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## President's Message



Last Friday, just before the monster snow storm started I was on my way to Pickering to keep my granddaughter company while the rest of the family enjoyed a skiing holiday. Big surprise on arrival: The furnace quit. Luckily, they have a gas fire place. It kept the temperature on the ground floor at an even 15 degrees Celsius. Out came the blankets and I spent most of the next day and a half bonding with my granddaughter by re-watching a slew of Harry Potter movies. Well, to tell you the truth, she watched and I had long naps. (Furnace was fixed on Sunday)

December 31<sup>st</sup> seems so long ago. That evening we enjoyed a wonderful New Years Eve Party. Such a beautiful hall and table decorations. Music that invited everyone to get up and dance. A big thank you to all involved making this such a special event.

We had our first Lunch & Learn of 2026 on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather was so bad I had visions of mountains of leftover soup and sandwiches.

I was so wrong. 44 of you braced the snow and attended the CRA presentation. Never before have I heard so many comments about a soup of mine. Definitely a keeper. Copies of the recipe are available at the office.

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> "Music in the Afternoon" returns. 1:00-3:00pm

Join us, listen, tap your toes or have a dance

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> our "Hearts & Flowers" luncheon will start at 11:30 am. The menu as follows:

***Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables***  
***And of course Dessert, Coffee, Tea***  
***Pre-Registration required***

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> something a little different. Join us for a free Variety Show. The fun starts at 1:30 pm and ends with refreshments provided by Holland Gardens. Registration required.

Stay safe and warm -Elke

P.S. Our parking lot is a mess of snow, sleet and mud. Everybody entering the centre deposits some of it on our mats and floors. You can't avoid it. We mop, sweep and wash trying to keep the place reasonably clean and safe. Please be careful, use caution when you visit us.

Do you have a Shop Vac or a heavy duty vacuum cleaner sitting idle in your garage or basement? We could use one.





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# NOTICES

A Reminder that the **AGM** is on **March 5 at 10:00 am** at the Danube. We encourage you to attend in order to cast your vote for the board members who are standing for election. The following positions are available:

President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President,  
Treasurer, Director of Facilities,  
Director of Food Services,  
Member at Large.

The next "Music in the Afternoon"  
will be on Valentine's Day,  
Saturday, February 14 at 1:00 pm.

Bold & Beautiful Talent show  
February 25, see flyer on Page 8

**Family Day February 16**— we are  
open

**N.B.: REGULAR AFTERNOON  
PROGRAMS CANCELLED on  
February. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

There are various videos about  
Bradford on *YouTube*, this one  
contains old photos going back to the  
1800s. Click **Here** for a fascinating  
look at historical Bradford.

### Constitution amendment

p.3, Article 4b, subsection i, Chart  
listing Board members

Proposed change: that we increase  
from 2 Members-at-Large to 3  
Members-at-Large. The additional  
Member-at-Large would be elected to  
a two-year term or be appointed as  
needed.

### Birthdays at the Danube Centre

Periodically, we publish photos of  
members celebrating landmark  
birthdays at the Danube Centre.  
Because we do not collect  
birthday information when we  
register new and returning members,  
we rely on friends and relatives of  
members to alert us to special days  
that we can acknowledge. Please feel  
free to let us know in advance when  
you, your friend or relative who is a  
Danube member will be celebrating a  
landmark day, and we will do our  
best to have a cupcake, candle and  
camera ready at the Centre.



## Once Upon a Winter Afternoon.....

Over time, winter afternoons at the Danube Centre have become synonymous with Cards and Carpet Bowling.

Members have been playing regular Euchre on Thursday afternoons and putting up with uneven floors at Carpet Bowling on Friday afternoons for nearly 30 years. There is a lot of cross-over between the two groups, as the photos below illustrate. Most weeks, the late Angelo DeAngelis could certainly be found at both.

(A word to the wise: if the Carpet Bowlers know your birthday is within a week, be prepared to blow out the candles on your surprise cake!).

-Jan







February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

at 11:30 a.m.

## Hearts & Flowers Lunch

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"To honour Heart and Stroke Month and of course  
Valentine's Day."

Pork Loin dinner  
Coffee/Tea and Dessert

Feel free to wear your best pink, red and white  
or anything with a heart.

**\$15 per person payment due at time of registration**

**Registration closes on February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Tickets are non-transferable - Members in  
Good Standing only – No 'phone registrations**

Danube Seniors Centre 905 775-0612 or  
[danubeseniors@rogers.com](mailto:danubeseniors@rogers.com)





*Not The New Year's Eve the Danube was expecting! (Puddles of water from the leaking roof.)*

### **Some Winter Puns, (you be the judge of the quality!)**

- I'm feeling winterful.
- Oh, icy what you did there.
- Let's coldly go where snowman has gone before.
- After Christmas, I'm another day colder and deeper in debt.
- It's easy freezy!
- Once mitten, ice shy.
- Are you surfing the winternet?
- Don't give me the cold shoulder. I'm just punning with you.
- I'm chillin' with my snowmies!



## **CRA Seminar January 15**

We had 44 brave souls come in this terrible weather. CRA was unable to attend in person, however, we pivoted and did the seminar virtually on the big screen. Everyone loved the lunch, especially the chicken soup! Thank you to our volunteers and the extra help that we had today, very much appreciated.

-Linda

### **Canada Revenue Agency Helpful links:**

Eligible Medical Expenses: [Lines 33099 and 33199 – Eligible medical expenses you can claim on your tax return - Canada.ca](#)

Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit: [Line 45355 – Multigenerational home renovation tax credit \(MHRTC\) - Canada.ca](#)

CRA Contact Page: [Contact the Canada Revenue Agency \(CRA\) - Canada.ca](#)

CRA General Enquiries phone number: **1-800-959-8281**

CRA Benefits Enquiries phone number: **1-800-387-1193**

**If you would like a copy of the entire presentation please contact Linda Ind at [linda\\_ind\\_8@sympatico.ca](mailto:linda_ind_8@sympatico.ca)**





## New Year's Eve, 2025

*"If you weren't there, you missed a rollicking, good time!"*

After a yummy pot-luck smorgasbord of home-cooked and -baked delights, New Year's Eve revellers enjoyed an evening of dancing under the spinning disco ball (thanks for the great music, Mike and Debbie!) and sparkling lights (thanks, Mike and Emilio!); playing cards or crokinole; talking with other guests, and posing in the decorated photo booth (thanks, Lynda Neller!) with available props for memorable pictures (haven't seen any of yours yet, Kevin and Heather!).

The hall was decorated beautifully with gold bows on satin-covered chairs (Thanks, Pat Allen and Ann Jolley!); handmade, illuminated centerpieces on every table (Thanks, Wendy Smith!); balloons, etc., etc.

Many thanks also to Mikki Buckley; Edale Levene; the set-up crew including Susan and Steve Simurda, and everyone who started the New Year by helping to clean up the old one.

Hope to see everyone ringing in the New Year this coming December.

-- Debbie Davidson and the New Year's Eve Organizing Committee



NYE Set-up Crew.





More great NYE party photos from Mike A.





# BOLD AND BRILLIANT-

.....WHERE TALENT SHINES!

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY CALLING 905-775-0612**

A **FREE** variety show to be held at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Road, Bradford in collaboration with The Prevention of Senior Abuse Network- Simcoe County (PSAN), and The South Simcoe Community Theater.

**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2026 1:30 PM-3:00 PM**

Refreshments to follow courtesy of Holland Gardens



# Members past and present enjoying the Danube Centre Woodworking shop.



## Got 'Em Results January 14, 2026

### Games:

1. Elfi Wagner
2. Patricia Durkin
3. Bill Bishop
4. Bill Bishop
5. Heather Wilson, Elke Pitkin
6. Heather Wilson
7. Nancy Wagner-Cave
8. Mikki Buckley

## Got 'Em Results January 28, 2026

### Games:

1. Debbie Davidson
2. Heather Wilson
3. Elfi Wagner
4. Debbie Davidson, Ginette Kanyo
5. Elke Pitkin
6. Kevin Wilson
7. Susan Simurda
8. Laura De Haas



## ON THIS DAY

**1912** The last Emperor of China abdicates at the age of 6. Puyi was expelled from the Forbidden City after a military coup in 1924.

**1924** George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* premieres. The piece is among Gershwin's best-known compositions and one of the most popular pieces of the symphonic jazz genre.

**1972** #1 Hit: Al Green - *Let's Stay Together*

**1973** The Watergate trial of seven men charged with the break-in begins in Washington, D.C.

**1974** Elton John releases *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* as a single in the U.S., one of his signature songs.

**1977** The largest lobster on record is caught in Canada: it weighs nearly 20.2kg (44lbs) and is around a metre long. It was estimated to have been one hundred years old.

**1979** *The Rose*, starring Bette Midler, premieres, earning her an Academy Award nomination.

**1994** Edvard Munch's *The Scream* is stolen. The iconic painting was recovered several months later.

**1999** US President Bill Clinton is acquitted in his impeachment trial.

## ANAGRAM

Both answers contain the same letters arranged in a different order!

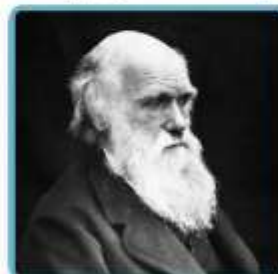
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Cold Christmas pudding: \_\_\_\_\_



Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? **He wanted to win the no-bell prize!**

## Happy Birthday



## Charles Darwin

*Naturalist, biologist & scientific writer*

**BORN** February 12th, 1809

**DIED** 1882 (aged 73)

**NATIONALITY** English

Charles Darwin was as a naturalist and biologist known for his theory of evolution and the process of natural selection. He originally intended to become a physician but decided to study natural history when he realized he couldn't stomach the sight of blood.

Darwin spent 5 years on a survey voyage around the world. In 1859, he published *On the Origin of Species*.

Darwin established that all species of life have descended over time from common ancestors through a process called natural selection. Extremely controversial at the time, Darwin's theories now underpin much of modern thought on the natural world. He married his first cousin and they had 10 children.



*"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change."*

CHARLES DARWIN



Seahorses are the only species where the male gives birth.

## -What kind of cheese am I? -

1



This cheese is salty, tangy, and crumbly. It is stored in brine and often used in salads with olives and tomatoes.

What cheese am I?

2



This cheese is soft, white, and mild. It is a fresh cheese made from cow's milk and often eaten for breakfast or snacks.

What cheese am I?

3



This cheese can be mild or sharp depending on age and is commonly used in sandwiches and cooking.

What cheese am I?

4



This cheese is soft, creamy, and buttery with a white edible rind, often served on crackers or bread.

What cheese am I?

5



This cheese is fresh, milky, and slightly chewy. It melts easily and is often used on pizza or in salads.

What cheese am I?

6



This cheese has a mild, slightly nutty flavor and a smooth, firm texture, often eaten as a snack or on sandwiches.

What cheese am I?

7



This cheese is soft with a white rind and has a stronger, earthy, mushroom-like flavor, often enjoyed at room temperature.

What cheese am I?

8



This cheese has blue veins and a strong, salty, tangy flavor, often crumbled on salads or used in dressings.

What cheese am I?

9



This cheese is smooth, buttery, and slightly sweet, and is enjoyed sliced, melted, or on cheese boards.

What cheese am I?

## Answer

- 1 Feta
- 2 Cottage
- 3 Cheddar
- 4 Brie
- 5 Mozzarella
- 6 Edam
- 7 Camembert
- 8 Blue Cheese
- 9 Gouda



## Valentine's Day Food Puns

- We're a matcha made in heaven.
- It takes two to mango.
- Only have fries for you.
- I relish the time we spend together.
- Tortellini in love with you.
- You are tea-riffic!
- Have I told you Reese-ently that I love you?
- I love you s'more and s'more each day.
- Pie like you very much!
- You're one in a melon.
- I'm bananas over you!
- You whisk me off my feet.
- You make me melt.
- You're soda-lightful.
- I ap-peach-iate you.
- You're my soymate.
- Will you be my Valenlime?
- Words cannot express hummus I love you.
- Let's avo-cuddle.
- You mean so mochi to me!



*To all our members who are  
celebrating a  
birthday this month.*

*Happy Birthday!*



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weather and hoping you will  
be well very soon.*



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### **Wreath-making workshop**

On December 4th, our very own Wendy S. came to teach us how to create a wreath for our Christmas décor. Wendy provided not only expert instruction, but also all the necessary materials we would need to turn unadorned greenery into a personalized work of art.

Thanks, Wendy! Mine is perfectly me!

-- Jan Evans

### **Lost and Found, yours maybe?**







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## NOTICE

### Fragrance Free Building

Perfumes, Aftershaves and other scented beauty products may cause allergic reactions. Please avoid wearing scented personal products when attending the Danube Centre



*Daisy and friends*



*Daisy with her daughter and granddaughter at the fashion show in January 2025*



## Danube Activity Schedule

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Woodshop	<b>9:15 am</b> Scrapbooking	<b>10:30 am</b> Zumba Gold	<b>1:00 pm</b> Bridge Snooker Mah Jong		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Beginner Line Dancing	<b>10:30 am</b> Chair Fitness	<b>11:45 am</b> Book Club (Bring your own lunch) 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	<b>1:00 pm</b> Crazy Canasta	<b>1:00 pm</b> Goldenaires	<b>6:30 pm</b> Bid Euchre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Tai Chi	<b>10:30 am</b> Chair Yoga	<b>1:00 pm</b> "Got'Em"  Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday	<b>1:00 pm</b> Bid Euchre  Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday	<b>1:00 pm</b> Snooker	<b>7:00 pm</b> Beginner Line Dancing
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Woodshop	<b>9:30 am</b> Regular Fitness	<b>10:30 am</b> Chair Fitness	<b>1:30 pm</b> Regular Euchre		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Tai Chi	<b>10:30 am</b> Chair Yoga	<b>1 :00 pm</b> Carpet Bowling			

## Card Games Results

Bridge			Bid Euchre			Euchre		
Jan. 5	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank G. Darcy E.	Jan.6	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heather W. Ann J.	Jan. 7	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rick M. Debbie D.
Jan. 12	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank G. Dianne F.	Jan. 13	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann J. Wendy S.	Jan.15	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim S. Al W.
Jan.19	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sally P. Rosemary S.	Jan,20	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wendy s. Ann J.	Jan.22	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bruce F. Al W.
	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Jan.27	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Donnie C. Heather W.	Jan.29	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank G. Debbie D.