



**Issue 193**  
**MAY 2023**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



So much planning, so many meetings and discussions. It was all worth the effort. Our 25th Anniversary was a wonderful celebration of past and present. Exactly 112 people signed the guest book. We received congratulatory plaques from all levels of government. The magnolia tree planted by MP Scot Davidson will serve as a constant reminder of this special day.

Big Thank You's have to go to:

The Goldenaires for entertaining us with songs from their new program. Listening to them always lifts my spirits a couple of notches.

Holland Garden and the Elden for again providing the refreshments and so much more.

Officer Elisabeth and the SSPS Auxiliary for giving us their time and helping wherever needed.

All the members who contributed their personal memorabilia for our display tables.

Dorothy our gardener for planting the pansies and by bringing her own stands with those beautiful ferns turning our plain entrance way into something far more grandiose.

Last but not least to the countless volunteers who worked quietly behind the scenes on posters, invitations, reserved-seating signs, decorations, you name it. Without you, these big celebrations wouldn't be possible.

How did you like those alien-looking, red cruiser tables? Looks can be so deceiving: those tables were just the right size, allowing for plenty of room to "cruise" and visit with all your friends.

This was one of the most enjoyable afternoons I have experienced in 24 years of membership.

Until next month,

- Elke

**P.S.** on May 6 Movie afternoon returns with the showing of "A Man Named Otto."

This is a bittersweet, wonderful motion picture. It will make you laugh, cry and everything in-between. I am looking forward to watching it again.



**Did you know we have a Facebook page? Check it out at [BWG Seniors Association](#)  
The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre: 715 Simcoe Rd., Bradford ON L3Z 4B4**

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**NOTICES - PLEASE READ**

**FOR ONE DAY ONLY: THURSDAY, JUNE 15th, EUCHRE WILL BE CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, to accommodate the Seniors Information Fair on Thursday afternoon.**

**June is Seniors Month in Ontario.**

**In honour of our seniors in the community we have decided to host our first indoor fair since before COVID. This fair will give you an opportunity to meet face to face with over 16 health care providers, receive valuable information and maybe even win a door prize. Thursday, June 15th, 2023 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Calling All Artists:**

**We are exploring the possibility of re-inventing an "Arts Drop-in" time at the Danube Centre. We envision an opportunity for artists to meet, chat, share ideas and create. Our drop-in day and time will be determined by your input, so if you are interested, please contact the Danube office at 905-775-0612 or email [danubeseniors@rogers.com](mailto:danubeseniors@rogers.com).**

**Planning is underway for a new Danube walking club. Members are invited to meet at the Danube Centre on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.**

**For more information you can email Alex at [husickalex@gmail.com](mailto:husickalex@gmail.com)**

**A reminder: It is mandatory to show proof of full vaccination when attending the Danube Centre.**

## Wasn't That A Party!!!!

What a great afternoon it was at the Danube Centre on Saturday, April 22nd.! The celebration of the Danube's 25th Anniversary was a huge success: over 100 people attended. Were you one of them?

President Elke Pitkin welcomed everyone and introduced the MC for afternoon, our very own Program Director, Linda Ind. When Linda invited the Goldenaires Choir to sing "O Canada", our Member of Parliament, Scot Davidson, invited EVERYONE to sing along. And that's how it went from there: dignitaries who'd been asked to limit their comments to a couple of minutes didn't, but there was never a dull moment as Scot announced the planting of a tree in the backyard (it being Earth Day as well), and Mayor Leduc passed the Mayoral Chain of Office to his predecessors, one at a time. Frank Jonkman explained how the Danube Centre came about and Rob Keffer thanked all the volunteers over the years who have worked so hard to keep the Centre open.

Gary Lamb, one of the Founding Councillors, stressed the importance of keeping local history in places like the Danube Centre alive for the next generations. Staff Sgt. Dave Phillips of the South Simcoe Police Service thanked the Danube Centre for its continued community partnership. Linda Ind read a letter on behalf of Sylvia Luxton, the first President of the BWGSA, who was unable to attend.

The newly-elected BWGSA Board of Directors was introduced, followed by the Goldenaires performing 5 songs from their current repertoire. Guests were invited to sing along (there was even DANCING in the back of the hall!).

The anniversary cake was cut by President Elke and former President Elaine Love.

Linda Ind wrapped up the afternoon by inviting guests to enjoy the displays (including a slide show of "How We Survived COVID"), tour the Craft Room, Boutique and Wood Shop, and enjoy the refreshments that were provided by Holland Gardens and The Elden, and served by Officer Elisabeth and members of the SSPS Auxiliary who came early and stayed late.

So many individuals worked countless hours to make our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration the success that it was. Thanks to each and every one of you.

-- The BWGSA Board and the Seniors Engagement Committee

"The event went well: the Goldenaires Choir sounded great and it was wonderful to see past Mayors of BWG and several dignitaries present." – Olga Bishop

# Open Day April 25, 2023

The following photos were taken by Jan Evans and others.









**Photos by Mike Agosta**



**These 2 photos were taken by Alex Husick**



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## Seniors Health & Wellness Fair



- Why: To celebrate National Seniors Month
- Who: Meet face to face with 12+ health care agencies
- When: Thursday, June 15th, 2023 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Where: Danube Seniors Leisure Centre – 715 Simcoe Road.  
For more info contact:  
**Linda Ind at 905-775-0612 or**  
**[linda\\_ind\\_8@sympatico.ca](mailto:linda_ind_8@sympatico.ca)**

**Chances to win some great door prizes**



## Coronation of Charles III and Camilla



The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey. Charles acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022, upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth II.

Compared with previous coronations, the ceremony will undergo some alterations to represent multiple faiths, cultures, and communities across the United Kingdom, and will be shorter than his mother's coronation in 1953. The ceremony will begin with the anointing of Charles, symbolizing his spiritual entry into kingship, and then his crowning and enthronement, representing his assumption of temporal powers and responsibilities. Camilla will be crowned in a shorter and simpler ceremony. The royal family will travel to Buckingham Palace afterward, in a state procession, and appear on the balcony to celebrate the occasion.

In addition to the coronation ceremony, the event will be marked by public ceremonies and celebrations in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the British Crown Dependencies and overseas territories. On 7 May, the Coronation Big Lunch will take place in the United Kingdom, providing the public with the opportunity to mark the occasion with street parties. The Coronation Concert will be held on the same day at Windsor Castle with representatives of the King and the Queen's charities as well as members of the general public in attendance. The Big Help Out initiative will take place on 8 May, to encourage community service and volunteering. Both the coronation at Westminster Abbey and the concert at Windsor Castle will be broadcast on television and streamed online.

This will be the first coronation of a British monarch in the 21st century and the 40th to be held at Westminster Abbey since 1066.

*(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE DANUBE



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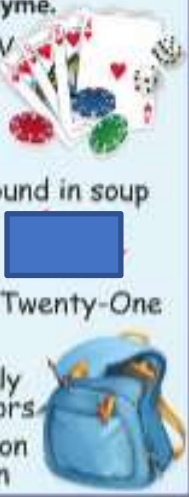
8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day, marks the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945. This day is celebrated with parades, flag-raising ceremonies, and other events to honor the sacrifices and achievements of those who fought in the war.

**Trivia Quiz** The answers are two words that rhyme.

1. 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm on TV
2. A compendium of recipes
3. A bag often used by students to carry books
4. Chinese dumpling often found in soup
5. A minor car accident
6. To retrace one's steps
7. A casino game also called Twenty-One
8. A VIP
9. A distress call traditionally used by seamen and aviators
10. A small bedroom illumination often required by children



**Ilko shared his birthday with Danube friends on April 18th. Thanks for the chocolates and mango juice, Ilko!**





## **Blast from the Past:**

(late) Ruth Novosad and Shirley Bowles rocking their Easter bonnets.

## **Gwilly Girls hard at work...**





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## Mother's Day Quiz

Question	Answer
1 The Bible says that the 'Mother of all Living' is...	:
2 What flower symbolises Mother's Day?	:
3 What is Mother's Day called in the UK?	:
4 What is the name of the mother of two, currently living in the White House?	:
5 Who was known as 'The Mother of Calcutta'?	:
6 Liza Minnelli had a famous mother, who was she?	:
7 According to the proverb 'who is the mother of invention'?	:
8 Paul McCartney wrote a song for his mother, do you know which song it was?	:
9 In Greek mythology who is the 'Mother of Earth'?	:
10 Can you remember two songs with the word 'mother' in the title?	:
11 The meal most associated with Mother's day is...	:
12 Which movie star appeared pregnant and nude on the cover of "Vanity Fair" in 1991?	:
13 What is the name of the popular 1970's TV series where the mother was a witch?	:
14 In which of Alfred Hitchcock's films would you hear the words 'Mother is not quite herself today!'?	:
15 Where do 'mother of pearls' come from?	:
16 Who is Pebble's mother in the TV series 'The Flintstones'?	:
17 Maureen O'Sullivan who played 'Jane' in six Tarzan films is the mother of a famous star, what is her name?	:
18 What's the word mother in Italian?	:
19 What does the word Matriarch mean?	:



## Silly Mother's Day Riddles

**What did the mama horse say to her foal?**

It's pasture bedtime.

**What did mama spider say to her baby spider?**

You spend too much time on the web.

**What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?**

Where's Pop corn?

**What did the mama broom say to the baby broom?**

It's time to go to sweep!

**What did the mama tomato say to the baby tomato?**

Please catch up!

**What did the mama volcano say to the baby volcano?**

Don't erupt while I'm talking.

**What did the mama rope say to her child?**

Don't be so knotty.

**What did the panda give his mommy?**

A bear hug.

**What did the baby robot say to his mommy?**

I love you watts and watts.

**What did the baby digital clock say to its mother?**

Look, Ma! No hands!

**What did the mommy bullet say to the daddy bullet?**

We're gonna have a BB!

**What did the mommy cat say when her kittens brought her warm milk on Mother's Day?**

This is purrrrrr-fect!

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### The Month of May

"May" is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin *maiores*, "elders".

### May Folklore and Fun

*A dry May and a leaking June  
Make the farmer whistle a merry tune.*

*A snowstorm in May  
Is worth a wagonload of hay.*

*Among the changing months, May stands confessed  
The sweetest, and in fairest colours dressed!*  
—James Thomson, Scottish poet (1700–48)

### May Zodiac Signs

*Taurus:* April 21 to May 20

*Gemini:* May 21 to June 20



May's **birth flowers** are the Hawthorn and the Lily-of-the-Valley.

The hawthorn means hope, while the lily-of-the-valley symbolizes sweetness or the return of happiness.

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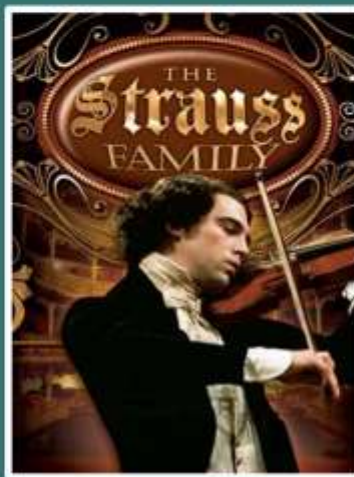
## Events in May 2023



### The Victorians

Date: May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 11:00 am

Join Lianne Harris as we explore the distinctive mindset of the Victorian Age: what men and women feared and what they embraced, the inventions, improvements, clothes, and the social, political and sexual movements they represented.



### The Strauss Family from Vienna

Date: May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 11:00 am

Vienna 1848 – The Austro-Hungarian Empire is in political turmoil. But the music, the Viennese lifeblood, has never been more cheerful. We'll meet the Strauss Family and get to know also some their juicy stories and scandals.



### Scram to Scams

Date: May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 11:00 am

Community Services Officer, Elisabeth Aschwanden from the South Simcoe Police, will share the latest information on scams and frauds.



### Ice Cream Social

Date: May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Join us at The Elden for a delicious Ice Cream bar and live entertainment, RSVP in advance.

**IN PERSON EVENT**

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## Answer

- 1 Eve
- 2 White carnation
- 3 Mothering Sunday
- 4 Michelle Obama
- 5 Mother Teresa
- 6 Judy Garland
- 7 Necessity
- 8 'Let It Be'
- 9 Gaia
- 10 a - 'Mother Love' by Queen- b - 'Mothers Little Helper' by The Rolling Stones c - 'Mother Earth' by Neil Young-
- 11 Brunch
- 12 Demi Moore
- 13 Bewitched
- 14 Psycho
- 15 Oyster's shells.
- 16 Wilma
- 17 Mia Farrow
- 18 Madre or Mama
- 19 A female head of a family or tribe



*When you leave rabbits alone...*





## Math Quiz

Question	Answer
1 What does the Roman Numeral "C" represent?	:
2 What number does a century represent?	:
3 Which is bigger 100 or ten squared?	:
4 What is $25 + 23$ ?	:
5 What is the square root of 36?	:
6 What is $65 - 30$ ?	:
7 How many sides does a hexagon have?	:
8 A car travels at a speed of 65 miles per hour. How far will it travel in 6 hours?	:
9 Ann has 4 stamps, she bought 8 stamps more, and Mary borrowed 2 stamps from Ann. How many stamps does Ann have?	:
10 18 divided by 6 equals what?	:
11 Jim drove 768 miles of a 1200 miles journey. How many more miles does he need to drive to finish his journey?	:
12 The cost of buying a tall building is one hundred and twenty one million dollars. Write this number in standard form.	:
13 What is the value of $(14+5) - (5-2)$ ?	:
14 What does the square root of 144 equal?	:
15 What comes next in this series: million, billion, trillion, _____	:
16 52 divided by 4 equals what:	:
17 $87 - 56 =$	:
18 A fortnight is a unit of time equal to how many days?	:
19 A single walrus can eat 5,000 clams a day. How many clams does a walrus eat in a week?	:
20 If a hen lays 250 eggs per year, in how many years will she lay 1,000?	:



**\*NEW\***

## **Social Group**

*Meet up with your friends at the Danube for a cup of coffee or tea and spend some time enjoying each other's company for an hour in the morning or afternoon.*

*If this sounds like something you would like to do, please email Lynda at [neller4880@sympatico.ca](mailto:neller4880@sympatico.ca) and let her know if you prefer morning or afternoon.*

*Hope to see you soon!*





Answer

- 1 100
- 2 100
- 3 BOTH ARE THE SAME
- 4 48
- 5 6
- 6 35
- 7 6
- 8 390 miles
- 9 10
- 10 3
- 11 432
- 12 \$121,000,000
- 13 16
- 14 12
- 15 QUADRILLION
- 16 13
- 17 143
- 18 14
- 19 35,000
- 20 4 years

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**Trivia Quiz Answers**

1. Prime Time
2. Cook Book
3. Back Pack
4. Won Ton
5. Fender Bender
6. Back Track
7. Black Jack
8. Big Wig
9. May Day
10. Night Light



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Although women gained the right to stand for election to the House of Commons in **1918**, women did not have the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada until **1929**, when *Edwards v Canada (AG)* (commonly known as the *Persons Case*) was decided.

## Jokes

Remember when you could refer to your knees as right and left? Instead of good and bad!

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years (just getting over the hill).

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

When I was young, I was a poor golfer. But after years of play and practice, I am no longer young.

I've come to the conclusion that I have a memory like an Etch-A-Sketch... I shake my head and forget everything.

Used to be Rock around the Clock, now it's limp around the block!

My new SUV has a button that says 'rear wiper.' I'm afraid to push it.

Getting older is hard. I used to wake up feeling like a million bucks. Now I feel like a bounced check.

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