

LATCHAM NEWS

It was one of those days in March when the sun shines bright and the wind blows cold; when it's summer on the light and winter in the shade. C. Dickens

Upcoming:

Wed., March 8th, 1 pm-
General Meeting
featuring Sandra
Poupore, CFP. Get
ready for tax time!

**Wed., March 22nd, 1
pm Pot Luck with-**

Michele & David Adams,
The Blackstock Drum
Circle

Elections:

Great news!

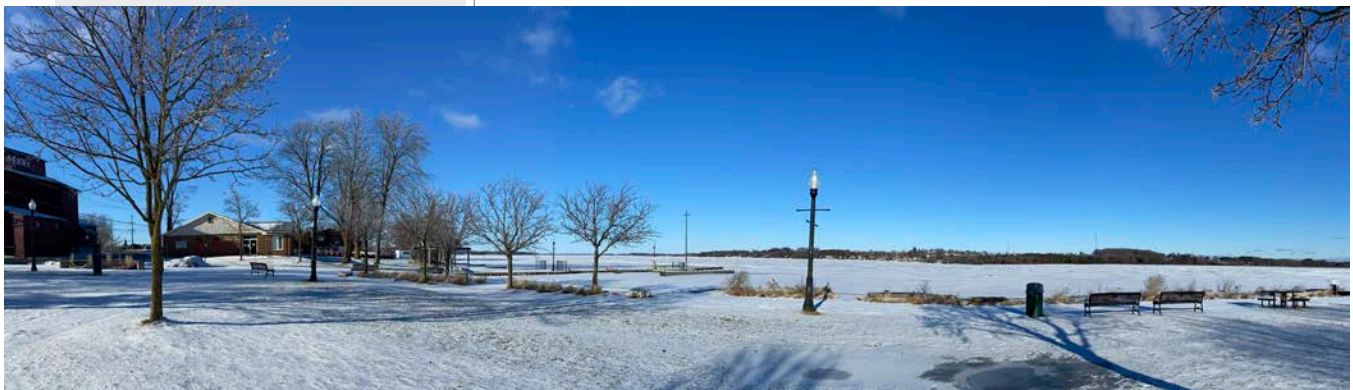
**People have come
forward to run for the
soon-to-be vacant
posts! Whew!**



**Lorna
Edgerton
won 50/50
shuffle draw
and a heart
necklace.**

President's Message

WE DID IT!!!! We got approved for a government grant. Our grant is just under \$16,000.00. Myself and Rita Barrell will give you details of how the money is to be spent at our General Meeting on Wed, March 8th.





Grant Monies

When we apply for grants the rules for each grant are very specific. This grant allows for furniture, program equipment and presenters. See you at the March 8th meeting-where you can learn about the specifics.



Here is Ann Lightfoot setting up for friends at Mexican Train!

Another movie is being made in town. It's a horror movie called Thanksgiving. The crew will be using the Latcham Centre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 19, 20, 21. They will be making a donation to PPSC for our inconvenience of canceling all activities on those days. It's a good deal for us. Kyle Brough has agreed to again hold computer classes for our members. Email us and let us know what areas you'd like him to discuss and/or teach. Club elections are just around the corner. Give serious consideration to run for a position. Positions up for election are secretary, 1st. VP, President. I will be the past president, which I'm really looking forward to. Yours sincerely,
President Rita



The History of the Latcham Centre continues ...

May of 1978 saw a change in the agreement that the PPSC would not collect a \$5.00 fee from renters to cover any damages caused by others but that the Corporation would keep the \$5.00 fee for damages. This was put in place with a 5 year agreement.

Fast forward to the present. The Township of Scugog rents the building out to the Port Perry Seniors Club with an annual rental contract. The Township is in charge of renting the building to others. We, the PPSC, have maintained a very good relationship with the Township over the many years and that is still true today. There are times when the Township asks the PPSC to give up some days in order for others to use the building. The Township gets a better rental rate from outsiders. As long as we, the Seniors Club, are given enough notice of upcoming dates that the Latcham Centre is being rented to others we cancel our activities for that day. We have an understanding between the Township and ourselves that to compensate us for days lost they allow us a Saturday in the Fall for PPSC to use the Latcham Centre (rent free) which up until now has been used for our Fall/Xmas Bazaar.

The Port Perry Seniors Club as it stands at the moment has just under 400 members. The only stipulation for joining is that you must be 50 years or older. Annual fee is \$35.00 and all but two activities are included in your fee. Our area is not restricted to Scugog and we have members from surrounding areas as members. We offer our members the following activities: 3 levels of exercise, 3 levels of line dancing, shuffleboard, indoor carpet bowling, 2 levels of euchre, cribbage, Mah Jongg and Mexican Train. As well as wood carving and craft classes. Yoga, Chair Yoga and Zumba classes cost \$3.00 per class paid to the instructor. We always have tech support available for our members for both Apple and Android products. Once a month we hold a general meeting in order that our members can be kept up to date on club happenings. We usually have a guest speaker at our general meetings.

On the 4th Wednesday of each month we hold a Pot Luck (dinner or lunch) with entertainment. We also have a website and each month we print and email our newsletter.

Covid taught us many things and our seniors club has well over 130 members who are now working with zoom. This gave them the opportunity to see family and friends when we were in Covid lockdown. We also had exercise classes through zoom and speakers came to our membership the same way. Three years ago I would venture to state that probably 2% of our membership was even aware of zoom and how computers could help seniors through isolation and Covid restrictions.

Our Monday to Friday calendar is very full and we only have one large room for each of our activities. Some of our activities are full as we have no space in the hall or in our calendar and we are still very cognizant of Covid.



Here is the first club president at the Latcham Centre!

Walt Radda

25 Years of Scugog in Cartoons
 March 4th to March 30th

The Kent-Fairdale Gallery

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