



# Winter 2026

Hours - Monday to Friday

Doors open 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Business Transactions end at 3:00 pm

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## Fun, Friendship and Activities

January to March 2026

Hello everyone,

I do hope that everyone will have or did have a wonderful Christmas with lots of rest and relaxation and able to share a few good moments of joy and laughter with friends and family during the Holiday season. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in 2026, starting a new cycle of Winter activities in January!

Isn't it amazing how our months all roll into each other. Wasn't it just a month ago in November that we had a lot of rain, and then a whole bunch of snow. All that to say, this is a reminder that boots and all winter attire should be left in the coat closet near the Reception desk so as not to track snow or mud into the Centre. Please make sure you bring shoes or slippers while in the Centre to avoid falling or slipping.

We are waiting for the City of Ottawa to replace/repair the HVAC unit to regulate the temperature in some of our activity rooms. In the meantime, we are happy to let you know that there is a heater available in the Studio for use by our members. The Activity Coordinator will turn the heater on at the beginning of the activity and ensure that it is shut off and back in its box at the end of the activity.

Take care and all the best.

Jackie Lafontaine President, Board of Directors



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## We're proud to announce our Bronze Level Sponsor!

We deeply value the expertise and professionalism of Park Lawn - Basic Funerals.

Whether you're seeking quotes or advice for your own or a loved one's final arrangements, our Sponsors are here to help with compassion. G50+ encourages you to reach out with any questions or for guidance.

## 2025-2026 G50+ Volunteer Board of Directors

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We are a registered Charity #11894 0535 RR0001. Tax receipts will be provided for donations over \$100.00.  
Please remember G50+ as your Charity of Choice for 2026.

## Members' Information



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** Tom H, Cathy B, Susan A, Douglas C, Donna L, Laurie W, George W, Denise P, Sulaiman K, Serguei M, Natalia M, Susan Y, Mireille D, Teresa Y, Jennifer K, Deborah H, Allan Y, Jim T, Catherine C, Barbara D, Dawn W, Marion P, Helen L, Brent D, Marilee K, Joan W, Jack L, Maureen K, Marc D, Cathy G, Joan O, Joan R, Bryan R, Louise R, Rudy A, Lilian A, Morris W, Pam W, Earl M, Karen M, Jenny D, Elizabeth H, Sherri M, Joanne H, Suzanne T, Carol C, Suzanne D, Liz F, Wayne P, Janice T, Raymond T, Lisa S, Arlene K, Kevin F, Elizabeth M, Paula C, Valerie G, Eddy C, Francine L, Christine M, Fern C, Susan M, Jo-Ann R,



### Soliciting Within the Membership

Selling items within the Membership is prohibited without permission. If you wish to sell something within the Membership, please drop by Reception and we will guide you through the process.

#### Food Services

If you are planning to enjoy lunch or a snack, please press the Lunch button when you sign-in at Reception. The dining room is reserved for people to enjoy lunch from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday to Friday. Thursday Lunch can be purchased as a combo for \$10.00 or a la carte. Check out our Frozen Entrees for sale!

#### Weekly Pot Of Gold

Did you know that all Members are eligible to play Pot of Gold? One name is drawn every Friday. Stop by Reception for more details on how to get involved.



#### Foot Care Clinics

Members \$37  
Non Members \$40

New Clients or clients who have not had foot care within the last 6 months may require a second appointment.

Please reserve your appointment in person or by calling 613-749-1974.

Clinics: 2nd Monday, 3rd Friday and every Wednesday of the month. See Calendars for this symbol.



Please Inform Reception if you or a fellow member is unwell or has lost a loved one. The Centre will send a card on behalf of the Membership.



**Valentine's Day Lunch**  
**Thursday Feb 12 @11:45am**  
**\$12.00**  
**Roast Beef Lunch**  
**Dessert / Tea / Coffee**

**Blood Pressure Clinics**  
Drop-in to the Complimentary Blood Pressure Clinic and meet the wonderful staff at Beacon Heights. Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the lobby.  
Thank you Beacon Heights Residence All Seniors Care



**St. Patrick's Day Lunch**  
**Thursday March 12**  
**\$12.00 @ 11:45 am**  
**Irish Stew (Beef or Lamb)**  
**Dessert / Tea / Coffee**



#### Member Orientation

**February 25 & March 17**  
**12:30 pm to 2:00 pm**

Meet other Members, enjoy refreshments and learn about G50+ Activities, Services and Volunteerism.

RSVP at Reception or call 613-749-1974.

## For your information



### Lynda Buske Presents

Visit Iceland from the comfort of your chair, enjoy photos of magnificent waterfalls, lava fields, geysers and stunning fjords.

Friday Jan 16 1:00 to 3:00 pm Board Room

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### Learn how to Restore

Your Old Photos

March 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Board Room

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Space is limited, please visit Reception or call us to reserve your space.



### Basic Funerals & Ottawa Police Present

#### Current Frauds, Scams & Safety

Friday March 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

RSVP required to reserve your space.



G50+ Drop-In activities are reserved for Members, designed for recreation, social inclusion, fun, friendship and laughter. If you are unsure how to participate or play a game, please visit Reception, we are here to help. Please refer to the Calendars for scheduled activity dates.

#### Monday

Pickleball 1	8:30 to 10:30 am GYM
Pickleball 2	10:30 to 12:30 pm GYM
Quilting	9:00 to 12:00 pm MP2
Mindful Meditation	10:00 to 11:00 am Studio-4wks
500	12:45 to 2:45 pm MP2

#### Tuesday

Pétanque-Atout	9:45 to 11:15 am MP1
Quilting	9:00 to noon pm MP2
Sandbags	noon to 2:00 pm GYM
Whist	12:30 to 2:30 pm MP2

#### Wednesday

Pickleball 1	8:30 to 10:30 am GYM
Pickleball 2	10:30 to 12:30 pm GYM
Java Chat(4th Wed)	10:00 to noon Board RM
Bridge	noon to 3:00 pm MP2
Canasta	12:45 to 2:45 pm Studio
Trivial Pursuit	1:00 to 3:00 pm Board Room

#### Thursday

Bid Euchre	9:00 to 11:45 am MP2
Euchre	12:30 to 2:30 pm Studio
Bingo	1:00 to 3:00 pm MP2

#### Friday

Pickleball 1	8:30 to 10:30 am GYM
Pickleball 2	10:30 to 12:30 pm GYM
Cribbage	9:30 to 11:30 am Studio
Darts	9:45 to 11:30 am MP2
Bridge	11:45 to 3:00 pm MP2
Shuffleboard	12:45 to 2:45 pm GYM

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Please ensure you sign into "My Senior Center" at Reception. Statistical data from the MSC is used for reporting to our Funders and internal programming adjustments.  
Did you know all Drop-In Activities are coordinated by Volunteers?  
Please take some time to thank your Volunteer Coordinator.



### Chris Taylor Presents

Fun and Useful Tips of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Friday January 23, 2026 1:00 to 3:00 pm

&

Keeping Your Passwords Safe

Friday, February 27 1:00 to 3:00 pm



Space is limited, only those who book ahead will be permitted.  
RSVP at Reception.

### University of Ottawa

#### Heart Institute



#### Valve Screening Clinic

At G50+ on Thursday Feb 26, 2026

<https://survey.ottawaheart.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=839128&lang=en>

Or Call 613 696-7412 or email at [cvhdm-msp@ottawaheart.ca](mailto:cvhdm-msp@ottawaheart.ca)

To reserve your appointment.

**Anna Crandlemire****Gentle Fitness Tuesday- W26GFIT**

9:00 to 10:00 am GYM

Dates: Jan 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar 3, 10

**Mem \$68 Non \$102****Oleksandr (Alex) Kharitonov****Tai Chi Monday W26TAIM**

1:00 to 2:00 pm - Gym

**Mem \$60 Non \$90**

Dates: Jan 12, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 23 Mar 2, 9

**Chair Fitness Tuesday- W26CHAIRFIT**

10:15 to 11:15 am GYM

Dates: Jan 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar 3, 10

**Mem \$68 Non \$102****Tai Chi Thursday W26TAITH**

1:00 to 2:00 pm - Gym

**Mem \$68 \$102**

Dates: Jan 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5, 12

**Gentle Fitness Thursday - W26GFITH**

9:00 to 10:00 am GYM

Dates: Jan 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5, 12

**Mem \$68 Non \$102****Lynda Buske****Line Dance Tuesday - W26LINE**

10:00 am to 11:00 am Studio

**Mem \$75 Non \$113**

Dates: Jan 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar 3, 10, 17

**Strength & Stability Thursday - W26S&S**

10:15 to 11:15 am GYM

Dates: Jan 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5, 12

**Mem \$68 Non \$102****Laurie Hemmings****Watercolour Beginner Monday W26BEGWATER**

9:15 to 11:15 am MP1

**Mem \$120 Non \$180**

Dates: Jan 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 23 Mar 2, 9, 16

**Watercolour Wednesday W26WATERCOLOUR**

9:15 to 11:15 am MP2

**Mem \$120 Non \$180**

Dates: Jan 21, 28 Feb 4, 11, 25 Mar 4, 11, 18

**The Art of Calligraphy Thursday W26Calligraphy CANCELLED****Jacqueline Richards****Red Iron Yoga Monday - W26REDIRON**

Noon to 1:00 pm Studio

**Mem \$68.00 Non \$102.00**

Dates: Jan 12, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 23 Mar 2, 9, 16

**Mat Yoga Wednesday- W26MATYOGA**

9:00 to 10:00 am Studio

**Mem \$68 Non \$102**

Dates: Jan 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar 4, 11

**Chair Yoga Wednesday - W26CHAIRYOGA**

10:15 to 11:15 am Studio

**Mem \$68 Non \$102**

Dates: Jan 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar 4, 11

**Kerry Coulter****Learn Bridge -Wednesday W26Learn Bridge**

10:30 to 11:30 am Board Room

**Members only \$12**

Dates: Feb 4, 11, 18 Mar 4, 11, 18

**A signed Par-Q is required for all Physical Activities.**

If needed, refunds will be paid by cheque, less administration fees and classes attended, until the second week of your class. Please visit/contact Reception for a Refund Request Form or contact us by phone/email. 613-749-1974 [gsac@storm.ca](mailto:gsac@storm.ca) refunds may take up to 10 business days to complete. A medical certificate may be required.

## January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Robo Calls</b>				
	<p>We kindly ask that you listen to any phone calls /voicemail messages from Robo Calls. These automated calls are used to notify members of service interruptions, closures, or other important updates. If you choose to opt out of receiving Robo Calls, it becomes your responsibility to check the website regularly for this information. Please note: Once a Robo Call is issued, staff are generally not on-site to answer follow-up phone calls. Thank you for staying informed and helping us maintain efficient communication.</p>			
5 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting Mindful Meditation 500  Registration	6 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist  Registration	7 Pickleball 1 & 2 Canasta Bridge Trivial Pursuit  Registration in person or by phone starts	8 Ginger Beef Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo	9 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard  Registration till noon
12 Pickleball 1 & 2 Mindful Meditation Quilting 500 Tai Chi Red Iron Yoga 	13 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness 	14 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Mat Yoga Chair Yoga 	15 Shepherd's Pie Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi	16 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard  Chair visit to Iceland
19 Pickleball 1 & 2 Mindful Meditation Quilting 500 Tai Chi Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	20 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	21 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Watercolour Int Mat Yoga Chair Yoga 	22 Board Meeting Pizza & Wings Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi Calligraphy	23 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard  AI Presentation
26 Pickleball 1 & 2 Mindful Meditation Quilting 500 Tai Chi Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	27 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	28 Pickleball 1 & 2 Java Chat Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Watercolour Int Mat Yoga Chair Yoga 	29 Hamburger Steak & Onions Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi Calligraphy	30 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard



Jan 5 to 9 Registration  
Jan 13 Blood Pressure Clinic  
Jan 16 Iceland Presentation  
Jan 23 AI Presentation

08:30

Please respect G50+ business hours.  
Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

To avoid waiting in inclement weather, please book your transportation accordingly. As the Winter progresses please visit the website (link below) for Centre Closures and listen to Robo Call messages as there is generally no one on site when Robo Calls are released. [Home - Gloucester 50+ Centre](#)

## February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500 Tai Chi Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	3 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	4 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Watercolour Int Learn to play Bridge Mat Yoga Chair Yoga	5 Lasagna Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi Calligraphy	6 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard Intro to Ancestry
9 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500 Tai Chi Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	10 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	11 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Watercolour Int Learn to play Bridge Mat Yoga Chair Yoga	12 Valentines Lunch Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi Calligraphy	13 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard
16 Centre Closed  	17 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	18 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Learn to play Bridge Mat Yoga Chair Yoga	19 Pork Loin Dinner Board Meeting Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi Calligraphy	20 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard
23 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500 Tai Chi Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	24 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	25 Pickleball 1 & 2 Java Chat Canasta Bridge Trivial Pursuit Orientation Watercolour Int Mat Yoga Chair Yoga	26 Boiled Ham Lunch Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo Valve Screening Gentle Fitness Strength & Stability Tai Chi Calligraphy MP1	27 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard Keep Passwords Safe



### G50+ Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life of seniors  
of the city of Ottawa by disseminating relevant information and providing  
recreational, educational, cultural and related support services mainly through the  
utilization of volunteers.

  
**Feb 6 Introduction to Ancestry**  
**Feb 10 Blood Pressure Clinic**  
**Feb 12 Valentines Ticket Required**  
**Feb 16 Centre Closed Family Day**  
**Feb 25 Orientation**  
**Feb 26 Valve Screening**  
**Feb 27 Keep Passwords Safe**



### Brian Bullock Presents: Introduction to Ancestry

Brian will help you uncover the  
mysteries of your Family and start  
building your Family Tree.  
Please RSVP to reserve your seat  
and presentation handouts.  
**Friday February 6 @ 1:00 pm**

# Winter Calendar 2026

## March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500 <b>Tai Chi Beg</b> Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	3 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	4 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Watercolour Int Learn to play Bridge Mat Yoga Chair Yoga	5 Beef Bourguignon Bid Euchre Euchre—GYM Bingo <b>Gentle Fitness</b> Strength & Stability Tai Chi	6 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard <b>Restore your Old Photos</b>
9 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500 <b>Tai Chi Beg</b> Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga	10 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist Line Dance Gentle Fitness Chair Fitness	11 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Trivial Pursuit Watercolour Int Learn to play Bridge Mat Yoga Chair Yoga	12 St. Patrick's Day Lunch Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo <b>Gentle Fitness</b> Strength & Stability Tai Chi	13 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard
16 Quilting 500 Watercolour Beg Red Iron Yoga  <b>March Break no Gym</b>	17 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Whist Orientation Line Dance	18 Bridge Canasta <b>Foot Care Board Room</b> Watercolour Int Learn to play Bridge— MP1  <b>March Break no Gym</b>	19 Sweet & Sour Pork Board Meeting Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo  <b>March Break no Gym</b>	20 Cribbage Darts Bridge  <b>March Break no Gym</b>
23 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500	24 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist	25 Pickleball 1 & 2 Bridge Canasta Java Chat Trivial Pursuit	26 Hamburger Platter Bid Euchre Euchre Bingo	27 Pickleball 1 & 2 Cribbage Darts Bridge Shuffleboard Current Frauds, Scams and Senior Safety sponsored by Basic Funerals
30 Pickleball 1 & 2 Quilting 500	31 Pétanque-Atout Quilting Sandbags Whist	<b>Special thanks to Staples for printing our Winter Bulletin in Colour.</b> Please visit Staples for your copying and supplies. 		



**March 6** Restore your old photos  
**March 8** Clocks Spring ahead  
**March 10** Blood Pressure Clinic  
**March 12** St. Patrick's Day ticket required  
**March 16 to 20** March Break—NO GYM  
**March 17** Orientation  
**March 27** Current Frauds, Scams & Safety



### Suggestion Box

We value your suggestions.  
The suggestion box is located in the back corner of the Main Hall, or you can email us at  
[info@gloucester50pluscentre.ca](mailto:info@gloucester50pluscentre.ca)  
Thank you for your feedback!

## Watercolour Beginner 2 hour classes

Turn your compositions into masterpieces by learning the element of design. Learn the basics in watercolour and build your confidence with the medium. Focus will be on creating texture, tonal value, colour and shape while learning various techniques. Lots of one-on-one attention. Please bring an HB Pencil and white eraser. **Required supplies:** Jar for water, White palette, Size 10 or 12 round soft hair brush with point, Beginner watercolour paint set (any brand), Watercolour paper pad or block, HB pencil, White eraser.

## Watercolour Painting 2 hour classes

In this course, individual style is encouraged with lots of one-on-one instruction. Learn all there is to know about watercolour painting and enjoy exploration of the medium in further developing skills. **Supplies not included. See supplies Above.**

## The Art of Calligraphy 1.5 hour classes

Learn the classic art of calligraphy by practising the 4 most popular scripts. Individual projects will be covered such as; place setting cards, name and gift tags, greeting cards, family trees, poems and verses, jar labels, etc. Make your events and gifts special this year by adding the extra touch of calligraphy. **Required supplies:** HB pencil, white eraser, Pilot Parallel Pen 2.4mm (orange package).

## Gentle Fitness 1 hour classes

While standing, you will be led through a Warm-up, Cardio and Muscle Strength and Endurance designed to increase your cardio, strengthen your core and increase balance, making this class a well rounded fitness regime for all fitness levels. Please wear comfortable clothes and indoor shoes.

## Chair Fitness 1 hour classes

While seated, or using a chair for stability, you will be led through a Warm-up, Cardio and Muscle Strength and Endurance designed to increase your cardio, strengthen your core and increase balance, making this class a well rounded fitness regime for all fitness levels. Please wear comfortable clothes and indoor shoes.

## Strength and Stability 1 hour classes

Designed to strengthen your inner core, this class is a combination of seated and standing exercises using a chair as support. The exercises are designed to maintain or increase your balance, thereby reducing risk of falls or the fear of falling. Wear comfortable clothing and indoor shoes.

## Meditation Reset 1 hour classes (Jan 5, 12, 19, 26)

Find peace and restored energy in yourself by attending these one hour classes. Meditation can be in a Chair or lying on the Floor. Please bring your own yoga mat (if needed), wear comfortable clothing and indoor shoes.

## Learn to play bridge 1 hour classes

Learn Bridge basics over six weeks. Kerry will provide lessons and practice sessions, in preparation to join G50+ Drop-in Bridge Wednesdays / Fridays.

## Tai Chi 1 hour classes

Tai Chi provides seniors with numerous physical and mental health benefits, including improved balance, reduced fall risk, and enhanced muscle strength. It can also help with cognitive function, stress reduction, better mood, and improved cardiovascular health. Its low-impact, gentle movements are ideal for older adults looking to stay active without overstressing their joints. Wear comfortable clothing and indoor shoes.

## Red Iron Yoga 1 hour classes

Learn Yoga postures adapted for comfort, accessibility and strength using light hand-weights to improve muscle tone with gentle breathing & relaxation techniques. Perfect for all fitness levels as we use the chair for balance & safety. Wear comfortable clothing and indoor shoes.

## Mat Yoga / Chair Yoga 1 hour classes

Yoga is more than exercise—it's a holistic mind-body practice that enhances physical health, emotional balance, and overall quality of life. Whether practiced gently or vigorously, seated or on a mat, yoga provides tools for resilience, relaxation, and vitality. The stretching and strengthening movements will benefit all fitness levels. Wear comfortable clothing, dress in layers and if needed, bring your own mat.