## **JANUARY 2020 EDITION**



# NORTH EDMONTON SENIORS NEWS

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### Dates to Remember

- Dec 31New Years Dinner & DanceJan 8Puzzle SaleJan 20-24Book SaleFeb 5Jewelry SaleFeb 14Valentines Day Tea
- Feb 28 Leap Year Luau Dinner Theatre
- Mar 13 St. Patrick's Day Tea

Count your age by **FRIENDS** 

Not years.

Count your life by SMILES

## SWILES

Not tears.

- John Lennon

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Next newsletter will be FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020 Cut-off for submissions is Wednesday, 15 JANUARY 2020

Join us for Laughter, Learning & Living!

### Message from the NESA Board of Directors:

The Board and the Board committees have been very busy over the last few months. Some of the work that has been done includes:

- 1) The annual operating budget for 2020 is nearly complete.
- 2) A Board planning session was held to update the Strategic plan.
- 3) The risk assessment update was started with completion expected early in the new year.
- 4) The review of our policies continued. The update to the Human Resources policies is anticipated to be completed within the next few months.
- 5) A review of the bylaws is being undertaken. Any recommended bylaw changes will be presented to the members for their approval at the next Annual General meeting on April 16, 2020.
- 6) The Board member recruitment process has been expanded. For the last number of years, the recruitment for new Board members has been done primarily by the Council of Governors, in particular Hugh Newell and Steve Shamchuk. The Board will now assume a more active role in the recruitment process, working together with the Council of Governors.
- 7) The Orientation program for new Board members is currently being reviewed and modified in order to provide incoming Board members with the relevant information about NESA operations and their roles and responsibilities as Board members.
- 8) The new Diversity and Inclusion Committee met with the purpose of helping identify, assess and manage opportunities to increase diversity and inclusion throughout our organization.

2020 is also shaping up to be a very busy time with project updates to continue and 2 new approved Board committees, the Fund Development Committee and the Ad hoc License Negotiation Committee, expected to meet.

If at any time you have any questions about board activities, please do not hesitate to call me.

Also, if you are willing to contribute your time and energy to serve on the Board, please let us know.

In closing, I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for their support and dedication during this past year.

May you all have a very happy and healthy 2020.

Randy Tomyn, President

## Message from the NESA Executive Director (ED):

New website! New Programs! What a great way to start 2020 with friends and colleagues at NESA, coming together for recreation and to help the community. Since the last newsletter we welcomed Marley Andruschak as our Volunteer and Office Administrator. Her profile is included below.

As we head into 2020, it would be helpful for everyone to label their items, including water bottles. It is easy after a very relaxing yoga class to be so zen you walk away

from your stuff, however we end up with quite a collection of lost and found items.

A reminder, outside food is not to be taken in and consumed in Cherrydale Café. If you would like to eat your own lunch, the sitting area on the second floor can be used.

Thanks to all who donated baked items for the November sale, generating a profit of \$857. I snapped a photo when the items were being priced, not only did it look delicious but the smell of a room full of baking was pretty good too! Thank you to all the bakers and all the fundraisers!

#### Nancy Melnychuk Executive Director

#### Getting to Know....Marley Andruschak Volunteer and Office Administrator

What is the best thing about Edmonton? Everything in Edmonton is new to me, so it's exciting to go see everything for the first time! So far I really love Old Strathcona and the Science Centre.

If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Soup and sandwiches.

What do you say that sounds just like your mother or father? Almost everything! But I especially sound like my mother when I start singing/humming her favourite tunes out loud, like Tom Jones or Simon and Garfunkel songs. I always do it without noticing, just like she does.

**Share a fond childhood memory**. Spending summers at the lake and floating down canals.

If you could get on a plane tomorrow, what would be your destination? I would love to backpack around Europe, or visit anywhere with a nice, warm beach.

**Something about NESA I will never forget?** How welcoming everyone has been since I walked through the door - thanks everyone!





## GETTING TO KNOW THE BOARD



Name: Randy Tomyn

Original hometown? Edmonton

What was your first paid job? I worked for the Edmonton Exhibition as an usher for events at the old Edmonton Gardens. In summer, I helped keep the midway clean during the Exhibition.

**Your last?** Region Finance and Control Manager at Federated Cooperatives Ltd. in Edmonton

How many years on the Board? I am in my 5<sup>th</sup> year. What first brought you to NESA? I heard about the organization and what it had to offer from my mother who participated in activities for many years. I remember attending a Volunteer

Appreciation Night with her a number of years ago and experiencing the joy of the evening.

How do you describe NESA to others? We have over 2000 members, great facilities, all types of activities from fitness programs, arts, general interest, over 25 different clubs, friendly people and just a great place to be.

#### If you could magically make three things happen at NESA, what would they be?

- Have a modern, up-to-date and efficient processing system for the front office that would easily do everything we want it to do and eliminate the need for manual receipts and processing.
- Have stable and predictable sources of funding for our operations.
- Continue to grow and evolve, providing excellent services to meet the needs of our members and community.

#### Name: Ron Nichol

Original hometown? North Battleford, Saskatchewan What was your first paid job? Highways survey crew chainman – Alberta Department of Highways – Summer position - first year of University, 1968 Your last? Operations Supervisor, Kinsmen Sports Centre, City of Edmonton.

How many years on the Board? 2 years

What first brought you to NESA? Child bride Maggie was a City of Edmonton Supervisor for the Facility and I was assigned operations responsibility as part of my job duties in the City of Edmonton Recreation Facilities Section.



How do you describe NESA to others? A "happening", friendly place with a wide variety of programs, events and activities catering to seniors of all ages.

#### If you could magically make three things happen at NESA, what would they be?

- Ensure that all core functions of NESA were funded from the organization's own resources – ongoing financial sustainability.
- Expand physical space at the facility to permit more and greater variety of programs, events and services.
- Help members realize the benefits and joys of being in service to NESA members by serving on the NESA Board of Directors.

## FUNDRAISERS

## Lobby Sales



Puzzles: Date: January 8 Time: 9 am to noon Book Sale: January 20 to 24, 9 am to 3 pm and open late January 22, 4 to 7 pm Jewelry Sale: February 5, 9 am to 1 pm Pins and Needles Sale: Date: February 19 Time: 9 am to 1:00 pm

## **Ongoing Fundraisers**

Wizards of Odds & Ends: February 14, noon to 4:00 pm

NESA Community Garage Sale/Bake Sale, April 4: Applications for tables

available January 27, 2020

NESA Members can purchase a table for \$25.00 and sell their unwanted goods, or new handcrafted items.

Vendors may also purchase a table for \$50.00 and sell old, new or handcrafted items.

## <u>New Fundraiser</u>

## NESA is partnering with M & M Foods!! Order forms will be available at the front desk at the beginning of January.

Check off the items you wish to order and bring back the completed order form to NESA with your payment by Friday, **JANUARY 31st.** Your order will be available for pick up at NESA on **February 10th**. This is a great fundraiser that will be offered monthly and the best part is NESA makes 15% on all orders.

### We had very good fundraising months in November & December!!

- The Fundraising Committee congratulates the Wizards for their generous donation of \$4,000.00 bringing their 2019 total to \$6,000.00. Thank You ladies!!
- Bake Sale: \$857.00 raised
- Puzzles: \$144.25 raised
- Raffle: \$1,039.00 raised
- Widynowski's Meats: \$996.00 raised
- Table Rentals from Craft Show: \$2,000.00 raised
- Grey Cup Pool: \$175.00 raised

### Words from the Wizards:

This year, the Wizards took part in two craft sales; NESA's own and one at Shepherd's Care Kensington. That is why, in November, we could donate \$4,000. to NESA. \$1,000. went to the Sustainability Fund and \$2,000. to our Outreach Program. Another \$1,000. was directed to Connections to help with the purchase of supplies. Earlier this year we donated another \$2,000. for a total of \$6,000. for 2019.

A big thank you goes to all of you who donated fabric and yarn. Without your help we could not have done this. Donations, marked "Wizards" can be dropped off at the front desk so we can continue to fundraise for NESA.

Annelies Barzilay, Wizards Coordinator

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

## Valentines Day Tea

What the world needs now is Love sweet Love!

Friday, February 14th, 2020 DOORS OPEN: 1:45 pm EVENT: 2-4 pm Tickets: \$5 pp

(Tickets available Jan 2 - Feb 7) Purchase in-person at the front desk



## Leap Year Luau

Friday, February 28th, 2020 DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM DINNER: 5:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT: 6:30-7:30 PM Tickets: \$50 pp (Tickets available Jan 20 - Feb 21)

Purchase in-person at the front desk

Are you tired of winter? Lets beat those winter blues by sitting back and enjoying some fabulous Hawaiian Music and Dancing!



## <u>St Patrick's Day Tea</u>

**Friday, March 13, 2020** DOORS OPEN: 1:45 pm EVENT: 2-4 pm

Tickets: \$5 pp (Tickets available Feb 3 - Mar 6) Purchase in-person at the front desk Calling all Lads & Lasses to join us for a wee snack and some exciting entertainment from the very talented dancers of the "Knock School of Irish dance"

## **PROGRAM NEWS**

What a year 2019 was for the Programming team and NESA membership! We experienced record enrollment in our programs and received a high volume of positive feedback about the program variety and quality instruction provided to members. Thank you for continuing to share your comments and ideas - it is from this we are able to continue to provide you the programs and activities you want to see more of!

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who help make our program registration a success - we could not do this without your help! Thanks again to our members for your patience and understanding as we continue to improve our efforts to create a more efficient and enjoyable registration experience. Have an idea for a class, program or presentation you would like to see offered here at NESA?

Please leave a message for one of the Programmers, or contact us on the website with your ideas!





Browse through NESA's program guide online at

#### A Special Thank You and Goodbye to Bill Climie



On behalf of the programming team, the fitness community, and NESA members, we wanted to give a special thank you to our former colleague, friend, and fitness instructor Bill Climie for all of his support and contributions to NESA. Bill was an advocate for senior movement and participation within our fitness community, and made sure our members kept active. Bill and his stories will be missed but never forgotten. In honor of Bill, let's keep moving and have some fun while doing it!

#### NESA is a non-profit organization.

This means the program fees collected are used to pay for the instructor and the space. When programs have low enrollment we may have to cancel the program because we can not afford to offer it. If able to, we use other program's fees to supplement a new offering so we can get it up and running. By doing this, it helps us reduce the number of programs we have to cancel!

This means we have a **<u>NO REFUND</u>** policy, unless cancelled by NESA.

Thank you for your understanding!

#### Fun Fact!

In 2019 NESA offered over 700 programs for its 2000+ members!

## FITNESS CENTRE









#### Hours Of Operation



Monday through Thursday 8:30am-7:00pm Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed on Weekends and Holidays \*Hours may be subject to change during the holidays, please see fitness centre for updates!

### 🖫 <u>Fitness Centre Admission Fees</u>

\*Prices may be subject to change
Drop-In \$4.00 / 10-Visit Pass \$30.00 / Monthly Pass \$35.00
Annual Pass \$325.00
\*Passes are not refundable or transferrable. 10-Visit passes expire after one year.

## What We Offer

 -A welcoming, friendly, inclusive and fun exercise environment
- Cardio and resistance training machines, free weights, portable equipment
- Free machine basic-operation orientations for members [Must be scheduled in advance with a fitness centre volunteer]
- Personal Training Services available to help you achieve your fitness goals including: Health and Fitness Assessments, One on One and Partner Training, and Personalized Training Program Design [Additional costs apply for these services]

### Personal Fitness Training Services

Contact our personal trainer today to get started on your fitness journey!



#### Billy Yu 780-708-1626

(As Jollean and Falon are fully booked these days, stay tuned for more information about the additional trainers NESA will be enlisting in the New Year!)

## NESA Merchandise For Sale

Interested in purchasing a NESA-Shirt, tote bag, or some fitness equipment so you can exercise at home? Please visit our fitness centre to see what we have in our inventory!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



We are currently looking for help with advertising by changing our signs on 137 Ave and the parking lot, and advertising NESA events online. Volunteer(s) must be able to work outside in varying weather conditions.

If you are interested and would like more information, please ask at the front desk for our Volunteer Coordinator, Marley, or call 780 496 4776.

## **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS**

## SPECIAL THANKS...



to all our volunteers who helped make and deliver over **250** hampers for Supporting Our Seniors in December!

...YOU'RE AMAZING!

NESA Volunteers came together in just over 40 hours to get more than 3000 gifts for Santas Anonymous this year! Way to go!



to everyone who helped out of our Winter 2020 Club and Program Registration! Around 40 volunteers helped our NESA members renew their memberships and sign up for our upcoming programs and clubs!

Thank you for making this season's registration a **HUGE SUCCESS**!

## **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS**

Know a Volunteer that deserves special thanks for the time & energy they give?



To nominate an exceptional volunteer, please leave their name and why they deserve this recognition in the ballot box in the lobby. All volunteers nominated will be entered into a monthly draw and the winner will receive a \$10.00 gift card!

Thank you for inputting all your 2019 volunteer hours. Have a happy and healthy 2020! This month's nominee winner is: Marge Gordon!



Marge has been volunteering with NESA for about a year at the front desk. Her favourite part about volunteering is meeting new people and catching up with familiar faces.



Marge was first introduced to NESA by her parents in the 1970s and has had strong connections here ever since.



When she's not busy volunteering, Marge loves to entertain. She loves to sing, with a particular passion for harmonizing. (Ask her about her years in a musical trio!)

Thank you for all your hard work!



## **OTHER INTERESTING STUFF**

## **Rental Services**

## Banquet Hall & Meeting Rooms

### Northgate Lions Recreation Centre Rental Space available for Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Meetings

Auditorium - Max. 350 Cafeteria - Max. 100 Meeting Rooms - Max. 50

## E.M.M.A Catering

- Superb home cooked meals
  Evaluat priced
- Excellent prices!

## Hall & Room Rentals 496-4928

## E.M.M.A Catering 406-0840

Air Conditioned & Free Parking!

## **In-House Services**

## Wellness Care Services Offered

## Footcare

Edmonton Footcare Inc. is currently providing on-site foot care services. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

For pricing, appointments & inquiries, please contact Elizabeth at 780-488-5878.

## Massage Therapy

Mahalo Massage Therapy and Wellness is providing massage therapy services on **Tuesdays** at NESA.

For pricing, appointments & inquiries, please contact Anamaria or Carmen at 587-938-7122 [text or call] <u>or</u> nesa.edm@mahalomassageandwellness.com

**Note**: Massage therapy services are by appointment only, drop-ins are <u>not</u> available.

## Whist Anyone? Did you know you can now play Whist at NESA?!

Join members of NESA for a game of Whist! Drop-in on Tuesdays from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Drop-in cost is only \$2.00.



No experience necessary! Do you have questions or want to learn more about this game? Call Laurette at 780-406-5180 or Roland at 780-476-9043 for more information and to learn about what style of rules are being used for this game.

## **CARE UPDATE**



SUPPORTS PROGRAM snow removal needs taken care of; however, if you are still requiring this service or any other service I encourage you to call before

December 19<sup>th</sup> as I will be away from December 20 to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Seniors Home Supports Program is your one-stop-shop to credible service providers who can do housekeeping, yard work, snow removal, moving help, home repairs and maintenance and personal services. The home repair category includes electricians, plumbers, roofers and handy men. The personal services category includes both medical and non-medical home care services as well as errand running such as grocery shopping.

If you would like more information on the program or need a referral, please contact Stacev at 780-944-7470.

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9-3:30.

#### **Outreach:**

Where did 2019 go?! This was a fantastic year in Outreach with lots of new clients and a lot of

members benefiting from the Landry Leisure Pass! If you would like more information on the Landry Leisure Pass, please contact Outreach. Supporting Our Seniors was a huge success again this year because of you! NESA members and organizations from our community were very generous this year with donations to this amazing Campaian. With your generosity we were able to provide over 250 aifts and hampers as well as 200 warm meals. We added winter jackets to the wish list this year to keep our most vulnerable seniors warm this winter. A HUGE thank you to NESA's very own Christmas elf Sharlene Wyness, she was once again so amazing this year and dedicated many hours to Supporting Our Seniors! We want to thank the wonderful



volunteers helping with deliveries this year to make sure referred seniors have a gift to open by Christmas and food over the holidays. Thank you to the Cherrydale Cafe for donating Christmas dinners to some of the outreach clients who will be spending the holidays alone. Thank you to Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Florence Hallock Schools for taking the time to make such beautiful cards to go with all our hampers! Finally, thank you to the group of girls from St. Albert who wanted to donate their time and money to this campaign, your beautiful gifts and food hampers were really appreciated! The NESA members rocked our FITMAS Campaign in the NESA fitness centre!! We are going to be able to provide many emergency food hampers because of you!

We will be running our free tax clinic again this year. To make an appointment with one of our lovely volunteers to do your taxes please call 780-496-6969.

Outreach services at NESA: Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:00 at 780-414-8790. Brittany's office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mariam's are Monday to Friday.

## JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

The member who completes the puzzle correctly will have a chance to win \$10.00 for E.M.M.A's! (All correct submissions will be put into a draw).

Please submit your entries at the front desk by Tuesday, January 14th, 2020



November/December Winner Pat Pitman

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#### NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER:

SMALL TOWNS AROUND EDMONTON			Nov/Dec issue answer key: Hidden word was <b>LIGHTS</b>	
LLGAE		UEEEVNLLIV		Canadas coldest day in History!
WOONYA		AMAON		
SRDOASRAN		CRALAM		One of the least surprising facts about Canada is that it can get pretty cold in the winter. However, a temperature
AOAOCHL		UGRWBRA		
TROBNE		PHNCMIA		recorded in 1947 in Snag, Yukon
WREAND		NLNWGIOILD		makes the rest of Canada's winter weather seem like a relaxing beach vacation. A temperature of -63 C (-81.4 F) was recorded in the small village of Snag on Feb. 3, 1947. That's roughly the same temperature as the surface of Mars!
ATMKWAOH		SLAIFL		
IYVM		SYBBU		
UNGN		YDLCE		
LLRPVCKDAIIE		FEDLTIO		



## MEET THE CLUBS

#### Meet the Weaving Club

The Weaving Club has been around since the 1990's and we have one original member. Currently we have 12 members and the same number of looms. Our club always welcomes new members provided they have a little knowledge of weaving. We love to laugh and have fun as we wind and weave our warp.

There are always many helping hands available. We are friendly, social and experimental.



Back Row - L-R Mary D., Jean E., Millie S., Judy T., Cindy P Front Row—L-R Corinne M., Jean M., Annette T.

(Missing Jean G., Kathryn K. Bert P. Elaine T.)

#### The Fibre Arts Club-

To join our club, you need to know how to thread a needle. We use natural and synthetic fibres on fabric (linen, canvas, silk) to create embroideries. Also, beading, felting and dying fabric and threads. It is done manually on the part of the artist.

Members who started with the group are Karen Phelan, Gail Velichka, Judy McKone, Paulette Sanders, Lynn Stanger, Elaine Taschuk and Millie Stedel. Our newest member is Barbara Sargeant. We describe ourselves as sharing, enthusiastic and inspirational.





## **CLUB NEWS**

#### 2020 NESA CLUB INFORMATION For Club Information contact NESA office @ 780-496-6969

Art	Mon 9:30 -12:30 & 1 - 4		
Badminton	Mon, Wed, Fri 9 - 11		
	Thu 1 - 4		
Wild Life Carving Book Lovers	3rd Fri/month 10:30 - 12		
	Thu 12-4		
Bridge			
Canasta Carro et Boudine	Thu 1 - 4		
Carpet Bowling	Tue 10:45 - 12		
Crea article	Thu 10:30 - 12		
Creative	T 0 10		
Greeting Cards	Tue 9 - 12		
Cribbage, AM	Fri 9:45 - 12		
Cribbage, PM	Fri 12:45 - 3		
Fibre Arts	Thu 1 - 4		
Garden	3rd Wed, 10:30 - 12		
Golf	Seasonal		
Guitar Jam	Wed 12:30 - 3:30		
Hardanger	Fri 9 - 12		
Jammers	Tue 1-4		
Just for the Company 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed, 2:30 - 4:00			
Music Makers	Tue 9:30 - 12:30		
Pickleball	Wed & Fri 11 - 2		
Quilting			
"Pins & Needles"			
Silversmithing	Tue 9-4		
Stained Glass	Mon 9:30 - 4		
Termites - Chip Carvers Fri 9 - 12			
Travel	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue, 10:45		
Washi Chigiri-E	Wed 9-12		
Weavers	Tue 10-4		
Wizards of Odds 'n Ends Wed 11:30 - 2:30			
Woodworking	Fri 9 - 4		

#### <u>NOTE</u>

All club members are required to have a current NESA membership.

### TRAVEL CLUB

#### MEETINGS:

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 - Travel agents will present further information on Peru, Med. Cruise and Croatia.



Come & check us out. Drop in to any meeting on the 1st Tues of the month, 10:45 am.

> \*\*\* Note: The Feb. 2020 meeting will be Feb. 11,2020, <u>NOT</u> Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 \*\*\*

### JUST FOR THE COMPANY

Jan 8 First meeting of 2020, 2:30 pm Jan 9 Paul Kane - "Matilda" Arden Theatre \$30. Bus 6:15 pm

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

#### We need more members!

We play on Thursdays: 12 pm - 4 pm



Call Doris 780-472-8151 Or Clayton 780-483-7020 First 2 times are **FREE** 

#### Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm

Call 780-406-0840 for reservations.

Cut-off to make or cancel a dinner reservation is Mon prior to the Wed dinner (No exceptions). If Mon is a holiday, phone and leave a message on the answering machine.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: For our special turkey dinners, <u>payment must be made in advance</u> by the Tuesday prior to the dinner.

#### January 2020

- Jan 8 Ukrainian Dinner \$22.
- Jan 15 Chicken Breasts in Mushroom Sauce \$22.
- Jan 22 Salmon Dinner \$22.
- Jan 29 Birthday Dinner, Roast Beef \$22. Birthday Person \$21.

For Birthday Person to receive Birthday discount, must show ID if requested to do so.

### February 2020

Feb 5 Sweet & Sour Ribs w/Rice \$22.

Feb 12 Turkey Supper \$22.

Note: Pre-payment Required



Feb 19 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes \$22.

Feb 26 Birthday Dinner, Roast Beef \$22. Birthday Person \$21.

For Birthday Person to receive Birthday discount, must show ID if requested to do so.

## Wednesday Dance

7 - 10 pm



Doors open @ 6:45 pm Dance to a different live band weekly! Enjoy an evening of socializing & exercise. Singles welcome!

> Dance Fees: \$8/member \$11/non-member

Please note: No personal liquor or pop can be brought in.

#### 2020 Winter Band Schedule

January 15 January 22 January 29 February 5 February 12 February 19 February 26 March 4 March 11 March 18 March 25 Sparkling Tones Chwill Brothers Diamonds Sparkling Tones Vinyl Country Chwill Brothers Diamonds Sparkling Tones Vinyl Country Chwill Brothers Diamonds