



Our Mission: To empower and enhance the quality of life of people in our community as we age.

JANUARY 2024

Board Update

Happy New Year SEESA members! Hope that you all had time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends over the past few weeks.



New Faces at SEESA

We welcome Elder Care Edmonton staff and program participants to their new home at SEESA.

Graham Witten has joined the team as Volunteer and Events Coordinator.
Gina-Marie Garon has changed roles and is now Membership Services Coordinator.

Membership

As of December 31, 2023 we had 1,147 registered members. On January 8, 2023 we had 395 registered members and by January 23, 2023 there were 510 registered members. As of January 8, 2024 we have 872 members and anticipate this number will grow in January as people register for classes and clubs.

Lots of Work to Do

The first quarter of the year the focus of the Board will include completing proposed revisions to SEESA's bylaws, recruiting new Board members, continuing work on Board governance policies, hosting a Town Hall, and preparing for the Annual General Meeting while still raising awareness of the needs for learning and social engagement opportunities for seniors. We remain committed to being present at upcoming events as well as service volunteers.

Shelley, our Executive Director will be focusing on preparing grant proposals and reports for funders, bringing new staff on board, and working to advance the need for support for the operations of our centre.

Winter has arrived!

Warm-up at SEESA. SEESA offers many opportunities to warm up our bodies, mind, and soul through classes, clubs, volunteering, events, and Tillie's Café. We look forward to seeing you actively engaging in life.

SEESA Christmas Luncheon

On Friday, December 15, SEESA members enjoyed a wonderful festive meal lovingly prepared by our Chef Cherie and SEESA volunteers. During the festivities, The Melody Singers lead a sing-along, featuring many modern festive songs. At SEESA, we are an inclusive organization that brings together many facets of life and learning. The celebrations on December 15 included Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the Aga Khan's 87th birthday. In the spirit of caring, members and visitors to SEESA were invited to leave a message on the SEESA Wish Tree. It was heartwarming to see so many messages of hope, love, and support.

Hanukkah (Chanukah) is the Jewish eightday, wintertime 'festival of lights', celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and fried foods. The Hebrew word Chanukah means dedication. Hanukkah is thusly named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple and marks



the dedication of a new home. Each year, Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev, which is the ninth month of the Jewish calendar. To learn more about Hanukkah, please visit Chabad.org.

December 13th is a day of celebration for Ismaili Muslims in honour of His Highness Aga Khan's birthday. The Aga Khan has dedicated his efforts to improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable populations, while emphasizing the view of Islam as a thinking, spiritual faith: one that teaches compassion and tolerance and that upholds human dignity. The Aga Khan reminds us "that there will always be more that unites us than divides us". To learn more about the Aga Khan, visit The Aga Khan Development Network.

Christmas, December 25, traditionally is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of year for many around the world. For many of us, the celebrations of Christmas have shaped who we are and how we continue those traditions. The spirit of Christmas is about caring for our family, friends, and community. In the northern hemisphere, Christmas also coincides with the winter solstice which is a time of renewal and the return of light – as the birth of Jesus brought light into the world. To learn more about Christmas in Canada, visit The Canadian Encyclopedia.

Kwanzaa is an annual holiday that celebrates history, values, family, community, and culture. Kwanzaa is primarily celebrated from December 26 to January 1, is rooted in the first fruit of harvest celebrations. Kwanzaa is a time for reaffirming the dignity of the human person in community and culture, the wellbeing of family and community, the integrity of the environment and our kinship with it,

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and the rich resource and meaning of people's culture. Families and communities come together to remember the past and to celebrate community. To learn more about Kwanzaa, please visit the National Museum of African American History & Culture.

Sharon, one of our SEESA members, expressed her gratitude in the inclusivity of various celebrations:

I wanted to say how much I appreciated the recognition of the many different annual celebrations of various religions such as Jewish, Hindu, etc. in addition to Christmas in the opening of the December 15 dinner. Please pass on my thanks. I think it is this type of loving mention that breaks down bias, racialization and slowly creates positive feelings, recognition, and acceptance of all people. It demonstrated both our sameness and our differences in such a peaceful, positive manner.

At SEESA, we would like to continue and grow the variety of celebrations throughout the year. As such, we ask our members to let us know of any celebrations you would

like highlighted throughout the year. Please send your suggestions to info@seesa.ca and if anyone has any artifacts, traditions, items you would like to share during these celebrations, we would be honoured to showcase them.

Below, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa displays







Crochet hooks needed

The Quilting and Crafting Club is in need of crochet hooks. If you have some old hooks you can spare, please drop them off at the SEESA office.



Canadian Country Music

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Featuring! Legends



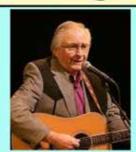
ALFIE MYHRE



JOYCE SMITH



RANDY HOLLAR



EDDY CHWYL



RICK MORGENSTERN

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 2 pm

South East Edmonton Seniors Association 9350 82 Street – Edmonton, Alberta

Complimentary Refreshments! Everyone Welcome! Reserve Tickets Only: Available Nov. 20, 2023 to March 3 2024 \$30.00 Call: 780 468 1985

Doors Open At 1 pm Show at 2 pm



Betty Dean, Artist



View my latest original creations at the March 15-17 NOA Art Walk at Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre.

I'll be showing pieces from large to small with prices to suit any budget.

Appointments to view my work in my home are also available.

https://www.art-by-betty.com









Invites you to celebrate
NATIONAL PIE DAY!
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Drop in anytime between 12:00 - 1:30pm
Tillie's Cafe

Tickets: \$20.00

Your Choice of **Vegetarian Pot Pie or Tourtière** (meat pie) with a side salad, coffee/tea, and a slice of your choice of dessert pie.

Dessert Pies:

Apple, Cherry, Coconut Cream, Peach. Gluten-Free options: Apple or Cherry.

Purchase tickets at SEESA front desk or by phone 780-468-1985 by: **NOON on January 19, 2024**

Whether you are old or young you're always the right age to enjoy pie... so come join us for a slice!

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Celebrating Birthdays

January 15 – February 14 Birthdays

Paul Amyotte Claire Fraser Rose Ostafichuk

Evelyn Anderson Rita Free Lois Ough

Betty Overacker Ken Baran Stella Galbraith

John Baxter Donna Garner Celine Paradis

Ronald Bell Irenee Getz Donna Pickens

James Gibson Roland Poulin Weston Benjamin

Louise Bennett John Gillis Cathy Pruden

Natalie Hapchyn Ida Elizabeth Hawley Tami Blanchette

Mary Lou Reeleder

Verna Radis

Sharon Simonato

Bonnie Bowes Dave Sawatski Gloria Hay

Walter Butler Gregory Humphrey Ellen Siegle Beverley Ingram

Deborah Slugoski Belinda Choban Mary Jones

Finn Christiansen Bruno Kante Val Solash

Diane Davies Michael Langstone Kathy Somerville

Donna Spanu **Gord Demers** Joanne Lobb

Verna Stevenson **David Dorward** Linda Lukasewich

Cheryl Doty **Dorothy Mayall** Karen Stralak

Donna Thachuk Sandy Eggen Antoinette Moquin

Ian Elliott Marie Muszynski James Thomas

Carolyn Nault Kathryn Tkachuk Elaine Essien

Elizabeth Tyler Sheila Nelles Harry Ference

Darryl Fischer Lynn Norris Ina Verheul

Linda Wetzstein Barbara Flowers Jean Northill

Lilia Biah

Sharon Chapelsky



Fay Wilson

Debra Wiltshire

Pat Winter

Gisele Wood

Sam Yakimishyn

Dawn Yanor

Shaunna Yaremchuk

Anne Yarmuch

William Yasunaka

Bonnie Yuremchuk





December birthday party participants.

Do you have a birthday in February? Your party is on Tuesday, February 20th at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP by February 16th to 780-468-1985.

Membership Fees 2024

Effective January 1, 2024, annual membership fees are:

- Regular Member \$40 (anyone 55 years or older)
- Reciprocal Member \$5
 (must provide proof of full, paid membership and expiry date at participating senior centre before being able to register for SEESA programs or purchasing club tickets at member rates)
- Associate Member \$50
 (anyone aged 35 54 years)

Membership Benefits

- Receive member rates for Classes, Seminars, Special Events, and Fitness Centre
- Attend free SEESA member programs
- Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) are only for SEESA Regular and Lifetime Members





Winter 50/50 Raffle TICKETS \$5 EACH

On Sale
January 10 - April 26, 2024
Purchase at SEESA Front Desk
or Call 780-468-1985
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2024 - Session 2 (March 4 - April 26, 2024)

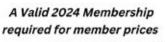
Registration - February 13th @ 9:15am

Program Guide available February 5th

Ways to Register

- Online via MyActiveCenter
- In Person @ SEESA
- · Drop Off @ SEESA front desk
- By Phone 780-468-1985

See the Program Guide for Registration Option Details



"Not 55 yet? We'd love to have you too!"











SEESA Shares Advertising Rates

SEESA accepts paid advertising in SEESA Shares.

Advertising rates per single issue:

Business

card size:	3.5" w x 2" h	\$25.00
1/4 page:	4" w x 5" h	\$40.00
1/2 page:	8" w X 5" h	\$80.00
1/2 page:	4" w X 10" h	\$80.00
Full page		\$120.00

1500 email circulation

Send submissions to: info@seesa.ca
preferably by the 1st of each month, so that any amendments can be complete by the 8th of the month. Publication is around the 15th of the month.

A one-time set up fee of \$30.00 may apply if your ad is not print ready.

Note: paid advertisements may not reflect the views of SEESA. Buyer discretion is advised. There is NO advertising in SEESA What's Happening Now.





Alzheimer's Awareness Month

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Canada. This month, the Alberta Community-Based Seniors Serving sector organizations raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia through events and resources. These initiatives aim to educate the public about the impact of Alzheimer's disease, provide support to individuals and families affected by the disease, and promote research efforts to understand and find treatments for Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

More information about Alzheimer's Awareness Month can be found on the <u>Alzheimer Society's website</u>.





Donations to Edmonton's Food Bank accepted at SEESA

SEESA is honoured to be an Edmonton Food Bank drop off location. Over the years, we have collected non-perishable food items during various events and activities at SEESA for those struggling in our community. SEESA's last donation to Edmonton's Food Bank was 48 kilograms of food. Thank you for your support in helping those in need in our community.

Margorie Bencz, Food Bank Executive Director states:

Because of you, we are able to keep up with the rising need and help people like Rachel, a single mother of three young children who is only able to work parttime because child care is too expensive. As she juggles work and parenting, the money coming in is just not enough to make it the whole month.

The Edmonton Food Bank is an affiliated member of Food Banks Canada where they are committed to relieving hunger today and preventing hunger tomorrow. Their mission is to be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community while seeking solutions to the causes



of hunger. Did you know, that in January of 1981, Edmonton's Food Bank become Canada's first food bank! Today, they serve approximately 34,000 people each month of which 40% are children and have distributed almost 6M kg of food in one year.

"Thank you for answering the phone and helping me and my family. It's not about answering my call you see me and make me feel like a person. Thank you for all that you do!" — Rachel

You can make a difference in someone's life. Donate a non-perishable item the next time you are at SEESA.



Call for Nominations — Board of Directors

We're building a bright future for the SEESA community. This doesn't happen without a strong Board of Directors — and we need YOU!

You've got creativity, energy, professional and life experience to offer. Dynamic individuals of all ages and stripes are encouraged to join the Board. Flex your muscles, exercise your prowess, and give back to your community — you will be personally and professionally rewarded!

While we look for board members with experience in governance and not-for-profit leadership, please consider the other unique skills you have to offer. Would you like to mentor and share your experience in areas like finance, government relations, marketing, communications, entrepreneurism, risk management and more? Diverse perspectives and expertise are invaluable. If you'd like to enhance your community leadership, build your resume and work as a team, we want to talk to YOU.

At present, the SEESA Board has nine members and we are recruiting for 3 – 4 new members. Successful candidates will begin their two-year terms starting at the AGM (March 15, 2024). Board members are expected to:

- Attend and actively participate in monthly Board meetings (approximately 2 hours long),
- Attend and/or volunteer at SEESA events and on committees from time to time.
- Attend the Annual General Meeting, and
- Maintain active membership status throughout their term.

Expressions of interest and nominations close February 15, 2024. Please contact Della Paradis, Chair, Nominations Committee at cell: 780.940.1874 or della.paradis@telus.net to discuss this opportunity or any questions you many have. The details of application process can be found on the SEESA website.



Tillie's Café

Monday - Friday - Open 9 - 4

Breakfast served from **9:00 am - 10:30 am** Lunch served from **11:30 am - 1:00 pm Beverages and Goodies** are available outside of meal times.

Breakfast:

Big Breakfast - 2 eggs, 2 toast, bacon/sausages & hash browns	\$11.50
Small Breakfast - 1 egg, 1 toast, bacon/sausages & hash browns	\$8.00
Pancakes (2) - bacon/sausages	\$8.00
Oatmeal	\$2.50
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Special - as posted and as priced

Lunch:

Sandwiches (Egg Salad or Tuna Salad)

Half/Full sandwich	\$3.50/6.00
Soup	\$5.00

ENTRÉES

LIVINEES	
Jan 8 – Club Sandwich\$13.0	0
Jan 9 – Ukrainian Lunch (Perogies and Sausage)\$14.0	0
Jan 10 – Grilled Chicken with Rice Pilaf and Mushroom Sauce\$14.0	0
Jan 11 – Chili and Garlic Bread\$12.0	0

Jan 15 – Donairs with Tziki\$13.0	0
Jan 16 – Shepherd's Pie\$15.0	0
Jan 17 – White Fish baked with Dill Sauce, Roasted Potatoes & Coleslaw \$15.0	0
Jan 18 – Fried Chicken Sandwich with Side Salad\$13.0	0

Jan 22 – Curry Veggies with Paneer and Flatbread\$12.0	0
Jan 23 – 'Pie Day' (Ticketed Event) Tortier or Vegetarian Pie, Salad,\$20.0 & Choice of Dessert Pie	0
Jan 24 – Salmon Rotini Alfredo\$14.0	0
Jan 25 – Beef Rouladin with Potato Dumplings\$15.0	0

Beverages:

Coffee/Tea (1 refill), Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Bottled Water	\$2.00

Baked Goods:

As available and as priced Thursdays: Cinnamon buns\$4.00

Frozen Selections to take home:

Soups	\$4.00
Entrées as available and as priced	

Riverdale School Elementary Music Choir







Danielle and Shelley groove to the tunes of the Riverdale School Elementary Music Choir.

On Thursday, December 21, SEESA was excited to host the Riverdale School Elementary Music Choir. The students from grades four through six serenaded members and guests with a variety of modern and classic festive songs. The performance brought such delight into the hearts of those in attendance. Members were singing along, and some were even grooving to the beat! At the conclusion of the performance, the students presented SEESA members with Christmas cards. Members agreed that the concert itself was amazing, and the distribution of Christmas cards was the 'icing on the cake' to send us into the holidays.

Riverdale School offers a collaborative, inclusive, and safe environment for K-6 students to express themselves, learn, and grow in preparing them for the adventures of junior high school and beyond. Along with academic excellence, students can learn and enjoy life through sporting activities, the arts, and community impacts. The 2023 – 2024 school year marked Riverdale School's 100th Anniversary. "Riverdale has earned a reputation as a small school with a big heart, and it's a reputation we're proud to embrace." — Karen Teague, Principal

We thank Riverdale Elementary School for their time and presentation. SEESA hopes to engage with other choirs and groups in the future.

FYI Seminars, January - February, 2024

Biomarkers for Alzheimer's

Tuesday Jan 23 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Dr. Steven Trevor

Improving Diabetes Outcomes

Wednesday Jan 24 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Farah Saebh

Annual 2023 Global Financial Market Review and 2024 Outlook

Tuesday Jan 30 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Wei Woo

'In & Above Edmonton' (Aviation & Photography)

Wednesday Jan 31 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Shane Blakely

Bring Your Own Device Digital Content

Thur Feb 1 (10:00 - 11:30 am) Presenter: Wendy Gronnestad-Damur

The Art & Science of Sleep

Wednesday Feb 7 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Terri Jones

Headache and Migraine Relief

Wednesday Feb 14 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Farah Saeb

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FYI Seminars, January – February, 2024 (continued)

What it Means to be a Good Executor

Tuesday Feb 20 (10:00 - 11:00 am) Presenter: Gina Vilet

PrePlanning and Insurance Options

Tuesday Feb 20 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Alex Paterson

Beyond Boundaries: Reimagining Your Life with Strong, Pain-Free Hips, Back and Knees!

Wednesday Feb 21 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Dr. Joseph Tanti

Alternative Investing for Retirement Income

Wednesday Feb 28 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Presenter: Wei Woo

Location: Edmonton Room (Class limit 20 unless otherwise noted)

Fee: \$3.00, members and non-members

See the 2024 Session 1 Program Guide for detailed information on these sessions and options for registration.



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Chartwell FYI Series, January – February 2024

SEESA is pleased to present the Chartwell FYI Series.

Where: Edmonton Room, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Class limit: 20

Fee: \$3.00, members and non-members

Demystifying Medical Cannabis for Seniors

Monday Jan 22 Presenter: Irene Donohue

Join us for a candid conversation about our Endocannabinoid System; cannabis plants and their medicinal compounds; top conditions seniors look to treat or relieve; consumption and dosing methods (therapeutic only); side effects, and lastly, we will touch on products; what to look for and what is legal or not legal. We will also be addressing some of the myths associated with cannabis consumption. Participants will leave with a better understanding of medical benefits with cannabis therapy, basic knowledge of our Endocannabinoid System and how cannabis interacts with it to bring our bodies into balance.

Ten Tips for Rightsizing vs Downsizing

Feb 5 Presenter: Karen Bodoano

You have identified that you would like to change your life, possibly even move. In this session, Professional Organizer and Move Coordinator, Karen Bodoano, will share some of her best tips for actually getting the work done; and choosing the things that will help support you and bring you joy.

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Chartwell FYI Series, January – February 2024 (continued)

Real Estate Overview: 5 Things You Want to Know When We're Knocking on Your Door

Feb 12 Presenter: Lynn Masters

Speaker Lynn Masters, an accredited Seniors Real Estate Specialist and Seller Representative Specialist, will share some information with you on the who, what, where, when of real estate and why and how they matter.

Fraud Prevention for Older Adults

Feb 26 Presenter: Jocelyn Ching

Did you know that Seniors are being targeted every day by criminals? Join us for an insightful presentation from the Royal Bank, showing you some of the ways you are being targeted and how you can prevent it.

More information about these sessions is available at www.seesa.ca Register in person or by phone



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January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Tamil Heritage Month	1 New Year's Day	CLUBS begin today Tillie's Open	3	4	Jam Session 6:45 – 10:00pm	6
7 Orthodox Christmas	8 CLASSES begin today	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Monthly Birthday Party Tillie's Cafe 1:30 – 3:00pm	17	18	19 Jam Session 6:45 – 10:00pm	20
21	22	23 National Pie Day Ticketed Event Tillie's Cafe	24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture Robbie Burns Day	25	26 Club and Activity Liaisons Meeting	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
28	29	30	31	Pie Day Jan	e Jan 5 – Apr 23 \$ 23 meal – \$20/Ti usic Legends Mar	cket

FYI Sessions:

Jan 10 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Adult 65+ by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

Jan 17 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Wills

Jan 23 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Biomarkers for Alzheimers

Jan 24 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Improving Diabetes Outcomes

Jan 30 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Annual 2023 Global Financial Market Review and 2024 Outlook

Jan 31 (1:30 - 3:00 pm) 'In & Above Edmonton' (Aviation & Photography)

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February 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Black History Month Winter 50/50 Raffle on Sale. \$5/ticket – Draw Date: April 26, 2024		1	Jam Session 6:00 – 9:00pm	3		
4	5 2024 Session 2 Program Guide Available	6	7	8	9	Chinese New Year Year of the Dragon
11	12	13 Registration 2024 Session 2	14 Valentine's Day Brunch (Ticketed Event) Tillie's Café	15	Jam Session 6:00 – 9:00pm	17
18	FAMILY DAY SEESA CLOSED	Monthly Birthday Party Tillie's Cafe 1:30 – 3:00pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	Mar 3 – LEGEND Concert. (Ticket	S Country Music s \$30/person)

FYI Sessions:

- Feb 1 Bring Your Own Device Digital Content (EPL)
- Feb 6 The Many Benifits of an e-bike for Seniors
- Feb 7 The Art & Science of Sleep
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