

MONTHLY NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 - Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

September 13 - Rankin Jam Session 6:30 PM

YOUR CENTRE DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SURVIVE

With a new executive in place we are begging for people to come forward to help us out. Our old executive worked countless hours keeping the centre running but the new executive admits we will need lots of help and volunteers to keep our centre running.

Some rolls that need filling:

Bingo Volunteers – we need people to work the bingo for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon –we currently work about 2 Sundays a month so if we get 12 -15 names of people you will only need to work it once every few months.

Property Manager - The Rankin Centre requires someone to coordinate the property maintenance and what needs to be addressed in order to keep our centre functioning for our community!

Property Maintainers - We also need people who will help the property manager to do various property maintenance items – please let us know what you can do to take care of your centre!

Bartenders – As you are aware, we always need bartenders – and we can train anyone over 18 for this job – we will help you get your smart serve – *this is a great position that you can even make a little money from some tips*. Once again, with numerous people involved this makes for a very easy position. Friendly reminder that the Smart Serve recertification date has been extended to September 1, if you need to recertify and would like help with the process, please contact Victoria at 819 651 1645.

Bar Stock Coordinator – The centre is also looking for someone to track and maintain our bar stock as well as keeping track of inventory.

Scholarship Committee Chair - We are looking for someone to come forward to be the head of the scholarship committee for local students who apply for this through the centre.

These are the emergency positions we need filled within the next few weeks. There are lots more jobs that we will need filled in the future or if you have anything you want to do for your centre please let one of the executive members know!

Josh – 613 585 6770

Brian - 613 639 4115

Jessica – 613 639 5686

Santana - 613 281 7696

MONTHLY MEETING

Our meetings continue monthly and you are welcome to attend! Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 7:00pm. We are in need of community members to come forward to help out! It takes many helping hands to keep the centre running and continue offering a safe place for our community members to gather.

RETURN OF TOY BUS

The Toy Bus will be returning to Rankin in September. This is a drop-in program that runs on Friday mornings from 10:00-11:30. The first group of the fall will be on Friday September 8 2023. This is a chance for caregivers with children ages 0-6 to come and take part in programs and activities together, while interacting with other caregivers and children.

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Unfortunately, we were not able to arrange a committee to plan a formal celebration on September 9th. We are putting off celebrating 60 years of our centre until further notice. The executive committee does want to do something to recognize our Rankin Centre, and give members of the community a chance to come and meet your new executive members! More information will be released about this in the coming weeks.

NEW BARTENDER COORDINATOR

Brittanie Hammel has come forward to volunteer as our new bartender coordinator. Anyone who would like to volunteer as a bartender, submit their updated Smart Serve certificate, or wants to ask any questions about volunteer bartending at Rankin is asked to contact Brittanie at 613-312-9552. Thank you Brittanie!

MEMBERSHIPS

You can purchase a membership from our Membership Secretary, Cathy Grahl, 613-735-3381. Family memberships are \$20.00 and single memberships (18 and over) are \$10.00. Members enjoy perks such as free admission to many centre events, discounts on rentals, and a vote at all centre meetings and elections.

RANKIN JAM

The Rankin Jam is back in September! This is an event open to music players, singers, listeners, and lovers! It is a chance to come out and play your instruments, dance, sing, and have a great time while live performers lead the way! It is mostly country type music, but not limited to! The bar is open for Jam nights with all proceeds going to the Rankin Centre. Hope to see you there September 13. Doors open at 6:30PM.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lisa and Riley O'Mera on the birth of their beautiful baby Brooks Timothy O'Meara. Brooks was born on August 8, 2023 and weighed in at 8lbs 6oz. Welcome to the world Baby Brooks!

LOOKING FORWARD TO WINTER: HUNTERS BALL

Our Hunters Ball is just around the corner, and tickets are available now! Mark your calendar for November 25, then call Santana at 613-281-7696 to get your ticket today! This is a great fundraiser for the centre, tickets cost \$25 and includes a meal and a dance.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about our annual Rankin Winter Carnival. This event has been a highlight of the year for our Centre for many years past, and we are so excited for it to come again. With that being said, without volunteers we will not be able to have a Winter Carnival. We are looking for a group of volunteers to come forward to plan this event for the community! We are always looking for fresh new ideas, positive community connections, and people who are proud of this great community! If this sounds like something you would be interested in being a part of, please come forward to our next community meeting, or contact Jessica at 613-639-5686.

DELTA BINGO

We have a new chair for our Delta Bingo fundraiser, Tracy Cunningham. Tracy will be organizing our volunteer schedule and coordinating with all our bingo volunteers. Welcome Tracy, and thank you!

We need bingo volunteers for the following dates, Please call Tracy as soon as possible if you can work for any of them.:

September 3 3:30-5:30 - 2 workers

September 17 3:30-5:30 - 2 workers

We need more bingo workers to sign up to take the course to work at the Delta Hall. Call Tracy if interested, 613-281-3324. Our bingo shifts are a consistent source of revenue for The Rankin Centre, so we need your help. This is one of the best and easiest fundraisers we have. Getting certified to volunteer happens from the comfort of your own home! You can check out the training for this here!

<https://www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training>
Be sure to call Jessica if you do complete the training!

