

# LATCHAM NEWS

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*

## Help Wanted

1. A person to look after the kitchen. Getting helpers for monthly pot luck dinners, ensuring that tables cutlery, plates, etc are set up before 4:30. Picking up supplies when needed. Speak with Pres. Rita if you're interested.

2. A member to hire monthly entertainment for pot luck dinners for the club year 2020 - 2021. We only need seven months looked after. See Pres. Rita.



Winners of the first session of our shuffleboard activity. (l to r) tied for 2nd place John Gower and Audrey Geer. 1st place Brenda Moore, 3rd place Clayton Graham. A celebration lunch was held at the Mandarin. Congratulations to the winners. A great big thank-you to Jeff Moore coordinator and his group of volunteers that organize this very popular activity each week.





**February 12th @ 2 pm**

Meet **Cathy Dow** from Home Instead Senior Care. Cathy will be speaking on 'HOME YOUR OWN WAY'.

Our monthly meeting will follow.

**March**



**March 11th Becky Musta** - a Havening techniques Practitioner

**March 25th Pot Luck:** Entertainment: the **Andrew Family!**

President's Rant ( er... message)  
We have 506 members to date. Great numbers! One would think with that many people enjoying the activities the PPSC offers that it would not be difficult getting members to volunteer to help run the club.

I, and the rest of the membership, are very thankful that we have members who each week, sometimes more than once a week, volunteer and lead us in our activities. I am also grateful to the members who agreed to sit on the executive for a club term. The above members are doing their share! It's only a few months until the executive elections. Now I am saying, "It's time for YOU to do something"! At the February executive meeting we have discussed how we will move forward with elections. We will hold elections annually but we will only have elections for a partial executive. The term will be two years as it now stands. We agreed that replacing only some of the executive each year would maintain continuity by always having some experienced exec members on the board. At a general meeting we will advise you which offices will be up for election this year.

Examples of NOT load sharing. We had 10 members who volunteered to be part of the trip committee. Wonderful ....

The trip committee chair sent out an email to the 10 members indicating a meeting date, time and place. Morning of the meeting ONE PERSON came to the meeting. Arrangements had been made for this meeting to meet with our outside trip coordinator. I, as President, was called into the meeting and the one person that came to help with the trip committee is also a member of the executive. Sooooo, once again we had three members of the executive doing yet another job.

My mantra: many hands make light work. It's just not happening folks! These commitments do not have to be time consuming. We have two members, Audrey and Olive, who once a month set up coffee, tea and goodies for our general meetings. This means members of the exec do not have to do it; this is how it's supposed to work. Each of us doing what we can. Since no one volunteered to secure entertainment for the remaining months of the club year's pot lucks. A member of the executive had to step in ..... ME!



PLEASE read your newsletters and NAAGs. If you read that we're looking for help with things- VOLUNTEER. The executive will help steer you in the right direction, you won't be left to flounder on your own, this also applies to positions on the executive. We will be there to help you!

**To show you where we need help, here's a list of the various committees.**

**Committees:**

Trips- Rita B,  
 Christmas Dinner- Catherine W.  
 Bazaar- Catherine W.  
 Waterfront- Rita H.  
 Entertainment - ?  
 Speakers- Carole M.  
 Newsletters- Rita B.  
 Pot Lucks- Cathy H  
 Kitchen Supplies-  
 Treats/Milk for Meetings-

So...join us! We're really not that horrible (see above), but we do get overwhelmed. (Ed.)

***There is no "I" in team, but we sure are glad there is "u" in volunteers!"***

**We have decide to Go Green! Club events will now be Lug-a-Mug. If you bring your own cup- beverages are free. If you need a disposable cup- beverages are \$1- fees begin March 1st. Start NOW, get a jump on it.**

### Tech Talk

Website you may find interesting:

[getsmarteraboutmoney.ca](http://getsmarteraboutmoney.ca). A non-profit site that educates and offers easy-to-use unbiased financial information, programs and tools. (part of the Ontario Securities Commission's website)

An app that's handy:

**Flipp** This app has all the latest local grocery/drug/hardware store fliers without the newspaper!

If you're interested in learning how to download **Podcasts** make an appointment with Rita B. (Apple products) or Catherine (Android products). A podcast is an audio file that you can download and listen to at your leisure. So if you have a favourite CBC radio show that you missed, you can download it on your phone, tablet, or computer and listen when you have time. Great listening for house cleaning or driving chores.

### Coming to the Town Hall:



Please note: when you go to buy your tickets- our CODE is 'Seniors'. You get an extra \$4 off. Yipeeee!

**We have some trips planned- keep your eyes glued to the club bulletin board!**

Coming June 26-27th: the **Shaw Festival**, overnight, two plays (Gypsy and The Raven's Curse) and a wine tasting! \$563.87.

**Our Activities Schedule will be available at the Latcham Centre.**