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this milestone, a cele-

good wishes to the honoured guests. An additional feature the day was Association President Jo Lopuck presenting a floral gift of appreciation to Stella Winzinowich who had







flowers, food and fun. Each of the celebrants ages gracefully, one day at a time, keeping as healthy as possible and looking as young as can be. The twelve honoured guests represented many years of wisdom and lifeexperiences. Yet they will

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Fond memories of a man who may have helped save my life with his pioneering work treating serious sleep disorders By Roger Currie

It has taken a long time, but we are finally coming to grips with the potential consequences of a life-threatening ailment called *sleep* apnea. In brief, it's a closing of the airway that causes sufferers to stop breathing, often dozens of times each night. They wake up after 7 or 8 hours, thinking they've had a restful sleep, when in fact it's been a totally 'interrupted' sleep. Later, because of sleep deprivation, they may nod off in meetings, or while operating heavy machinery such as a vehicle on the highway. It's what happens while the breathing is stopped that is the major concern.

I say 'life-threatening' because I am now firmly convinced that apnea was a significant factor in the stroke that devastated my father, Andrew Currie, in 1985 when he was 74. His quality of life was greatly diminished, and he died five years later while living in a nursing home in Winnipeg. Five years after dad's death, in 1995, I was lucky enough to be diagnosed with sleep apnea, and I have been treated for it ever since. I say I was 'lucky' because the alternative might have been what happened to dad, or worse.

In 1985, no one in my family had ever heard of sleep apnea, and the knowledge of our doctors was very limited. Father had suffered a relatively minor stroke several years earlier, and made what appeared to be a fairly complete recovery. The major stroke that hit him was in the brain stem, and it robbed him of much of his speech as well as his strength and mobility. He also lost much of his eyesight, including the ability to read.

In 1985, a medical researcher named Meir Kryger had been doing his groundbreaking work in Winnipeg for half a dozen years, with the help of St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation. A very good friend was one of the first Winnipeggers to be tested for sleep apnea at Kryger's lab. The test involves sleeping for roughly six hours while being monitored with several wires attached to the body at key points. Once it's determined that a patient has apnea, the treatment that's most often applied is to have them sleep



Dr. Meir Kryger



Roger Currie with Bi-pap machine

with the aid of a machine (see photo) that prevents the airway in their throat from closing.

It's a difficult adjustment at first, but it's truly amazing how we humans can adapt. Kryger's sleep lab at St. Boniface was the first of its kind in Canada. By the time he left Manitoba just over a decade ago, he had been responsible for more than 20,000 sleep tests. That represented almost 5% of Winnipeg's population when he arrived back in the late 1970's. Similar labs were established in other communities across Canada, and the waiting lists for tests grew steadily.

Having now slept with the aid of a *Bi-pap* machine for most of the past 20 years, I can honestly say that it has given me the best and most

worry free sleep of my life. I'm so grateful that Dr. Kryger was located in Winnipeg when I and others needed him.

These days Kryger teaches and conducts further research on sleep issues at Yale School of Medicine in the U.S. Like others in his field, Kryger is keenly interested in relatively new research which is pointing to a strong connection between sleep apnea and dementias such as Alzheimer's.

A recent study that was done by researchers at New York University, published in the journal *Neurology*, suggests that untreated sleep apnea may hasten the onset of memory loss and other negative effects of Alzheimer's. The good news is, once a patient is treated, the progress of 'impairment' from the dementia seems to be halted. Once treated, a patient with sleep apnea is much better equipped to deal with the situation.

Dr. Kryger says the findings are not all surprising to him. "From the very early days of our work we knew that people who were untreated had a cognitive impairment. Their memory was poor, they would fall asleep when they shouldn't have" he says. There also appears to be a definite relationship between the degree of impairment that continues, and the length of time that a person suffered from apnea without being treated.

The sleep treatment centre in Winnipeg is now located at Misericordia Health Centre. There are seven rooms where testing is conducted in considerably greater comfort than the lab where I was tested. If you sleep with a spouse or partner, ask them if they have noticed that you stop breathing during the night. If the answer is yes, you should see your doctor and arrange for a referral. It could just save your life. ■

Roger Currie is a Winnipeg writer and broadcaster. He was a patient of Dr. Meir Kryger in Winnipeg in the late 1990's.

In addition to writing for **Senior Scope**, Roger is heard regularly on CJNU, 93.7 FM



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Barish's B'nai Brith Baseball; Hearts of Blue and Gold; Heighton Keeps Competing; Miller Looks Great; Percy Looks Better; Great Old Bands Coming to Town



Earl Barish turned 73 on Aug. 18, and he just can't stop working. The man who has Manitoba's iconic Salisbury House Restaurants running like a thoroughbred these days is also a man who can't stop doing the good work

doing the good work of B'nai Brith or treating the underprivileged with honor and respect.

In fact, on Sunday, Aug. 16, he was front and centre at Shaw Park in downtown Winnipeg, running his annual gift of baseball to the city's less fortunate as the Winnipeg Goldeyes beat their arch-rivals, the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks.

"It's very rewarding to be involved with a program that allows those in need to experience and enjoy a welldeserved afternoon out with our exciting Winnipeg Goldeyes baseball team," said Barish. "It's a natural fit for B'nai Brith, whose mandate is to promote community service, community action, education and human rights advocacy – people helping people."

Earl bought, sold and distributed more than 1,695 tickets to the event and was on the concourse handing out Sals Nips, donuts and ice cream to the not-so-fortunate folks who get the tickets that Earl and his fellow philanthropists at B'nai Brith buy. It's a win-win-win situation and that's ALL Earl Barish.

In fact, "The Afternoon with the Goldeyes" project was founded and originally organized by Earl, the past chairman of B'nai Brith Canada's executive board. This is the sixth annual event and started after Earl threw out the first pitch at a Blue



the mascot at second base. I remember, the mascot was going to catch my pitch and I asked him how hard he wanted me to throw it. He said, 'throw it as hard as you can.' And I threw him my best fastball."

Barish took that experience back to Winnipeg where he owned the old Winnipeg Cyclone professional basketball team. After Barish disbanded the Cyclone, he decided to take the B'nai Brith game back to its roots – baseball.

And it's a big day. B'nai Brith offers free Goldeyes ticket packages to organizations that service different needs in the community - Andrews Family Centre, Anishaabe Child & Family Services, Arcane Horizon, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, CancerCare Manitoba, CEDA, Cerebral Palsy of Manitoba, Children's Rehab Foundation, Dasch Foundation, Deaf Resource Centre, Epic Opportunities, Family Dynamics, Ĝojo Gym, Goju Karate, Good Neighbours Active Living, Habitat for Humanity, Immigrant Centre Manitoba, Intertribal Child & Family, Jewish Child & Family Service, Jocelyn House, MacDonald Youth Services, MacKinnon's Y-Not? Anti-Poverty, Main Street Project, Making Waves, Manitoba Down Syndrome Society, Manitoba Foster Family Network, Marymound, Meals on Wheels, Movement Centre, Multiple Sclerosis Society, NEEDS, New Directions, Norwest Co-op, Opportunity for Independence, Osborne House, Project Echo, Ronald McDonald



Downs CEO Darren Dunn

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"He gives everyone a hat and a Goldeyes souvenir with their ticket, as well," said Goldeyes assistant general manager Regan Katz. "Earl Barish is one of the most philanthropic people I know."

Former Winnipeg Blue Bombers defensive lineman Jim Heighton, a man who has competed for years at Masters Track Meets, is now playing over-55 soccer. Love it. Heighton will be 71 on Sept. 22...

Assiniboia Downs CEO Darren Dunn told the horsemen at Aug. 22's CTHS Yearling Sale on the Red River Ex grounds that under terms of the Downs' 12-year agreement signed with the province last year, the track must hold at least 50 days of live racing each year. That was the end of the stupid rumours that the Downs meet would be shorter next year. BTW, want to meet active seniors? Just spend an afternoon at the Downs... In fact, I saw my old pal Don Percy at Assiniboia Downs the other day. The broadcasting legend will soon be 77 and he's still filling in at The Jewel 100.5... Hey seniors! MTS Centre has a fall/winter



Mike Reno. One of us. Bet the tight red leather pants don't fit anymore.

bonanza of shows for those of us over 60. Young Janet Jackson is in Winnipeg on Sept. 8, The Tenors are here Sept. 18, Shania Twain comes to town on Sept. 20, The Who arrives on Oct. 8, Judas Priest is here No. 1, Barenaked Ladies roll in on Nov. 6, Styx is here Nov. 17 and Loverboy is coming for the Grey Cup. The Who tour is entitled "The Who Hits 50." That's 50 years on the road, not band members' 50th birthdays. Roger Daltrey is actually 71 while Peter Townsend is 70. Then again, Janet Jackson is 49, Eileen (Shania Twain) Edwards is 50, Canadian Lawrence Gowan of Styx is 58 (the band was formed in 1970 and not one of the original members is still in the band), Rob Halford of Judas Priest is 64 and Mike Reno of Loverboy is 60.

HEARTS OF BLUE AND GOLD ANOTHER AWESOME SUCCESS

Thanks in no small way to the outstanding support of the current Winnipeg Blue Bombers players and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers alumi, the first of two 2015 Hearts of Blue Gold Dinners for Variety at Earls Restaurants was a resounding success. Held last Tuesday night at Earls St. Vital, a group of great people got together to help the kids. The 11th Anniversary of The Hearts of Blue & Gold dinner has all

Jays game in Toronto.

"I was chairman of the national executive board at the time and it was B'nai Brith Day at the Blue Jays game," Barish explained. "They asked me to throw out the first pitch so I flew into Toronto for a Blue Jays-Yankees game. I was driven out of the bullpen on a golf cart and met

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Active Aging Week 2015 – 'Live Your Adventure' Save the dates for September 27th - October 3rd 2015!

- Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba (ALCOA-MB)

The Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba (ALCOA-MB) will once again be joining the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) in promoting **Active Aging Week**, September 27th -



Are you looking for excitement in your life? Are you 55+ years of age? The Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba (ALCOA-MB) encourages you to try something different during Active Aging Week, from September 27th-October 3rd, 2015!

The theme this year is 'Live Your Adventure'! So get out there and be adventurous—each adventure is unique and can simply be anything outside of your day to day routine! Get together with others and explore other age-friendly activities in your community! For more info on ALCOA-MB, Active Aging Week and other events visit our website at www.alcoamb.org or phone: 204-632-3947 or toll-free: house: 204-632-3947 or toll-free: October 3rd 2015. This celebratory week is full of possibility and opportunities aiming to connect people 50 years of age and older to age-friendly programs, events and services in their community that encourage them to live healthy active lifestyles!

The 2015 theme, '*Live Your Adventure*', represents an age friendly challenge for older adults to get out and try something new and different! Perhaps it's something you have always wanted to do but have never had the time to try until now. Maybe it's something or somewhere that you've been meaning to get back to. The possibilities are endless and each adventure is as unique as the individual experiencing them!

Allow yourself to be a beginner and challenge yourself to try something new and have fun with it! Remember, no one starts off being excellent at anything. Your adventure can even simply be something that takes you outside of your regular routine. So take the opportunity during the 2015 Active Aging Week to commit to a personal adventure that will inspire you to push those boundaries and redefine what it means to be an older adult in today's society.

ALCOA-MB encourages Senior serving organizations and local communities throughout Manitoba to plan and host events and activities that embrace and celebrate the '*Live Your Adventure*' theme. Don't know where to start? Don't worry! This year ALCOA-MB has produced an Active Aging Week Community Resource Guide, complete with event ideas and planning tips.

Also, in honour of the adventure themed week ALCOA-MB is once again presenting an Active Aging themed contest open to all Manitobans, who are 55 years of age or older. The rules are simple – we want to know how you '*Live Your Adventure'*! Tell us what has inspired or challenged you, or what new experiences have 'wowed' you as an active older adult and how they have impacted your life. Simply send in your written entry and share your story with us! The contest officially starts during Active Aging Week September 27th—October 3rd, 2015 and the closing date is October 31, 2015, so get your entry in before the deadline and be eligible for some great active aging prizes!

For further details about the Active Aging Adventure Contest and the printable online resource guide, please visit the ALCOA-MB website at www.alcoamb.org, email us at info @alcoamb.org or call 204-632-3947 or toll free 1-866-202-6663.

Once you have warmed up to your active aging adventure during Active Aging Week be sure to keep going and connect with other age-friendly opportunities throughout the entire month of October, 2015, which is Seniors' and Elders' Month. Contact the 55+ Active Living Centre nearest you to find out what events they have planned for Active Aging Week and Seniors' and Elders' Month.

You never know where your next adventure could take you, so make sure you mark these dates down in your calendar and let the fun begin! ■

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the elements of a great event – which must be why it's such a success each year. It is a great cause, at a great venue, with some awesome people.

In fact, here are the Bombers Alumni who were in attendance and I can tell you, all of these guys looked great:

Nick Miller: One of a very rare group who played on four Grey Cup championship teams, Miller, now 84, played with the Bombers from 1954-64 and went to the Grey Cup six times. He played fullback, receiver, linebacker and defensive back. Talk about versatile and talk about



Nick Miller (24) makes a game-saving tip of a Hamilton pass on Day 2 of the Fog Bowl in 1962.



looking terrific in your 80s.

Jim Heighton: A multi-sport athlete who just happened to be a great football player. He played nine seasons with the Bombers from 1970-78 and is still competing in athletics today as a Masters Athlete.

Stan Mikawos: This young man was a defensive lineman for 15 seasons with the Bombers, from 1982 to 1996. He played on three Grey Cup championship teams in 84, 88 and 90 and in the 1984 Grey Cup, he recovered a fumble and sprinted 22 yards for a touchdown.

James Murphy: This Canadian Football Hall of Fame wide receiver won three Grey Cups in 84, 88 and 90. He was the league's most outstanding player

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in 1986 and was the Grey Cup MVP in 1988.

Lamar McGriggs: Today, he's an assistant coach and scout with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, but in his playing days this outstanding linebacker played in the NFL for the New York Giants, who drafted him in the eighth round out of Western Illinois, and the Minnesota Vikings and then came to Canada with Ottawa in 1996 and won a Grey Cup with Hamilton in 1999 before joining the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He had a tremendous career and played in three Grey Cup games.

Chris Walby: He was a nine-time CFL all-star, who won three Grey Cup championships in 1984, 1988 and 1990 and was the 1983 and 1987 CFL most outstanding offensive lineman. He's in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and

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The BUZZ, cont'd

has been called the greatest offensive lineman of all time. He's from Winnipeg and played his college football at Dickinson State.

Henry Janzen: A three-time Grey Cup champion as a kick returner and defensive back, he was the Rookie of the Year in the Western Conference in 1959. He played seven seasons with the Bombers and was an all-star in 1965 – his final season in the league. He went on to coach the University of Manitoba Bisons to back-to-back national championships in 1969 and 1970. A Winnipegger, he played junior football with the Weston Wildcats.

Trevor Kennerd: Perhaps the best kicker the Bombers ever had. A three-time CFL all-star who played for the Bombers from 1980-1991. He played on three Grey Cup champions – 1984, 1988, and 1990 and in 1988, he kicked the winning field goal in one of the most thrilling Grey Cups ever played.

Rod Hill: One of the greatest defensive backs in the history of the Canadian Football League. He won two Grey Cup championships with the Bombers – in 88 and 90 – and still holds the Blue Bomber records for most career interceptions with 47 and most interceptions in one game with five. These days, he's a retail executive right here in Winnipeg.

Organized by Roy Rosmus, and hosted by Rosmus and Variety CEO Jerry Maslowsky, the Hearts of Blue and Gold Dinners are the highlight of the football/social season. It's also a tremendous fundraiser thanks to folks like Joel McInnes of Earls Restaurants, Earl Barish of Salisbury House, Lenny Baranek of Pratt's Wholesale and Larry McIntosh of Peak of the Market.

Tuesday's event was a rousing success. And just think, we get to do it all over again in October at Earls Main. Maybe the Grey Cup will be sold out by then.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Former Winnipeg mayor and owner of the Winnipeg Goldeyes Baseball Club, Sam Katz, turned 64 on Aug. 20. Sam is still coming into the ballpark most days to make sure the ball club is humming along. Sam, who will be a dad again this fall, defies the term, "aging." ■

It's Never Too Late to Make a Financial Plan

Ideally, financial planning for retirement starts when you're young, and continues through your retirement years. But, with the growing demands of modern life, we sometimes just don't get to it. If you're a senior,

and already have a financial plan, you are well on your way to a sound financial future. If you've reached your senior years, and don't have a plan in place, it's not too late. But now is the time to start. In either case, you should get to know the many resources out there for seniors, and take full advantage of any benefits you may be eligible for.

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For further information on these programs, contact Service Canada at **1-800-O-CANADA**

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www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/index.html.

- For a list of tax credits you may be eligible for (ex: Primary Caregiver Tax Credit), visit the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office website at https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/pcredits.html or call Manitoba Tax Assistance Office at 204-948-2115 (in Winnipeg); toll free 1-800-782-0771 (outside Winnipeg). For information about the Seniors School Tax Rebate, call 204-945-7555 (in Winnipeg); toll free 1-855-893-8266 (outside Winnipeg) or email seniorsrebate@gov.mb.ca.
- The Manitoba Seniors' Guide offers an extensive listing of programs and services for seniors. Order your copy by calling 204-945-6565; toll free 1-800-665-6565 or download the guide at www.gov.mb.ca/shas.

Please don't be afraid to pick up the phone and ask for guidance through these offices. They are here to help!

Kickoff to Seniors' and Elders' Month

October is Seniors' and Elders' Month in Manitoba. Please join us for the kickoff celebration, Friday, October 2, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Ave, Winnipeg.

For more information, call the Seniors Information and Referral Line at **204-945-6565** in Winnipeg, toll-free **1-800-665-6565** outside Winnipeg.

As always, I invite you to call the Seniors Information and Referral Line if you are looking for information or need help finding the right resource, even if you would just like to share your comments or feedback!

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Its Back to School for all those Vacationing Kids and once again they are not careless just care free.

The kids are back in school as of The First Week of September and we will have all sorts of problems as Parents, Grand Parents and the Kids start another year in school.

It is interesting to note that School Buses have a unique safety record which has been created not by Bus Design, or by Driver Training but by the simple act of a vast majority of other road users providing the buses with more space, and courtesy due to enforcement of Highway Traffic Act Laws and Regulations.

This admirable record must continue to grow and it is urgent that all drivers obey the laws of passing, stopping and yielding to the school bus during pickup and delivery of the students.

Here are the rules for stopping when a school bus is picking up students.



a very poor design and does not have any of the safety features associated with a Passenger Car, SUV or Van

For a variety of reasons there are no safety belts in the buses other than the drivers and it has been shown that belts will not work as many of the children would require booster seats and injury and death has resulted when the belts and buckles are used by the children as weapons against other children.



LEAVE EXTRA TIME TO GET ANYWHERE

As soon as School Buses hit the road traffic patterns change and and significant delays occur due to the constant starting up and stopping of the flow of traffic. This results in a significant increase in pollution due to the idling of vehicles and the constant acceleration away from the stops by all the cars that are held up in traffic by the buses.

It is estimated that when school buses are operating as much as 30% more pollution occurs and the time to get where you are going takes between 30 and 50 percent longer on many routes.

In addition the patience of many drivers is tested by the interruption in traffic flow.

SIZE OF SCHOOL BUSES

The School Bus is often of a size and weight that does not qualify it to drive on your street and if it was carrying a load of goods would not be allowed off of a truck route and it is important that you tell your local school division when the bus is too big for your street. 72 Passenger, 56 Passenger and 48 passenger buses are not needed on small cramped streets that have parking on one side as they can create situations where traffic moving in the unencumpered lane are prevented from moving as the bus takes up all the space. On these streets the bus should be no larger then a mini van and your input will increase traffic safety as a smaller vehicle is routed there.

tracted by poor behaviour of the students, drivers attempting to get where they want to do and irritated by the interruptions in traffic flow and by all the demands on their concentration. They are the most overworked driver in the traffic environment.

LEAVE EXTRA TIME WHEN SCHOOL IS IN AND REMEMBER THE SCHOOL BUS NEEDS YOUR HELP TO PREVENT COLLISIONS AND INCIDENTS.

DRIVE TO ARRIVE ALIVE!

CHOOSING A VEHICLE

YOUR NEXT VEHICLE - new or preowned - it is the same process.

Can I get in and out of the vehicle with ease and no pain?

Will a Walker, Wheel Chair or other devices fit in the vehicle in an accessible manner?

Is it an all weather vehicle with all wheel drive? If not, is it just to be used in summer?

Did you know that Front Wheel Drive vehicles have 40% more single vehicle collisions than Rear Wheel Drive vehicles and that All Wheel Drive has the least amount of single vehicle collisions in bad weather.

Will it go a reasonable range on a full tank of fuel? (Tank Size, bigger is better) combines with fuel economy to provide a reasonable range of travel. The minimum should be in the 500 Km range on the highway.

Will it fit my garage or parking area both from height, width and length but also from turning ability so that you can enter your space or parking area without a lot of fuss?

Does it have enough capacity to carry you, and any stuff you wish to carry? The average small passenger car has a maximum carrying capacity of 350 KG and that includes, driver, all passengers, luggage, and whatever else you carry. **If you have two people who are in total weight over 250 KG in the front seat, the vehicle's front suspension is overloaded.** So choose a vehicle that carries you and all your stuff with a 30% margin so that the unexpected load or trip does not take it to full capacity.

road users.

A school bus is basically a three ton truck with a passenger carrying box where seats are added for students . It is beyond my comprehension that a majority of buses do not have monitors to take care of the children and enforce basic rules of safety as well the actions of the students create distractions for the bus drive who should not be expected to deal with traffic and the students. It in it self is

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

These people should receive medals for the abuse they take from parents, kids, and other drivers. They are constantly dis-

More next issue.



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THE CONNECTED VEHICLE

Are you aware that your vehicle tells on you?

The modern connected vehicle has the ability to communicate with its Manufacturer, Regulatory Agencies, Law Enforcement, Medical and any individual or group that is monitoring its broadcasts 24/7/365

Yes, the stories of cars been hacked, vast data uploads to business, people and governments and you do not even know about all parts of the process. With the 'Find My Car' feature - not only your phone, computer or Emergency Provider can find you, but if stolen you can find exactly where it is using the built in GPS.

How about the car knowing when your illness is acting up and it calls the paramedics? Great idea but how about criminals being able to monitor and take over the vehicle. Yes it is happening today. This sounds like science fiction but it is a billion dollar industry that wants to track you and your friends 24/7/365 to ensure its profitability and provides access to your vehicle, its safety components, and you with a click of a mouse on a computer

More to come as I detail the stuff that is being installed in your vehicle that you can not turn off.

Anybody for a 1970's vehicle with no computer?

Be Fit with Gwen

Gwen Bonneville was the 2012 Road Runner of the Year for Athletics Manitoba and has numerous age group championship wins.

Cabos is Calling

Fall and back to School for the kids and time to get fit for the Winter Vacation in the South.

With the need for good health when traveling and the desire to look good as well as be healthy means let's start our Vacation Health Plan with some simple goal setting.

Are you ready for the beach, disco and the fun of a vacation with your best look and being as healthy as you can be?

Step One

Set reasonable achievable goals and sufficient time to achieve them.

To lose weight you need a minimum of 3 months to get things in order. Try joining a Wellness Facility and take such courses as fitter firmer faster, or combine aerobics, yoga, aqua exercise and muscle/ strength routines that will, no matter what age, put you in the best condition possible.

Step Two

Start with a food plan that eliminates the bad foods and the over indulgence in sugar and white flour based foods. At times it is as simple as reducing processed



Step Four

Get the whole family and friends into the act and have a support group that will assist you in your goals.

Step Five

Set out the times each day and make sure that you complete your diet, exercise program as your first priority of every day. Living for you is your mind set requirement and you will be rewarded by success and good health. It's all in a frame of your mind and that must be to be as healthy as possible with exercise, diet, and your time.

FLASHBACK WEEKEND



'Flashback Weekend" September 11-13, 2015

by Larry D'Argis

The Fabulous 50's Ford Club's Annual Flashback Weekend - September 11-13 - has been Manitoba's largest car event for more than a decade. The three-day affair begins with a Friday night Sock Hop Social at the Transcona Country Club. Patrons of the event can not only wax nostalgic as they twist the night away to the sounds of a live rock n' roll band, but also take part in an abundant silent auction with proceeds going directly to the Rehabilitation Centre for Children Foundation. Even if you can't cut a rug, you can enjoy watching those who can, as dancers from both Patricia's Dance Studio and Shirley's Dance Studio will be on hand to give valuable tips on how to avoid stepping on your partner's toes.

Saturday the journey down Memory Lane continues with a scenic afternoon Classic car cruise from the Garden City Inn on McPhillips Ave. to the Half Moon Drive In located in Lockport, MB. The cruise route runs North down Main Street, then winding down River Road and across the locks of the Red River at Lockport to Henderson Hwy. First timers will love it and if you're from the Winnipeg area and you remember the era, this leisurely drive in the family sedan was almost a weekly ritual.

absolute Mecca for car enthusiasts. Drawing over 1,200 classic, antique and special interest vehicles and an estimated crowd of over 30,000 people, it's not just your average parking lot party. Entertainment is again provided by a live band and in between sets Specialty Music's Ray Wheeler will play those hits of the past. In addition to the entertainment there will be a vendor's row of automobile goods and services along with 41 awards for the best vehicles in attendance. Further support for the Rehabilitation Centre For Children Foundation continues in the form of a 50/50 draw with a maximum payout of \$3,500. The day's event is FREE to both participants and spectators with vehicle registration opening at 10 A.M. and the show running from Noon to 5:00 p.m. when it spills over into Sunday Cruise Night with an en masse cruise to the Pony Corral Restaurant on Grant Ave. at Wilton. It's an afternoon of good, clean fun for the whole family!

HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS!

foods and restaurant meals.

Step Three

Remember that too fast a weight loss can be very unhealthy and will result in weight gains as soon as your program is over.

See you as we run the roads and stay healthy.

- Gwen

On Sunday the South parking lot of the Garden City Shopping Centre at McPhillips and Leila Ave. will turn into an Sock Hop tickets only \$20.

Call 204-488-1679 and leave a message; we will get back to you or call or the Transcona Country Club -204-222-1640.

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Currie's Corner

Gas prices - gas pains

To celebrate our recent nuptuals, Mrs. Currie and I took a brief motoring vacation to the Kenora area on Lakes of

the Woods, one of my former homes. Lo and behold, we were 'victims of crime', along with millions of other Canadians trying to enjoy the summer.

The crime happened when we stopped to buy gasoline, and the frustrating part is the totally helpless feeling you have while your pocket is being picked. Leaving Winnipeg on a Monday, the price at the pump was \$1.03. When we got to Kenora it was \$1.23. "Ive seen this bad movie before" I said to myself. 15 years ago, when I lived in Sunset Country, it was quite common to see a price that was 10 cents higher than Winnipeg, but 20 cents?

Four days later we drive home to find the Manitoba pump price at \$1.23, an overnight jump of 20 cents a litre. Since then, the Manitoba price has fallen back 9 cents, while the price in northwest Ontario has jumped another 6 cents to \$1.30. We're told that more of our gas nowadays comes from American refineries, and a problem at a plant in Indiana was the reason for the 20 cent jump. We certainly can't blame it on the price of oil which is struggling to stay above \$41 U.S. per barrel.

It's very interesting that all this happens during a federal election campaign in Canada. There was a time not long ago that we would have heard demands for price controls, and efforts to organize boycotts. This time, the only politician to say anything about it was Gilles Duceppe, the recycled leader of the Bloc Quebecois. He's not running any candidates outside Quebec, but he thinks the Competition Bureau in Ottawa should get on the case.

Nobody really knows anything when it comes to gas prices, except for those famous three words about why the retailers raise the price ... Because They Can !

Drive carefully, and enjoy what's left of the summer. ■

CARP Chapters raise the flag in salute to community seniors

October 1st is National Seniors Day and the Winnipeg CARP Chapters 47 & 53 will join Mayor Brian Bowman to raise the CARP flag and celebrate seniors for their enormous contributions to our community.

CARP Chapter 47 Winnipeg West & Chapter 53 Winnipeg East, as part of National Seniors Day and the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of October 1st as the International Day of Older Persons, invite members of Winnipeg this day at 9 am to a free CARP flag raising ceremony at City Hall, 510 Main St. Mayor Brian Bowman will give a speech along with Rene Lewis, Co-Chair of CARP Chapter 47 to thank seniors and draw attention to their contributions in making our community a great place to live.

The ceremony will run approximately 20 minutes. This ceremony was begun by CARP to celebrate National Seniors Day and raise awareness of the enormous contribution made by senior to our community. Seniors provide volunteer work, caregiving, sharing knowledge, wisdom and expertise to the benefit of the next generation and our community.

CARP chapter members will be on hand for any questions about CARP and why they are involved and their concern about the future and healthy aging in our community.

CARP is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization with over 300,000 members, committed to a 'New Vision of Aging for Canada', promoting social change that will bring financial security, equitable access to health care and freedom from discrimination. Our mandate is to promote and protect the interests, rights and quality of life for Canadians as we age. ■ Advertising Feature BULLION 101 By Marlene Sturrey

For those who missed my *Bullion 101* article, it is back by popular demand. Enjoy reading and should you have any questions please call **Collectibles Canada** at **204-586-6263** and we will be very happy to provide the information you need to make an informed decision on your investment and to help you understand trading in precious metals.

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Dominion of Canada By Metro Hnytka

When Canada became a nation of its own, it had difficulty having enough of its own currency for this large nation. Many coins were minted by the Heaton Mint in England; this is why there is an "H" on the obverse lower part of some coins. To compensate for the lack of coinage a 25¢ paper note was issued. They were called shinplasters (an American nickname). The American shinplasters were issued by banks, wealthy persons, and by local merchants using a poor quality paper. Adding starch to the paper was said would make a paper mâchée that could be used to make plaster to go under your socks to warm your shins.

In Canada, they were issued by the Dominion of Canada in 1870-1900 and 1923. They were interesting to say the least and I have been fortunate to have kept a few. Here is one of them.



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One dollar note

The small 25¢ paper note was dwarfed by the one dollar note and because of its size was labelled a horse blanket. At one time, it was considered too common to be a collectable but things have changed considerably. This note is a 1923 issue from my collection.



Four dollar

From 1882 to 1902 Canada has a \$4 paper note. This made little sense to me why \$4 but it must have had merit in its time. It definitely is a different note and very collectable.

Prior to 1935, many chartered banks printed their own \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. These banks were Bank of Montreal, Bank of Commerce, Bank of Hamilton, and Royal Bank of Canada. There were others but they were for local use.

1935 Bank of Canada

This is by far my favourite series, a completely different look to some of its bills like a blue \$2 bill, a pretty pink \$20 and a \$25 bill. Besides a \$50 and \$100 note, it also had a \$500 and a \$1000 bill. These were printed in both French and English series. I have been fortunate to keep some of these bills. These bills can still be found around. One day, I was at a friend's place and used his bathroom and low and behold there was a 1935 \$20 bill in a frame with a 1937 \$1 and \$10 bill. I asked him if he would sell the \$20 bill. He asked me for a price and the deal was made. My coin dealer friends said I paid too much for it but I still have the \$20 bill and I still have my friend, a win-win situation, a great deal. Many of these paper notes will be able to be seen at our next coin show at the Marlborough Hotel, 331 Smith Street on October 31st and November 1st of 2015. Come and take a look, it is like going to a museum for a very small admission fee.



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Young, I. Leahanna. (2012). Savoring sage time: The journey from no one to wise one. Bloomington: iUniverse, Inc.

In Savoring Sage Time, author I. Leahanna Young provides a road map for growing old and wise and appreciating the mature years of life's journey.

The book speaks to being fully present in our daily encounters with those around us and with nature. Ms. Young shares with us life experiences from people she has met in her travels who recognize that aging can be a rich adventure and that there is value in years lived.

The basic message of this book is to be present to the moment, to relish, the gifts of taste, smell, hearing, touch, and sight. To age gracefully continue to play, learn, and grow in mind and spirit.

> *Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.* It's about learning to dance in the rain. \sim Vivian Green \sim \blacksquare

Selak, Joy. (2013). You don't look sick!: Living well with invisible chronic illness. (2nd ed.). New York: demosHealth.



You Don't Look Sick chronicles one person's true-life story of illness and her physicians commentary as they journey through the four stages of chronic illness-Getting Sick, Being Sick, Grief and Acceptance and Living Well.

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This book is thoroughly revised and updated based upon feedback from readers of the first edition. \blacksquare

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Aboriginal Senior Resource Centre -

CASH BINGO, Thurdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26/15, Jan. 28/16, 1 pm (doors open 12 pm), 45 Robinson St. Everyone welcome. Proceeds go to ASRC Seniors and Elders programs and activites. 204-586-4595

Friends of Library Book Club (a FREE monthly book club) - Meetings: 10:15-11:30 am, 2nd floor, Millennium Library. Sept 15: The Opening Sky, by Joan Thomas. New members welcome.

Canadian Diabetes Association - CDA You Expo, Sat. Sept. 26, 9 am-1 pm at Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave., with Canadian health icons Hal and Joanne of Bodybreak, speakers, seminars, trade show. Free admis-Scope. sion. For more info: www.diabetes.ca/expo or 204-925-3800 Ext. 226

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Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope -Sun. Sept. 13, 8:30-11:30 am, Rainbow Stage in Kildonan Park. September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. Call 1-877-413-7970 or for more info visit www.ovariancancerwalkofhope.ca

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Winnipeg Branch - Free Welcome Dance, Wed. Sept. 9, 8 pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, 830 North Drive at Point Rd., Fort Garry. No partner needed. Enjoy the great exercise and friendly folks. For info: 204-284-4667 or www.rscdswinnipeg.ca

Ř Forum Art Centre - Fall classes start Scope V Sept. 14 at 120 Eugenie St. Over 30 artistic options, days, evenings, weekends. Register now. Free parking, wheelchair access. Offering fine art instruction for 51 years. Info: 204-235-1069 or www.forumartcentre.com

Nearly New Shop - \$5 Bag Clothing Sale, Sept. 1-12, Mon-Sat, 10 am-4 pm at 961 Portage Ave. The store, run by volunteers. Get your Fill! Proceeds to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

Westview Dance Club - Social Ballroom dancing for couples. 30 weeks of lessons and practices, monthly Social/Dinner

Things to do in Winnipeg Dances. Registration and Dance, Tues. Sept. 1, 7 pm, at Oak Bluff Recreation Centre. Contact Ann: 204-775-1989, e-mail: westviewdancewpg@gmail.com or http://members.shaw.ca/

west-view/index.htm Village Green English Dance - Boost your brain & physical health. Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, starting Sept. 16 at Harrow United Church, 955 Mulvey Ave. Everyone Welcome. Info: Katherine 204-475-2097 or villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org

Knights of Columbus Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374 - hosts Farmer's Market, Sun. Sept. 13, 9 am-3 pm, 1085 Main St. Local Fresh Vegetables supplied by Neumann's Market. All Proceeds Raised for the Holy Family Home Chapel Project.

Community Living Winnipeg - 9th ۶ Annual Fall for Fashion Luncheon and Show, Thank Fri. Sept. 11, at Fort Garry Hotel, Grand Ballroom. Doors open 11 am, lunch 12 pm. Speaker, raffle prizes. Tickets \$75 - call **204-**786-1414 or www.fallforfashion.ca/tickets ē, In support of people with intellectual Sco disabilities and their families.

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Middlechuch Personal Care Home -Volunteer needed for rehab assistant to help with transporting residents to our rehab dept. Contact Matt Mutcheson: 204-336-4138.

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Victoria Lifeline Home Service Representative - Volunteers needed to travel throughout Winnipeg to explain and set up the Lifeline equipment in people's homes. Must have a car, mileage reimbursed. Melissa: 204-956-6773 for info or email msitter@vgh.mb.ca

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Vista Park Lodge Personal Care Home in St. Vital - Volunteers needed. Call Janet Paseshnik: 204-257-6688

Southeast Personal Care Home is looking for volunteers during the day, evening or the weekend to assist with the recreation programs. Call 204-269-7111 ext. 2247

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Dufferin Senior Citizen Inc. - 377 Dufferin Ave. Mon: shuffleboard 9:45 am, Bingo 1 pm; Wed noon: soup and perogy lunch. Everyone welcome including groups. Perogies avail. for sale. Every 2nd Sat: noon-3:30 pm dance with a 4-piece band (full lunch). 204-986-2608

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The St. James-Assiniboia 55+ Centre -3-203 Duffield St. The Centre offers a variety effective of different programs and services to adults 55+. Visit www.stjasc.com to view programs and services. (204) 987-8850

Mensheds Manitoba Inc. - peer run program by men for men at Woodhaven Community Club, 200 Glendale Blvd, Woodhaven in St James, Tue. and Wed. afternoons, 1 pm-4 pm. Call Doug: 832-0629 or 804-5165

them St. Chad's Anglican Church - Services at 472 Kirkfield St. Service of Holy Eucharist g and Sunday School, Sunday at 9 am. hel Fellowship with tea and coffee after service.

St. Vital Streamliners - meet Tuesdays, ertisers 6:45 at General Vanier School, 18 Lomond Blvd. Fun group with focus on weight loss and healthy living. Exercise suitable for all fitness and mobility levels. Modest membership fee. Call Carol at 204-269-4097.

Weston Seniors Club - Programs: computer training, cooking, guest speakers, presentation, luncheons, etc. Meet Tuesdays at 1625 Logan **204-774-3085**

Norberry-Glenlee CC - Programs for seniors. Now offering Pickleball at 26 Molgat Ave., St. Vital. Call **256-6654**

55+ Men's Club - meets Wed. & Thur. afternoons, 1-4 pm, at 3172 Portage Ave. Scope Various activities: art and hobby classes or just enjoy a cup of coffee. 987-8850

Senior Achievers - Meet every 3rd Thursday, 1-3 pm at 406 MacGregor St. Bingo, 50/50, meat draws, door prizes, coffee, and socializing. Call: 338-3833

High Steppers Seniors Social Club -Open Houses, 10 am-12 noon, Sept. 9, 10, 16. 17. Meet Wednesdays & Thursdays for 16, 17. Meet Wednesdays & Thursdays for fun and activities. New members and volun-teers welcome. Winakwa Community Centre, 980 Winakwa Rd, Call: **204-619-8477** Δ 980 Winakwa Rd. Call: 204-619-8477

Le Conseil des francophones 55+ -

ensures the accessibility and availability of French-language services and support programs for the French-speaking population 55 years and up living in Wpg. French only: Tai Chi Chih, light Yoga, Line dancing and Pickleball. 204-793-1054, 107-400 Des Meurons St., St-Boniface, Wpg., conseil55@fafm.mb.ca

Seine River Seniors Inc. - 204-253-4599 at Southdale CC. Activities: Bridge - Mon.; Walking - Mon.; Aft. Movies - 1st Tue. of mo. Call 204-452-5439; Brunch, 3rd Tue. of mo.; Creative writing Sept. 10: 204-275-1353; Canasta Fridays starting Sept. 11; Pansy Fall Supper, Sept. 13. Fall programs avail.

Assiniboia Wood Carvers Association -Woodcarving every Fri. 1-3 pm at Valour CC-Clifton Site, 1315 Strathcona St. Call Mel: 204-661-2213 or Wayne: 204-783-7340

Archwood 55Plus - Archwood Community Centre, 565 Guilbault Street - exercise classes, pickle ball, line dancing, social activities (monthly luncheons, bowling, card & board games), bus trips & more. 204-416-1067, www.archwood55plusinc.weebly.com

The Salvation Army - Seniors 55+ Program, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, at the Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre, 51 Morrow Ave. Coffee/tea, crafts, board games & more. Call 204-946-9152.

Vital Seniors - Bridge, Thursdays: 204-256-3832, Carpet Bowling, Tuesdays: 204-452-2230, Line Dancing, Mondays & Fridays: 204-334-3559, Free Exercise Class, Tuesdays: 204-253-0555 (Judy) Monthly Luncheon, Last Tuesday: 204-255-7508, Scrabble, Mondays: 204-487-7835. St. Mary Magdalene Church, 3 St. Vital Rd.

Elmwood-East Kildonan Active Living Centre - 180 Poplar Ave. & Brazier. Various scheduled and drop in activities. Call 204-669-0730 to confirm if activity still on.

Bleak House Senior Centre -1637 Main St. - Mon. 1 pm whist, Tue. 10 am coffee and conversation, 11.45 am Lunch, pm Bingo - Ceramics Thur. 1 pm Cribbage, Friday 9:30 am Quilting. Info: 204-338-4723

McBeth House Centre Inc. - 55+: Tues.: Quilting, 9-2 pm; cribbage day or evening; Thur.: porcelain painters, etc., 10-2 pm; Fri.: whist, 7-10 pm; Sat.: bridge, 1-4 pm. Looking for bridge players. Call **204-334-**0432 for info. House is also avail. for rental.

Prendergast Seniors Club - 906 Cottonwood Rd. Rm.20 - Crib Mon. & Wed.; Whist Thurs.; Exercise class Tues. & Fri.; Mon. luncheons 4th Wed., 1130 am-1 pm. All welcome. Call Joe/Mary: 204-254-8390

Lion's Place Adult Day Program - Social day program for seniors - physical, mental, and recreational programs. Transportation & hot lunch provided. Membership \$8.06/day. Call 784-1229. Referrals to the program are made through WRHA at 940-2655, or call your Home Care Case Coordinator.

The Friendly Settlers Senior Citizens Club - 400 Day St. (Transcona), Meet Mondays, 10 am for cribbage, lunch and bingo. Special events and group trips offered throughout year. Jean: 204-222-7504 or email: ganyadel4@mymts.net

Dakota 55+ Lazers Senior Centre -

various programs: Cribbage, Line dancing, floor curling, Quilting, fitness programs, etc. 1188 Dakota St. 204-254-1010 ext. 206.

Komarno - Fall Supper, Sat. Sept. 19, at Komarno Community Hall. Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6 pm Dance to follow with music 'BY REQUEST'. Tickets \$22.50. Advance tickets call Mona: 204-886-2994. All proceeds go to the Komarno Hall Renovations.

Thistle-Tyme - perform Jugs, Jars & Jollies show, Sept. 25 at A-Spire Theater (sponsored by) in Gimli. Tickets \$15 avail. at Tergesen's Store in Gimli or call: 204-642-8079

Tudor House Personal Care Home. In Selkirk, MB - Need Volunteers to assist with Recreation Programs, Rose Bistro Tuck Shop, Friendly visiting, etc. Also Nursing Volunteers/companions, Palliative Care, Office, and grounds and gardening. Call Sable Chamberlain: 204-482-6601 Ext:21.

South Interlake 55 Plus - Beginner Line Dance, Wednesdays 6:45-7:30 pm, Regular Line Dance, 7:30-9 pm and Mondays 11:30

Things to do in Rural Manitoba **RURAL PROGRAMS / SERVICES / VOLUNTEERING**

am-1 pm at South Interlake 55 Plus on Keith Cousins Drive, Stonewall. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring water to drink. Admission \$1/class with 55 Plus 1-yr membership (\$20) - can arrange to pay membership after hours (4 pm) at a Wednesday class. Call Verna, Member of the Quarry Strutters Line Dancers: 204-467-5090 or email: verrod1@mymts.net

Springfield Seniors Community -

Congregate Meals are available to all community seniors. Oakbank: Mon/Tues/Fri - 5 pm. Wed/Thurs, noon. Call 204-444-3132. Dugald: Mon/Wed/Fri - 5 pm. Cooks Creek: Mon/Wed - 11:30. Call 204-444-6000. Anola: Mon-Fri, 11:45 Call 204-866-3622

Ritchot Senior Services - (serving seniors 50+ in the RM of Ritchot and Lorette) Need people to be on our list of available drivers, friendly visitors, housekeepers etc. Call Janice: 204-883-2880 or email: Ritchotseniors@mymts.net

Interlake North Eastman - Services to Seniors programs include: transportation, friendly visiting/phone calls, assistance with filling out forms, foot care, housekeeping, yard work, minor home repairs, Meals on Wheels, Congregate Meals, Lifeline, ERIK, errands, etc. Volunteer opportunities avail. Call for info: Arborg and District Seniors Resource Council 376-3494; Ashern Living Independence for Elders 768-2187; Brokenhead/Beausejour Outreach for Seniors at 268-7300; East Beaches Resource Center (Victoria Beach) 756-6471; Eriksdale Community Resource Council 739-2697; Fisher Branch Seniors Resource Council 372-8703; Gimli Seniors Resource Council 642-7297: Lundar Community Resource Council 762-5378; Riverton & District Seniors Resource 378-2460; St. Laurent Senior Resource Council 646-2504; Selkirk -Selkirk & District Senior Resource Council Inc. 785-2737; Stonewall - South Interlake

Seniors Resource Council 467-2719; Springfield Services to Seniors 853-7582; Teulon and District Seniors Resource Council 886-2570; Two Rivers Senior Resource Council, Lac du Bonnet 345-1227, Pinawa 753-2962 or Whitemouth/Reynolds 348-4610 or Winnipeg River Resource Council **367-9128**

Springfield Seniors Community Events

- Canasta/Bingo - Tuesdays, Pickleball -Wednesdays. Call **204-853-7582**. Reviving the Past - Cooks Creek Museum Thursdays (call Liz 204-444-3247).

East St. Paul 55+ Activity Centre

(262 Hoddinott Ave.) - Area residents are welcome to join and take part in playing cribbage on Tuesdays, whist on Fridays. Other activities include quilting, shuffleboard, book club, yoga, potluck suppers and casino trips. Call 204-654-3082 (msg).

Email ready-to-print electronic PSAs to: kelly_goodman@shaw.ca. No faxes please. Format: Who (what company or organization is holding the event), what event, date, time, place, about the event, contact info.



Sweet Cucumber Dressing

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	Metric	Ingredient	Imperial
	2	cucumbers, peeled, seeded & finely diced	2
	1	red onion, finely chopped	1
	1	red chili, finely chopped	1
	30 ml	pickled ginger, shredded	2 tbsp
	30 ml	rice wine vinegar	2 tbsp
	2 ml	sesame oil	1/2 tsp

In a medium bowl; combine cucumber, onion, chili, ginger, vinegar and oil. Cover and let stand at room temperature.

Serve over your favorite prepared fish.

Serves 4

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Apple Ginger Soup

Metric	Ingredient	Imperial
1	apple, peeled, cored & chopped	1
1 L	carrots, peeled & chopped	4 cup
500 ml	onion, chopped	2 cup
1	celery stalk, chopped	1
2	parsnips, peeled & sliced	2
1.5 L	vegetable or chicken broth	6 cup
50 ml	fresh ginger, chopped	1/4 cup
-	salt & pepper to taste	-
-	yogurt or sour cream for garnish	-

In a large stockpot; combine apple, carrots, onion, celery, parsnips, broth, ginger, salt & pepper. Bring to boil. Cover and simmer on medium heat until vegetables are tender, approximately 30 minutes. Puree in blender. Serve with dallop of sour cream or yogurt.

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England – Dogs In Pubs, Dogs On Buses, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs.

By William J. Thomas

The English are distinguished by tea and scones, ales and meat pies, jumpers and knick-

ers, trousers and tweeds and of course their beloved dogs.

The English absolutely adore their dogs and come by this craze for canines, honestly. When King Charles II came to the throne in 1660, dogs enjoyed an unprecedented place in the Royal household. Queen Victoria kept as many as 75 dogs in the kennels of Windsor Castle. Currently Queen Elizabeth has five dogs, all direct descendents of Susanne, the corgi she received as a gift on her 18th birthday. All Royal family members have dogs and of course, Prince Charles actually left Lady Diana for a real woofer.

When told Arthur, his black and white spaniel would not be allowed into Windsor's Guild Hall for his civil marriage to David Furnish, Elton John made the dog his best man. Arthur attended the wedding without incident. So yes, all queens past and present are crazy about dogs.

A few years back on my trek across England I stayed in pubs like, The Fox & Hounds, The Dog & Partridge, The Black Bull, The White Lion and by the time I got there at the end of the day, there were usually three dogs waiting for me.

And you thought Canadians love their dogs?!? At Penrith, the local bus company has created a special five pound ticket so that a man and his dog can make a circular, six-stop pub crawl in which neither the owner nor the dog have to drive.

The Lake District in Cumbria is so dog friendly the Watermill Inn & Brewing Company near Windermere offers up 16 real ales brewed on premises and they are all – Ruff Justice, Collie Wobblers, Isle of Dogs, Dogth Vader – named after dogs. (My suggestion? God's Dyslexic Dark Ale?)

The Watermill pub is so pup friendly, they replaced all the urinals in the washroom with fire hydrants. Okay, so I made that one up but the rest is refreshingly true.

I think dogs in England go to pubs for the same reason men do – they're trying to escape from the controlling cat at home, the way men avoid their wives. And most nights, they both have to be driven home.

Like the boys that hold up the bar at the local Belmont Hotel, dogs in English pubs know that if they create any kind of a ruckus they'll be turfed out onto the street. So they never bark or dart about, the dogs that is, they just sit under their owners' tables and whine at each other across the room. It sounds like Karaoke Night with bad speakers at the aforementioned Belmont Hotel.

Suffice to say for a small island with 60 million people there are an awful lot of dogs in England.

Britain has to be the pet friendliest country in the world. Sure, they have all the questionable extravagances that we have like pet spas,

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day care, walking holidays, high-end gourmet meals, health insurance and designer clothes. But it hardly stops there. In Britain dogs are allowed in most hotels, in most pubs and on all local buses. Even some cafes and restaurants offer dogs a place at, sorry, under the table. By comparison, whereas British dogs have democratic rights it would seem Canadian dogs are living under dictatorial conditions.

We really should be opening up more public domains to dogs in this country. Still missing my Jake, in England I petted Border Collies in pubs, ate next to terriers in restaurants and talked to a lurcher sitting next to me on buses. I did not feel ill, get bitten or witness even one 'accident.' And naturally, introduced by their dogs I met a lot of fine and friendly people.

Dogs in public places are the greatest catalyst to social interaction humans have. Forget candy being dandy and liquor being quicker, you let me take a dog onto the Toronto subway system where eye contact is apparently illegal and I will give you the first names of six passengers in as many stops.

"How cute is he?" "Can I pet him?" "How old is this guy?" Etc., etc. You want a friendlier world, let dogs do what they do best – be adorable and charm the pants off strangers. We should be using dogs in public places the same way Walmart offers us 'greeters.' We are now bringing cats and dogs into nursing homes and children's hospitals to relieve loneliness and stress. Why not everywhere? I think dogs should be allowed everywhere including malls and retail stores. (But not pet stores. That's just asking for trouble.)

In Canada it seems every time you turn around there's "No Pets Allowed" signs staring at you. In England, every time you turn around there's a dog smiling at you with an owner singing his praises.

Seriously, what we need in this country is a Pet Power movement that would create a strong and passionate group of people to advance the rights of our best friends. The punishment for cruelty to animals is still woefully weak and sporadic. Humane societies are overcrowded because spaying and neutering is far too expensive. It seems everybody in this country believe our pets deserve a better deal in society except those who make the laws.

PET POWER – and just like our parliamentary system we'll use England as the model. ■

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