

MOMENT Bud Ulrich

In the comfort of Susan's condo located in St. Boniface, I had the opportunity to chat with Winnipeg's 40th mayor. Clearly, Susan is very proud of her accomplishments, not only as a businessperson, but as the first and only woman mayor of the City of Winnipeg. Her time in office had moments of intense frustration, severe challenges, successes, and change. More about that later.

I find it interesting how people start out and continue on their various paths in life. Susan was born in 1947 at the old Grace hospital located on Arlington Street in the West End of Winnipeg. She was raised on Douglas Park Road in sunny St. James and lived there until she got married. She attended St. James Collegiate, University of Winnipeg Collegiate, and University of Winnipeg. When asked if she was a good student, she said, "Sometimes yes, and sometimes no."

Susan's mother was a "stay at home mom" and was passionate about family and community. She was a self-proclaimed mayor of Douglas Park Road. Susan said her mom was a woman of integrity and determination. Obviously, her mom's traits rubbed off on Susan! There is little doubt that Susan's accomplishments as an adult are a direct result of what she learned as a child. Her father was intelligent, shrewd, sensible, and a hardworking man. He is well-known as the owner of Birt Saddlery, formerly located on the corner of Main Street and Bannatyne Avenue. Susan has three siblings, two sisters, Lenore and Barbara, and one brother, Norman. Susan is the youngest. Susan had a summer job at the University of Winnipeg Library where she enjoyed her interaction with people. She made the She purchased her dad's business in October of 1980 and by early 1981, interest rates on borrowed money were a whopping 21%. She nearly lost everything, but as fortune may have it, along came John Travolta and his part in the movie, 'Urban Cowboy.'

Business was incredible.

 \sim Susan Thompson

HIS Worship

Susan A. Thompson





"Well then, starting tomorrow you are paying rent." She worked for one year at the library, but the rent had a profound effect on her lifestyle. She applied for a position at Eaton's. The interview went well until the question of education came up. Susan discovered that she only had a complete grade ten. I think the "lights came on" for Susan, and she returned to school to complete her high school education. I have read Susan's recent book, His Her Worship - Moments in History, Moments in Time. I want to share a cute story of her youth. Like some teenagers, she was a social success in exploring the lifestyle of dating boys. On one of her outings with

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decision to forego returning to school to complete her grade 12 and instead worked fulltime at the library. Upon advising her father of this decision, he quickly said,

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Active Aging Week -

Why am I talking about

something that is happen-

ing in October? Because it

is never too soon to start

planning your activities

for Active Aging Week!

Started by the Interna-

tional Council on Aging in

2003, this annual campaign is part of a

global movement which helps to dispel so-

ciety's negative perception of aging. It is a

chance to demonstrate that older adults

can make valuable contributions to their

community. Active Aging Week is a time to

promote a healthy lifestyle that helps to

challenge those misconceptions about

being active as we age. The key to active

aging is active living. Active living is asso-

ciated with many health benefits that help

to enhance our well-being and quality of

life. We often focus on the "active" part of

active living, but active living encompasses

several wellness dimensions such as social,

Emotional Wellness - developing emo-

tional resilience by managing our feelings

which contributes to our well-being. Being

able to maintain a positive outlook on life,

no matter what challenges and changes

Intellectual Wellness - take time to

boost your brain power. Learning a new ac-

emotional, physical, and more.

come our way.

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Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM) Inspiring active lifestyles

By Linda Brown, Executive Director, AAIM

tivity, doing a puzzle, engaging with others are all ways to keep our brains active.

Physical Wellness – includes committing to regular fitness activities that will benefit you in later life. It is never too late to get moving! Pursuing a balanced lifestyle that includes exercise, healthy nutrition, beneficial sleep, managing medical conditions, all contribute to our physical wellness.

Professional and vocational wellness – means living with purpose and passion. Finding satisfaction and fulfillment from work or volunteering.

Social Wellness – means staying connected with others and recognizing how important our relationships with our family and friends are and how those connections contribute to our overall health and wellness. It is important to maintain a diverse social circle of friends you can rely on when needed.

Spiritual Wellness – Could include meditation, mindfulness, journaling and finding balance in your life and with the world around you.

Environmental Wellness – enjoy the outdoors – the benefits of being in nature are proven to have a positive effect on our overall wellness and our mental wellbeing. By taking care of the environment, we are contributing to the wellness of our planet and ourselves.

A variety of events have been held over the years during Active Aging Week. So let your imagination go to work on planning



an event or events. Consider organizing a group walk, a dance, a cribbage tournament, a self defense/awareness educational session, a cooking demonstration, introduction to plant therapy - you can see the ideas are endless. Make it a time to get your community engaged, encourage people to get active, and contribute to the health of your community.

Active Aging in Manitoba takes a lead on Active Aging Week so watch our website for an Active Aging Week Guide or call us at **204-632-3947** to request a copy. We want to hear from you – what activities are you planning for Active Aging Week 2024? ■



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DOREEN STAPLETON – A Sandy Lake musician in tune with her community By Bud Ulrich



The town of Baldur, Manitoba is where it all started for Doreen, followed by several years of living in Brandon. At the age of six, she commenced piano lessons, and by the time she was sixteen she started teaching. Doreen is proud to be a musician. It became apparent that music is very important to her and is a major focus in her life.

Doreen and her husband Gary have a blended family of four children – a daughter, Kristina Gordon, and a son, Scott Gordon, both living in Winnipeg, sons Scott Stapleton living in Brandon, and Brent Stapleton living in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, USA. Five grandchildren round out their family. Doreen has a twin sister Coreen who lives in Nanaimo, BC (Vancouver Island) and a brother Gordon who lives in Baldur.

Doreen and Gary moved to Sandy Lake in 2001. Gary turned their cabin into a year-round residence. Sandy Lake became their choice spot to enjoy their retirement years. Along with other seniors in Sandy Lake, they enjoy their surroundings and all that it offers. It was a time in their respective careers to "slow down" and enjoy their friends. While chatting with Doreen, I sensed a lifestyle filled with enjoyment in this small farming community located some 265 kms northwest of Winnipeg near the west side of Riding Mountain National Park.

There are roughly 300 residents in Sandy Lake which blooms to a couple of thousand during the summer tourist sea-



Doreen Stapleton

son. Fishing, swimming, and camping are the main attractions of this quaint town in Manitoba. Four campgrounds provide ample spots for vacationers. Ice fishing during the winter months is very popular. More and more seniors are retiring to this serene town.

Doreen said, "This beautiful small village is a well-kept secret." Indeed, there is something magical about life alongside a lake. The sounds of loons with their distinct somewhat haunting quality and the viewing of northern lights are just a few of nature's beauty at Sandy Lake. Local wildlife is abundant, including deer and perhaps too many bears. The bears can be dangerous, but most people are aware and alert.

Doreen has played the piano or organ at weddings, church services, conferences, dances, dinners, et cetera. Twice a month she entertains seniors at personal care homes. She also keeps occupied by teaching piano and organ to a handful of students. Doreen has instilled the community



Life alongside a lake is magical.

spirit in her students, arranging for them to entertain seniors at personal care homes, one of them being in the town of Erickson.

Doreen is a member at large with the Manitoba Association of Senior Com**munities** (MASC). This is a community resource for information on aging. There are close to one hundred communities in

Manitoba that embrace the Age Friendly Manitoba initiative under the guise of MASC. The assistance provided to seniors is impressive and varied. It supports senior independence and well-being and encourages their involvement in the community as well as providing programs that offer core Continued on page 6





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Dental Care Plan for Manitoba Seniors



The federal government announced a \$13 billion dental care plan on December 13, 2023, aiming to cover routine dentistry costs for low- and middle-income Canadians. Starting in 2024, coverage will extend to children under 18 and as of May 1, 2024 select seniors. The plan is to include all eligible individuals by 2025. The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) will cover various services, benefiting nearly nine million Canadians. Sun Life will administer the CDCP, with an education campaign for oral

Services Covered By The CDCP

health professionals to enrol in.

- Preventive services such as scaling (cleaning), polishing, sealants, and fluoride.
- Diagnostic services including examinations and X-rays,
- Restorative services like fillings, crowns, and dentures.
- Endodontic services covering root canal treatments.
- Prosthodontic services, encompassing complete and partial removable dentures.
- Oral surgery services, including extractions. While some of these services will be available in the fall of 2024, others such as teeth whitening, implants, and mouth guards will not be covered by the plan.

Eligibility Criteria:

To qualify for the CDCP, applicants must meet the following criteria:

• Individuals are required to have a total household income below \$90,000. The plan is most generous for households with

• Income tax return from the previous year must have been filed prior to applying.

- Applicants will be reassessed annually to confirm ongoing eligibility.
- Those with access to dental benefits through provincial, territorial, or federal programs can still apply for the CDCP if they meet all eligibility criteria.

Determining Adjusted Family Net Income:

Applicants must have an adjusted family net income of \$90,000 or less. This is not the family net income as indicated on tax returns. It involves deducting the income from both the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) and the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP).

Manitoba

Dentists in Manitoba are expressing concerns about the lack of detailed information regarding the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), advising dentists to hold off participation until issues are addressed. By June, seniors, children under 18, and adults with a valid disability tax credit will qualify for coverage. Dentists worry about ambiguity in the plan and potential discrepancies in payment amounts. The Manitoba Dental Association is cautious about fixed reimbursements, urging flexibility in choosing providers. Despite reservations, some Manitoba dentists, like Dr. Loewen, plan to participate, emphasizing the importance of addressing barriers to dental care access.

A Few Unanswered Questions How Does The CDCP Affect Seniors in Manitoba?

In 2024, seniors in Manitoba will be affected by the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) as they become eligible for coverage. The plan will cover a range of dental services for seniors, including routine check-ups, cleanings, fillings, and other necessary treatments. However, there are concerns that the fixed reimbursement rates under the CDCP may leave some seniors responsible for additional costs if their dentists charge more than what the plan covers. The Manitoba Dental Association is advocating for flexibility in choosBy Myles Shane

ing dental providers and ensuring that eligible Canadians can access care from any dentist. Despite these concerns, the CDCP aims to improve access to dental care for seniors in Manitoba and across Canada.

How Can I Find A Professional Offering The CDCP?

The federal government contracted insurance provider Sun Life to administer the program. The company recently launched a searchable database of available CDCP providers. (https://www.sunlife.ca/sl/ cdcp/en/member/provider-search/)

When will I be eligible?

The federal government is expanding eligibility for the CDCP gradually. As of May 1, 2024 Canadian residents 70 and older were allowed to access their oral health-care services covered by the program, and seniors aged 65 to 69 can now sign up online. If unable to sign up online seniors can call **1-833-537-4343**.

The program will be available to all eligible Canadian residents starting in 2025, according to the federal government.To qualify, a patient can't have access to any existing private dental insurance, regardless of how comprehensive your existing private coverage is.

Final Thoughts

In the meantime, seniors in Manitoba may face challenges with accessing dental care under the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). One major challenge is the uncertainty about coverage and reimbursement rates. Since the plan reimburses a fixed amount for procedures, seniors may encounter situations where their dentists charge more than what the CDCP covers, leaving them responsible for the difference. This could make dental care unaffordable or create barriers for some seniors. Additionally, there are concerns about the limited number of dentists participating in the CDCP, which may further limit seniors' options for accessing care. Overall, these challenges highlight the importance of ensuring that the CDCP addresses seniors' needs and provides sufficient coverage and access to dental services.

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Sri Lankan New Year Ceremony: Opened to Canadian Community





Dr. Dilantha Fernando, Dean of St. Paul's College, at the University of Manitoba, and Past President of the Sri Lankan Association of Manitoba (2011-2013) came up with a thoughtful idea to celebrate Sri Lankan New Year on April 14th (SUN) 2024 at St Paul's College. The total participation was more than 100 with a multinational and multicultural community living in the City of Winnipeg. I am confident this is the first time the Sri Lankan community conducted this type of new year celebration. For Sri Lankan partici-Continued on page 8

Susan Thompson (Part 1 of 2), cont'd from front page

her boyfriend, they parked in front of her home and their goodnight kiss extended past midnight. The lights on her house flicked off and on – a signal to call it a night. Of course, they ignored her father's warnings and continued to kiss. Suddenly, their passionate embrace was interrupted by the sound of air hissing out of the car's tires – a protective dad's way of saying "It's past curfew!"

At the young age of thirteen, Susan had a crush on a lifeguard at the local Y. His name was Garry. He was seventeen or eighteen, so the age difference prevented them from dating. However, four years later at the University of Winnipeg library, they met in a lineup at Tony's Canteen, and much to Susan's surprise, Garry didn't recognize her. They continued to see each other occasionally and their relationship grew. Finally, on the front lawn of the University, after two proposals by Garry, Susan accepted. They were married in September 1969. Four years later, due to a series of circumstances, it became evident their marriage was not going to work and they parted ways. Their values were too different. Several years later when Susan made the decision to run for mayor, a respectful friendship with Garry evolved between them. Garry helped to write many speeches while she was mayor. Susan was very appreciative of his help in writing her last State of the City address to the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. Garry was in the later stages of lung cancer. He couldn't attend Susan's speech and listened on a CJOB broadcast. He later called to tell her how great a job she did and how proud he was of her. Sadly, he passed away at the young age of fifty-five, two days after the speech. Susan said, "In good times, he was my best friend, my mentor and confidante."

In the early part of Susan's business career, she started off as a management trainee and sales supervisor, and western regional buyer for ladies' shoes in the Winnipeg store. She was promoted to Group Department Manager of the Eaton's store in Calgary. Shortly after this posting, The Bay offered Susan a position in Montreal as principal buyer for diamonds and gold, watches, clocks, and fashion jewelry for 100 stores across Canada. She jumped at this job opportunity and the excitement of living in Montreal was very attractive.

News came of her father's diagnosis of cancer and her life changed. She needed to return to Winnipeg. She purchased her dad's business in October of 1980 and by early 1981, interest rates on borrowed money were a whopping 21%. She nearly lost everything, but as fortune may have it, along came John Travolta and his part in the movie, 'Urban Cowboy.' Susan said, "business was incredible." However, at this time 50% of small businesses in Manitoba closed due to high interest rates. "It was a very difficult time." Susan had operated Birt Saddlery for fifteen years, but with the poor economy, her company could not survive. Familiar companies such as MacDonald Shoes, Big Four Sales, and Silverman Jewellers were some of the many stores that closed. Main Street was in a major decline due to the poor economy as well as the decline in downtown Winnipeg. ■

Part 2 - Next month features the highs, lows, challenges, and changes during Mayor Susan Thompson's terms in office.

Doreen Stapleton, cont'd from page 3

health services, dietary counselling, tax preparation, and awareness of fraud through telephone or computer scams. As a member of MASC, Sandy Lake receives monthly copies of the *Senior Scope* newspaper.

It doesn't appear that Doreen has slowed down. She spent twelve years on the municipal council. She chairs the Age Friendly Initiative Committee for their municipality of Harrison Park. One of the highlights is the "Elders Dance" program which includes older adults teaching students the various old-time dances – waltz, polka, schottische, and butterfly. The program concludes with a formal evening held at the local community centre with students organizing the event. Undoubtedly, there are many benefits of this great intergenerational activity. The ol' folks and the youngsters learn from each other.

Doreen was quite blunt when asked about the effects of COVID at Sandy Lake. She said, "It kicked the heck out of volunteerism!" I seem to recall a slightly more colourful description from Doreen, but "heck" will do for now. In small communities, the spirit of helping others vanished and people became comfortable being at home. "Although, in the last year there has been some improvement," said Doreen. Sandy lake is a close-knit community much like any other rural town. Social isolation is a major concern for Doreen. She was a rural representative on a committee involving a "senior strategy" with former Minister of Seniors and Long-term Care, Scott Johnston, in 2023. Concerns of housing, home care, and social isolation were discussed and deemed to be extremely important. Rural folks are fortunate as they know each other and their families. In a small community there is a wealth of skills to help each other as the need arises. In case of medical assistance, it is just a phone call away. Although Doreen wants to spend more time with her husband at their wonderful home in Sandy Lake, she enjoys helping others. Their neighbours are very close to her heart. She has been a member of the Eastern Star for forty years and will continue supporting their initiatives. MASC is very important to her, and her piano playing and teaching days will continue forever. She light-heartedly says, "The only people who work as long as music teachers are farmers." Rural Manitoba is rich with people who help others – Doreen Stapleton is one of those people!

My fly-by-night Date with Dementia By Irene LoScerbo

"Seven Oaks General? It's not even a real hospital." That's what fellow patient Gabriella J. says, and insists she has inside information that supports her theory.

As for me, well, I've been a mighty patient patient—until this morning.

My twenty-fifth (and final) day at S.O.G.H. has barely begun and already I've spied one of its resident house flies slowly zig-zagging the length of the vented windowsill to where my Ziploc snacks, toothpaste and toothbrush lay. I squish the lethargic Musca domestica Linnaeus (conquest #20) with a tissue, go flush it down the bathroom toilet, and while washing my hands, am dive-bombed by #21 and #22who buzz in from wherever. I reach up, pull a paper towel from the dispenser, fall back into my wheelchair swatting right, left, and centre, wheel into my room and discover yet another specimen where there was none before. Though stiff and lifelesslooking, #23 is apparently one of the Walking, not-quite Dead. Hubby arrives a few minutes before my lunch tray does, so, I take the opportunity to update him on the hush-hush housefly epidemic. I notice he has brought me a heavy fleece jacket for my trip home later in the day, and suddenly realize that, although spring has officially sprung, it is April. There is still snow piled up in the parking lot below my window, the grass is not riz, I don't care where the birdies iz, and are the hospital higher-ups secretly propagating pestilence on purpose-just to bug me? We spot two more flies on the window, kill them, ditto for two others lurking on the floor. A fifth clings to the ceiling. We've become unwilling actors in a Hitchcock horror flick-but this is no movie set-we are in a hospital!



I share precious hospital space with people who, like me, are being treated for mobility issues. But two patients in particular have touched my heart for other reasons. There's my smiley roommate, Mac, who babbles incessantly, undresses during meals he refuses to eat, answers questions with "Yeah?" It was Mac's sing-song voice and distinct enunciation that first caught my attention-the care he took in choosing just the right words for his loud ranting, his obvious dismay when the perfect word eluded his grasp. "Hello there! The complexity of this-of my-of our-situation is—I—need—your—help. Pleasehelp-me. Police-help-me. PLEASE." This he repeats ad nauseam, after which, for good measure, he adds ten or twenty reps of "We—need—your—help. Please—help—us. Police—help—us. PLEASE." The man must be a writer, a radio announcer, a poet, perhaps. The sincerity of his pleading and his frustration at not being able to tell caregivers where it hurts or if he takes cream and sugar in his coffee, or if he even likes coffee at all, makes me cry. Surely, he is in deep distress 24/7-but does he know it? His visitors say Mac is indeed a writer-a brilliant, much loved gentleman in the early stages of dementia. I take comfort in recognizing that the disease has not had power enough to erase the essence of who this fellow once was-and still is. Gabby J. also suffers from a dementia-related illness. Unlike Mac, who is not aware that his brain plays tricks on him, Gabby wishes she could fix hers-and his. She is a screamer! A champion of the underdog, verbally challenging bureaucracy day and night. Staff members take advantage of Gabby's keen observatory powers and tendencies toward hypervigilance. They wheel

Mac out into the hallway and place him in her care. "Mac, eat your lunch!" "Sit down, Mac! Remember, you can't walk." "Hey, you nurses! Can't you see this poor guy needs your help?"

I joined Gabby out in the hall one day where she sat beside the nurses' station folding hospital wash cloths and towels warm from the drier, just to keep herself occupied, calm, and out of the trouble her condition gets her into—frequently. I don't know Gabby's story, but in moments of pure lucidity, her quiet eyes whisper to me that she has suffered plenty.

Physical or emotional, pain is pain and needs the healing touch of boundless Love—because Love is patient and Love is kind. It does not boast with pride or dishonor others, is not self-seeking or easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love always protects, trusts,

Perhaps Gabby J. was right, and Seven Oaks Hospital is not real, after all, but a corporate healthcare imposter, spawn of Global Swarming. And if the west walls of room 46, are infested, how many other such locations have escaped the attention of cleaning staff and become year-round breeding grounds for these creepy carriers of disease? Patient Relations has apologized for discomfort and inconvenience caused by the insects. They've passed on my concerns to the appropriate department for investigation and, I hope, speedy resolution.

Just as vivid in my mind's eye (and ears), but much more disturbing, is another drama playing out around me—in living colour, surround sound, X-rated and uncut. Dementia, as demon and dilemma is one plague that cannot be swept under a bed or shooed away with a careless flick of the wrist.

hopes, perseveres.

So, we sit and yak, fold and giggle, help each other pass a little time in another very long day in Unit 3, on the fifth floor of the institution that pretends to be a hospital. I pray for Gabby and her kin, as I do for my writer friend and his, for all hospital patients, myself included. I ask God to heap blessings on the hardworking healthcare professionals who have attended to our needs, and who, I believe, are trying their best to cope in near impossible situations. The wild screams, the moans and groans, the chronic despair visible on patients' faces-and, yes, the flies-they are all real. But so are the promises of God, who asks that we call on him in our time of trouble. And though Divine Rescue may not be pleasing to the eye or comfortable, it will be just what the Doctor ordered-and enough-because God's Love never fails.



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Care Fair – Navigating the Journey of Aging By Trish Bennett



One of the great things about being part of the Pros Know Expos and the older adult care world, is getting invites to so many wonderful events that are working together hand in hand for all of us and our aging in place initiatives.

Trish Bennett

On Monday, April 29th, we were honoured to be part of the 'Care Fair – *Navigating the Journey of Aging'* senior's event at Fort Garry United Church, 800 Point Road. This show was sponsored by Fort Garry United Church, St. Paul's Anglican Church, South Winnipeg Family Information Centre and the Fort Garry Senior Resource Finder Program.

This event had multiple programs with two morning seminars, 'Aging in Place' and 'Caregiver Fatigue', with guest speakers and



Care Fair - April 29/24 at Fort Garry United Church

numerous Information / Resource Stations located in the church hall. These stations included various community-based senior's resources, older adult health related resource providers and of course some government services for our aging population. Running from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, there was ample time for visitors to attend the seminars and check out all of the great resources that are flourishing in our fair city and province these days. Did I mention there was coffee, tea and some outstanding home baking, like the Pecan Pie Muffin, yes, that's what I said, Pecan Pie Muffins...Hmmm!

The time went by so quickly, too quickly actually, but in the end, this well attended, well organized and well-run event was a prime example of some of the fine efforts people in our city are making for us and for our well-being.

Thank you to the organizers, the sponsors, the exhibitors and of course, those of you who took the time to attend. It was a win, win, win! We can't wait for the next one. Job well done people!

Maybe navigating the journey doesn't need to be so hard... TB

Wildlife Haven - guests of Women's Canadian Club

Guests at the April lunch of The Women's Canadian Club of Winnipeg were delighted by a presentation by Zoe Nakata, executive director of The Wildlife Haven. Zoe's presentation titled "The Joys and Beauty of Spring in Manitoba" explored the beauty and wonder of Manitoba's wildlife during springtime. She spoke of numerous species returning from migration and others coming out of hibernation and the emergence of newborns. Through pictures and anecdotes, Zoe delved into the captivating details of baby animals found in our province's rich ecosystem. She included some interesting information on the problems involved with rehabilitating orphaned baby birds and animals so that they can be

released back into the wild.

In addition, two volunteers were in attendance, each with a wildlife ambassador with an interesting background story. The great horned owl and Mississippi kite were both a delight to behold.

We will be welcoming guest speaker, Brenlee Carrington at our next luncheon on May 14 at the RBC Convention Centre. Brenlee, a retired self-employed lawyer, was recently chairperson of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and was the first equity omsbudsperson for the Law Society of Manitoba.

For more information and to make a reservation please contact **204-488-8750** or **rochelpin**@mts.net.





Volunteers show wildlife ambassadors from Wildlife Haven.

Sri Lankan New Year Celebration, cont'd from page 5

pants traditional dress code was also announced for mens' sarong and ladies' sarees. The traditional color of the New Year was blue and that was also included in the dress code. Happy to not majority adhered to the ceremonial attire. I saw (Head Chaplain of Christ the King Chapel Fr. Mark Filips) was wearing a white shirt similar to the Sri Lankan national dress. Therefore, I just asked him about the shirt.



What you need to know about the Prevention of Abuse Towards Older Adults



He told me that it was a gift from a Sri Lankan and he decided to wear it to grace this grand occasion.

The mass festivity was conducted at the chapel. Before starting the mass traditional brass oil lamp was lit by the distinguished invitees. There were two speakers (Tharu Fernando and Sheena Oguri.) who highlighted the significance of the new year in South Asia, particularly in Sri Lanka and India. Both not only highlighted the significance of the New Year but also the historical background such as recorded pieces of evidence of the history of Sri Lanka which is more than 3,000 years. Further, choir hymns too were sung beautifully in Sinhala, Malayalm and English.

After completing the holy mass celebra-

Just after lunch the audience was in for a real surprise when Sri Lankan Dream Star made an appearance. It was none other than Suneera Sumanga who is now world renowned with his Amaradeva style singing. Three Sri Lankan new-generation singers conducted a grand show in Winnipeg on 30-3-2024. Suneera was one of them. As a Catholic, he sang hymns with the choir. As a result, of Suneera being trained as a singer in his school days at De Mazenod College in Sri Lanka and in his church choir, he was a natural addition to the festivities. In 2017, he won the first place in national singing competition and became the Derana Dream Star. He entertained the crowd with his beautiful voice and made the event a very special one to remember for a long time to come. Suneera sang Sinhala and Hindi songs and got the audience to participate in his last song to sing along with him. All in all, it was a great Sri Lankan New Year celebration on the 14th of April. A first in Winnipeg. I am sure many will have lovely memories of this for a long time to come.

This virtual session is geared towards WRHA funded Support Services to Seniors 55+ serving organization board and staff members and older adult service providers who work with older adults in the community.

DATE: May 27th, 2024 TIME: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

To register send an email to: ssseducation@wrha.mb.ca

- Deadline to register is May 17th, 2024
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 - recognize the warning signs and help identify abusive situations
- Find what help and resources are available
- Where and how to report Elder Abuse
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

tion in the chapel (from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon) it followed by the well-planned potluck with a Sri Lankan lunch menu with delicious options including milk-rice to make it an auspicious event. For dessert, there were fruits, a variety of Sri Lankan oil cakes and watalappan.

Mark your calendars for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) – June 15, 2024

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is June 15, 2024. WEAAD involves activities to bring greater recognition of mistreatment of older adults wherever they live throughout the world, and to highlight the need for appropriate action. It is intended to give abuse and neglect of older adults a global relevance that will sustain and move prevention efforts forward throughout the year and for years to come.

If you are hosting a WEAAD event in your community and would like some elder abuse prevention promotional materials and/or would like your event listed on the PEAM website (**www.peam.ca**) please email: **coordinator@peam.ca**.

Coming Together to Show We Care

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is a special day for Laura Bishop. Not only is it the biggest gathering for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, an organization she's been volunteering with for many years, but it's also an opportunity to come together with her colleagues and show support for families living with dementia across the province.

"I love the feeling I get from the Walk, the atmosphere is electric," says Laura. "There are tears, laughter and open conversations about dementia, which helps us all connect on a more personal level.'

Laura is an Executive Consultant at IG Wealth Management and has been a Walk Champion for over six years. She's also had the exciting role of Ribbon Cutter for the past three years, kicking off the Winnipeg Walk for cheering participants.

Right now, in Manitoba, around nine people a day are newly diagnosed with dementia. These are our family members, friends, colleagues and neighbours. The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is a chance for everyone to feel that support



and know they are not alone.

A dementia diagnosis isn't easy and as the numbers continue to rise, it's more important than ever to have easy access to support, resources and information. The Walk raises awareness and funding so the Alzheimer Society can continue to provide these services to families navigating the complexity of a dementia diagnosis.

Last year, over 100 teams participated in the Winnipeg Walk with more than 1,000 people coming together to show they care. "Attending the Walk has helped me fully

understand how widespread dementia is

Alzheimer Society of Manitoba

and how many people are impacted by it -including many people I work with," says Laura. "It's made me even more passionate about supporting the Alzheimer Society so families can keep getting the resources they need."

Laura invites all Manitobans to participate in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's this spring and for those in the Winnipeg area to join her and the rest of her IG Wealth Management team at Assiniboine Park on Saturday, May 25th. Let's make this the biggest Walk yet!

Things to Do – May 2024: - IG Wealth Management Walk

for Alzheimer's

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- Living with Dementia: First Steps - Part 2

May 11, 10-11:45 am, Virtual via ZOOM

Learn from Gerrit Theule, Partner at Wolseley Law, about the legal and financial matters related to dementia. Register for free at **Alzheimer.mb.ca**.

- Understanding Responsive Behaviours May 21, 2-3 pm, Virtual via ZOOM

In this session, learn more about responsive behaviours in those living with dementia, their potential causes and triggers, as well as effective ways for care partners to respond. Register for free at Alzheimer.mb.ca.

- Community Partner Programs

May 2024, Locations across Winnipeg Enjoy many of Winnipeg's attractions in a dementia-friendly space with our community programs. Geared for those living with dementia and their care partner, you can discover history at the Dalnavert Museum, explore the outdoors with Fort-Whyte Alive and so much more. To learn more about available programs, dates, times and more, visit Alzheimer.mb.ca/ communityprograms

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- Lori Derksen

She might not have X-ray vision or the ability to fly, but like Superman and his alter ego Clark Kent, Lori Derksen was raised on a farm and has always been driven by a deep and profound desire to help the people around her-family, friends, and strangers alike.

As a child, Derksen was fascinatedobsessed, she admits—by the story of Clark Kent, whose parents sent him to Earth from the planet Krypton when he was a baby. Young Clark was raised on a farm near the fictional town of Smallville, USA. Young Lori was raised on a farm near the very real town of Alexander, Manitoba, about 25 kilometres west of Brandon.

Derksen is the daughter of the late Peter and Verna (née Balzer) Derksen and was raised with her brother Steve on the mixed grain and cattle farm before the family moved into Brandon. Both sets of grandparents emigrated to Canada from Eastern Europe, and Derksen continues to embrace the Christian faith and Mennonite values that shaped her family's passion for community service.

Derksen has been especially inspired by her mother's faith and generous spirit: "She taught and inspired me to have a heart for service," she says. "I have tried to continue that legacy through my own life."

Verna Derksen worked at Brandon's Richmond Park Mennonite Brethren Church-where the family attendedfor over 20 years. Mother and daughter were also very active with Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization. To honour her mother's memory, Lori Derksen's estate planning includes a bequest to Operation Christmas Child. To honour both her mother and father-who loved the ballet (especially A Cinderella Story, the last ballet they saw together)-her will also includes a gift to Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Her third bequest is a gift to the Health Sciences Centre Foundation, designated to spine and

ff ... You don't have to be wealthy or well-established or make a huge gift to make a difference. My philosophy in fundraising is: every penny counts. 77

~ Lori Derksen

back research and care. As someone who deals with chronic spine and back issues, this is a particularly meaningful bequest for Derksen. She spent a great deal of time researching her choices and understanding how her bequests would make a difference: "I think my mom would have been proud of my choices." Derksen believes deeply in the importance of philanthropy in making a differencegifts of all sizes from people from all walks of life. "I'm certainly not a wealthy woman," she says. "I've worked in the not-for-profit sector my



Lori Derksen

whole life, and I grew up on a very small family farm, but I want to communicate that you don't have to be wealthy or well-established or make a huge gift to make a difference. My philosophy in fundraising is: every penny counts."

After graduating from Assiniboine Community College, Derksen moved to Winnipeg to begin her storied career in the not-for-profit sector. She has enjoyed stints in corporate sponsorship, event management, communications, and fundraising with various organizations in education, the arts, health care, community development, and agriculture. She is particularly proud of her work with Canadian Mennonite University, Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, and STARS Air Ambulance. At the time of writing, Derksen is working as Director of Member Development at the Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada.

Derksen is very close with her brother Steve, his wife Rhonda, their children Dawson (Alexandra) and Samantha (Cameron), and their family pups Bailey and Oshie. She loves spending time with friends, reading, binge watching a favourite show or movie, working on projects in her character home, and baking (cookies are a favourite, along with her mom's recipes for doughnuts and butterhorns). She also enjoys antiquing and visiting vintage shopsusually in rural Manitoba-where she sets her sights on vintage milk stools and floral items that tastefully adorn her 115-year-old character home in north Winnipeg near Kildonan Park. She also loves travelling, having taken recent trips to Alaska and Ireland, with another to Scotland in the works. And a trip to the Eastern European villages of her grandparents' births is making its way from the back of her mind to the top.

Lori Derksen finds her bliss in bringing people together for a common cause but is equally comfortable riding a quad as she did on the farm, baking dozens of cookies at a time, or searching for the perfect milk stool. Above all, though, she is driven to help people today through her professional work and acts of service and in the future through her generous planned gifts. Not only would her mom be proud, Superman would be, too.

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enhances both quality of care and life for seniors.

The citizenship model at Bergen Gardens focuses on the health and wellness of the whole person and allows individuals to make choices about their own life and how they want to be cared for. Each tenant has the opportunity to discuss how they want to live together as a community, individually, and with their loved ones who have the opportunity to visit. The staff regularly meet with tenants to discuss things such as meal planning, activities and the projects and goals they want to achieve. Mentors help elders support their goals and dreams, whatever that might be.





As conflict can be inevitable in a community setting, mentors proactively open discussions to talk about how the group would like to settle their differences. Everyone is considered equal and everyone's voice is heard. Bergen Gardens is committed to destigmatizing aging and humanizing care through the creation of a non-institutionalized community that empowers those who live and work in them.

On top of the emphasis on creating a thriving community, Bergen Gardens offers a wide range of living spaces and tailored packages to best suite your needs or the needs of your loved one. From studio suites, to 2 bedrooms, to memory care cottages, there's a space suited for everyone and the level of support that's required.

Tenants are treated as whole people who are encouraged to continue living meaningful lives. a time to be creative, resourceful and reach new goals.

If you're considering senior living or know someone who is, more information on the Bergen Gardens community and available suites can be found at bergengardens.ca.

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Get behind the arts-act now!

Arts organizations in our province need Manitobans now more than ever. While COVID, for the most part, is behind us, its effects live on.

The loss of income to actors, musicians, singers, dancers and visual artists was unprecedented. Most of these artists are just trying to catch up. Similarly, the companies that employ them have been scrambling to dig their way out of deficits and find creative ways to regain solid ground.

One Winnipeg theatre company had to pull the plug on an upcoming production in an effort to keep the organization afloat for the next season. It's just one of many difficult financial choices arts companies are facing in the aftermath of the pandemic, experts say.

In its first full season since pandemic restrictions were lifted, the WSO reported a \$1.3 million deficit. Fortunately, a COVID stabilization reserve fund, set up by the organization, was successful in offsetting some of the costs. But that is likely to run out this year. Meanwhile, the WSO is working with other organizations to lobby all levels of government for more financial support. RWB attributed their deficit primarily to inflation and the end of emergency funding from the federal government. Likewise, performing arts companies across Manitoba agree they urgently need government support to avoid a fiscal crisis in the coming year.

To help ease the burden, the Winnipeg Arts Council unveiled a four-year financial plan that includes increasing the annual funding allocation by five per cent every year from 2024 to 2027 – the course of the city budget.

As well, this year's federal budget proposes to provide \$31 million over two years, starting in 2024-2025, to the department of Canadian Heritage for the Canada Arts Presentation Fund to help support organizations that professionally present arts festivals or performing arts series.

In a very real sense, art gives meaning to our lives. It helps us look at the world in new ways – challenges our preconceptions and opens us up to different ideas and experiences. Arts educators believe that artistic disciplines, such as music, dance, theatre, visual arts, literary arts and media arts, have a positive effect on children's and adolescents' social-emotional development. The arts help build roadways to empathy, understanding, self-expression, compassion, engagement and communication. In the simplest terms, they make our lives better.

But what can one do to help? That's easy! Go to a Rainbow Stage production this summer. (Did you know it's Canada largest and longestrunning outdoor theatre?) Check out the many innovative offerings at the Manitoba Fringe Theatre Festival or purchase a pass to the Winnipeg Folk Festival, both happening in July.

And be sure to book your season's tickets to one or more of the city's major arts organizations – productions begin in the fall. Winnipeggers are fortunate to be home to the best in theatre, ballet, opera, symphony, jazz, choral music and more! If you can't attend a performance, your donations are welcome. Every organization has a website with instructions on the many ways you can make a difference to their bottom line.

Each year, Manitoba's arts organizations enrich Winnipeggers' lives in so many ways. Now they need our help. Isn't it time to give back?

Robbi Goltsman-Ferris is a CJNU volunteer

Membership Has Its Perks at CJNU!

All CJNU members in good standing should have received their new membership cards in the mail. These renewable plastic CJNU Perks Cards bring you new membership benefits!

CJNU has a new program that allows local businesses and organizations to offer discounts and other benefits to CJNU members. So far, over a dozen CJNU partners have signed up. Simply show your CJNU Membership Card to the participating business, and the benefit is yours!

A list of the organizations, with addresses and

describing the discounts and other benefits that each one offers, is attached. This information can also be found on the CJNU website, at CJNU.ca/perks

The list of Perks Partners is updated on a regular basis as more partners join the program, so please check from time to time. Updates will also be made every month in our Nostalgia Notes newsletter.

We hope that CJNU members take advantage of and enjoy these generous offers from our valued partners. Carry your CJNU Perks Card with you, and show it at participating businesses and organizations to receive the benefits they offer to CJNU members. And, be sure to thank them for being part of the CJNU cooperative community!



Our May Host Sponsor—The Victoria Hospital Foundation—during Mental Health Awareness Month

We're delighted to have our CJNU Remote Studio on-site at the Victoria General Hospital for the first time since 2019.

Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? In any given year, 1 in 5 people in Canada will personally experience a mental health problem or illness, indirectly affecting all Canadians at some point in their lives. Just last year, the Foundation opened a new, outdoor greenspace on the grounds of Victoria Hospital, dedicated to bringing mental health care outdoors. The Will & Mavis Tishinski Tranquility Trail is a unique space designed to support the mental wellness of the entire community, and facilitate outdoor programming for pahelp create a similar space for clients accessing care at ACCESS Fort Garry.

Victoria Hospital Foundation's community partner, ACCESS Fort Garry, recently recognized the need for a safe, outdoor space to meet with youth and young adults hesitant to enter clinical facilities. With your support, this space can be come a breath of fresh air for community youth, and can help build trust and comfort when accessing formal supports. Not only does Victoria Hospital Foundation create spaces that encourage mental wellness they also invest in innovative spaces that improve access to better mental health care. The Manitoba Blue Cross Mental Health Assessment Unit is one of those spaces. Since opening its doors in 2022, more than 1,200 patients were assessed in the first year, and received specialized, mental-health treatments in this safe and supportive environment designed specifically for their needs.

Since Victoria Hospital is one of the leaders for mental health care in our province, Victoria Hospital Foundation continually takes a stand for mental health and wellness within the community, not only during the month of May, but each and every day of the year. Throughout this month, Victoria Hospital Foundation will be shining a light on the importance of mental health supports within our community, and the impact that dedicated mental-health spaces make for individuals on their journey towards mental wellness.

From the opening of important spaces that transform the way we treat mental health, to our investment in staff health and wellness, Victoria Hospital Foundation is proud to be a community leader in advocating for mental health and wellness support. tients at Victoria Hospital. This summer, you can



Future space of the ACCESS Fort Garry Greenspace, made possible by the Foundation's community partner, ACCESS Fort Garry. Your support of Victoria Hospital Foundation will provide better access to quality mental health care for individuals in the community. Learn more at TheVicFoundation.ca/donate.

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Joining Reh-Fit Legacy Society a good investment in community health and wellness

Everybody has different reasons for giving to causes that are close to their heart. That's certainly true for the Reh-Fit Foundation and those who are part of the Reh-Fit Legacy Society.

David G. Newman first became involved with the Reh-Fit Centre way back in 1982 when he joined the Reh-Fit Centre board. That led to him serving as Board Chair of both the Centre and the Reh-Fit Foundation.

As an avid runner who completed 21 marathons in his lifetime, he's always been a proponent for active living. But that didn't prevent him from needing open heart surgery in 2021, following which he entered the Cardiac Rehab program at Reh-Fit.

"My choice of Reh-Fit is when I want to exercise in that indoor environment I love, enjoy, feel safe, and am amongst friends. It is a place of respite and many happy memories for me," said Newman.

It's a valuable community resource that Newman would like to see continue, which is why he's included the Reh-Fit in his will.

"It is the best investment I can make in perpetuity for health and wellness in Canada. I hope to help accomplish



David G. Newman

sustainability and continuous improvement of Reh-Fit for the benefit of more Manitobans. I think of it as paying an annual membership fee forever after my wife and I die."

Kent and Barb Magarrell hope to see the same end goal through their planned gift to the Reh-Fit. But their Reh-Fit journey hasn't looked the same as Newman's. They're fortunate to say that they haven't had any major health episodes, and their time at Reh-Fit has



Kent and Barb Magarrell

been focused on prevention of any complications.

"We were drawn by a recognition of the physical and mental benefits of exercise," they noted. "Reh-Fit provided a comfortable, non-judgmental space to exercise with enough options to meet our needs, and the trained staff have offered support and encouragement."

They recognize that a facility like Reh-Fit is hard to find. With programs for people of all fitness levels, guidance from highly trained fitness professionals, and a myriad of ancillary services including massage therapy, foot care, nutrition counselling, manual osteopathy and much more all in one centre, the Reh-Fit Centre is truly a one-of-a-kind offering in Manitoba.

They also know that keeping a resource like the Reh-Fit Centre available takes the effort of the community.

"Legacy gifts are part of the financial structure needed to allow Reh-Fit to meet the future health needs of its members and many in our wider community. Those needs keep increasing," said the Magarrells. "Reh-Fit leads the way in providing healthy living education and opportunities, and this is something we value for our family, friends, and others."

Do you value a healthy community? You can help build a healthier tomorrow today for Manitobans by joining the Reh-Fit Legacy Society. For more information, call **204-488-9325**, email **foundation@reh-fit.com**, or visit **www.reh-fit.com/re-fit**-

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Lori Derksen has been especially inspired by her mother's faith and generous spirit: "She taught and inspired me to have a heart for service," she says. "I have tried to continue that legacy through my own life."

When you commit to leaving a gift in your will to the HSC Foundation, you are named to the Bannatyne Legacy Circle, a community of passionate Manitobans who care deeply about the future of HSC.



The War Amps Key Tag Service Helps Amputees Reach Their Goals - The War Amps



Vanessa Parsons is benefitting from The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program thanks to public support of the Key Tag Service.

The War Amps Key Tag Service provides vital support to amputees, including fiveyear-old Vanessa.

Vanessa was born missing the lower part of her left arm. As a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, she receives financial assistance for artificial limbs and devices and also attends seminars where Champs and their parents learn about the latest in artificial limbs, dealing with teasing and staring, and parenting an amputee child.

"I attended my first CHAMP Seminar with Vanessa when she was six months old," says her mother, Tori. "I learned a lot about artificial limbs and how they can help in so many ways. The War Amps funded her bike arm, which grips the handlebar and ensures she can sit up straight and ride safely. She also has a myoelectric arm that has a hand that opens and closes, which

> You can help amputees

helps her to do activities like puzzles and colouring."

The Key Tag Service was launched in 1946 so that returning war amputee veterans could not only work for competitive wages, but also provide a service to Canadians that would generate funds for the Association's many programs.

Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox in Canada, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge.

The War Amps receives no government grants and its programs are possible through public support of the Key Tag Service. For more information, or to order key tags, visit waramps.ca or call toll-free 1-800-250-3030.



For more information about the HSC Foundation Bannatyne Legacy Circle, please contact Irma McKenzie, Director of Gift Planning, at 204-515-5624 or 1-800-679-8493 (toll-free).







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"It gives me a feeling that I'm still able to help for years and years to come... That's what's important about a legacy gift."



Your legacy is changing their future

- The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba

How do you want to be remembered, and what is the legacy you will leave behind? A generous group of dedicated donors have decided to make a meaningful impact for children and families who rely on Manitoba's children's hospital and research institute by committing to a legacy gift.

Donors like the Loeppky family, who created an endowment fund after needing HSC Children's Hospital themselves. In 1995, then six-week-old Jackson Loeppky started experiencing cold-like symptoms, getting sicker and sicker. Doctors at HSC Children's diagnosed Jackson with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), a lung infection that can cause serious illness and breathing issues and is sometimes fatal in babies. He spent two weeks in hospital recovering and relying on a ventilator and medications from an IV. His family is deeply grateful for the health care team who looked after Jackson.

"We felt comforted with the knowledge everything possible was being done to keep him alive," says Lindsay, Jackson's dad. "It also occurred to me that we did not have to make any decisions regarding the level of care based on what we could afford. With this overwhelming sense of gratitude, our family later discussed ways to donate to the Children's Hospital."

The Loeppky family's generous gift supports ground-breaking work at **Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)** to help provide a better future for kids.

There are many ways to make a legacy gift, to support kids now and into the future. For instance, Diane Boyle, a long-standing supporter of Children's Hospital Foundation has also made a commitment in her Will to help transform child health care and research.

"It gives me a feeling that I'm still able to help for years and years to come," says Diane. "That's what's important about a legacy gift – people making those kinds of gifts should be happy that the good work will continue because of their support."

Leave a Legacy Legacy giving supports kids for years to come.

"Children are our future, and we have to look after them. We have to love them and help them move forward in a positive way. They may never meet me. They may never know what I look like, but there's someone out there that's thinking about them, and I want them to have a future," says Cynthia.

Learn more at goodbear.ca/give

Legacy donors like the Loeppky family, Diane and Cynthia join the dedicated group in the **Annie. A. Bond Legacy Circle** – named as a tribute to the founder of Children's Hospital – who have chosen to support the Foundation with a planned gift such as:

- A gift in their Will
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For a confidential discussion on how your legacy can help, contact 204-594-5337 or cnodrick@goodbear.ca

Let's make anything possible.





"At their passing, and to mark every year after, I donated to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, then eventually also became a monthly donor." ~ Corinne Hayden

Gifts in Wills Create a Strong Future for Cancer Treatment and Research in Manitoba - CancerCare Manitoba Foundation

Corinne Hayden decided to make a legacy gift to honour her parents' memory and the compassionate care they received as they each battled cancer. "The doctors and nurses were so caring and compassionate towards my family. They were so understanding of what we were going through as my mother battled liver cancer and my father, prostate cancer," said Corinne. "At their passing, and to mark every year after, I donated to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, then eventually also became a monthly donor."

As the executrix of her parents' wills, Corinne knows the importance of ensuring that her will reflects the values that are important to her. "My husband and I talked about how this disease affects so many others, so we chose to leave the largest gift to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation in addition to other gifts to charities that are meaningful to us."

Unfortunately, Corinne's experiences with cancer didn't end with her parents. In 2013, Corrine's brother passed away from a rare blood cancer and Corinne was diagnosed with leukemia. These experiences highlighted even more the impact her gift could have. "I feel very blessed to be able to leave a legacy to



Corinne Hayden

others to help them through their cancer journey. Hopefully, my 'dollar' may be the one that finds a cure. One of the best things about giving to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation is that all the money stays in the province, so I know I am helping my family and friends." Donors who make gifts in their wills ensure Manitobans with cancer live longer and better lives due to the availability of new treatments and technology.

Your decision to include CancerCare Manitoba Foundation in your estate plans will have a profound impact on Manitobans and their families facing a cancer diagnosis. By making a gift in your will, you support:

- A state-of-the-art cancer research centre operated by clinical and research specialists from across the world
- A robust clinical trials program
- The very best possible physical and emotional support and care for Manitobans affected by cancer and their families

Interested in getting started? To learn more about planning your gift to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, please call Monique Gauthier, Development Manager at **204-927-5433**, or email **mgauthier8@cancercare.mb.ca**.

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What level of capacity is needed to write a Will?

- Kendra L. d'Eon, KLD Law



Kendra L. d'Eon - KLD Law

When you work up the courage to call a lawyer to do your Will, you want to be sure that they will treat you with respect and dignity. Mental capacity is one of those things that can make the estate planning process more difficult. As an estate planning lawyer, it is my job to make sure my clients have 'testamentary capacity,' meaning, the capacity to make a Will. But what does that mean?

To have testamentary capacity, you need to understand what a Will is, what property you have, what you want to do with it (and why), what consequences may arise from those decisions, and be free of any influence from others. With the average client, these questions are answered by our routine conversations before and during our initial meeting. I make notes on capacity for every client, but it may not be evident I'm doing so. If there is any question about capacity, I need to be able to clearly document why I feel someone has capacity in case the Will is ever challenged.

The key to unlocking capacity is time. If there is any question of memory issues or signs of mental decline, it means that extra time will be necessary to learn the client's story and confirm capacity. It may even take several meetings. This extra care and attention can also result in extra costs for the Will. Every lawyer does things differently. In my practice, I try to adapt my process to be accessible and as comfortable as possible. I keep in mind that there are many ways to achieve the same goal; disability does not mean lack of capacity. I also find that going to the client's home, where things are familiar, can help reduce stress and symptoms. Even planning for the best time of day when fatigue is at a minimum can be incredibly useful. It is important to remember that there are some circumstances where medical testing is needed, and there are many circumstances where a client can be found to lack testamentary capacity. In those cases, it is not possible to move forward with writing a Will. My goal is to ensure that those who still have capacity have access to the estate planning services they need before it is too late. 🔳

Dynamic Diets -The Vegetarian and Meat Eater Debate - Heart to Home Meals

We hear these recommendations all the time: A vegetarian diet is best for your health. Eating meat is essential to avoid nutrient deficiency. One is better than the other.

In the ongoing conversation surrounding dietary preferences and their effects on vitality. the divide between vegetarianism and meateating often dominates the conversation. So, which is it? With such a stark contrast between diets, how do we navigate these recommendations to find a path towards optimal health and nutrition as we age?

While seniors may live extremely healthy, well-balanced lives with either diet, as both vegetarianism and eating meat provide unique nutrition and health benefits, there are also considerations to be aware of. As we explore the benefits and potential setbacks of both ways of eating, will one diet reign supreme? Or is the optimal diet perhaps one that seeks to find a middle ground, a holistic approach to nutrition that combines the best of both worlds?

The Vegetarian Diet: Plant Power

The vegetarian diet emerges as a potential nutritional powerhouse, emphasizing plantbased foods brimming with essential nutrients, fibre, and antioxidants. By abstaining from meat, seniors can still reap a multitude of health benefits while nurturing environmental and ethical awareness. However, meticulous attention to nutritional adequacy is imperative to ensure health in the vegetarian diet.

Foods in Focus

Legumes: From hearty lentils to varieties of beans, legumes serve as the cornerstone of

senior vegetarian nutrition, offering plantbased protein, fibre, and a bounty of micronutrients. Rich in protein, legumes are essential for muscle maintenance and repair, allowing us to stay active longer. Additionally, they provide a significant source of iron, crucial for combating age-related anemia and sustaining energy levels.

Whole Grains: Quinoa, rice, and oats stand as nutritional backbones, delivering sustained energy and digestive health benefits to seniors. These whole grains are packed with fibre, supporting overall health and well-being.

Fruits and Vegetables: There's no secret that rainbow foods should be on everyone's plates, providing a wealth of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants essential for combating age-related stress. Fruits and vegetables are key sources of nutrients such as vitamin C, potassium, and folate that support immune function, heart health, and cognitive function in aging adults. Leafy green vegetables such as spinach and kale are also incredible sources of iron.

Dairy Alternatives: Fortified plant milks, yogurt, and cheese alternatives reap the bonestrengthening benefits of calcium and vitamin D without the dairy, which is an intolerance for many. Fortified dairy alternatives offer essential nutrients like calcium and vitamin D, supporting bone density and reducing the risk of osteoporosis in seniors.

Plant-Based Proteins: Other plant-based sources such as soy, tempeh, and artificial meats are also very rich in protein and provide a significant source of iron for when you don't want to consume legumes. Incorporating various plant-based protein sources into their

diets allows seniors to enjoy a variety of flavorful options while meeting nutritional needs.

Considerations and Risks

While a vegetarian diet can provide an array of health benefits for seniors, including reduced risk of chronic diseases, enhanced digestive health, and ethical and environmental benefits, there are some key considerations and risks to the diet. With proper planning and variety in food choices however, meeting nutritional requirements can absolutely be possible for seniors.

Potential nutrient deficiencies and imbalances pose a greater threat to vegetarians. Seniors must remain vigilant to avoid vitamin B12, iron, omega-3 fatty acid, and zinc deficiencies that may occur in vegetarian diets, as these nutrients and minerals are more easily found, in the quantities that we need for proper nutrition, in animal sources and proteins. To mitigate this risk, choosing plant-based foods in every meal that contain sources of protein and iron are important. As well, taking vitamins and other health supplements can help to bridge the gap between a vegetarian diet and adequate nutrient absorption, if food itself is not enough.

Try our Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie and Vegetarian Bean Chili for veggie options packed full of healthy legumes, vegetables and essential carbohydrates. Low in saturated fat and high in protein, fibre, calcium, iron and potassium, these meals provide the perfect balance between flavour and ultimate nutrition.

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Navigating Winnipeg with my Guide Dog

- Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind

Manitoba is one of the most generous provinces of Canada, with 19.7 percent of residents donating to charities in 2021, 2 percent more than the Canadian average. As someone who is blind and uses a guide dog, I consider that amazing news.

Living in Winnipeg and being blind is a huge challenge, but thanks to my guide dog, I can still take a pleasure stroll across Esplanade Riel or shop for that delicious schmoo torte in Osborne Village. Winters are a little more difficult to get out, but when April came around, I was able to take the bus and join in the fun of the downtown whiteout. Go Jets!

My guide dog gives me the freedom to travel independently and enjoy everything our city has to offer. This wouldn't be possible without Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB). Since 1984, CGDB has trained and provided guide dogs across the

continue to help others, even if you are living on a monthly budget. If you are struggling in today's economy, you could consider a general bequest, which leaves a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. A residuary bequest donates the remainder of your estate to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind after all of your beneficiaries have been cared for through initial provisions in your will, and expenses and any taxes have been paid. When I first lost my vision, it was difficult. I was scared to go out. When I did, it was embarrassing to bump into things and especially other people. Years later, with my guide dog by my side, there's no stopping me. My guide dog safely gets me where I need to go, avoiding all obstacles along the way. So, the next time you see me with my guide dog at The Forks, along the trails or in the market, please feel free to say hello and let me know how you helped. In the meantime, you can talk to your financial advisor or contact Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind at info@guidedogs.ca, phone 613-692-7777 or check their website at guidedogs.ca to make a donation or learn about planned giving through bequests.

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country, including for many Manitobans.

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind operates solely through donations. You can help by making a one-time donation or becoming a monthly donor, a great way to



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Things To Do - WINNIPEG

Luncheons / Shows / Sales

The Women's Canadian Club of Wpg -Luncheon, May 14, 12 noon, RBC Convention Centre. Speaker: Brenlee Carrington-Trepel, her life journey as a 14 yr old CFRW youth reporter, 17 yr old radio talk show host, law student, mother, human rights lawyer and mediator. Cost \$35. Reservations: 204-488-8750 or rochelpin@mymts.net

The St. Amant Autism Ride Raffle - to raise acceptance and crucial funds to ensure individuals with autism have equitable access to recreational opportunities and leisure activities. Draws June 20, 8 pm, at the Marion Hotel, 393 Marion St. complimentary beer and hot dog with every ticket purchase or donation on day of draw. Tickets and info: St.Amant.ca/ride.

Probus Club of Winnipeg - Meets 3rd Tues. ea. month (except July/Aug) at 9:30 am, at Unitarian Universalist Church, 603 Wellington Cres. Probus enables retired and semi-retired to enjoy friendship, fun and learning. Everyone welcome. winnipegprobus85.wordpress.com

Mad Dogs & Ukrainians Concerts - May 24 & 25, at the Park Theatre in Winnipeg. All proceeds to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Manitoba Humanitarian Aid For Displaced Persons. Taras Luchak & entourage present their rendition of Joe Cocker, Zeppelin, Stones and Ukrainiana. Tickets \$20 at the Park Theatre Ticket website - www.ticketweb.ca. Support donations also accepted.

RCL Wpg Polish Legion Br #246 - Community Charity Meat (Chip) Bingo, Sun. June 9, 1-5 pm. Doors open 12 Noon. Tickets at door - \$10 (3 entrance cards). Extra cards \$2. Info, call Br 204-589-5493. Br opens Mon-Sat, 2 pm daily.

Friendship Force Winnipeg - A Friendship Force membership provides opportunities to explore new countries and cultures by bringing people together at the personal level. Dinner reservations, Elizabeth: 204-452-5299 or www.friendshipforcewinnipeg.org

Groups for Support

GriefShare support group - If you have lost a loved one, a GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place to help with the difficult emotions of grief. Contact Kilcona Park Alliance Church at info@kilcona.org or go to Griefshare.com to find a group in your area.

Misc.

Prevent Elder Abuse Manitoba (PEAM) -World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is June 15, 2024. The Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse will be hosting a national online event on Wed. June 12. A link to register available at www.peam.ca

Manitoba Coin Club - 204-479-9124, treasurer@manitobacoinclub.org http://www.manitobacoinclub.org

Red River Coin & Stamp Club - Monthly Show, 2nd Sunday ea. month, 10 am-4 pm, at the Best Western Hotel, Headingley, MB, 4140 Portage Ave (W.)

St. Vital T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support Group -T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit weight loss support group. Meet Mon. eve's, 6:15-7:45 pm, St. Eugene Church (side door), 1009 St Mary's Rd. in St. Vital. First meeting free. Louise: 204-990-2144, www.tops.org.

Music / Dancing

Forever Young Club - May Volunteer Appreciation dance, May 25, 7:30-11:30 pm, at Anavets #283 Hall, 3584 Portage Ave. DJ Rockin' Ernie. Light lunch, 50/50, door prizes, spot dances. All welcome!

Norwood 55+ Dance Club - Dance or listen to old-time music. Musical ensemble (violin, accordion, guitar) performs Fridays, 1-3 pm, in the Norwood-St. Boniface Legion Hall, 134 Marion St. Adm. \$5 (cash). Light snack. Doors open 12 noon. Free pkg across lane. Info, Rachelle: 204-233-5892

Sports / Fitness / Games

Agape Table - Golf Tournament - 18 Holes Texas Scramble, Aug. 15, St. Boniface Golf Course. Register online www.agapetable.ca

Contract Bridge in St. James - Group of Seniors of mixed skill looking for more players! 'Casual' non-competitive line of play, Tuesdays, 12:15-3 pm at Marantha Church on Sturgeon Rd. north of Ness. Info, Sharon: 204-888-9465.

Try lawn bowling - a lifetime sport at Tuxedo Lawn bowling Club. Free Open House June 1, 10 am-noon at Corydon & Tuxedo Ave. behind Ecole Tuxedo Park. Info: 204 895-8088.

Greater Winnipeg Senior Golfers (formerly Garden City Senior Golfers) - looking for Men 55 and older to golf weekly in a fun league with about 75 Wpg. members, May-Sept. Play in a different foursome ea. month, at various golf clubs within 1 hr of city. Walk or ride cart. Special green fees offered. Info, Brian Ridley: 204-669-4795, pritchardfarm@shaw.ca, or www.gcsgwpg.com.

Crescent Drive Senior Men's Golf League -Looking for new members, Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am at the Crescent Drive Golf Course, May to Sept. Call Barry: 204-256-8496 or John: 204-667-6362

Crescent Drive Friday Ladies Golf League -Golf Fridays, 8 am, beginning of May to end of Sept., Crescent Drive Golf Course, 781 Crescent Dr. Info, Lorraine: 204-261-8413

Ladies Golf League - Looking for women to join a fun 9 hole Thurs. golf league at Crescent Drive Golf Course. Tee times 7:15-8:15 am starting May 2. Info, Bonnie: 204-223-6655 or bonniefsmith@shaw.ca Diane: 204-255-1137 or dkkastes71@shaw.ca

Prendergast Seniors Club (Windsor Park) -Are you a CRIB player? If so, come join us Mondays and Wednesdays, 906 Cottonwood Rd. Your are also welcome to join us for our monthly, in-house luncheons. Call Gerry: 204-257-1475

Learn to play Pickleball in the North End -Bonnie Gabbs, 76 yrs old, plays and teaches Pickleball at Sargeant Tommy Prince Place, 90 Sinclair St. Seniors are invited to come and try it out. Coaching clinic - Wednesdays, 1-3:15 pm. Info: gabbs1947@gmail.com.

Red River Senior Cards St Vital - Whist: 12:30-3:30, Thursdays at Norberry-Glenlee Community Club, 26 Molgat Ave. Email: Norbglen@yahoo.com or call the Club: 204-256-6654 for info.

St. Vital Cards for Seniors - Cribbage: noon Mondays: Mario 204-955-8387. Whist: noon Wednesdays: Sonja 204-254-1408 or Mario 204-955-8387. St. Emile Parrish hall, 556 St. Anne's Rd.

Vital Seniors - Scrabble, Mon. noon-4; Carpet Bowling, Tues. 1:30-3:30, 3 St. Vital Rd. Yrly Membership \$10, activity \$4.50 pp, call 204-253-0555 or stmary@mymts.net

Active Aging in Manitoba - 2024 Manitoba 55+ Game, Winter Curling Event, Mar. 5-7/24 at the Brandon Curling Club. Registration Deadline: Feb. 2/24. Categories: 4 Person Curling (Qualifier for the Canada 55+ Games) 160/team, 2 Person Stick Curling - Under 70, 70+, \$80/team. Info: www.activeagingmb.ca, 204-632-3947 or 204-261-9257, manitoba55plusgames@gmail.com.

Garden City Community Centre / Seven Oaks SportsPlex - 725 Kingsbury Ave. 55+ Programs: Zumba, Bocce Ball, Pickleball, Line Dancing. Program schedule: www.gardencitycc.com/seniors.

Lady Bowlers - Wanted Fridays, 3 gms/wk, 12:45 pm at Polo Park Lanes. All ages/skill levels. \$10.75/wk. End of season meal and Xmas luncheon. 2 wk break Xmas/Easter Fri. off. Call/text 204-770-3903.

WHSBC contract bridge - at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 830 North Drive, Winnipeg, Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 pm. Door opens at noon. Please arrive by 12:15 pm. Five rounds, changing tables after 4 hands. This is a social friendly bridge club. For further info, contact Ron Wood, President: 204-771-6724

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Actionmarguerite St. Boniface, 185 Despins Street - Volunteers needed to transport residents in wheelchairs to their in-house appointments, incl. Mass. 204-235-2111, service@actionmarguerite.ca

Actionmarguerite St. Vital, 450 River Road -Volunteers to help Recreation staff, transport residents in wheelchairs to in-house appt's. 204-235-2111, service@actionmarguerite.ca

Bethel Place - congregate meal program needs volunteers in kitchen and dining room. Lunch time and supper time shifts. 3 hrs once/wk. Proof of Covid Vaccination. Melanie: mcamara@bethelplace.ca

Deer Lodge Centre - 2109 Portage Ave. Volunteers needed in the gift shop 12-4, assisting with recreation programs & transporting residents to / from worship services held in the Centre. 204-831-2503 or visit deerlodge.mb.ca/volunteers/

Golden Rule Senior Resource Centre, 625 Osborne Street (Fort Rouge Leisure Centre) - is recruiting volunteer for Office Reception and Recreational Activities and Programs, Mon-Fri, 10-3. 204-306-1114 or goldenrule@swsrc.ca

Manitoba Genealogical Society - Volunteer Opportunities: Social media poster, Online newsletter editor, Publicity person, Office cleaning, IT database wizard & more. volunteer@mbgenealogy.com or https:// mbgenealogy.com/how-you-can-help/

Meals on Wheels - Volunteers needed in: Downtown, Point Douglas, Seven Oaks and Transcona. Drivers receive an honorarium. 204-956-7711, www.mealswinnipeg.com

Misericordia Health Centre and Misericordia Place - Volunteers being accepted to support patient care. Training provided. Giftshop, open 10 am-4 pm. (3-hr shifts), Rehab/Physio programs shifts, 8:30-12 noon and some afternoons. 204-788-8134, www.misericordia.mb.ca,

volunteer@misericordia.mb.ca

North Centennial Seniors Assoc. - Sergeant Tommy Prince Place, 86 Sinclair. Volunteers for "Grandma & Grandpa Swim Program" for pool play time with preschoolers from daycares. 1 hr/wk. Police check required. 204-582-0066, M-W-F, or ncsc@shaw.ca.

Southeast Personal Care Home - Volunteers needed at 1265 Lee Blvd - days, eve's, wknd's. Call 204-269-7111 Ext. 2225

St. James-Assiniboia 55+ Centre - Kitchen Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen, and meal planning. Call Paula: 204-560-5181

Victoria Lifeline - Melissa: 204-956-6773 or msitter@victorialifeline.ca

Villa Cabrini - Looking for volunteers to assist with our Congregate Meal Program. Lunch and supper shifts are avail- able with 3 hr commitments/week. Contact Samantha Silvester: vcabrini@mymts.net for info or to volunteer.

Vista Park Lodge Personal Care Home in St. Vital - Volunteers needed. Catherine.Linnemann@extendicare.com

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Winnipeg Lost Dog Alert (WLDA) -Volunteers needed for: Facebook Page Administrator: recruit@winnipeglostdogalert.com Volunteers needed for: Treasurer. Resume to president@winnipeglostdogalert.com. Visit www.winnipeglostdogalert.com

Programs / Services

A & O: Support Services for Older Adults -Senior Centre Without Walls (SCWW): Free Telephone Group - for Manitobans 55+ providing educational and recreational programming in a fun and interactive atmosphere. May 21, 10-10:45 am: Welcome to SCWW. Share ideas. Info: 204-956-6440, Toll Free: 1-888-333-3121, info@aosupportservices.ca, www.aosupportservices.ca

Anavets Assiniboia Unit 283 - Meat Draws, Bingo & Cribbage 3 x/wk. Dancing to live Bands Fri. nights and special events on Saturdays. 3584 Portage Ave. Hall rentals. 204-837-6708.

Archwood 55 Plus Inc. (a non profit organization for seniors) - at Archwood Community Center, 565 Guilbault St.

Assiniboia Wood Carvers Association -Woodcarving Fridays, 12:30-3 pm at Valour CC Clifton Site, 1315 Strathcona St., off Wellington Ave. Larry: Ikehler84@gmail.com or Mel: 204-291-4592.

Brooklands Active Living Centre - 1960 William Ave. West. Bingo 1 pm Mondays; Fitness Classes. 204-632-8367.

Creative Retirement Manitoba - Affordable Lifelong Learning. Online and in-person classes. Art & Music History, Bridge, Estate Planning, DNA for Genealogists, Cdn.Railways and more! Visit creativeretirementmanitoba.ca.

Dakota 55+ Lazers Senior Centre -Programs: Cribbage, line dancing, floor curling, quilting, fitness, etc. Call: 204-254-1010 ext.

217. WHIST, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, contact Bob or Fran: 204-257-3172. Jonathan Toews Centre, 1188 Dakota St.

Dufferin Senior Centre, 377 Dufferin Ave. -Pancake breakfast - Feb. 13, 9 am-12 noon, \$5 per person. Dance - Sat. Feb. 24. Bingo -Mondays, 1 pm. Chair exercises - Thursdays, 10 am. Call Al 204-771-3325 for info.

Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Centre - Various events can be found on Facebook. Call to confirm activities over summer months: 204-669-0750.

Golden Rule Senior Resource Centre -Programs - Tech Talk Mondays, 1-3 pm, bring your phone or iPad. Floor Curling Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm. Pickleball Thursdays, 1-3 pm. Fri. Feb. 23, movie 'Grease' starting 1 pm. Popcorn, coffee, tea provided. Fort Rouge Leisure Centre, 625 Osborne. Hours 9:45-3:30. 204-306-1114 to register or email goldenrule@swsrc.ca.

The Happy Gang - Monthly get-togethers, 3rd Thurs. ea. month, 1:30-3 pm, except July & Aug. Prairie Spirit U. C., 207 Thompson Dr. Games & conversation. Complimentary refreshments. Prairie Spirit United Church, 207 Thompson Drive. Info: 204-832-1000 or 204-895-7410.

Lions Place Adult Day Club - Program: 1 day/week of socialization and wellness, including morning coffee/muffin, chair exercises, mentally stimulating games and di cussion, recreation, and hot lunch. Transportation provided. \$18.88 (or \$9.81, dependent on income) per wk. Participants referred by Homecare Case Coordinator through WRHA at 204-788-8330. Or the Club: 204-784-1229.

Meadowood Seniors Club - 1111 Dakota St. A 55+ seniors club meets Tues. 1-3 pm. Various activities, chair yoga, wood carving, quilting. For more info contact.

meadowoodseniorsclub@gmail.com.

Mensheds Manitoba Inc. - Peer run program by men for men at Westwood Community Church, 401 Westwood Drive. 204-832-0629.

Nature Manitoba - is people sharing a passion for nature. We deliver nature-based educational programs, outdoor activities, group outings and more. https://www.naturemanitoba.ca/ for all our programs and activities or for more info.

North Centennial Seniors Assoc. - Sergeant Tommy Prince Place, 86 Sinclair. M-W-F - chair, mat & Zumba gold exercise classes, hot dog days, bingo, lunches, games, painting, aquacise, lending library, presentations. 204-582-0066, ncsc@shaw.ca, ncseniors.ca

Pembina Active Living (PAL) 55+ (Whyte Ridge Community Centre, 170 Fleetwood Rd.)-Free events, Mondays 1 pm: Apr. 22 - Speaker on Cdn. Dental Care Plan; Apr. 29 - PAL's Bingo fundraiser; May 6 - Speaker on Deaf, Blind & Hard of Hearing; May 13 - Neil Keep musical entertainer. Ask about our spring programs. 204-946-0839, office@pal55plus.ca, https://pal55plus.ca

Probus Club of Winnipeg - Meets 10 am third Tuesday ea. month at Unitarian Universalist Church, 30 Wellington Cres. Probus is for those who like the social aspects of retirement or semiretirement. New members and guests welcome. winnipegprobus85.wordpress.com

Rainbow Resource Centre - Over the Rainbow Peer-to-Peer Phone Line, for 2SLGBTQ+ older adults 55+. For info, email otr@rainbowresourcecentre.org

Royal Canadian Legion, St. James Branch #4 - Over 55 Club, 1755 Portage Ave. Peter and Ruth Henry: 204-488-3533.

South Winnipeg Family Information Centre

 Seniors Connecting Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30, 800 Point Rd. Lower Level). Join us for

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South Winnipeg Family Information Centre - Tech for Seniors Mondays from 1:30-3. Need help with your tablet? Phone? computer? We can support and help you learn just what you want to learn. Call 204-284-9311 for more info.

South Winnipeg Seniors Resource Council -Pop-Up Offices are back. Visit us at The Rady Centre, May 13, 10 am-1 pm; the Bill & Helen Norrie Library, May 14, 10 am-1 pm; Charleswood Library, May 21, 10 am-1 pm; Golden Rule Seniors, May 16, 11 am-2 pm, Fort Rouge Leisure Centre, 625 Osborne. Schedule is subject to change. Schedule subject to change. For more info: 204 478-6169.

St. James Assiniboia 55+ Centre - Various programs and activities. 3-203 Duffield St. 204-987-8850, www.stjamescentre.com

Stroke Recovery Assoc. MB - Programming for Stroke Survivors: Support Groups, Art and Social Club, Virtual and In-Person Exercise, Planned Community Outings & more. Register: B-247 Provanche Blvd. 204-942-2880

Windsor Community Centre - \$2 drop in. Call for schedule. 99 Springside Drive (St.Vital). 204-233-0648, office@windsorcc.ca

The Y. A. H. Club - Young At Heart (seniors) Club at Windsor Community Centre, 99 Springside Drive (St. Vital) - Ask about our winter programming: may include: book club, ukulele, Men's Coffee Club, Dinner Club, painting classes, exercises, pickleball, scrapbooking, card making, drawing club and more. Contact Gerry: 204-233-0648, or office@windsorcc.ca or Rosie: rosieschau@gmail.com

Things To Do - RURAL MB

Sales / Luncheons / Dances

St. Andrews on the Red Anglican Church -High Tea, Sat. May 25, Community Arts Centre, Selkirk, Manitoba (at Main & Manitoba). Sittings 1 pm & 3 pm. Limited seating. \$20 - proceeds going to Raise the Roof Fund for church roof replacement. Sandwiches, scones, dainties served. To reserve tickets: 204-757-9332, 204-339-3090.

Selkirk & District Horticultural Society -Annual Plant Sale, Fri. May 31, 6-8 pm, Selkirk Memorial Hall, 368 Jemima St. Garden, houseplant, annual, perennial, shrubs, trees. Cash only. Free adm. & parking. Wheelchair access.

Teulon Seniors Club - June 13, at the Teulon town hall. Dance to Country Pride. Doors open noon, dance 1-3. Lunch at 3, Silent auction, 50/50. Coffee, tea, juice avail.

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Beausejour - AA - Want to stop drinking? Meet Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30-8:30 pm, at The Brokenhead River Com. Hall, 320 Veterans Lane, south door. www.aamanitoba.org or 1-877-942-0126

Brandon - Seniors For Seniors - Dinner is Served meal program, Fri. 12 noon delivery. Meals \$12. Grants and donations gratefully accepted. Info: 204-571-2053.

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Dauphin Multi-Purpose Senior Centre -Seniors 55+ - Cancer society Transportation Program, fee for service contact list, Erik kits. Facility available to rent. 204-638-6485. www.dauphinseniors.com

East St. Paul 55+ Activity Centre -(262 Hoddinott) - Programs for area residents. Call for programming: 204-654-3082 (msg).

Emerson-Franklin Senior Services -Transportation, shopping, Meals on Wheels for shut-ins. For seniors with disabilities for independent living. 204-427-2869

Interlake North Eastman - Services to Seniors programs include: transportation, friendly visiting/phone calls, Meals on Wheels. errands, etc. Volunteer opportunities avail. Arborg and District Seniors Resource Council 204-376-3494; Ashern Living Independence for Elders 204-768-2187; Brokenhead/Beausejour Outreach for Seniors 268-7300; Victoria Beach East Beaches Resource Center 204-756-6471; Eriksdale Community Resource Council 204-739-2697; Fisher Branch Seniors Resource 204-372-6861; Gimli Seniors Resource Council 204-642-7297; Lundar Community Resource Council 204-762-5378; Riverton & District Seniors Resource 204-378-2460; St. Laurent Senior Resource Council 204-646-2504; Selkirk & District Senior Resource Council 204-785-2737; Stonewall - South Interlake Seniors Resource Council 204-467-2719 Springfield Services to Seniors 204-444-3139; Teulon and District Seniors Resource Council 204-886-2570; Lac du Bonnet - Two Rivers Senior Resource Council 204-345-1227, Pinawa 204-753-2962 or Whitemouth/Reynolds 204-348-4610 or Winnipeg River Resource Council 204-367-9128 Notre Dame de Lourdes/Saint-Léon / Ensemble Chez Soi - Volunteers needed. Services: transportation, friendly visits/calls. Coordinator Bev Collet: 204-248-7291 or ensemble@mymts.net.

Seine River Services for Seniors (RM of La Broquerie and RM/Town of Ste-Anne) -Help and support with transportation services, companionship, homecare services. Melanie Bremaud: 204-424-5285. Les services rivière seine pour aînés - aide et appui avec transport, compagnie, soins à domicile, maladies, deuil, logement, finances. Mélanie Brémaud: 204-424-5285

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Selkirk - Gordon Howard Centre - Various activities, outings, seasonal meals and presentations. 384 Eveline St. Info: www.gordonhoward.ca or call 204-785-2092

Selkirk Services to Seniors - For 65+. Programs available to residents who pay taxes to the R.M. of St. Andrews, R.M. of St. Clements or to the City of Selkirk. Volunteers needed for office help, transportation drivers, handi helpers (house cleaning, yard work). 204-785-2737,

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Niverville Services to Seniors - Some services include: Low cost fitness, Wed. 9:30-10:30 at Friendship Centre, Mobility equipment rental, low cost transportation services to appts., one on one visiting, volunteer opportunities, special outings, and much more. Info: 204-388-2188 or email sts@heritagecentre.ca

Selkirkrc@mymts.net

Springfield - Springfield Seniors -Stick curling, Pickleball, Indoor Walking program, Tai Chi, Badminton, Volleyball, Craft Monday, Bingo, Congregate Meal program. 204-444-3139, springfieldseniors@mymts.net.

Steinbach - Pat Porter Active Living Ctr -

10 Chrysler Gate. Programs, Games, Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Outings, Meal On Wheels, Mobility Equipment, ERIK Kits to name only a few. Reception 204-320-4600 (Sonja, Program + Volunteer Coordinator) 204-320-4603, https://www.patporteralc.com

Stonewall - South Interlake 55 Plus

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Teulon Seniors Club - Cribbage, crafts and more, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm. 204-886-2570 or tdsrc@mymts.net

Thompson Seniors - 204-677-0987, thompsonseniors55@gmail.com

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Dynamic Diets - The Vegetarian and Meat Eater Debate, cont'd from page 17

The Meat Eater Diet: Animal-Derived Nourishment

In contrast to its vegetarian counterpart, the meat eater diet offers unparalleled abundance of protein options, bioavailable nutrients, and savoury indulgence. While meat, fish, and other animal-based sources play a central role in this diet, moderation and mindful consumption are key to safeguarding optimal nutrition, as excessive red and processed meats may cause more harm than good.

Foods In Focus

Lean Meats: Chicken, turkey, and lean cuts of other meats offer seniors complete sources of protein without excessive saturated fat or additives. These lean meat options are essential for maintaining and supporting muscle mass, strength, and long-term function, while remaining calorie wise.

Red Meats: Red meat such as beef, lamb, and pork offer seniors rich sources of protein and iron, readily absorbed by the body to support optimal hemoglobin levels and combat agerelated anemia. Additionally, red meats act as one of the best sources of zinc, indispensable for immune function, and linked to wound

healing, cellular metabolism, and the slowing of age-related vision degeneration.

Fatty Fish: Fatty fish such as salmon provides seniors with an unparalleled source of omega-3 fatty acids, bolstering heart health and cognitive function. Enjoying fatty fish as part of one's diet offers benefits vital to cardiovascular health and cognitive function.

Eggs: Eggs are a versatile and nutrient-dense food enjoyed by many meat eaters, offering complete protein sources along with essential vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B12, necessary for neurological function, as well as iron and zinc.

Dairy Products: Milk, cheese, and yogurt are rich in calcium and vitamin D, which are vital in supporting bone density and reducing the risk of osteoporosis and fractures. Without factoring in nutrient fortification, dairy products often offer more nutrients than their plantbased dairy counterparts.

Considerations and Risks

While the meat eater diet provides a variety of high-quality protein and nutrients, excessive consumption of meats, particularly red and processed meats, may pose risks to cardiovas-



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cular health. Red meats tend to be higher in saturated fats, as well as calories, which could also lead to unintentional weight gain and lower energy levels. This is why the necessity for mindfulness and moderation is so important when consuming meats.

Consuming too many animal products may also pose environmental and ethical concerns, as the meat industry not only is plagued by discourse on animal cruelty and excessive production, but also emits greater greenhouse gas emissions through its production than a vegetarian diet emits. Sustainable and healthy consumption of meat is very possible though if consideration is placed on limiting frequency of consumption.

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Finding Balance

Well-rounded nutrition is possible under both vegetarian and meat eater diets. The most im-

portant factor is to make the right choices that suit your lifestyle and needs. By adopting a balanced diet and emphasizing mindful consumption, we are each able to create our own holistic diet approach that optimizes senior health, prioritizes essential nutrient and whole food consumption, and limits potential deficiencies and risks.

Recommendations

1. Incorporate Plant-Based Foods: Focus on foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes for fibre, antioxidants, and essential nutrients.

2. Include Lean Protein Sources: Incorporate lean meats, fish, and legumes for muscle maintenance and immune support.

3. Practice Mindfulness and Moderation: Consuming meats in moderation, particularly red and processed meats, provides balanced protein and zinc intake while minimizing saturated fat and potential cardiovascular and weight related issues.

4. Consider Ethical and Environmental Factors: Limiting the frequency of meat consumption is not only beneficial to overall health, but it also promotes environmental sustainability and consciousness.

5. Diversify Your Plate: Explore a variety of flavours and foods from both plant-based and animal-derived sources for nutritional diversity and optimal vitamin and mineral absorption.

6. Take an Individualized Dietary

Approach: Always tailor dietary recommendations to your own preferences, health conditions and requirements, and lifestyle for a personalized and satisfying dietary journey.

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Resource Finders from Point Douglas and the Downtown offices and the rest of the WRHA Supports crew for your hard work, more hugs...

A&O Support Services for Older Adults for Venue Hosting and a noon time info seminar, thank you, thank you!

The big picture sometimes is the hardest us to work with. The problem has been The'Me' culture is now the 'We' culture thing to see, even when it's right there to a point, our inability to continually and it's growing. There is finally a big under our nose. We get so busy looking share with each other this information so push for 'Aging in Place' and this needs for it, so focused, we walk right by it. We have mentioned this a zillion times critical states of need, get this info. WE, infrastructure and older adult friendly over the four years we've been blessed need to be better at sharing... Our friends with the WRHA Senior to grace these pages, that there are way One thing we have noticed at the Expos, Did you know that the first 150 people too many 'Best kept secrets' here in especially on April 25th, was the who attend the Expos get tidy little guest these parts for Older Adult supports.

larger or better equiped to do so.

that others, especially those who are in the support of our entire community, the

number of people who methodically bags as information starter kits? Did The list of organizations and businesses went around the room collecting bags of you know there are a number of amazdedicated to improving our quality of literature and business cards for the very ing *Exhibitors* with their own info-bags life in our later years has never been things we're talking about. They were waiting for you to go around the room not just collecting this data for them- and fill with the resources to better your WE the people, the older adults, the selves, they were picking all this up for life? Wow! Oh, and there's NO charge families charged with the caring of us, their friends, families, neighbours and *admission* to get in!!! Yippeee! have never had this much available for fellow seniors residents...Outstanding!

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