

## EVENT UPDATE

### Upcoming Events

- Monday Night Euchre 7:00pm
- Tuesday Morning Indoor Walking 9:00am
- Dec 18 – Children's Christmas Party 1:00pm
- Dec 22 – Carnival Planning Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan 4 - Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

## MONTHLY MEETING

Our meetings continue monthly and you are welcome to attend! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm. Come join us and see how your Centre is doing and what is being planned.

At these meetings you have the opportunity to bring your ideas forward to the Executive Committee!

President: Josh Verch 613-585-6770

Vice-President: Sam Dillabough 613-639-4232

Treasurer: Dawnalda Siegel 613-639-4232

Secretary: Muriel Verch 613-735-0224

Rental Chair: Kelley Cuddy 613-281-1753

Membership Chair: Cathy Grahl 613-735-3281

We have listed the executive so that if you have any questions about the Rankin Centre you can call and they will try to help you out or steer you in the right direction. We try to run events to benefit all ages of the Community. By buying a membership for the RCRC you get free skating, a discount on rentals, a vote at all meetings, a chance to run for an executive position and a chance to tell everyone that we have a state of the art rental facility that is run by a community of volunteers that you are a part of. Since its inception in 1963 the Rankin Centre was the hub of the Community and it still is.

## DELTA BINGO

We require bingo workers for the following dates. Please contact Muriel as soon as possible if you can work any of them at 613-735-0224

Jan 8 3:30-5:30 2 workers

Jan 22 3:30-5:30 2 workers

Feb 5 3:30-5:30 2 workers



## MEMBERSHIPS

Your 2023 membership is now due. Need a Christmas gift for that hard to buy person, why not consider a membership to the Rankin Centre. Family memberships are \$20.00 and single memberships (18 and over are \$10.00. They can be purchased from Cathy Grahl or from the canteen at the Centre when it is open.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are still looking for more volunteer workers to join our Bingo team. If you are available to work at Delta Bingo for a 2 hour shift on a Sunday afternoon we want to hear from you!

This is a great fundraiser for The Rankin Centre and your time and help would certainly be appreciated!

We are also looking for volunteers to be trained to assist with bartending at the Rankin Centre. This will help to lighten the load for our current volunteers and is a great way to help out the community.

Lastly, we have some open spots for volunteers to help run the booth over the winter months. This is a great way to help the community, get to know fellow community members, and contribute to the centre. Your commitment of a few days a year makes a big difference!

If any of these opportunities are of interest to you and you can help out, please call Muriel at 613-735-0224 for more information and details, or come to one of our monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of each month. Our volunteers are integral to keeping the Rankin Centre running.

*"Nothing liberates our greatness like the desire to help, the desire to serve"*  
- Marianne Williamson

## SMART SERVE RECERTIFICATION

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has introduced a five-year term for all new and existing liquor training certifications. Anyone with a smart serve certificate issued prior to July 1, 2018 will have to recertify online by June 30, 2023, which is when they expire. Let us know if this is you!

## CONGRATULATIONS

We send congratulations to Santana and Jeremy Kuehl on the arrival of a baby boy Walter Gordon Kuehl on November 22, 2022. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. Proud big brother Hank couldn't be happier!

## SYMPATHY

We regret to announce the passing of Ethel Keuhl on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We send our deepest condolences to her sons Murray, and Dwight (Joanne Brown) and to all the Mick and Keuhl relatives as well as the Rankin Community and beyond. If you mention Rankin, everyone would automatically associate Ethel with it. Ethel was a strong supporter of the Rankin Centre and she worked physically and financially hard to see it prosper. Ethel did not like the limelight and would like to remain anonymous on a lot of the things she did. To name a few things, she would contribute to our memorial scholarship each year to encourage students to further their education, she supplied the beautiful flower planters that graced the front doors at the Centre, our large sign out front with the history of The Centre, in part is due to her donation. One carnival when money was stolen, as soon as she heard about it, she helped us out by replacing it. She started the J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) group, she would bake for our bake sales, she was always interested in events for the children and it was her idea to have a hymn sing at the carnival. The Rankin Centre and the Community is a better place because of Ethel. She will be missed.

We are deeply saddened to announce the death of Clarence Ashick, on Saturday, November 26, 2022. We send our deepest sympathy to his children, Sandra Johnstone (Chris), Shelley Dole (Murray), Perry Ashick (Kim) and Bruce Ashick (Renate), to his special friend Ellen Baker, his 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, his sisters Lila Martinat and Marilym Schultz and the whole Community of Rankin. Clarence was a strong supporter of the Rankin Centre and was on the building committee in 1980 when the old warming shack was replaced with a new hall. He volunteered helping to make ice on the rink surface, he did a lot of maintenance work around the building and yard. Never missed any J.O.Y. dinners or Christmas parties, always had a story to tell and a smile on his face. A great volunteer and someone who was so proud of the Rankin Centre.

## THANK YOU

Santana Kuehl has done a wonderful job collecting bottles and donating the proceeds to the Rankin Centre. Thank you for running the bottle drive for our community Santana.

Special thanks to all who donated teddy bears and books that will be given out to children from our Rankin Centre float throughout the parade route. The Eganville parade is on Sunday, December 11th. The parade starts at 1:00pm and will be departing from the Eganville Arena. Thank you to Josh Verch for constructing the sleigh for our float and taking the reins at this event!

## WINTER IN-DOOR WALKING

As the cold weather approaches, walking indoors is much more appealing. Join the group every Tuesday morning from 9:00-10:00am.

On that note we want to tell you that there will be **no walking on the following dates:** Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd, due to the holidays. It will resume again on Jan. 10th. Happy Holidays walkers!

## FOLLOW SUIT AND JOIN US FOR EUCHRE THIS FALL!

Monday Euchre nights are up and running! Come on out at 7:00pm at the Rankin Centre to join in the fun! The canteen is open during Euchre night.

## WINTER CARNIVAL - SAVE THE DATE

Events for the Winter Carnival are shaping up, so we want to make sure everyone marks their calendars for this can't miss, multi day event at our Rankin Culture and Recreation Centre.

Events will be taking place on **February 5, 9, 10** leading up to the big day **February 11 2023**. You can look forward to many fun events, some of the classics mixed with some new, including Sip and Sign, Spaghetti Supper, Snowball Tournament, Virtual Reality Room, Crafting Workshops, Bingo, Cake Walks, Skating (themed skates included), Euchre, Movie Night, Cow Milking, Chuck a Puck, Cribbage and many more! There is truly something for everyone in the family!

If there is an event you are keen to see, or something you can help with on these dates, we want to hear from you! We are actively seeking volunteers for the carnival. You can contact Victoria at 819 651 1645 or Kelley at 613 281 1753, or email [rankincentre@rankincentre.ca](mailto:rankincentre@rankincentre.ca).

### **CARNIVAL BUTTONS**

Many of you will find with your newsletter a package of carnival buttons for you to help sell. You will need a carnival button for entry to the carnival. Buying a button will also give you a chance to win a cash prize when the button winners are drawn on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023.

These buttons make great stocking stuffers and sell for only \$2.00 a piece. You don't have to be present at the draw to win. We will be posting the winning numbers on our facebook page and on our website. There are 10 buttons in a bag so maybe you would consider buying them for yourself. If you did not receive a package of buttons to sell, and you would like some, just give Muriel (613-735-0224) a call and she will get them to you, or if you need more do the same.

The sale of these buttons are a big part of the revenue of the carnival. Please if you have received a bag of buttons and do not intend to sell them or purchase them, give Muriel a call to return them so that we can perhaps get them to someone else. Thank you in advance. There are so many new people in the Community and we do not know you, so please if you can help give us a call, we would love to have you on board. What better way to support the Community you have moved to. The carnival is the big fundraiser for the Rankin Centre and helps to pay the everyday expenses for the year.

### **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Rankin Centre will be hosting a Children's Christmas party at 1:00 on Sunday, December 18th at the Rankin Centre. Come ready for an afternoon of carolling, cookies, and creative storytelling. Who knows, a special guest may make an appearance too! Please comment on the Facebook post for this event or email [rankincentre@rankincentre.ca](mailto:rankincentre@rankincentre.ca) to confirm that you can attend - this way we can ensure we have enough goodies for all who join us for this festive fun afternoon!

### **A LITTLE QUIET TIME**

If you are looking for a bit of quiet time over this busy holiday season why not come out to the annual Christmas Program at Salem United Church in Locksley (located at 787 Witt Road) on Sunday evening Dec. 18th at 7:00pm. This will be a program of candlelight with songs and a small skit reflecting on the real meaning of Christmas.

### **STAYING CONNECTED**

Our Facebook page can be found by searching "Rankin Culture & Recreation Centre" or by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone:



Don't forget to check in regularly to see what events are coming to our community!

We are also new to Instagram - follow us by searching @rankincentre or Rankin Culture and Recreation Centre on Instagram. Don't forget to like, follow, and share so we can grow our community online too!

With so many people no longer having telephone land lines it is difficult to get in contact with people. With carnival coming, bartenders needed, bingo workers needed, and other help needed we would like to be able to contact you. We would appreciate it if you could send your email address to us so we could keep in touch. Send to [rankincentre@rankincentre.ca](mailto:rankincentre@rankincentre.ca)