

EVENT UPDATE

In our last newsletter we were all set to start holding events in January, however everything got delayed because of Covid-19, so we are trying again, hopefully this time we will be able to stay open.

Upcoming Events

- March 22 - Walking Program 9:00-10:00am
- March 25 - Toy Bus 10:00 -11:30am
- March 29 - Walking Program 9:00-10:00am
- April 1 - Toy Bus 10:00-11:30pm (each Friday following)
- April 5 - Walking Program 9:00-10:00am (each Tuesday following)
- April 6 - Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
- April 20, 21, 22 - drop off for Yard Sale Items
- April 23 - Yard Sale 7:00am - 1:00pm
- May 4 - Regular monthly meeting 7:00pm



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Rankin Centre is now open to full capacity, **HOWEVER**, we will be following all Ministry of Health guidelines as they change and apply on a daily basis. We do encourage you to continue to wash your hands and/or use the hand sanitizer (located at the entrance of our building). If you are not feeling well we encourage you to remain at home. Please keep yourself safe and the people around you.

NEW RENTAL CONTACT

We are so happy to announce that our rental position has been filled and we welcome Kelley Cuddy (613-281-1753) who is set up and ready to take your calls for rentals and information on rentals. Thank you Kelley for volunteering for the job! 😊

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Greenwood Paving for donating the snow removal for our 2021-22 season!

SANTA DRIVE THRU

We are happy to say we had a successful drive thru with Santa handing out treats to children in December. Many dropped off letters and Santa was delighted to get them. He told us that next year he would love to see more Seniors come out too!

CARNIVAL BUTTONS

A very big thank you to all who bought and sold our carnival buttons. Thanks to you we sold just over 1000 buttons. This money goes into the Community Centre to help us with our heating, rink lights, hydro, gas for the Zamboni and general expenses. The buttons were all claimed within the first week and congratulations to the winners:

- 1st place \$200.00 #663 - Tina Sabourin
- 2nd place \$100.00 #186 - Kevin Champ
- 3rd place \$75.00 #738 - Margaret Sell

A big thank you to Lorenz and Helen Kelo who made the buttons, and to all the people who delivered them. We usually have these buttons ready for distribution by the middle of December, so if you missed them this year, reach out to us next year and we will be sure you get some to sell.

CARNIVAL DONATORS

It is wonderful to see the support of people who sent donations for our carnival, in spite of the fact that we could not have a physical carnival. Know that each donation is appreciated and will be put toward our daily expenses. Thanks for caring.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

This year because we could not gather at the Centre we did a drive thru spaghetti supper, and we sold nearly 200 dinners. We want to thank all who supported us by buying a meal and to Schmidt's Catering for the delicious and generous meal. From all reports people enjoyed the food, the service and the night off from cooking. We also want to thank the help: Bonnie & Jerry Dumouchel, Isabella Dumouchel, Julie & Parker Dumouchel and Ralph & Muriel Verch.

ONLINE AUCTION

Thank you to all who shared our posts and made bids! We appreciate your support of the Rankin Centre. Without the support of our generous donors this auction would not have been possible. A very big thank you to the following:

Marc Bru & Carla Manton, Kallie & Jeff Doering, Frank Carroll Financial, Al Gutz, Meryl Hartwig, Alice Melcher, The Warren Richter Family, Richard & Anne Shepherd, Peter Sauk & Pauline Kohlsmith, Dawnalda Siegel, Tawnya Painchaud, April Verch, Muriel Verch, Rankin Centre.

MEMBERSHIPS

Your membership keeps you connected to the Rankin Centre and lets us know you are supporting us. So if you have not yet purchased yours you can do so by calling Cathy Grahl (613-735-3381) or mail a cheque to the Centre at 20 Rankin Rink Road, Pembroke, K8A 6W4. Family memberships are \$20 and single (18 & over) are \$10.

ICE

A big shout out to Josh Verch and his helpers (Devon Boldt, Mark Dumouchel, Ralph Verch and Wilmer Verch) who made and looked after the ice for our winter season. The ice was used by many, and was kept in excellent condition. Thank you Josh.

VANDALISM

Over the last 2 years, as we have had to remain closed, it meant very little incoming revenue. We are so grateful for the support of the Community and beyond. However, it seems that there are always those few individuals who have no respect for all the work of others who have tried to keep things going for the benefit of all. We are sorry to report that during the winter season of skating there has been damage done to the benches in the players box, which means we now will have to have these repaired which will cost us money and precious volunteer time. Please remember that this is your community centre, here for your use and pleasure.

TOY BUS PROGRAM RESTARTS

The EarlyOn Toy Bus program will be returning on Mar. 25, 2022, 10:00 to 11:30 am and each Friday thereafter. For more information call (613-757-3108). This is a free program.

NEWSLETTER

As we open up we will go back to publishing our monthly newsletter regularly and delivering to about 325 households as well as putting it on our website each month. In this respect it takes volunteers to deliver it and we would ask that if this is something you could do give Muriel (613-735-0224) a call and we can set you up with a route.

J.O.Y. LUNCHEONS

Before Covid-19 seniors were enjoying getting together for lunch and social time once a month, so we are looking for someone to head this program in the months ahead. If you can help out with this please give one of the executive members a call.

INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

We are opening The Rankin Centre to indoor walking during the rest of the winter. The Centre will be open on Tuesdays, starting Mar. 22, 2022 from 9:00am - 10:00am and will continue each Tuesday if there is interest. There is no fee, we ask that you bring indoor shoes. Drop in and walk as much or as little as you want.

DELTA BINGO

The Pembroke Gaming Centre is opening to workers starting in April. All Bingo workers must complete their online re-training by March 31st (even if you have your training from before) and call me to let me know that you have completed it (Muriel 613-735-0224). We need the following workers for April, if you are available please call Muriel.

- April 3 (3:30-5:30pm) 1 worker
- April 17 (3:30-5:30pm) 1 worker

SPRING YARD SALE

We had many inquiries as to whether we are having our annual yard sale. If regulations allow it, we will hold it April 23rd from 7:00am to 1:00pm. If you would like to donate items to the sale we will be happy to accept them on Wednesday, Apr. 20th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Thursday, Apr. 21st from 9:00am - 3:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm and Friday Apr. 22nd from 9:00am - 3:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm. For more information call Muriel (613-735-0224).

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Schison and Collins families on the passing of Marie Schison, on Jan. 3, 2022. Marie will be missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We send our condolences to the family of Wilfred Nagora who passed away on Jan. 27, 2022. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Gladys, and children Geneva Lapenskie (late Jerome), Michael Nagora (Jennifer), Marilyn Hampel (Blake) and Joan Stroud (Neil). He also leaves his brother Wally Nagora and sister Mary Dament, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

To Aaron McCumber, Rickey Hebert (Stephanie), Kerrie-Anne Hebert (Tim), James Resmer (Lynn) Ron Resmer (Debbie) and the many nieces and nephews of Carolyn Anne McCumber, who passed away Feb. 10, 2022, we send our deepest sympathy.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Valerie Pellerin and all the Pellerin and Draves family on the death of a loving husband, brother, son-in-law, brother in-law, Jean Claude Pellerin on Mar. 3, 2022.

BARTENDERS

As we mentioned in the December newsletter, we will be opening for more rentals and we will need people to work the bar. If you don't have your SmartServe license now is the time to get certified. You can do this online. The more volunteers we have the easier it is on everyone.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We will be holding our monthly meetings starting April 6th at 7:00pm. The meetings then will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. We invite you to attend and see what is happening in your Community and see how you can take part in organizing events to support your Centre.

BOTTLE DRIVE

Santana Kuehl has graciously offered to organize a bottle drive for the year with all proceeds going to the RCRC. If you have any alcoholic bottles/cans that can be turned at the Beer Store that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at her house: 38516 Highway 41. There is a large blue Rubbermaid bin in front of the deck. For any additional info please call (613-281-7696).

Rankin Culture & Recreation Centre's

YARD SALE



Saturday, April 23, 2022 | 7:00am to 1:00pm
20 Rankin Rink Road (off highway 41), Pembroke

You know how the saying goes “one person’s junk is another person’s treasure”
Bring your friends and come discover some great finds,
or purchase some new plants for your garden!

If you would like to donate items to the sale we will be accepting items:

- Wednesday, April 20, 6-8pm
- Thursday, April 21, 9am-3pm and 6pm-8pm
- Friday, April 22, 9am-3pm and 6pm-8pm

Contact Muriel for more information at 613-735-0224

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE