THE WSAC CHRONICLE

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Definition: a factual written account of important or historical events ACTIVITIY in the order of their occurrence.







This Month's Issue:

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A Message From The Program Department

WSAC MEMBERS SAVE 10% ON CAR AND 15% ON HOME INSURANCE

Armour Insurance is the official supplier of the Westend Seniors Activity Centre group insurance. Receive additional discounted rates on home & car insurance just because you're a WSAC member!

ARMOUR INSURANCE - Proud To Be A Member Of The Friends Of WSAC!

- We're local Alberta owned, operated, and staffed
- We work with Canada's top insurance providers
- Automatic annual policy review
- Doing business with us is easy

BENEFITS OF THE WSAC GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM

- 15% discount on property insurance
- We insure houses, condos, rented properties, cottages/vacation trailers, and watercraft
- 10% discounts on auto insurance
- We insure personal vehicles, antique vehicles, campers, trailers and motorhomes
- No interest or service charges (an additional 3-4% savings)
- Additional discounts can reduce premiums up to 60% before group discounts
- Accident forgiveness available
- Discounts are available for a variety of multiple account and multi-vehicle policies
- Convenient payment plans with a variety of payment options
- Fast and courteous 24 hours claim service

" I went to a Toonie talk from Armour Insurance earlier this year. When my insurance came up for renewal in May, I went to see them and they honored their discount that they talked about. They were very nice and helped me sort through what I needed, and saved me some money. "

- Lynda House



CENTRE NEWS





Check the Events Page for more information on our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th.

NATIONAL SENIORS SAFETY WEEK

2022 NATIONAL SENIORS SAFETY WEEK

Free Event

Monday, November 7, 2022 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Registration Not Required

National Seniors Safety Week is dedicated to increasing the awareness of maintaining a healthy and safe environment for older adults.

Join us for a day of presentations on a variety of topics to keep you informed and prepared.

Our presenters will discuss spotting scams, emergency preparedness, fall prevention, and storing medication safety, along with other important information that will keep you safe in your daily lives. Other organizations will also be on site providing handouts and performing demos throughout the day.

Presentation Schedule

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Guest Speakers, To be determined
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Dr. Haidong Liang, Executive Director of WSAC

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jolyn Hall - Edmonton 55+

Home Safe Home

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Constable Amanda Trenchard, Edmonton Police Service

Spot & Stop The Scam

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CURA Physical Therapies

5 Simple Exercises for Fall Prevention

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Terra Losa pharmacy

Staying Safe and Healthy - Advice From A Pharmacist

NATIONAL SENIORS SAFETY WEEK

SHRED-IT National Seniors

November 7, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Westend Seniors Activity Centre**

Safety Week

Keep your private and confidential information safe, Shred-It, don't trash it!

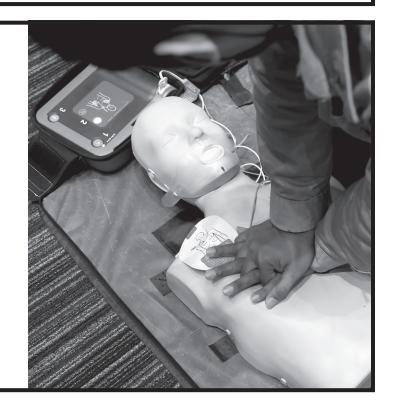
We will be hosting a Shred-It event during our National Seniors Safety Week Presentaions. We invite you to bring your shredding to our centre between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7th to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to dispose of your private information securely!

3 BOXES OF SHREDDING ONLY \$15!

AED MACHINE DEMOS by ST JOHNS AMBULANCE

St. Jonhs Ambulance will be on site providing free AED demos. Join us in the WSAC Cafe between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to learn the safe and proper way to use an AED machine in case of emergency.





SENIOR FRAUD ALERT NEWS

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE SENIOR FRAUD ALERT WEBSITE?

It's important to know that fraud is a crime and scammers are criminals. Visit the Senior Fraud Alert website to learn about scams and complete our Spot and Stop the Scam course. This course focuses on a different types of scams that have been known to target seniors. **Scan the QR code to visit Seniorfraudalert.ca**

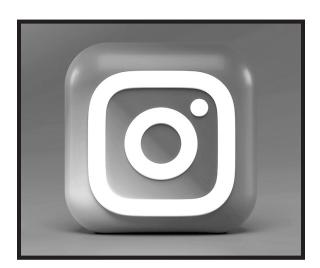


WHAT IS A SCAM?

Here are definitions for some of the common terms we use throughout the Senior Fraud Alert course:

- SCAM A dishonest scheme; a fraud. "He scams people out of their savings"
- FRAUD Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.
 "He was convicted of fraud"
- **SCAMMER** A person who commits fraud or participates in a dishonest scheme. "Scammers are preying on people's good intentions"





SOCIAL MEDIA CRYPTO EXTORTION SCAM

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has received reports of scammers gaining control of Instagram accounts. Suspects blackmail victims to record themselves promoting fake cryptocurrency platforms in order to regain access to their account. Beware of fraudulent cryptocurrency investment advertisements promoted through social media. Prior to investing, ask for information on the investment and research the team behind the offering and analyze the feasibility of the project. Don't reveal personal information over social media and don't be afraid to say no!



EXTORTION-BASED SCAM

Did you know that extortion-based scams (also called hitman scams) involve a scammer threatening your life unless you give in to their demands and pay thousands of dollars to be spared. Extortion-based scams are any scam where you are threatened with bad things happening to you if you don't do what the scammer wants. Usually what they want is to get your money or information. Often these scams are very effective, as studies show that people are more likely to respond to threats than rewards.

SENIOR FRAUD ALERT NEWS

ABOUT SENIOR FRAUD ALERT

Senior Fraud Alert is an education and prevention initiative led by the YEG Seniors Alliance in partnership with the Edmonton Police Force and funded by the Edmonton Community Foundation.

IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM

YEG Seniors Alliance Social Workers noticed seniors repeatedly being the victims of internet and phone fraud, even after being educated on scams. It became clear that the current fraud prevention resources were ineffective for seniors.

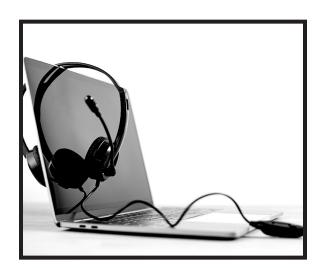
MAKING THE SOLUTION

Seniors needed a different approach to fraud prevention education. In order to be effective, it needed to be written in plain language that was free of jargon in small educational modules that provided simple but effective solutions in a positive and empowering way.



seniorfraudalert.ca

COMMON SCAMS



COMPUTER VIRUS AND TECH SUPPORT SCAM

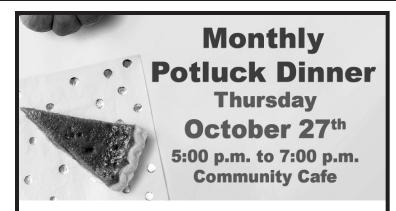
A tech scammer wants you to think your computer or device has been infected with a virus and they are from Microsoft to help you with it. They instill fear and intimidate you because you don't really know how your computer works. They will want to fix your problem – which doesn't really exist – for a big fee, usually by installing free downloads. Be aware. When you give them your credit card number and remote access to your computer, they can sell your credit card information, charge you huge amounts of money for their services, and access and steal personal and financial information from your computer.



CANADA REVENUE AGENCY (CRA) /SERVICE CANADA SCAM

Many individuals living in Canada have probably heard of this scam. Here are some tips on how to recognize this scam. A caller claims to be with the Canada Revenue Agency or Service Canada and they claim that you owe money, are in danger of being arrested, or you are going to lose everything because you have to pay the taxes right now, by credit card, bitcoin, gift cards, or by letting them access your bank account.

EVENTS



MONTHLY POTLUCK DINNER

Thursday, October 27th 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\$2 drop-in fee.

Join us for our monthly potluck held on the last Thursday every month to enjoy an evening with friends and yummy food.

Our next potluck dinner will be held on November 24th

Bring a dish for 4 to 6 people to share.

October Birthday Party! Everyone Welcome

Wednesday
October 19th
2:00 p.m. to
3:00 p.m.

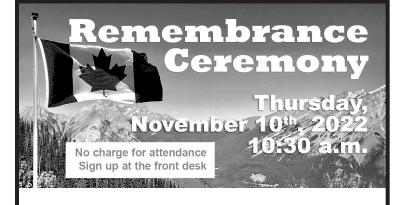
MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Wednesday, October 19th 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us to celebrate your October birthday.

There is a \$2 drop-in fee for guests.

Our next celebration is November 16th.

Pre-registration is required for you & your guests. Call the centre 780-483-1209 or stop in at our front desk to register.



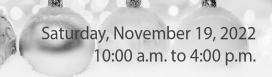
REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Thursday, November 10th, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Join us in remembering the sacrifice of our fallen soldiers, the contribution of our veterans, and honouring all individuals who continue to serve our country. We invite all veterans who would like to take part in the processional or wreath ceremony to please contact Heather Riberdy.

No charge for attendance, register at the front desk.

VENDORS WANTED HOLIDAY MARKET



HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, November 19th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visit weseniors.ca or the WSAC front desk for more information and to pick up a vendor application form to reserve your table. Calling all crafters, artists, bakers, canners, etc. We are holding our 3rd Annual Holiday Market. Book your own table or share with a friend.

Table registration deadline is Friday November 4.

TRAVEL TRIPS

DID YOU KNOW

You do not need to be a WSAC Member to attend our Travel Trips.

Why not bring a friend who is not a member? What a great way to spend the afternoon together and introduce them to the centre!



Join us to kick off The Christmas Season with a visit to the feature pyramid of the Muttart Conservatory, one of Canada's largest indoor botanical collections. The pyramid will be adorned with unique themed displays and fabulous seasonal celebrations that highlight the creativity of the Muttart staff.

The Muttart Conservatory also features the cafe, Culina To Go, should you be interested in stopping for lunch.

FREE TRY IT DAYS



TOTAL FITNESS FOR ACTIVE AGERS

Don't miss out! Limited spots available for this popular class!

Bring your own:

Yoga mat, bender ball, and hand weights.

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FREE

Tuesday, November 1 to December 13 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (7 Classes) Cost \$77



CLOGGING BEGINNER

This is a type of dance that is similar to tap dancing but it has its own unique style.

Bring your own:

Water bottle and Shoes with a slipper/leathery type sole.

Monday, October 17

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FREE

Monday, October 31 to December 12 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (7 Classes) Cost \$63



FIT FOR LIFE

1 hour class, all exercises are done standing or sitting in a chair.

Bring your own:

Therabands, stretch bands, or rubber tubing, bender balls, light hand weights, and water bottle.

Friday, October 21

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FREE

Friday, November 4 to December 16 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (5 Classes) Cost \$45 (No class Nov 11 or Dec 2)



TOTAL BODY WORKOUT THROUGH BARRE

A blend of cardio, strength training, flexibility, balance, and core = a total body workout.

Bring your own:

Light hand weights, resistance bands/loop, yoga mat, and water bottle

Tuesday, Octoer 18

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

FREE

Tuesday, November 1 to December 13 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (7 Classes) Cost \$56

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAMS TEAM

The staff at WSAC have noticed an increase in participation for our programs, which is wonderful news. We want to remind everyone to slowly ease back into things, especially if you are coming back to our centre after a break, or you are a new member trying out our programs for the first time. Trying new things can be exciting but also tiring, so be patient with yourself and fellow members as you get back into the swing of things or trying new classes.

Please make sure you are prepared for classes and are fueling your body with good nutrition and lots of water before and after the programs (especially for our exercise classes). If you start to feel unwell during a program please let a staff member or instructor know ASAP and we will assist you and your needs.

We hope you continue to enjoy your classes. Feel free to reach out to the programs team if you have any questions about the classes offered and how to properly prepare yourself.

Stay safe while staying active!

Programs Team

Fidget Quilting Drop In Survey

WSAC is looking to start a drop in class for fidget quilting and we invite you to join us!

These fidget quilts will be donated to local seniors and those living with dementia to help with concentration and provide practice of fine motor skills.

Quilting experience is not required, however, simple sewing knowledge is needed to operate your sewing machine. You will be required to bring your own sewing machine, thread, pins, scissors, cutting mat (optional), and straight edge/rotary cutter (optional). Volunteer Wendy will supply fabric and fidget materials for your first quilt to help get you started.

This drop in will be \$2.00 and scheduled every other Tuesday evening 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Visit or call the front desk 780 483 1209 and provide your name and contact number to let us know you are interested in participating!



DID YOU KNOW?

Each individual membership profile has a credit system called the "wallet".

The wallet can be used to pay for anything in the centre.

WORKSHOP & WOOD BURNING THE BASICS: TRACING

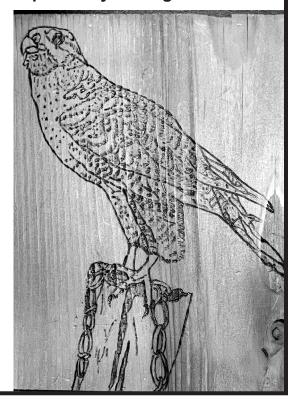
If you are interested in wood burning the first step is to try tracing!

Workshop Volunteer Assistent, David, is available on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. While he monitors the shop, David spends his time practicing his tracing and woodburning skills and wants to share his passion with others. Feel free to stop by to ask questions or to find out more about woodburning.

Basic equipment required: H2 pencil, polymer eraser, tracing paper, and whatever artwork you are interested in tracing.

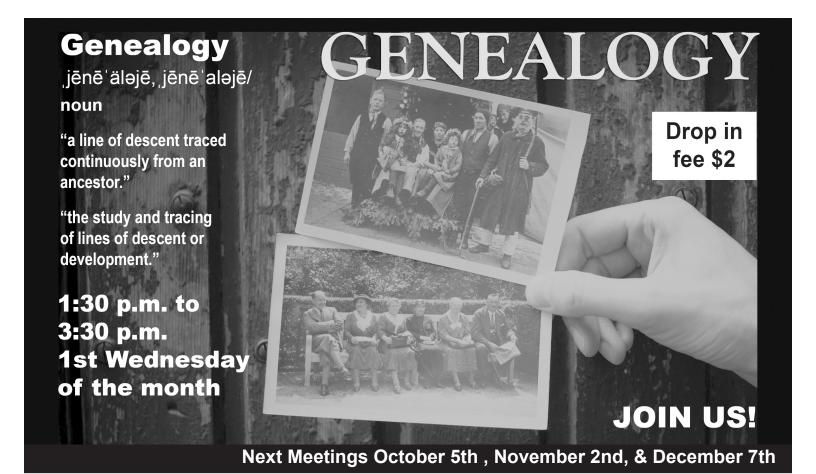
Tucked into the far southwest corner of our building is a handyman's dream with a wide assortment of hand and power tools for our members to use. Feel free to stop by and see what our workshop has to offer!

For safety reasons, a minimum of 2 individuals are required when using the shop.



MEN'S SHED COMING SOON





We're open late Tuesdays AND Thursdays until 8:00 p.m.

Join us for events, drop in classes, and registered programs.

Check out our available evening classes below!



ZUMBA GOLD EVENINGS

Zumba Gold® is a modified Zumba® class that focuses on all the elements of fitness but at a lower intensity. September 15 – October 20 (5 Classes) \$40 (No Class Sept 22)

November 3 – December 15 (6 Classes) \$48

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



TOTAL FITNESS FOR ACTIVE AGERS EVENINGS

Don't miss out! Limited spots available for this popular class!

September 13 – October 18 (6 Classes) \$66

November 1 – December 13 (7 Classes) \$77

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



1st Annual Pickleball Shin-dig

"We were so delighted with the turnout of all our friends & were able to enjoy a scrumptious bbq.

Mother Nature blessed us with a gorgeous afternoon, but more importantly we got to chat with our Pickleball friends."

Rebecca Coccimiglio



VOLUNTEER NEWS

HOW TO APPLY

- Please fill out a volunteer application at our front desk
- If you have any questions, please contact Heather Riberdy Volunteer & Event Manager
- Email: Heather@weseniors.ca OR Telephone: 780 483 1209 | Ext. 224

Position: Potluck Host

Our long time Potluck Dinner hosts, Gloria C. and Vicki R. who assisted her for many years, are stepping down as volunteers. We are very thankful for their many years of service. Thank you, from everyone at WSAC.

We are now looking for a new host or hosts to assist us with this monthly event. Currently, we hold our Potluck Dinners on the last Thursday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., but we can be flexible with a new date / time if needed. This can be a fun way to get to know new people and try new foods. Please have a look at the position description on our website and let us know if you would be interested in helping.

Responsibilities:

- Ensure there is coffee, tea, and condiments available for attendees.
- Move one or two tables together for food service.
- Lay out plates, cutlery, and napkins for attendees.
- Ensure everyone signs in and pays their \$2 drop in fee.
- General clean up of dishes, tables, etc. with assistance from attendees.
- Potentially turning off the lights, setting the alarm, and locking the doors when leaving depending on the day
 of the week.

*duties and hours are subject to change due to operational needs

Position: Fitness Room Volunteer

As the centre gets busier, we have lots of new members joining and lots of interest in our fitness room. We are in need of another fitness room volunteer to go through the orientations to ensure everyone is using the space safely. You can pick the day that works best for you and help to get our members started on their fitness journey. Check out the position description on our website for more details and let us know if you can help.

Responsibilities:

- Providing information and demonstrating the proper way to use each piece of equipment in our fitness room to new members.
- You would not be providing advice on workout routines only use of the equipment.
- You pick a regular day and time that you are able to commit to and members will sign up for time slots with you.
- You will do a wipe down of all fitness equipment in the room at the end of the day.
- A commitment to **at least one** regular 2-3 hour shift per week is appreciated, but you are also welcome to do more than one if you would like to.

*duties and hours are subject to change due to operational needs

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT NEWS

WSAC MEDICAL CLINIC TUESDAYS 1:15PM - 3PM

- Bookings and Walk-in appts available
- → Nurse Practitioners On-Site
- Service covered by AHS

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT (Preferred):

- Visit the WSAC front desk to speak to Gabriela
- Call and speak to Gabriela Sanchez 780 483-1209

- Email Gabriela Sanchez - Gaby@weseniors.ca

MORE QUESTIONS?
VISIT THE WSAC FRONT DESK!







CANADA HOMECARE GROUP

You Can Call Us When:

You are really not feeling well, it is after hours and you don't want to go to Emergency, or you simply need a prescription refill. We also help if you have hurt yourself, or you have a wound that you think needs looking at. Perhaps you are diabetic or have high blood pressure and you are or concerned about your levels. If you have been recently discharged from the hospital, you have some concerns and you can't reach your doctor, we can answer your qeustions and provide assistance. And don't hesitate to call for a high fever!

We can also assist with things like:

After we assess you we can order tests and initiate referrals to specialists as needed, and further assist you to find a family physician or update your doctor as to your recent visit with us.

780.340.0910

AFTER HOURS MOBILE CLINIC

Our Services
Are Covered By
Alberta Health!

Monday to Friday

4:00 pm To Midnight

Saturday & Sunday

8:00 am To Midnight

Public Holidays

8:00 am To Midnight

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT NEWS

OUTREACH GENERAL INFORMATION

Form Completion

Outreach provides help with filling out applications (eg; CPP, OAS, Alberta Seniors Benefits and housing applications).

Emotional Support

If you feel you would benefit from someone to talk to you can call our Outreach Department and we can provide resources to a support group or counsellor to speak with.

Needs Assessments

If you are finding that you have concerns but are not sure how to sort them out or where to go to get help, through a conversation with our Outreach team we can gather information from you to determine what resources are available to address your needs

Independent Housing & Supportive Living

Please call our Outreach Department if you require information on housing, whether it's independent or supportive living we can provide resources and information.

Seniors Benefits

If you feel you are not receiving all of your seniors benefits, we can go over what you are currently receiving and if you are missing a benefit (eg: CPP, OAS, GIS (if applicable) and Alberta Seniors Benefits), we can provide information and resources for you to follow-up with.

Financial

If you are low income there are benefits that you may be able to receive through Alberta Special Needs Benefits. Call our Outreach Department for further information.

Elder Abuse

If you feel you are in an abusive situation, whether it's physical, emotional, financial, sexual, medical, please call our Outreach Department. We can provide you with resources to an Elder Abuse team or a Safe House.

Meals & Nutrition

Please call our Outreach Department for resources to prepared meals and Nutritional Support Workers, Food Bank, Grocery Deliveries and more

Mental health & Grief Services

Whether you are suffering from Mental Health issues (eg: anxiety, depression) or you require grief and loss support, please call our Outreach Department for the appropriate information and resources.

Transportation

If you are in need of transportation and not sure who to call, we can provide you with information and resources to transportation agencies or DATS if applicable.

Isolation

If you are feeling isolated please call our Outreach Team, we can provide you with resources to a full range of programs that will suite your needs.

To book an appointment call:

Crisabel 780 483-1209 ext. 242

(In person or phone appointments)

Shirley 780 454-2465 (Phone Appointments Only)

Pre-registration Preferred - Drop Ins Welcome Free For Members - Guests \$2.00

OCTOBER 4TH

CANNABIS - BREAKING THROUGH THE MYSTERY

KALA SANMARTIN THE CANNABIS NURSE

When: Tuesday, October 4th 2022

1:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Cost: FREE for Members

\$2.00 for Guests

Join us for a presentation on the:

- History of cannabis and stigma with it.
- Endocannabinoid system the master regulator of the body.
- Cannabinoids CBD & THC and their medicinal uses.
- Different ways to consume cannabis.
- · How to access cannabis.
- · Special considerations for seniors.
- Q&A period any of your cannabis questions.

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca or visit: weseniors.ca/whats_new/cannabis-breaking-through-the-mystery/

OCTOBER 5TH ESTATE PLANNING

EDMONTON COMMINITY FOUDATION

When: Wednesday, October 13th 2022

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Cost: FREE for Members

\$2.00 for Guests

Information provided will include: the difference between Personal Directives and Enduring Power of Attorney and why you need them; What a Will can and cannot do; how a Will can help save taxes for both you and your estate; and Why a properly prepared Will, with the assistance and expertise of a professional lawyer, accountant, financial and estate planner, is so important.

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca or visit: https://weseniors.ca/whats new/

estate-planning/

Pre-registration Preferred - Drop Ins Welcome Free For Members - Guests \$2.00

OCTOBER 11TH STRETCH YOUR MONEY

MONEY MENTORS

When: Tuesday, October 11th 2022

1:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Cost: FREE for Members

\$2.00 for Guests

Money is a big part of our lives. How we earn money and how we spend money has changed a lot over the past decade. How can you deal with these changes? Would you like to get as much as possible from each dollar you have?

Come connect and learn information that can keep you moving forward financially.

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca

or visit: weseniors.ca/whats new/

stretch-your-money/

OCTOBER 12TH PICKING THE RIGHT PAINT AND HOW BEST TO APPLY

BEJAMIN MOORE THE BRILLIANT BRUSH

When: Wednesday, October 12th 2022

1:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Cost: FREE for Members

\$2.00 for Guests

Did you know that the paint product you pick is as important as the colour!

Learn a little science about paint to help understand why there are so many paint product choices. This understanding will help you pick the right product for your project. We will then give an overview of the industry standard application sequence and give you some tips and tricks when applying.

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca

or visit: weseniors.ca/whats_new/

picking-the-right-paint-and-how-

best-to-apply/

Pre-registration Preferred - Drop Ins Welcome Free For Members - Guests \$2.00

OCTOBER 13TH

INVESTOR EDUCATION MONTH: STARTING YOUR INVESTING JOURNEY

ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

When: Thursday, October 13th 2022

1:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Online via Zoom

Cost: FREE

Investing can be part of a healthy financial future, providing you with greater personal freedom, a sense of security and the ability to afford the things you want in life. Join James from Alberta Securities Commission as we explore the benefits of starting your investment journey and how to avoid common investing mistakes and fraud.

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca or visit: https://weseniors.ca/whats new/

investor-education-monthstarting-your-investing-journey/

OCTOBER 20TH WSAC HOME & AUTO INSURANCE

ARMOUR INSURANCE

When: Thursday, October 20th 2022

1:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Cost: FREE for Members

\$2.00 for Guests

There is a third asset class that many large

pension managers such as the BENEFITS
OF THE WSAC GROUP INSURANCE
PROGRAM

Come Learn More At Our Toonie Talk
Presentation and Q&A session with our
new partners and Friends of WSAC
member Armour Insurance!

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca or visit: weseniors.ca/whats_new/wsac-

home-auto-insurance-for-members/

Pre-registration Preferred - Drop Ins Welcome Free For Members - Guests \$2.00

OCTOBER 27TH

THE ART OF DOWNSIZING

JODY LAMBERTUS

When: Thursday, October 27th 2022

1:30 p.m.

Where: WSAC Cafe

Cost: FREE for Members

\$2.00 for Guests

The 2nd session informs you what to do next, after you've made the decision to downsize; how to get your home ready for sale, how to find your next home and who should be involved. Enjoy this interactive learning experience through worksheets, checklists and navigate your decision to downsize with more confidence and clarity!

Register: Email yunxuan@weseniors.ca or visit: weseniors.ca/whats new/the-

act-of-downsizing/

OCTOBER 22ND TALKING CIRCLES

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

When: Saturday, October 22 2:00

p.m.

Where: Seba Beach Seniors Centre

109 1 ST S, SEBA BEACH, AB

Cost: \$5.00 or free online via ZOOM

Register: At our front desk

Light snacks and beverages will be served to those who join us in person.

As Canadians, many of us were appalled to hear the finding and stories about the residential schools here in Canada.

Join us as we host our Talking Circles series:
Residential Schools on Saturday, October
22, at 2:00 p.m. and learn about residential
schools and how they continue to have lasting
effects on individuals and communities.
The purpose of our series Talking Circles:
Towards Truth And Reconciliation is to learn,
understand our biases, and build better
relationships between cultural groups.

GUEST BLOG POST

This article was originally published on the Alberta Securities Commission's (ASC) investor education website CheckFirst.ca. The ASC is the regulatory agency responsible for administering the province's securities laws. It is entrusted with fostering a fair and efficient capital market in Alberta and protecting investors. As a member of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the ASC works to improve, coordinate and harmonize the regulation of Canada's capital markets.

Overcoming Your Behavioural Biases When Investing

Investing is rife with choices, and sometimes to avoid the uncomfortable feeling of being overwhelmed, we choose the path of least resistance or go with our gut feeling; we rely on biases or mental shortcuts to guide our decision-making. Further, human behaviour is often influenced by our unconscious emotional and cognitive biases. These biases help our brains avoid becoming overwhelmed by the decisions we make each day. While these mental shortcuts may help us in some aspects of our lives, it's important to recognize that investing wisely requires you to go beyond a "gut check", to use sound investing principles and do thorough research.

To avoid falling for your own behavioural biases, let's examine some common types you may recognize.

Status Quo Bias:

The status quo bias is the tendency to keep things as they are or "stick with what you know." With respect to investing, this bias might not seem like a problem. However, avoiding risks associated with change or perhaps favouring what you've always done might also mean that you fail to take advantage of investment opportunities or examine and track your investments in relation to your financial goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Confirmation Bias:

One factor that reinforces the status quo bias is confirmation bias. Confirmation bias means that

you seek out information that only confirms your beliefs. In investing, this might show up as having difficulty changing your view of a particular stock, even in the face of data supporting the opposite view.



Availability Bias:

Availability bias implies that people believe that an event that has occurred recently will occur again soon, regardless of the probability that it actually will. When something has occurred recently or has significantly impacted us, our brains are even less likely to correctly weigh the risk or probability that it will happen again. In investing, this may show up as making a rash investment decision based on a recent headline, advertisement, or story you heard from a friend causing you inadvertently to deviate from your financial plan.

Present Focus Bias:

It's natural for people to focus on immediate and tangible things – when compared to planning your next vacation or saving for a new car, saving for your retirement or your child's post-secondary education may feel abstract and out of reach. For example, you may not know how much money those things will cost in the future or you may feel uncertain about how your investment portfolio will perform over such a long time horizon. As a result, you might focus on putting money towards more immediate wants and needs to avoid the discomfort of the perceived unknown.

Investing with your instincts might be tempting or feel natural, but grounding your investment decisions on fundamental research and a long-term view of your investment goals can help you invest wisely. In addition to accessing the free and unbiased resources available through the Alberta Securities

Commission's CheckFirst.ca website, consider other ways you might reduce the impact of unconscious biases on your investment strategy, such as enlisting the services of a financial advisor or robo-advisor.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

Heather Riberdy - Volunteer & Event Manager

Introducing Heather Volunteer & Event Manager

Hi all! I'm Heather Riberdy, the Volunteer and Event Manager. It's amazing the different directions in which life takes you. Who would have thought at the start of my career that I would end up in this wonderful place? I trained in the Developmental Services Worker Diploma Program in Ontario and spent the first 15 years of my career working with children and adults with special needs. It was a very engaging and rewarding part of my life but once my own kids came along, it was time for a change. I wanted to be home with them and started a day home offering before and after school care to children with special needs as well as managing the office and events at the Belmead Community League.



Tell us about yourself

I have been at WSAC since February 2016 and have been in a variety of roles but mostly focused on volunteers, special events and facility rentals. I have spent time working in the programs department, the Senior Home Supports program, and a variety of other "job related duties" depending on what was going on at the time. Interesting the new skills you learn when a pandemic comes along! I now know how to run Zoom fitness classes, set up a friendly phone call program and sell frozen meals. I've gotten to learn right along with our members.

What do you like most about working here?

What I like most about working at WSAC is the people that I have been able to meet, the stories that I've heard and the laughs - mostly the laughs. There is always someone to chat with and hear about something interesting from their lives. I used to be surprised by the "I'm retired - I have no one to impress - I'll do what I want" attitude of many of our members but now I embrace it. What better way to live than being true to yourself.

What do you fill your time with outside of work?

Outside of the centre - or maybe inside depending on the day - I love to sing, read, watercolour paint, create stained glass, garden, travel, and hike with my family. I have volunteered in some way for most of my life with the Special Olympics, my kids school councils and Scouts Canada. I'm taking a break from volunteering for a while but plan to find new experiences to give back down the road. My dream is to retire on Vancouver Island and spend my time roaming the ocean, mountains, forests and waterfalls.

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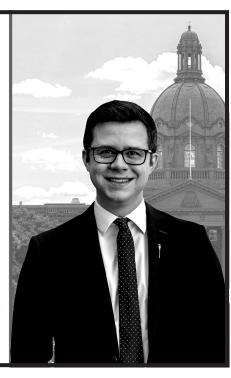


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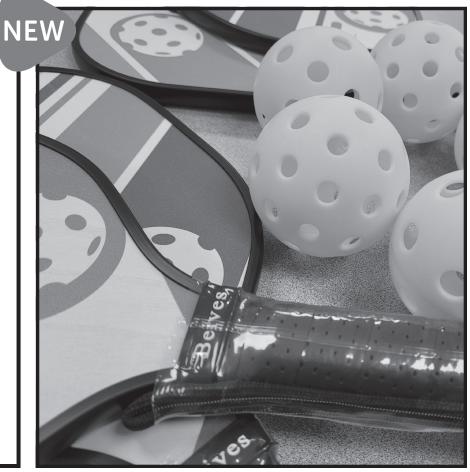
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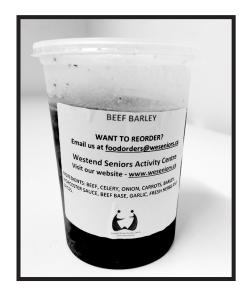


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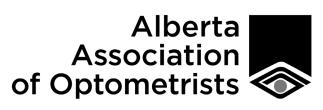
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THE NORTH LEG OF THE MAP

The north leg included stops in St. Albert, starting with Chartwell St. Albert who played a fun game of beanbag toss, and Revera River Ridge gave us washers to toss. Butterfly Dreams Respite Care team had a spectacular spread of treats to enjoy while playing their brain games, and Chartwell Griesbach gave us a real challenge with a standing bean bag toss! The north leg also included our friends at Sparkle & Sheen Cleaning and Organizing Services who also stuffed us with their wonderful spread of goodies. Raquel even had other games for everyone to enjoy while waiting for their round of giant Connect Four. MLA Jon Carson's Office gave participants the chance to meet the Edmonton-West Henday Member of Legislative Assembly, Jon Carson, and play a game of beanbag toss.

THE CENTRAL & EAST LEG OF THE MAP

Downtown at Revera Our Parents' Home they showed us the spectacular view they have of down town and the river valley while we took turns sinking balls on the pool table located in their fabulous lounge and game area. Thursday we had so much fun with Revera Churchill's Flamingo Fishing! Robert and his staff set up the deck with tables and chairs to relax at while participants got the chance to enjoy the goodies and drinks available, and everyone walked away with a gift.

This year our race included so many businesses it extended all the way to Sherwood Park!

We joined our friends over at Revolution Cycle who recently opened a new location in Sherwood Park, where participants had the opportunity to try a ride on an e-bike and test their e-bike knowledge with a quiz. On Thursday we enjoyed a game of curling nearby at Chartwell Emerald Hills.

THE SOUTH LEG OF THE AMAZING RACE

Our friends and partners, Drive Happiness, had a fun game of darts set up, and just across the street we visited Providence Chiropractic who hosted a poker style trivia game.

Revera Riverbend gave participants the chance to place tiles on a collective game of scrabble while they enjoyed some goodies. Not far was Qualicare Edmonton South where Indy and Hannah set up a whole tent for the event in a nearby park, giving some much needed shade from the hot sun. Chartwell Wescott gave us the opportunity to live our Michael Jordan fantasy with a basketball toss on the first day, and on the second day Chartwell Heritage Valley hosted a fun game of beanbag toss.

Marcia at Stanford Hearing had some yummy goodies ready to go and an amazing door prize for people to enter to win while they waited to try a game of ring toss. On the second day Chartwell Hawthorn gave us the chance to play bocce ball as we made our way back to the west side.

THE RACE AROUND THE WEST END

Louis at Wild Rose Seniors Residence here in Terra Losa was so excited to play horseshoes with all the participants. Cura Physical Therapies had people take a balance test and then played a game of "pin the tail on the donkey" with the chance to win a gift card to the Italian Centre.

Our good friends and WSAC wine tasting event sponsors Aligra Wine & Spirits had a fun game of beer pong going on in their gorgeous store in West Edmonton Mall. They even have 2 parking spots outside their store so that made it super easy for everyone to visit them along the race route. Benjamin Moore's The Brilliant Brush had a great fishing game for everyone to try AND had snacks and beverages for everyone too.

Terra Losa Pharmacy welcomed participants to pick up a copy of their brain games to complete as they made their way around the race. Len at Westlawn Funeral Home & Cemetery gave us the opportunity to tour around the grounds and stretch our legs. Local Member of Parliament Kelly McCauley's office handed out their own trivia, testing our knowledge of Canada! The Westgate branch of Servus Credit Union didn't go easy on us with their trivia challenge, but they did offer an enticing door prize for participants to sign up to win. On Wednesday we had Armour Insurance along for the ride with a game of Plinko for members to try their luck at.

We celebrated the end of the day with a free BBQ for all of our participants. City Councillor, Andrew Knack's office hosted their Edmonton trivia game in our WSAC parking lot along side the Senior Fraud Alert table with a scam quiz to test participants ability to Spot and Stop the scam.

THE AMAZING RACE WINNERS!

First place winner: Susan Sanders
Second place winner: Corrine Timmer
Third place winner: Alistair Aikman





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