

LATCHAM NEWS

One kind word can warm three winter months - Japanese Proverb

Membership

2019 - 2020 membership will be extended until further notice due to Covid restrictions and our not being able to get together physically to enjoy our many activities and having fun with friends.

Thanks:



Dear Port Perry Seniors Club:

Thank you for your donation of \$250.00 to Pegasus Animal Sanctuary. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support of this important cause.



I don't get it. This box fit perfectly before quarantine.

2020 Reflections

January, February and part of March
We were at the Latcham having a blast.
Exercising body and brain, having time to spend socializing with some members and meeting new friends

A new word came into our world COVID,
a dreaded virus that affected the globe
and threw everyone into fear and concern
we were told seniors beware as you may not survive.

We went into quarantine and did as we were told
and hoped we each got the opportunity to grow old.
I'm so proud of our group not taking chances;
we wear our masks, wash our hands and keep our distance.

All the while wishing we could give out hugs and kisses.

As we enter into our Christmas season



Even more on Teddies and Izzie dolls-

Special thanks to Carole Matthews and Ann Berube for assisting in the packing up of the huge bags of dolls. We are now waiting for a rep of Natives of the North to pick up and then deliver some of them. Some of members have been busy making these dolls and the extras will go to Operation Scugog, the DRPS Toy Drive and/or Scugog Fire Emergency Services.

we still have to remember Covid is the reason we have to stay clear of our loved ones again and do away with family traditions and games. Dinner tables surrounded with family and food galore will come again and we'll appreciate it more! Look forward, there's hope a vaccine is on the way perhaps we'll be able to actually get together by next May.

My hope for the future is that life will get back to some type of "normal" where we can meet in person, have a coffee and chat.

I know it can be very lonely and depressing to be on our own with nobody close or "in person" at home.

Reach out to family and some friends, use the phone, your tablet and there's always paper and pen.

Send out notes of cheer to people you love and you'll be surprised how much you can get in return.

Thinking of others can be so much fun, the crazy things you've done together and share.

You now have two people who are smiling because you care.

Be thankful my friends that we as members of PPSC have managed to stay Covid free.

We think of each other often and hope and pray

that 2021 we will have much better and happier days

I'm thinking PPSC will throw a big outdoor party when we get the all clear

cause this Pres is missing good fun with friends and a bit of cheer!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO
2021 BEING A GREAT YEAR !!!!!**

Yours sincerely,
Rita Hilker, President



Waterfront Update

Our club president Rita Hilker and I attended a virtual (on-line) meeting as part of The Action Waterfront Plan put on by The Township of Scugog's consulting firm. A few elements being proposed as part of the emerging preferred plan include, but are not limited to:

- washroom facilities
- pickle ball courts
- a new building for the marina, seniors, community uses and public washrooms in where the marina is now.
- maintain existing docks and expand to the north
- improvements to the boat launch
- relocation of the northern baseball diamond to facilitate a youth focused zone (skateboard, basketball)
- landscaped terraces, natural seating and public art area at the foot of Queen Street.
- providing a connected trail system

The hope is to have improvements done in 3 stages (about 5 years apart). Both Rita and I came away with the feeling that the Latcham Centre will be in the picture for the foreseeable future. In other words, once a plan has been actually voted on and accepted there is still a lot of design work to be completed. We're in the Latcham Centre for the following 5 - 10 years, we think.

Carole Matthews
1st Vice President

Seniors Giving

Your executive approved two organizations to receive monetary donations. Oak Ridges Hospice will be receiving \$500.00 from Port Perry Seniors Club. This amount will be matched by an anonymous donor, therefore our donation is \$1,000.00 Pegasus Animal Sanctuary will be receiving a donation of \$250.00. Pegasus is owned and operated by two of our PPSC members. Monies pay for vet bills, farrier services, animal feed, equipment and shelter, etc. etc. We know this charity and also know that our donation goes to help the sanctuary and not top loaded executive salaries.

PPSC can afford these donations. Although we have a rental agreement with the Township of Scugog, for all of 2020 that gets paid monthly, the Township has forgiven our rental fees since our shutdown in March.



Thanks:

Dear Port Perry Seniors Club:

Because of caring people like you, compassionate end of life care will soon be available to residents of Durham Region and their families when they need it most.

Oak Ridges Hospice will provide a special model of care that blends the comforts of home with the peace of mind offered by professional caregivers and where services will be delivered free of charge. Your support will have a meaningful impact on the many families who will benefit from the services to be offered within our hospice home when we open our doors in 2021.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Oak Ridges Hospice, I would like to extend our special thanks and appreciation for your generous support of our organization.



Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!



-Your Executive

This is the time of year when the Christmas dinner committee is usually busy decorating our venue, wrapping gifts, and doing the last minute jobs for a successful evening.

Well, that's not happening this year, but we thought we'd give a shout out to all those local business that faithfully support us. Now it's our turn to support them, and, when you do, tell them that you saw it here!

Crusty Pizza

Harrington's

Food Basics

Col. Mustard's

Monte Carlo Salon

Yummy Wok

Hank's Pastries

Branching Out

Haugen's

NASA Nails and Spa

Brocks

Jim's Pizza

Tim Horton's (Reach St.)

Century Home & Garden

Pickles and Olives

Caldwell Bankers

Rosario's Salon

Framer's Gallery

Bulk Barn

Gus Brown's Car Wash

MacDonald's

Old Flame Brewery

Any many member donations!



This is my dog, Cosmo, waiting for Santa. Well, he's only six months and so he still believes.

Rita B. (editor)