 10, some old, some new, who will work hard for our over 700 members, continue to promote active healthy living and continue to recognize that there are many different people within our club with various skills and abilities. We will also continue to recognize that everyone sees things differently and may have special needs and we will try to meet those needs.
- Keep in mind, we are not all in the same boat, but we are in the same "game of life" trying to survive and enjoy our twilight years.
- I look forward to working on the new AJAX SENIORS CLUB Executive and try not to feel badly about my demotion to VP because I'll still be blunt and outspoken, opinionated and I'll still fight for what I believe to be good for the club and I'll probably continue to move too fast and want things done yesterday!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*Jan Herbert* (905) 903-3537

**2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Fraser Grant	289.200.4800
Vice President	Jan Herbert	905.903 3537
Secretary	Dianne Hussey	905 427 4244
Treasurer	Dave Snea	905 409 5270
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Manager Activities	St Andrews-Don Northeim	647 394 3529
Manager Activities	Village - Ed Graves	905 427 7719
Director w/o Portfolio	Rocco Rossi	905 619 9402
Director w/o Portfolio	John Evenden	416.3470609
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**INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN OF AJAX**

All the details (registration links and program descriptions) for upcoming events are available under <http://ajax.ca/55plus> on the internet or contact.

**Moninder Nahar-Arjun,**

Town of Ajax, at 905-619-2529 ext. 7243.

The SCWW December Calendar is on the Events page of the website or you can visit.

[https://view.publitas.com/ajax/december-2023-scww\\_newsletter\\_template/page/2](https://view.publitas.com/ajax/december-2023-scww_newsletter_template/page/2)

*Sometimes, you meet someone and you know from the first moment that you want to spend the rest of your whole life without them.*

## [AJAX LIBRARY PROGRAMS](#)

### **Cultural Cinema - December 5 | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (Main Branch)**

Stone of Destiny (2008; PG): Ian Hamilton, a dedicated nationalist, reignited Scottish national pride in the 1950s with his daring raid on the heart of England to bring the Stone of Scone back to Scotland. Drop-in.

### **Winter Road Salts Workshop - December 6 | 6:30 PM - 8 PM (Main Branch)**

Learn about chloride levels in waterways across the Greater Toronto Area and their impacts on the natural environment. Discuss what is being done to reduce road salt applications and tips to help your own property. Participants will have a chance to win winter road safety kits. Registration required.

### **Crafter's Corner - December 13 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Main Branch)**

If you are a knitter, crocheter, cross-stitcher, etc. and are looking to meet other like-minded individuals in a social setting, then join us! Drop-in.

For a full list of November Library Programs, please visit: <https://ajaxlibrary.ca/whatson>.

**Catherine Andru,**

Adult Services Librarian

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*I was at the pub the other night and overheard three very hefty women talking at the bar. Their accent appeared to be Gaelic, so I approached and asked, "Hello, are you three lassies from Ireland?"*  
*One of them angrily screeched, "It's Wales, Wales you bloody idiot!"*  
*So I apologized and replied, "I am so sorry. Are you three whales from Ireland?"*  
*And that's the last thing I remember!*

*Apparently, there are 2 types of flu. The harmless one that women and children get and the "near death" version that men get!*

*If we can't use our own oil due to climate change, then what about the climate where the imported oil comes from?*

*When I see ads on TV with smiling, happy housewives using a new cleaning product, the only thing I want to know is where I can buy the medication that they're on.*

## Birthdays for the Month of December

<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HN</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
220	CAROL WATTS		1-Dec
227	MARY WINDSOR		1-Dec
800	WALET MacEWEN		1-Dec
105	HELENA WANDOWICZ		3-Dec
86	FLO LATTA		4-Dec
725	TRISHA DELLA VELLA		4-Dec
547	JOAN SCHLOTTKE		5-Dec
3	PAULINE HILLMAN		5-Dec
567	WAYNE CHAN		5-Dec
341	WEITANG FAN		5-Dec
347	QINGLIN LIN		6-Dec
306	SAMUEL FACEY		6-Dec
16	JAYNE NEVINS		9-Dec
59	MARION VAN-GANSEWINKEL		9-Dec
775	PRAMODRAY THAKAR		9-Dec
9	KEWAL MINHAS		10-Dec
794	ARSENIA BADILLES		11-Dec
73	DEE SMITH		11-Dec
709	BURK MIGGO		14-Dec
547	PHILOMENA HOLOWATY		14-Dec
162	WILLIAM ATKINSON	HN	14-Dec
720	MARGARET ST. AUBIN		15-Dec
432	DAO PING QIU		16-Dec
158	RICHARD McNEIL		16-Dec
84	VIRLI PARMAR		16-Dec
426	DAVID RUDBACK		17-Dec
226	TRINDA SUITOR		17-Dec

<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HN</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
471	MONIQUE BEAUDOIN		18-Dec
146	GAIL PUSTAI		19-Dec
578	JANIS ALDRIDGE		19-Dec
254	PATTI MANSON		19-Dec
301	ZOLTAN SZABO		19-Dec
128	ANNE McCULLOUGH		21-Dec
711	FRANK TRIANCE	HN	22-Dec
320	INA CREANY	HN	22-Dec
781	MARIE NICHOLSON		22-Dec
765	NALINI MAJMUDAR		22-Dec
696	SANTINA TOMELJAK		22-Dec
487	SUHUA CHEN		22-Dec
546	HELEN HAYES		23-Dec
243	HELEN SMITH		23-Dec
133	CAROL GERALDI		25-Dec
335	LING DI SHENG		25-Dec
272	LORNA FARMER		25-Dec
363	NAT LOMBARDO	HN	25-Dec
763	INDRAVADAN ADHVARYU		26-Dec
180	TIM GORDON		26-Dec
704	BARB CLEVELAND		27-Dec
72	BERNICE MARSHALL		27-Dec
333	MARION KAPRALOS		27-Dec
115	BEVERLEE RUSSELL		28-Dec
38	MARY PSIHOGIOS		30-Dec
502	ABDUL KARIM NAFISA		31-Dec
747	LEONA KERSHAW		31-Dec

