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Busy times off and on the ice for the Railer Express in 2023 - 24

Players, coaches and board members have been working hard again this year on the ice to gel as a team and prepare for playoffs as well as giving back to our community. This season we are led by our new leadership team – Captain Rhonan White along with assistants Carter Van den Bussche, Mike Todoruk and Evan Chudley.



The philosophy of the Railer Express program has always been to provide an affordable venue for young hockey players to develop their skills while attending school or starting ca-



reers and fostering the value of community - by 'giving back'.

During November and December Express players help at the Transcona Foodbank unloading foodbank donations and helping clients carry their bags. During Express home games in December fans were also asked to bring non-perishable food items as we work together to make the holidays that much better for everyone. We appreciate all the donations!

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What is Glaucoma?

by Dr. Karen Blackie, OD

Glaucoma is an eye disease that affects your peripheral vision, and is one of the leading causes of blindness in Canada. The most common form of glaucoma is primary open angle glaucoma, but there are other forms as well. We all have an internal eye pressure due to the eye constantly producing fluid inside the eye, called aqueous fluid. But if too much fluid is being produced or if the fluid cannot drain properly, the pressure can get too high, and can cause damage to the fine lining of the back of the eye, i.e. your retina, and damage the optic nerve. The optic nerve transmits all the information that the eyes see, and sends that information to your brain, which tells you what you are seeing. When the optic nerve is damaged, peripheral vision is affected 1st, but central vision can be affected

during later stages of the disease too. It develops painlessly and gradually, and the patient often doesn't realize that they're losing vision until the later stages of the .disease. Vision loss is unfortunately permanent.

Glaucoma most frequently occurs in individuals over the age of 40. Some families have a hereditary tendency to develop glaucoma, but not all cases. History of eye injuries, or strong myopic (nearsighted Rx's) can increase your risk factors for .developing glaucoma.

A full comprehensive eye examination is often the only way to detect glaucoma. Every patient the we see, children to seniors is assessed for glaucoma risk factors at every visit. Your Optometrist will ask you about any family history of glaucoma, will check your

eye pressure (the "air puff" test as some people refer to it, but can be measured different ways as well), check if you have any peripheral field loss, and assess the quality of your optic nerve, looking for signs of glaucoma damage. Your overall risk factors for having or developing glaucoma will be determined, and a decision will be made about how often you should be seen for monitoring. Those at high risk may require further glaucoma workup. Our OCT machine (optical coherence tomography) measures retinal thickness, looking for areas of thinning. Glaucoma suspects, with risk factors are often monitored every 6 months, where we look for change over time. If a diagnosis of glaucoma is concluded, your Optometrist will often start by prescribing a medicated eye drop that you would use daily. They are intended to reduce elevated eye pressure. If a single medication is not working enough, or stops Continued on page 6

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Transcona Legion Branch #7

Submitted by Donna Poitras

The Executive and Staff wishes everyone a Happy New Year as we welcome in 2024.

We would like to thank all the Members, Business and our Community for supporting our Branch this past year. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.

This past December we held our Elections. Comrade Dave Tweed was re-

elected as our President for 2024. We would like to thank the 2023 Board for all their contributions this past year. Congratulations to the 2024 Executive Committee, we look forward to a great year.

January, we hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This will take place on January 25th 2024 at 7:30pm. We typically bring forward our Budget, elect del-

egates/alternates to our Zone, District and Conventions. We will be electing our representatives to sit on the Board for Transcona Place. A reminder members attending our Meetings will need to show their current Membership card.

January there will be a **Robbie Burns Evening** held January 27th from 7pm-midnight. An evening with pipes, drums, skits and more. A light lunch will be served at 10 pm of haggis, tatties and neeps. We encourage you to wear your favourite kilt. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Bar.

February we will be hosting a **Trivia Night** with the Valentine Theme. The date for this is February 16th. Tickets will be sold at the Bar. It is a fun night with prizes awarded to the top teams.

We are in the process of a major fundraiser at our Branch. We have had to make some major upgrades to our roof with the project estimated cost \$130,000.00 A fund raising campaign named "Raise the Roof Donation Fund." has been created to help us raise the funds. We are targeting May 2024 as our date to reach this goal. We have posted on our website some information for this fundraiser. You can also connect with Executive members at our weekly events.

Our weekly events-Monday Night Bingo starts at 6:45 pm-Tuesday Cribbage 7:00 pm-Saturday Meat draw Chase the Ace & 50/50-doors open 1 pm. We are hosting on the 2nd Thursday of the month a "Jam Session" where we encourage musicians to bring their musical instrument for a fun evening from 7pm-10pm. The 3rd Thursday is a Trivia Night with Pink Flamingo Trivia opened to all-starts at 7:30pm.

We encourage our guests, who come in on a Friday, to wear RED. When we wear RED, we are supporting our troops still deployed (Remembering Everyone Deployed) it shows that we are thinking of them. When you wear RED on a Friday and purchase a beverage you can enter your name in a monthly draw.

If you need a hall to rent, considering our Moroz Hall. Please call the



Branch @ 204-222-9951 to arrange a time to come check it out.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2024 at our Branch, check our website transconalegion.ca or Facebook for up-to-date information. •

Community Billboard

Friendly Settlers

Friendly Settlers is a 55+club meeting on Monday's at 400 Day St. We have cribbage at 10am, lunch at 12 and bingo at 1 pm. Membership is \$20 per year with a nominal fee for crib, lunch and bingo. Come on out, have some fun and socialize.

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church – 1500 Day St.

For a great evening, join us for Ukrainian New Years/ Malanka on Jan 13, 2024 Catering is by Ludwick, music by the Dennis Nykoliation Band.

Tickets are \$70 for adults and 12 and under are \$35. For tickets call Ted 431 279 4965 or Emil 204 488 2200.

Transcona Memorial United Church – 209 Yale Avenue West

Continuing to be a vital community! We strive to live out care for others.

Happy New Year to you and yours!

Deep thanks for your generous support of Christmas Hampers, the Transcona Food Bank, and all the additional donations that were shared in the holiday season!

Weekly worship continues to be at 10:00 a.m. and all are welcome!

Visit the website to find out dates for Messy Church, Book Group, Choir Practice and more!

For more information on programming or Sunday services please be in touch by email (office@tmuc.ca).

SAVE THE DATE! Caught In The Act Co. is once again pleased to present our fabulous dinner theatre. Please join from May 2-5th, 2024 for *Foibles and*

Folly by Michelle R. Davis. A lighthearted comedy set in Distinctive Manor, featuring an eclectic cast of loveable characters. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado. Ticket information and reservations to begin in February. Please watch this space for more information or visit our social media sites.

St Georges Anglican Church – 321 Pandora Avenue West. We gather Sunday mornings at 1030 for our weekly worship services. Please join us. Masks are optional. Everyone is welcome.

January 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm - Celebration of New Ministry Service

We have a hall for rent that is available for private functions.

For further information, future events, requests for pastoral visits, hall

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What is Glaucoma?

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working effectively a combination of eye drops can be added. Laser surgery may help lower pressure when medication is still not enough, by opening up the drainage system.

Treatment is usually effective at maintaining your vision, but once vision is lost due to glaucoma, it cannot be restored. Patients with glaucoma must continue treatment for the rest of their lives. Since the disease can still progress, or change, .compliance with treatment & eye exams are essential. Treatment may need to be adjusted periodically.

Regular eye examinations with your Optometrist are highly recommended to screen for and prevent glaucoma. ❖

Community Billboard

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rentals or any other concerns:

Please call the church: 204-222-1942 or email us at: stgeorgesanglican transcona@ gmail.com

For updated church informationplease check out website: <u>stgeorgesangli</u> cantranscona.ca

Transcona Discussion Group

AA – Meetings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the basement of Saint Georges Anglican Church, 321 Pandora Avenue West. All are welcome!

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd – 401 Kildare Ave W. Winnipeg.

Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. For

information about our church or our activities and events, please contact the church office at 204-222-0245 or view our website at www.lcgstranscona.org

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Parish – 400 Day St.

Sun. Liturgy 9:30 am Wednesday Night Bingo St. Michael's Parish Hall Doors open 6:00 pm Early Birds 7:00 pm Regular Bingo 7:30 pm Canteen Snacks Available

Transcona Food Bank

The Transcona Food Bank Executive would like to thank everyone who supported our Food Bank this past year. Your donations of food, clothing, and monetary donations were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all our volunteers who donated their time and efforts to help make our Food Bank run smoothly.

The Transcona Food Bank is located in the Transcona Memorial United Church at 209 Yale Avenue West.

Food Bank can be accessed through the front glass doors. There is a ramp outside and an elevator inside for those in need.

Food deliveries take place on Wednesdays with food served on Thursday. If you are in need of the Transcona Food Bank, please call Harvest Manitoba 204-982-3660 and register by the Friday before each opening!

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM FOOD IS SERVED AT 9:00 AM

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Please note: Transcona Food Bank is a rebooking Food Bank so you not have to call in each month.

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Enter **Deb Goodfellow**, Bob's partner in both life and real estate, joining the scene in 1981. With a background in bank management, specializing in Consumer Finance and Mortgages, Deb brought her A-game as a Top Producing Realtor. Beyond real estate, she delved into Marketing, Sales, and Community Involvement. A former President of both The Winnipeg Regional Real Estate Board and The Manitoba Real Estate Association, Deb's commitment extended to various boards, committees, and philanthropic endeavors.

Adding to the dynamic duo is **Lori Lind**, Deb's sister, a former Bank Manager with a knack for pampering high-profile clients. Recognized with a Vice-President's Award for Excellence in Service, Lori seamlessly embraced family values, community engagement, and fundraising.

Together, this powerhouse trio crafted a legacy, selling approximately 7,500 homes primarily in Transcona, where Deb and Lori's grandparents settled over a century ago—fifth generation pride.

Transcona isn't just a market for them; it's their home. Bob and Deb raised their daughter there, while Lori and her husband reveled in Transcona's vibrant hockey community with their two sons. Deb, an author, penned articles for The Transcona Views, extolling the virtues of living in Transcona – The Park City. Their commitment to community and service is etched into their very fabric.

Dreaming big, Deb envisioned her real estate company, leading to the birth of GOODFELLOW & GOODFELLOW Real Estate. Bob and Lori hopped on board, eventually evolving into GOODFELLOW & GOODFELLOW & LIND Real Estate, now known as GOODFELLOW Realty. Two years ago, the trio joined forces with Royal LePage Prime Real Estate, Winnipeg's top real estate office.

While Bob takes on an administrative role, Deb and Lori continue to champion their loyal home-buyers and sellers, boasting an impressive 88.89% of listings sold with competing offers in 2023. Their journey is a testament to trust, experience, and exceptional service.

In essence, the Goodfellow/Lind team invites you to leverage their decades of experience for your advantage. Trust the experts who have woven themselves into the heart of Transcona's real estate scene – where every transaction is more than a deal; it's a personalized experience.

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Deb Goodfellow **204-794-9005** Lori Lind **204-791-2004**

Crossroads Toastmasters host open house with guest speaker

Event is free to the public

Crossroads Toastmasters residents to its open house to meet members and watch special

guest speaker, Laurie Barkman, Health & Wellness Coach of Lauriebarkman. com talk about the importance of personal health and wellness, which includes having self-confidence and self-esteem. She will speak on how Toastmasters has helped her branch into entrepreneurship and how it has helped her in her overall wellness journey.

"Crossroads Toastmasters provides a supportive, positive, non-judgmental environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills, as well as gaining self-confidence" says Susan Page, Club President for Crossroads Toastmasters."

Guests will also be able to see how being a member of Toastmasters will give you the SKILLS and CONFIDENCE to stand out from the crowd! You will get

to observe a regular Toastmasters (www.crossroadstm.ca) invites TOASTMASTERS meeting that will include prepared speeches, Table Topics™ (impromptu speeches) and evaluations, which are all beneficial skills that one learns and improves on in Toastmasters.

> Crossroads Toastmasters Open House -

Date: February 21, 2024 **Location: Abundant Life Baptist** Church, 1396 Plessis Rd. Time: 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

For more information, email Susan Page at spage3075@ gmail.com.

Crossroads Toastmasters meets inperson bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the Abundant Life Baptist Church, 1396 Plessis Ave. and via ZOOM on the alternating Wednesdays. For more information about this event and the club, please visit www.crossroadstm.ca

About Toastmasters International - Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators



and leaders. Headquartered in Englewood. Colo.. the organization's membership exceeds 300,000 in more than 15,800 clubs in 149 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please Follow www.toastmasters.org. @Toastmasters on Twitter. *

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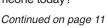
by Colleen Tackaberry, Transcona Council for Seniors Resource Coordinator

We are pleased to announce our partnership with Kendra L. d'Eon at KLD Law to provide access to wills, powers of attorney, and health care directives. Kendra will be available on the 2nd, Monday of each month for consultation meetings. Meetings will range from 1-2 hours; the consultation is free and fees for services are only paid at the end of the meeting if you want to proceed.

The first meeting date will be on January 8th in Transcona. Please call 204 222-9879 to schedule an appointment.

For more You can find more information about KLD Law at www.kldlaw.ca

Winter has arrived and with it our demand for rides for seniors has greatly increased. Are you able to become part of this vital force of volunteers who provides essential rides for seniors to get to their appointments? This is a very essential and valued program that takes the seniors of our community to medical appointments including doctors, physiotherapy, dentists and eye care etc. I always think about the day that I may require this service. Will someone be willing to step up and help? Could you be that someone today?

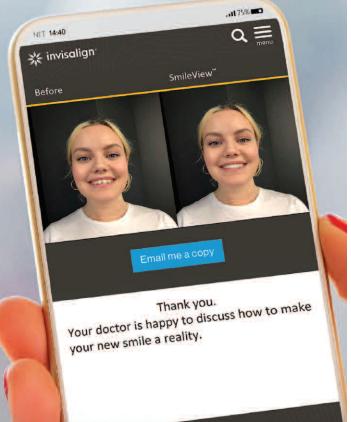




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Transcona Garden Club

By Anne Copland

Happy New Year everyone!

Here it is, the coldest month usually, and those with travel plans to warmer places are counting the number of sleeps until a winter getaway begins. My countdown is more practical: how many days until our last frost-date? The seed

catalogues can be as tantalizing as travel brochures. With the convenience of online ordering, one can place their seed order from under a beach umbrella!

Food prices are continually rising. Growing at least some of our food is increasingly popular, not that it was not always a way of life for many. In today's circumstances, it is more important than ever to find the space required for community gardens so more people can grow nutritious and delicious produce to feed their families. Learning to successfully save seeds reduces the costs substantially. Newcomers may have relied on growing fresh vegetables or fruit in their former lands. Our climate may differ but nearly everything grows here. I am amazed at how much can be produced on a small plot, using various techniques. The City of Winnipeg has information on where garden plots are available, the prices and other details, https://www.winnipeg.ca> Communitygardens

Meeting other gardeners is an enjoyable way to exchange experiences, plants, and seeds while learning what is available locally. Garden clubs are reliable sources of information on all types of garden-related issues. Transcona Garden Club regularly hosts meetings featuring invited speakers on a variety of topics. Through them, I have learned about fruits, veggies, annuals, herbs, perennials, and shrubs. One speaker educated us on growing mushrooms on logs.

My current passion is winter sowing of seeds in plastic jugs which are set outside to germinate in March. Seeds are very smart. They come up in their outdoor "hothouses" when it is their time and not a minute sooner, or so it seems. Nearly everything can be started using this method. Using saved seeds or buying inexpensive varieties of petunias for instance, works just as well or better than the latest new types, which are more costly.

Snapdragons were especially rewarding because they need to be started early indoors. I also had success with foxglove (a biennial), coneflower, rudbeckia, delphinium, and thyme. Parsley is amazingly easy with this method. I like the ease of getting the jugs seeded in late February or early March, setting them outdoors where they will receive good light, a cover of snow, and even April showers, if we ever get such a thing again. Not a thing more is required until spring when warm weather



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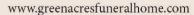
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arrives. Checking that the jugs are moist is important then.

This method is not suitable for bulbs. Liatris grows from bulbs and produces many seeds. It became extremely popular as an alternative for Lythrum, the mainstay in many rural and urban gardens until Pink or Purple Lythrum became associated with purple loosestrife, (Lythrum salicaria), now a non-native noxious weed. Once a native species in temperate regions, Lythrum has adapted to other zones and is considered extremely invasive.

Liatris is non-invasive and an attractive perennial. My interest was in seeing if its' seeds would germinate with winter sowing. They did. Whether they produce a bulb remains to be seen in 2024.

This Views is a combined issue for January and February. Please note the dates of the following meetings. Transcona Garden Club is pleased to welcome Charlotte Tataryn on January 19 at 7PM at 328 Whittier Avenue West. She will present "Growing a Perennial Garden that doesn't fight Nature."

On February 21, Sheldon Falk of Falk Nurseries will be our guest at the same time and location. He will discuss selection, planting and care of trees and shrubs. All are welcome, there is a \$5 fee for non-members. Annual membership is still \$15.00. Bring a friend or two and enjoy an evening of garden-talk with us and hear our plans for 2024. Refreshments will be served.

Call Pat at 204-224-3859 with any questions. ❖

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As a volunteer driver you would provide transport to a senior from their home to their appointment and bring them home. You receive an honorarium to cover your car cost so what you are providing is your time and often an ear to a senior who lives on their own and appreciates a little company.

Your schedule is very flexible and you can drive when it is convenient for you! You would be contacted and a date for a ride would be offered to you. If you are not available you just have to say you are not available.

Seniors have been the folks who built this community. Now they need a little help! Can you be that person? The rewards are great as you realize how much your contribution of time means to the seniors you drive.

We wish to start a local referral service for seniors providing snow shovelling, home maintenance, light house keeping, lawn care etc. If you would like to be registered to be part of this referral service, please call Colleen at 204 222-9879 or Steve Lipischak at 431-792-2662. We would then refer your services to seniors in need.

The Transcona Council for Seniors will continue to provide training for Seniors

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For Remembrance Day we help the Transcona Legion by covering the ice and setting up and taking down for nearly 700 people to attend their service held at East End Arena.

Players and board members also assist East End CC with the annual Breakfast with Santa event cooking, greeting families as well as handing out candy canes and oranges throughout the event. •



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who would like to learn more about working with their IPAD, tablets or cell phones. For more information, please see the Transcona Council for Seniors website at Transcona seniors.ca or contact Colleen Tackaberry at 204 222-9879

We are providing take out meals and dine in meals. A menu can be provided by emailing tcs@mymts.net or calling 204 222-9879. Monday's meals can be picked up at 209 Yale Avenue West between 3:30 and 4:00pm. Wednesday's meals can be picked up at 209 Yale Avenue West between 3:30 and 4:00Pm. Thursday's meals are available for pickup at 500 WIDLAKE Street between 11:30 and noon or you may Dine In at 11:30am. You <a href="mailto:mwstarted:mws

Watch for entertainment Wednesdays at 3:00pm before the Wednesday meal. Up coming dates will be posted on the web.

We are providing rides to medical appointments. To enroll in the Transportation Program please call 204 222-9879. Rides are provided by volunteers and are a first come first served bases.

We are answering inquires and providing information for services available throughout the city.

We are doing Friendly Telephone Calls if you would like someone to chat with during this time.

Art classes are Mondays, water color and Wednesdays, acrylic and oils starting at 10:00am at 328 Whittier Avenue West. Call 204 222-9879 to register.

Men's Shed Call Fred at 204 224-4941 to register.

Yoga is held at Oxford Heights CC Wednesdays at 10:00am please call 204 222-9879 to register. On going.

Pickle Ball is the fastest growing sport in North America and we are playing it here in Transcona. Phone Fred at

204 224-4941 learn more or to become a member.

Zumba running at Oxford Heights Community Club Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am. \$5 drop-in fee. On going.

Vision Impaired Group will be meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 75 Kildonan Green Drive at 1:30pm. All who have any kind of vision impairment are well come to attend. For more information call 204 222-9879. Next meeting January 9, 2024

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Manitoba Chapter holds a meeting at 328 Whittier Ave West every 3rd Monday of the Month from 1-2:30pm. Next meeting January 15, 2024.

Drums Alive Wednesdays at Oxford Heights at 11;00AM, Call 204 222-9879 to register.

The Retired Citizen's Organization at 328 Whittier Avenue West is offering the following activities:

Tai Chi Monday at 10:00am. \$2 drop-in fee.

Tuesday Soup and Sandwich Lunch Program. \$8

Tuesday beginners Bridge 1:30pm. On going.

Wednesday Bingo 1:00pm

Thursday's darts at 10:00am

Thursdays Scottish Country Dancing at 1:00pm.

Friday Line Dancing at 10:00am beginners, 11:00am advanced

Friday Whist or Crib 1:30pm On going.

To register for any of the programs at the Retired Citizen's Organization it is \$20 for a yearly membership which can be obtained Tuesdays between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

If you are not feeling well, please do not attend any sessions of programs offered!!

Please call 204 222-9879 and check our website at *transconaseniors.ca*. We are posting safe activities on our website. Stay well and keep active!

Healthy Aging

<u>Happy Gut: Building a</u> Healthy Microbiome

By Lorna Shaw RD Healthy Aging Resource Team

Your microbiome is a bustling community of trillions of microorganisms (possibly up to 300 trillion!), that live inside your body and all over your skin. These little critters, officially know as microbes, are made up of bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses. Sounds gross? Don't despair! Fortunately, most of these microorganisms are not harmful, in fact many are very beneficial for our health.

A healthy microbiome has many important functions. Research is continuously discovering more fascinating facts about this amazing microscopic ecosystem.

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New year, new government! Honored to serve you.

Jelynn Dela Cruz, NDP MLA for Radisson

2024 has taken off on a running start: I hope you have had a healthy and happy beginning to the year, filled with the things that matter to you!

During the Fall legislative session, I had the honour to welcome two incredible Radisson community groups to the Legislature.

On November 27, we were joined by the Transcona Council for Seniors, to share about their programming including the Emergency Response Information Kit (ERIK) program, community referral service, fitness classes, and the 55+ Dining Experience—where they graciously hosted me for a delicious dinner one November evening, despite not meeting the age requirement!

On December 6th I had the pleasure of welcoming guests who attended on behalf of the Plessis Community Resource Centre to the Legislature, allowing me to share about their work including a breakfast program and walking school bus, cooking classes, parent-

ing resources, access to counselling, a food bank, and much more—the Resource Centre building is small but incredibly mighty in all that it does to strengthen our community members through personal growth, skill building, social support, and fostering a true sense of community.

Each of these grassroot organizations play an integral role in combatting wide-spread societal issues from the frontlines — like aging with dignity, poverty, and gender-based violence. We are so fortunate that our community members are served by these two organizations here in Radisson, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the community and at the Legislature to continue sharing all the heart and passion here in Radisson!

Our team has also heard about the U19AA Angels ringette team's travels to Quebec in January and New Brunswick in April to compete—we wish these athletes, including players from Transcona,

all the best as they represent southeast Winnipeg in these tournaments! I know that we will be well-represented.

As the legislative assistant for Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, we are already taking tangible strides to support health care in Manitoba and rebuild our system after years of chaos.

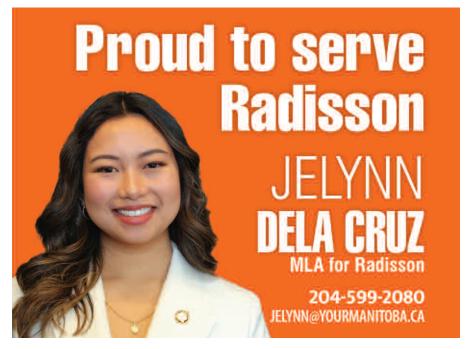
We've launched a listening tour to hear from frontline workers and to tackle the challenges we are facing in health care together. These hour-long, in-person conversations reflect how much we value listening and our commitment to improving healthcare in Manitoba, alongside the experts.

I have also been assigned greater responsibility over the Seniors and Lon g-Term Care file, working to lay the groundwork for our province's first Seniors' Advocate office and to improve the state of long term and supportive care. Senior Manitobans have devoted their lives to caring for our communities, it's time that we offer that same care for them.

This new year, I'm working diligently to do justice by seniors, frontline workers, and those who rely on our healthcare system. It is a true honour to be trusted with this role and one that is not going to be taken for granted.

Locally, I'm pleased to act on constituent concerns and the demand that we have for quality, accessible care. We have announced investments into a Concordia spine surgery program and continue to assess the needs of our community regarding primary care providers, minor injuries, and more.

Whether you are taking part in a new pursuit, building upon continuing endeavours, or enjoying what you've got, I wish you all the best in the new year! We would love to hear about any local initiatives you're involved in, what is important to you, and any constituent cases that you would like our assistance to solve. Our team can be reached at jelynn@yourmanitoba.ca or by phone at 204-599-2080. I look forward to serving you in the year ahead. �



Healthy Aging

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Immune System Health: A healthy microbiome helps in the development of a healthy, well functioning immune system. An unhealthy microbiome, referred to as dysbiosis, may cause immune system dysregulation, increasing the risk of illnesses.

Intestinal Health: Good gut bacteria helps to keep the intestinal lining healthy, reducing inflammation and supporting good digestion. Good bacteria also help suppress the growth of bad bacteria, reducing the risk of stomach 'bugs' and other digestive ailments.

Nutrient Metabolism: Gut bacteria is important for production of vitamin K, which is necessary for blood clotting. Microorganisms break down undigested food and produce short chain fatty acids and other products called metabolites. Metabolites are essential for good health and may have a significant impact on mental health and reduce the risk of neurodegenerative diseases.

Gut- Brain Axis: This term refers to the back and forth communication between your brain and the gastrointestinal system. The microbiome is involved in production of neurotransmitters, the chemical messengers that send signals to nerve cells. In fact, about 90% of the neurotransmitter serotonin, also called the 'happy chemical' is produced in the gut. Having a healthy, balanced and diverse microbiome may play an integral role in mental health and optimal brain health. Research is exploring the role of the brain-gut-microbiome interactions in psychiatric and neurologic issues including mood disorders, autism spectrum disorders (ASD), Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and chronic pain.

A person's core microbiome is formed early in life but it can change in response to diet, medications and a variety of environmental exposures. About 70% of our microbiome lives in our gut,

so what you eat can have a significant impact on your health.

Nutrition Tips for a Happy Gut:

Follow a healthy diet. A diet rich in fruits and vegetables will provide antioxidants that help promote good bacterial growth. Include healthy fats such as olive oil and omega-3 fats from fish and canola oil. Eat a wide range of foods. A diverse range of foods will promote a diverse, healthy microbiome.

Eat healthy bacteria to maintain healthy bacteria. Probiotics are living microorganisms in foods that are prepared by fermentation. These bacteria multiply in the colon and help to keep a balance of good bacteria, like the ones already in the gut. Yogurt, kefir, kimchi and sauerkraut are some excellent choices.

Feed your good bacteria with prebiotics. Foods rich in fibre and other Continued on page 16



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January – February at the Transcona Museum

By: Jennifer Maxwell, Assistant Curator

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2024! — The Transcona Museum is preparing for another exciting year, and there will be plenty of ways to support and get involved. The New Year is promising to be just as interesting, entertaining, and educational as the previous.

Upcoming Closures & Reduced Hours – The Transcona Museum will be closed from February 17th – 19th for the Louis Riel Weekend. Any additional changes to our hours will be posted on our social media pages. Thank you.

Winter Break Drop-in Activities (January) – During the Winter Break, drop-in at the Transcona Museum from January $2^{nd} - 6^{th}$ for some fun games and craft activities! This is a come-and-go event during our public visiting hours (Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm and Saturday, 12:00 - 4:00 pm). No need to RSVP.

Valentine's Crafting Party! (February) – Join us on Friday, February 9th and Saturday, February 10th for some Valentine's crafting fun and games! We have three timeslots available each day: 10:45 am, 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm. Each time slot is for 45 minutes. Pick the date and time that works best for you! Pre-regis-

tration is required as space is limited. There are 8 spots total per timeslot (one ticket per child, not including parents or guardians). One parent or guardian must accompany the child if they are under 12. The museum is a mask-friendly space. *Tickets will be available on our website in late January.*

Upcoming Event: Spring Break 2024 (March) – Join us for Spring Break at the Transcona Museum! Join us for crafts and games that week from March $25^{th} - 28^{th}$. Each day will have a different theme with related activities. *More details and registration will be available through our website in early March.* Please watch our social media pages for updates.

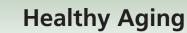
Education Programs – Did you know that the Transcona Museum offers teachers the opportunity to enhance their classroom teachings with uniquely themed, Manitoba curriculum-connected education programs! We offer our education programs at the museum, in-class, and virtual. Programs are available yearround. To book your group, call or email the Transcona Museum. For your convenience, online booking forms are available through our website.

Research Services & Musetoba -

We offer research services at the Transcona Museum! We work to assist individuals and groups with their personal, business and/or scholarly research projects. Contact the Transcona Museum to book your appointment today. It is strongly encouraged to make appointments for research, as this ensures staff can gather associated materials and direct further research questions.

We also have a shared, online database called Musetoba available through our website. Designed by the Association of Manitoba Museums (AMM), this online database features collections from several institutions across the province, including the Transcona Museum. Please note this online database does not represent the full collections of the Transcona Museum. Our collections database is a work in progress, and we are adding new records on a regular basis. We may also update our records based on further research and review.

Hours & Contact Info - Transcona Museum is located at 141 Regent Avenue West. Our hours are Tuesday to Friday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, 12:00 - 4:00 pm (subject to change). We are CLOSED all holiday long weekends. We are also available by appointment. Have questions or research inquiries? Call us at 204-222info@transcona email at museum.mb.ca, or visit our website at www.transconamuseum.mb.ca. Follow us on social media for all the latest information including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Threads, Pinterest, and YouTube. ❖



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non-digestible carbohydrates promote a healthy microbiome by providing prebiotics, or food for the bacteria. Include whole grains, fruits and vegetables and fermented dairy products.

Protect your microbiome. If it is bad for your health, it is bad for the health of your microbiome. Keep your microbiome healthy and happy by reducing refined carbohydrates like sugar and

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Conservatives put Canadian support for Ukraine in jeopardy

By Daniel Blaikie, MP Elmwood-Transcona

This February will mark the two-year anniversary of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. This unjust war has claimed the lives of at least 10,000 civilians, including over 560 children. At stake in the battle is nothing less than international rules-based order itself.

When the fighting began, Canada showed a strong, united front in support of Ukraine. I am proud to have been one of the first MPs to raise the issue in the House of Commons. I have been banned from entering Putin's Russia; a distinction I carry with pride.

Unfortunately, in the fall of 2023, Canada's effective, united front in support of Ukraine began to crumble.

First, former House of Commons Speaker Anthony Rota invited and introduced a former member of the Nazi SS to the House during President Zelenskyy's visit to Parliament.

Not only did this embarrass Canada and our parliament, it created a pretext for Russian propogandists to accuse President Zelenskyy and Canada, untruthfully, of being Nazi sympathizers. New Democrats called immediately for the Speaker's resignation when this came to light.

Instead of joining our call right away, the Conservatives spent a couple days trying to blame it on the Prime Minister to score political points. They did this even though the Speaker is not required to have his guests vetted by the Prime Minister's Office, something the Conservatives know very well.

Not long after Rota's debacle, the Conservatives again chose political point-making over substantial support for Ukraine by voting against a renewed trade agreement, a move publicly condemned by the Ukrainian ambassador and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Conservatives say they object because the deal imposes a carbon tax on Ukraine, but they ignore key facts: (1) Ukraine has had its own carbon tax since 2011; (2) They require a carbon tax to join the European Union, something essential for Ukraine's long-term defence,

and; (3) President Zelenskyy is fighting a war and does not have time to defend the Ukrainian carbon tax to Canadian Conservatives.

It is a disconcerting trend, given that it follows efforts in the US Republican party to discredit the Ukrainian government and reduce U.S. aid to Ukraine. We know that former President Trump often praises Vladimir Putin and his fondness for Russia is reverberating through the conservative movement in the U.S. ... and now apparently with some of Trump's admirers in Canada.

The Ukrainian people are fighting the fight for democracy on behalf of us all. We owe it to them not to let our domestic politics compromise our support for their efforts. I join with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in urging Canada's Conservatives to change their tune and vote in favour of the Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement when it comes before the House for a final vote. •

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white bread, processed meats and fried foods. Limit red meat to 1-2 times per week by substituting with fish, legumes and lean poultry. Get support to quit smoking and reduce alcohol use.

For more health and wellness tips, connect with the Healthy Aging Resource Team at 204-940-2114! We can help you connect with resources, support you to maintain and improve your health; and provide information about health and community services.

WRHA Report

By Stacy Boone, WRHA Community Facilitator

Coping & Resiliency hosted by Sara Riel (a non-profit Mental Health and Addictions Organization).

Coming in January 2024 @ Transcona Access, 845 Regent Ave W

This group is for individuals who would like to come and meet to discuss



their experiences living with mental health, socialize, give /receive support, and exchange information/strategies in a safe, respectful, and supportive peer led environment. Topics will vary from week to week and will come from the participants within the groups.

Weekly meetings from Jan – March 2024. To add your name to the list, please contact Karen Carr, kcarr@sarariel.ca at Sara Riel.

The Transcona Food Bank is urgently looking for food and cash donations for their next food bank. They have had a record of 170 families signed up for the last few months! Donations can be dropped off to help make a difference to Transcona families using our food bank. Drop off location is 209 Yale Ave West.

DROP OFF DAYS AND TIMES: MONDAYS: 1:30pm - 4:30pm (Call 204-791-2571 before dropping off) TUESDAYS: 9:00am - 2:00pm (Buzz church office). WEDNESDAYS: 4:00pm - 6:00pm (Call 204-803-9365 before dropping off) FRIDAY: 9:00am - NOON (Buzz church office)

To make a cash donation, click here: https://tmuc.ca/food-bank/

To access the Transcona Food Bank, clients must first register with Harvest Manitoba: 204-982-3660

Thank you for your ongoing support of this very important community cause!

2023-2024 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) will again be offering FREE income tax returns. This program will be a DROP-OFF PROGRAM service only.

Taxes will be prepared and e-filed for **free** for low income earners starting **March** 4th 2024.

ACCESS Transcona at 845 Regent will be the drop off site. Front desk staff will accept your income tax information/receipts. A drop off sheet (includes personal and contact information) MUST be filled out and sub-

mitted with your tax documents. Drop off sheets will be available at the front desk of Access Transcona. Drop off sheets can be picked up prior to dropping off taxes if preferred. (No in person income tax services available).

Clients will be called to pick up their completed income tax returns.

Income eligibility guidelines:

Single and your total income is \$35,000 or if you are a married couple and your total combined family income is \$50,000 or less.

We do not prepare taxes for: selfemployed individuals, claimed bankruptcy in 2022, have more than\$3,000in interest or a rental income.

After a successful Spring and Summer, "Cycling with Sarah" group rides have wrapped up BUT wait - we've created another way to keep us connected and active!

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How To Prevent Fine Lines And Wrinkles Before They Happen

Written by: Libby Wright - Eminence Organics - Transcona Salon Spa

As the saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And when it comes to taking care of your skin, this advice is spot on. While there are many products designed to replenish skin and repair damage, it's also true that the less damage there is, the less you'll need to repair. So how do you prevent these signs of aging from happening in the first place? And can you reverse wrinkles once they've appeared? Read on to to find out.

Protect Your Skin From The Sun Every Day – Sun damage is the number one cause of premature aging, period. From rough, uneven texture to blotchiness, sagging skin, dark patches and wrinkles, sun exposure in the form of UVA and UVB rays shows up on the skin and robs it of its glow. And since these pesky rays exist everywhere and yearround (yes, even on the cloudiest winter days), we are all susceptible to this type of damage. Lucky for us, there are products designed to help mitigate the fallout.

Though often overlooked, SPF is literally the most important and effective anti-aging product out there. Thankfully, it is available in so many different forms these days, so there's an option out there that's suitable for any skin type or preference. Chemical and physical sunscreens can be found in creams, oils, fluids and powders — so there are zero excuses. A broad-spectrum SPF of 30 or higher is a must, and reapplying throughout the day, especially when spending time outdoors, is the best way to stay protected.

Cleanse Daily, But Gently – While removing your makeup, SPF, sweat and environmental pollutants like dirt, dust and smoke is essential, using too much pressure when scrubbing your skin clean can cause irritation. And skin irritation accelerates skin aging. Gentle washing is more than sufficient when looking to get rid of dirt, sweat and grime. And if a morning cleanse isn't part of your ritual, it might be time to add that step. Cleans-

ing the skin before applying your daytime products will help them absorb better and, shocker, work better!

Retinols And Retinol Alternatives - Retinoids are compounds that are derived from Vitamin A and are known for their ability to improve skin texture and minimize the appearance of wrinkles. Conventional retinol (one form of retinoid) is a powerful but harsh ingredient that can help strengthen the protective function of the outermost layer of the skin, limit water loss and even protect collagen — a protein that offers structural support to the skin (aka holds it up to prevent sagging and wrinkles). It doesn't happen overnight, but conventional retinol may ease fine lines and wrinkles and tackle other signs of aging.

While retinols are a big deal in the skin care world, they're not for everybody. All of the upside comes at a price, usually in the form of redness, irritation and peeling. Lucky for us, bakuchiol has entered the chat and is changing the game. Touted as an effective and natural alternative to conventional retinol, this plant-based powerhouse offers many of the same results as retinol, without the downsides. Extracted from the leaves and seeds of the babchi plant, bakuchiol is a gentle alternative that can reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles, help restore firmness, refine skin texture and even out skin tone in a gentle vet effective way.

Hydrate, Hydrate And Hydrate Some More – Moisture is key when it comes to staving off lines and wrinkles. And, great news, there's a multi-pronged approach to hydration that will literally benefit your skin from the inside out. Drinking plenty of water is super important to the health of your skin — it helps maintain that glowing look by providing elasticity and plumpness. Dehydration can lead to dry patches, which can leave skin looking dull.

Don't Forget The Eyes – Another simple step that can help prevent the look of fine lines and wrinkles is the addition of an eye cream. The delicate skin under the eyes needs a little extra TLC,

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Nello's Transcona Report

By Nello Altomare, MLA Transcona

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Of course, if you're a long time Transcona resident, you know the party is not quite finished as we still have Malanka to celebrate.

Malanka is the Ukrainian tradition of New Year's which is celebrated according to the Julian calendar placing New Year's Eve on January 13th – this year falling on a Saturday. Every January, I look forward to joining my friends at the All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox church on Day Street for a delicious Ukrainian feast, traditional music, and great company.

This time of year always causes me to reflect on the special relationship between Transcona and Ukraine. The Ukrainian connection to our community is as old as Transcona itself with many Ukrainian immigrants finding jobs at the rail shops in the interwar years just as our community was establishing its roots. Many Transcona people today have stories of their Ukrainian parents and grandparents arriving here to start a new life.

Luckily, we also have institutions such as the Transcona Museum that help keep these memories alive. I recently read an interesting article titled "Discrimination in Transcona: The Ukrainian Boys" recounting an incident in 1936 in which 9 Ukrainian youth were unfairly arrested and fined and how the community rallied to their support. (You can find this well written article as well as many others in the Blog section on the Transcona Museum website).

Another great reminder of this connection is the "Life Goddess" mural on the east wall of Sevala's Ukrainian Deli, right behind my office. This award-winning mural features a woman wearing a traditional head wreath complete with vibrant flowers and heads of wheat (special thanks to the Transcona BIZ for spearheading this project!)

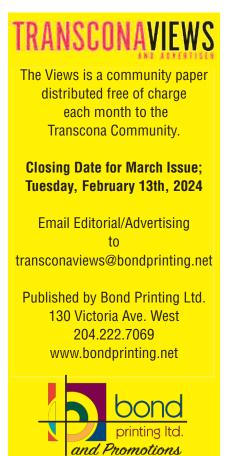
At last year's Malanka dinner at All Saints Church, I had the pleasure of meeting a young family that had just arrived in Manitoba after leaving their wartorn home in Eastern Ukraine. I want to thank everyone who has had a hand in

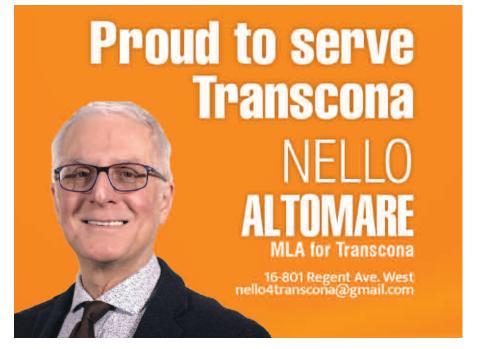
helping these families settle down, find jobs, and learn English as we now have a new generation of Ukrainians that call our community home.

The war continues to grind on. I encourage everyone to keep doing what you can. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress continues to take donations - https://www.ucc.ca/.

You can call Emil (204 448 2200) or Ted (431 279 4965) for tickets to the All Saints Malanka dinner (if still available). Sevala's will reopen from holidays on January 5th and can meet all your Ukrainian culinary needs. The Transcona Museum is running their Winter Break Drop-in activities, which includes crafts and games, until January 6th. Keep an eye on their website for further winter programming.

The constituency office is open daily, 9am to 5pm, and we're located at 127 Regent Ave West. Call us at 204 594 2025 or email, Nello.Altomare@yourmanitoba.ca. �





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which is why a product designed specifically for the area can be the preemptive step you need in your life. Try the Marine Flower Peptide Eye Cream or the Hibiscus Ultra Lift Eye Cream. As well as helping to prevent or slow down the formation of lines and wrinkles in the area, these two formulas incorporate ingredients that can reduce the look of puffiness and darkening, while helping to rejuvenate that thin skin. .

WRHA Report

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"Cycling with Sarah", will be offering winter activities twice a week! Walking, hiking, snow shoeing, XC skiing and tobogganing. Our goal is to stay active, continue to support and encourage all women 55+ along with enhancing our physical, mental and emotional health. With our cooler weather let's still get outside and get moving! The sunshine and fresh air in our winter months is the best thing to beat off the blues that so many of us can feel in the cooler months. For information on how to register email cyclingwithsarah@gmail.com and follow on Instagram @cyclingwithsarah

The Plessis Community Resource Centre is asking for donations of boxes of cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, jam and 1 litre juice boxes for our breakfast program.

With cooler weather here, and flu season upon us, requests for chicken noodle soup, canned fruit, tea, coffee, shampoo, toothbrushes and tooth paste and dish soap are ongoing needed items.

They are also looking for donations of diapers. Currently low on sizes 3T, 4T Pull ups, as well as size 4, 5 and 6 regular diapers. Baby wipes are accepted too.

They care for the pets too. Donations of dry and wet cat food as well as cat litter is welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at the Plessis Community Resource Centre anytime during open

If you have any questions about donation items you can contact the Centre by phone: 204.777.1215 or email: Plessis@familydynamics.ca

Transcona Community Network (TCN) meetings are coming back!

We welcome a new chair and an opportunity to reconnect in our community!

Please join us at our next TCN (Transcona Community Network) meeting

February 13th from 9-11 am at Access Transcona, 845 Regent Ave W.

Where we network with citizens and agencies to enhance the quality of life in Transcona. All are welcome to join in the discussion, share updates about what's happening in Transcona and learn from others living and working in our community.

Please connect with Stacy Boone, **WRHA** Community Facilitator. Sboone@wrha.mb.ca or 204-223-6535 for more information.

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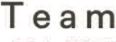
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