

# **JANUARY**

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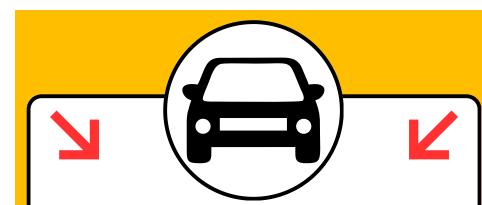
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# PARKING PASS NOTICE

The LSCO Parking Pass is now valid in the LSCO lot only.

11th St is being regularly monitored and tickets are being issued.

Please ensure your pass is up to date and displayed in your vehicle.

For those without parking passes, please be aware of your parking time (free for 2 hours only)



# **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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**Hours of Operation** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday

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LSCO Fitness Centre also open Saturdays 9-12

#### **LSCO Vision Statement**

"An active, healthy community which is learning, growing and making a difference."

# Welcome New Members

Betty Dingerville
Karen Eves
Harriet Douwes
Patt Williams
Allan Block
Dirk Gruber
Cathy Rosset

Allan Brown

Peter Carlson
Anthony (Tony) Caravaggio
Mary Anderson
Richard Kinnell
Val Peacock
Brenda Jespersen
4 Anonymous

# We're happy to have you!

December 2024



#### **FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The City of Lethbridge Fee Assistance Program provides Lethbridge residents who face financial barriers with the opportunity to participate in Recreation and Culture programs and activities at a subsidized cost.

Confidentiality will be maintained, however communication with the organization offering the activity will be required to confirm the details.

For more information contact: feeassistance@lethbridge.ca or call 311.



#### **LSCO WELCOME POLICY**

This policy allows individuals to access membership and programs at LSCO at a lower cost. Individuals which meet the income threshold can receive 25% off their membership. Income Eligibility (Line 15000 of tax return)

- Single: Under \$30,000
- Couple: Under \$50,000

Please bring prior year income tax for verification.

For more information call 403-320-2222





### Lethbridge JANUARY SCHEDULE

SACPA meets every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at LSCO. Please arrive at LSCO early to buy your lunch and eat with us in the Atrium.

Jan 9 Brad Donaldson, Lethbridge Polytechnic President & CEO

Why the Change from Lethbridge College to Lethbridge Polytechnic?

Jan 16 Illimar Altosaar, CEO Proteins Easy Corp, Uof Ottawa Professor

Can Alberta rice fields be engineered to supply us with novel proteins?

Jan 23 Albright-Talma, Lethbridge
Polytechnic Applied Research

How can we make a difference in our community with evidence-based public safety projects?

Jan 30 Ryan Cradduck, Rogers Community TV Producer What are the roles and rules of Community Television?

Weekly programs are broadcast on Rogers Community TV and are available at SACPA.ca

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**15th of each month** to ensure inclusion in the paper.

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### Fundraising & Marketing Hannah Dupius

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On November 30th, the LSCO hosted its inaugural Twilight Soirée - Winter Fundraiser, and thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community, the event was a resounding success! We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$15,000 in profit, which will directly benefit our Meals on Wheels program and LSCO's senior services.

Guests enjoyed a magical evening, complete with a gourmet five-course dinner, live music by James Oldenburg and Hippodrome, and a lively silent auction. Hippodrome did an amazing job of keeping the dance floor packed and I saw some pretty stellar moves out there!

A special thank you to our kitchen staff, who worked tirelessly to prepare the delicious five-course meal that everyone raved about. Their hard work and dedication made the evening unforgettable.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, whose contributions were instrumental in making the Twilight Soirée a success:

Title Sponsor: Lethbridge Hearing Centre Main Course Sponsor: Fox Denture Clinic Bar Sponsors: Ultimate Freedom Plus Dancefloor Sponsor: Westco Construction Photobooth Sponsor: Avail CPA





Photos courtesy of Donna Kroger

# A Heartfelt Thank You for Supporting the Twilight Soirée!

A huge thank-you as well to Mosaic Music, our event partner, for everything they did to support the evening. From their expertise in entertainment planning to their incredible professionalism, it was a pleasure to work with them.

To our amazing volunteers: I simply couldn't have done this without you. So many volunteer hours went into planning, setting up, running, and wrapping up the event. A special thank you to everyone who stepped in to help me last minute, offered advice, and worked tirelessly to make sure the event went on without a hitch. Our volunteer coordinator Carla did a wonderful job making sure we had enough people for all parts of the event.

I also want to recognize the incredible contributions of our silent auction donors, whose generosity helped make this event possible: Distilled Liquor Co, Decor Out the Door, Superstore, Doug Warren, Doug McArthur, Carla McNally, Analog Books, Moores Clothing, Carol Sekiya, Kal Tire, Site One Landscape Supply, Lashia Jericho, Meridian Integrated Health & Wellness, Local Artists, Studio of Healing, Model Baron Hobbies, Lethbridge Hurricanes, Fosters Jewellery, Awesome Adventures, LSCO Quilters, Geri Bronson, Browns Social House South, King of Trade, and more. I was blown away by how many items were donated by LSCO members. I asked for help and you really delivered!!

Thank you for making the Twilight Soirée a night to remember. I look forward to seeing you at next year's event!



Our exceptional bar staff Veronica, Linda, and Mille (left to right)



courses for the evening





Some of the exceptional servers getting organized before dinner.

Musical Acts Hippodrome (left) and James Oldenburg (right)

This is only a small portion of the photos taken at the event. If you would like to see more, please stop by my office or send me an email.



Guests tearing up the packed dance floor

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# **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Kitchen Volunteers Flexible**

We are looking for volunteers in our Kitchen and Dining Room. Volunteers are an important part of our team and help to keep the meals affordable at LSCO. We are looking for Dishwashers and help with food prep.

#### **Bingo** Thursdays 11am - 4pm

LSCO runs the bingo program at Winners Bingo to raise money for our organization. Activities range from selling bingo cards to counting money in a smoke-free environment. Our bingo team is fabulous, but we are almost always in need of an extra helper or two. You'll get your steps in if you work on the floor, selling bingo cards, and all volunteers are entitled to a free lunch!

#### **Meals on Wheels Delivery**

We are looking for Drivers to pick up and deliver meals to Seniors in the community. Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers approximately 80 fresh and nutritious meals per day, Monday through Friday. The time commitment is approximately 1 to 2 hours depending on route size and weather conditions. Requires: Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search - no charge with form provided from Volunteer Coordinator.

#### Contact the Volunteer Team

volunteer@lethseniors.com 403-320-2222 ext. 208

Don't forget! Volunteers can receive a discount on their membership

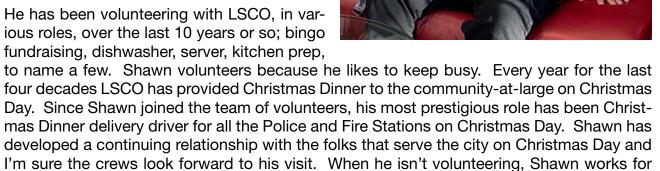
# **Volunteer Spotlight**

**Shawn Wilson** 

This month's Volunteer Spotlight shines on Shawn Wilson. Originally from Ontario, Shawn and his family have been in Lethbridge for almost 14years. Shawn likes living in Lethbridge and has no desire to live anywhere else, if he had the option.

He has been volunteering with LSCO, in various roles, over the last 10 years or so; bingo fundraising, dishwasher, server, kitchen prep,

Lethbridge Kia and spends time with his family.



When asked whom inspired him most in his life he said, "My grandmother, because she kept me in line. She was tiny and mighty and that wooden spoon was a fair size." I asked Shawn, "Where do you see yourself in 10 years and what would you do if you won a million dollars?" "I will probably still be working and volunteering, and if I had a million dollars I would keep a bit and donate the rest to those in need."

If you are out and about on Christmas Day you may see Shawn in his Santa Suit delivering those turkey dinners!









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# MENU~JANUARY 2025

Breakfast served from 8:00  $\sim$  11:00 am  $\cdot$  Lunch served from 11:00 am  $\sim$  1:00 pm

Soup & Salad Special Changes Daily See Menu Board in Dining Room

\*menu subject to change without notice

			Wednesday, January 1	Thursday, January 2	Friday, January 3
			Entree: Tourtiere Starch: Mashed Potatoes LSCO Closed for New Years Day	Entree: Chicken Kiev Starch: Roasted Potatoes Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Lasagna Starch: Garlic Toast Soup: Chef's Choice Veggie: Chef's Choice
Mo	enday, January 6	Tuesday, January 7	Wednesday, January 8	Thursday, January 9	Friday, January 10
Entree: Starch: Veggie: Soup:	Teriyaki Pork Rice Chef's Choice Chef's Choice	Entree: Cheese Tortellini with Garlic White Wine Sauce Starch: Garlic Toast Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Chicken Cordon Blue Starch: Mashed Potatoes Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Beef Macaroni Casserole Starch: Fried Potatoes Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Baked Ham Starch: Scalloped Potatoes Soup: Chef's Choice Veggie: Chef's Choice
Mo	nday, January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, January 15	Thursday, January 16	Friday, January 17
	Honey Garlic Pork Rice Chef's Choice Chef's Choice	Entree: Hunter Schnitzle Starch: Spaetzle Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Beef Burrito Starch: Rice Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Chicken Chow Mein Starch: Rice Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Roast Beef Starch: Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice
Moi	nday, January 20	Tuesday, January 21	Wednesday, January 22	Thursday, January 23	Friday, January 24
	Sweet and Sour Chicken Rice Chef's Choice Chef's Choice	Entree: Beef Stew Starch: Mashed Potatoes Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Spaghetti & Meatballs Starch: Garlic Toast Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Fiesta Chicken Starch: Rice Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Shepherds Pie Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice
Mo	nday, January 27	Tuesday, January 28	Wednesday, January 29	Thursday, January 30	Friday, January 31
Entree: Veggie: Soup:	Perogies and Garlic Sausage Chef's Choice Chef's Choice	Entree: Chicken Pot Pie Starch: Roasted Potatoes Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Beef Stir Fry Starch: Rice Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Chicken Parmigiana Starch: Spaghetti Veggie: Chef's Choice Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Meatloaf Starch: Roast Potatoes Soup: Chef's Choice Veggie: Chef's Choice



# JANUARY 2025 EXHIBITS, PROGRAMS & EVENTS

#### **EXHIBITS**



#### **ARCHIVES \*\***

Fri 17 | 3–4 PM Archives 101

#### THE GALT PRESENTS \*\*

Wed 22 | 6-7 PM

Dr. Robin Gibb on building resiliency through play

Sun 26 | 1:30-2:30 PM

Shane Dorchak on Living on top of mines: Our history and our foundation, always beneath us

#### **HANDS-ON HISTORY\***

all ages | children with caregivers

Sat 25 | 1–2 PM

Building Brains Together: Pop up play activities that build executive functions

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Become a member of the Galt Museum & Archives and take advantage of the exclusive benefits! Learn more: www.galtmuseum.com/ memberships

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

#### **GALT MUSEUM**

Tue-Sat 10 am-5 pm Sun 1-5 pm Mon Closed

#### **FORT WHOOP-UP**

Closed for the season (open for school progams & special events)

- ++ no registration | free to attend | all ages
- + registration required | free to attend | all ages
- \*\* no registration | museum admission applies | free to members
- registration required | museum admission applies | free to members





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# **Beat the Winter Blues: Staying Connected in the Winter Months**

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all staying warm as we enter to colder months of the year. As it gets colder, we also tend to spend more time indoors. During this time, it is not uncommon that we also feel lonely or isolated from others. Socialization plays a large role in our well-being, namely contributing to lowering our stress levels, reducing our risk for cognitive decline, and creating long lasting bonds with others. I wanted share some opportunities to encourage you all to stay connected this winter:

#### Connect with others by technology

Using technology to connect with family and friends has become an increasingly used platform since the COVID pandemic. Programs such as Zoom can be used to video call others and allow you to still have connection even if you are unable to get out of your home. If you are unsure of how to use your technology to connect with others, you may wish to connect with the LSCO Computer Club who often assist others with navigating the digital world. In addition to this, the Read On Program at the

Lethbridge Public Library, offers Computer basics courses to assist you in building the skills to become comfortable with using technology. They can be reached by calling 403-320-4701.

#### Reach out to neighbours

Neighbours can be a great way to continue to connect during the cold winter months. Whether it be a quick coffee and chat or spending time doing an activity together such as a puzzle, neighbours can be a great way to socialize without having to stray too far from home.

# Stay Active Indoors – join a hobby group or fitness class

Engaging in an indoor activitiy at a senior centre or other recreational space can offer you the opportunity to connect with others while doing something you enjoy. There are always ample opportunities for this at the local senior centres through programming or volunteering. If there is a financial barrier to participating in recreational programming, you may be entitled to funding to assist with the cost. Connect with the Senior System Navigation Team for more information 403-329-1544.



Seniors System Navigator

Katie Harrold

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#### **Enjoy Community Programs**

There are various programs that are offered throughout the year at the seniors' centres that can provide a space to allow you to create connections with others.

- Hello Monday Mondays from 9:00am to 10:00am @ Nord-Bridge
- Community Connect Friendly Phone Calls – if you are feeling lonely or isolated, sign up for a friendly phone call by calling 403-329-1544
- Community Connect Coffee Group
   – First
   Tuesday of each month from 1:30pm
   – 3:00pm @ LSCO
- Be Fast Friends January 31 from 1:30pm to 3pm @ LSCO

#### Resource

https://www.brightwaterseniorliving.com/blog/the-health-benefits-of-socialization-for-seniors?article=4-tips-to-help-the-elderly-beat-the-winter-blues





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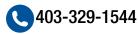
•HCA's, LPN's, and RN's

•Advanced foot care

# JANUARY SUPPORT SERVICES CALENDAR

**WELLBEING SERVICES** 

\*appointment /registration required





**January 7** 1st Tuesday Community Connect Coffee Group 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | Room C/D FREE opportunity to build connections, grow meaningful connections, and strengthen access to community supports. Drop-in style, no need to register.

**January 7** 1st Tuesday Prescribing Pharmacist Onsite\* 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Drop-in Office On-site pharmacist from Medicine Shoppe available for: blood pressure check, laboratory testing requisition, medication review, adjustment of dosing/changes to medication therapy, strep throat testing, minor ailment prescribing, travel health consultation and vaccinations (ie. covid and flu vaccinations). Vaccinations require appointments, Call to book 403-329-1544.

January 7

1st Tuesday

Lawyer Consultations\*

Free lawyer consultations provided by local lawyer Austyn Anderson.

January 9 2nd Thursday Hearing Screening\*

FREE hearing screenings by Lethbridge Hearing Centre to assist you in understanding your hearing health.

January 21

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Drop-in Office Single Session Counselling\*

FREE Single session counselling provides an opportunity to individuals interested in exploring counselling. Sessions are 1 ½ hr in length. Call intake to book 403-329-1544.

January 16

12:30pm - 3:30pm | Quiet Room Eyeglasses Adjustments

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | LSCO Library

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | LSCO Library

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Quiet Room

FREE eyeglasses adjustments provided by Specsavers.

3rd Thursday

January 16

Alzheimers Booth

Learn more about Alzheimers for Alzheimers Awareness Month and get access to resources

**January 31** 

Be Fast Friends\* 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm | Stage Area FREE opportunity to build meaningful connections and develop friendships. Please call 403-329-1544 to register.

CANCELLED

Service Canada & CRA Support Clinic On-site Service Canada and CRA representatives will continue in February.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Saturdays

AA Eye Opener 8:30 - 10:30 am | Room C/D AA Sunset

7:00 - 9:00 pm | Room C/D







**January 16** 3rd Thursday

Parkinsons Support Group

2:00-4:00pm | Board Room. Registration for Parkinson's Group is encouraged. Call 1-800-561-1911.

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# January LSCO Weekly Schedule

	Schedule may change without notice.					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Day	LSCO Administration 8:00 am-4:30 pm LSCO Diner 8:00 am-3:00 pm Billiards 8:30 am-3:00 pm Carpentry/Woodworking 8:30 am-3:00 pm Boutique 10:00 am-3:00 pm	LSCO Administration 8:00 am-4:30 pm LSCO Diner 8:00 am-3:00 pm Billiards 8:30 am-3:00 pm Carpentry/Woodworking 8:30 am-3:00 pm Boutique 10:00 am-3:00 pm	LSCO Administration 8:00 am-4:30 pm LSCO Diner 8:00 am-3:00 pm Billiards 8:30 am-3:00 pm Carpentry/Woodworking 8:30 am-3:00 pm Boutique 10:00 am-3:00 pm	LSCO Administration 8:00 am-4:30 pm LSCO Diner 8:00 am-3:00 pm Billiards 8:30 am-3:00 pm Carpentry/Woodworking 8:30 am-3:00 pm Boutique 10:00 am-3:00 pm	LSCO Administration 8:00 am-4:30 pm LSCO Diner 8:00 am-3:00 pm Billiards 8:30 am-3:00 pm Carpentry/Woodworking 8:30 am-3:00 pm Boutique 10:00 am-3:00 pm	
8:00	Cardio/Strength 8:00 am-8:50 am @ Gym 2 Yovascia 8:30 am-9:30 am @ Room A/B Tai Chi Practice Group 8:15 am-9:15 am @ Stage Area	Pilates for Beginners 8:45 am-9:45 am @ Room A/B Fit Ball 9:00 am-9:50 am @ Gym 1 Cycle Combo 9:00 am-9:55 am @ Gym 2	Cardio to the Core 8:00 am-8:50 am @ Gym 2 Introductory Yang Style Tai Chi 8:45 am-9:45 am @ Room A/B Tai Chi Practice Group 8:15 am-9:15 am @ Stage Area	Cardio/Strength 8:00 am - 8:50 am @ Gym 2 Intermediate Yang Style Tai Chi 8:45 am-9:45 am @ Room A/B	Cycle For All Levels 8:00 am-8:45 am @ Gym 2 Tai Chi Practice Group 8:15 am-9:15 am @ Stage Area	
00:6	<b>Tabata</b> 9:00 am-9:55 am @ Gym 1 <b>Zumba (R)</b> 9:00 am- 9:55 am @ Gym 2		Amateur Radio 9:00 am-11:00 am @ Radio Room Bike & More 9:00 am-9:55 am @ Gym 2 Fitness/Power Walking 9:00 am-9:55 am @ Gym 1 Core & Stretch 9:10 am-10:00 am @ APR	Fit Ball 9:00 am-9:50 am @ Gym 1 TRX Combo 9:00 am-9:55 am @ Gym 2 Chair Exercises 9:30-10:15 am @ Stage Area	Tabata 9:00 am-9:55 am @ Gym 1 Active Yoga 9:00 am-10:05 am @ APR Paper Tole & Creative Arts 9:00 am-3:00 pm @ Art & Craft Room	
10:00	Abs & Core 10:10 am-11:00 am @ APR Gentle Exercise 10:15 am-11:00 am @ Gym 1 Seniors Who Lift 10:15 am-11:10 am @ Gym 2 Low Impact Barre 11:00 am-11:45am @ Room A/B	Gentle Yoga 10:00 am-11:00 am @ APR Yoga Nidra 10:00 pm-11:00 am @ Room C/D Spring Forest Qigong 10:00am-11:15am @ Stage 30/30 Zumba Gold/Toning(R) 11:15 am-12:15 pm @ APR	Chair Yoga 10:00-10:45 am @ Stage Area Genealogy 10:00 am-3:00 pm @ Board Room Lapidary 10:00 am-3:00 pm @Lapidary Gentle Exercise 10:15 am-11:00 am @ Gym 1 Tai Chi Advanced Yang 10:15 am-11:15 am @ Gym 2 Yin Yoga 10:15 am-11:30 am @ Room A/B POUND 11:00 am - 11:45 am @ Room A/B	Gentle Yoga 10:00 am-11:00 am @ APR Pilates 10:15 am-11:30 am @ Room A/B Strength Circuit 10:15 am-11:15 am @ Fitness Centre Badminton 10:15 am-12:00 pm @ Gym 1	Yoga For Seniors 10:15 am-11:15 am @ Room A/B Gentle Exercise 10:15 am-11:00 am @ Gym 1 Table Tennis 10:30 am-12:00 pm @ Room C/D	Flow Yoga 10:00 am-11:15 pm @ Room A/B Fitness Centre 9:00am - 12:00pm Starting Jan.11
Lunch	Pilates 11:15 am-12:30 pm @ APR Functional Fitness 11:30 am-12:15 pm @ Stage Badminton 11:15 am-12:45 pm @ Gym 1	Essentrics 11:30 pm-12:15 pm @ Gym 2 Conditioning for Racket Sports 12:45-1:15pm@ APR Quilting 12:00 pm-3:00 pm @ Stage	Badminton 11:15 am-12:45 pm @ Gym 1 Line Dancing - Experienced 11:30 am-12:30 pm @ Gym 2 Line Dancing - Beginner 12:45 pm-1:45 pm @ Gym 2		Badminton 11:15 am-12:45 pm @ Gym 1	
Afternoon	Computer Club 1:00 pm-4:00 pm @ Computer Lab Yoga For Seniors 1:00 pm-2:00 pm @ Room A/B Table Tennis 2:30 pm-4:00 pm @ Room C/D	Karaoke 1:00 pm-3:30 pm @ Board Room Strength & Mobility 1:30 pm-2:30 pm @ Fitness Centre Beginner Woodworking 2:00 pm-4:30 pm @ Wood- shop	Computer Club 1:00 pm-4:00 pm @ Computer Lab Watercolour Group 1:00 pm-3:00 pm @ Art & Craft Room Table Tennis 2:30 pm-4:00 pm @ Room C/D	Knitting, Crochet & More 1:00 pm-4:00 pm @ Dining Room Drop In Crib 1:00-3:00 pm @ Card Area Strength & Mobility 1:30 pm-2:30 pm @ Fitness Centre Intermediate Woodworking 2:00 pm-4:30 pm @ Woodshop	Computer Club 1:00 pm-4:00 pm@ Computer Lab	
Evening	For more infe	Flow Yoga 5:00 pm-6:00 pm @ Room A/B	nrograms contac	Moving to Heal 4:00 pm-5:00 pm @ Room A/B Classic Nia 5:15 pm-6:15 pm @ Gym 2	on Dock at 407-71	20-222

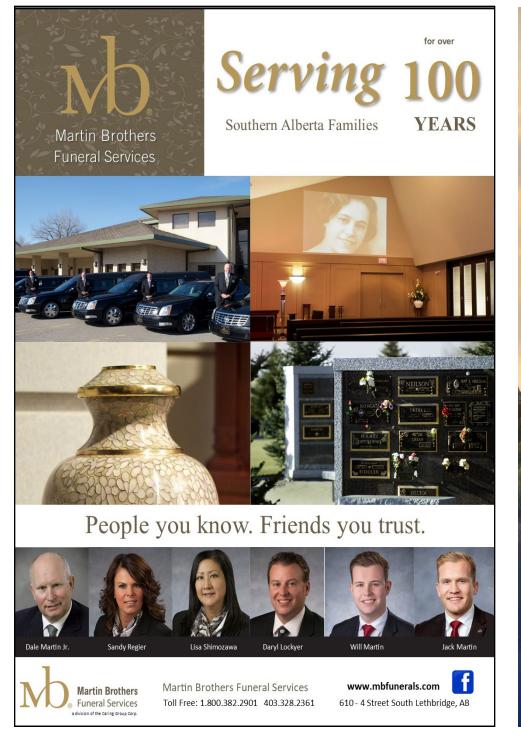
For more information regarding programs contact the Administration Desk at 403-320-2222.

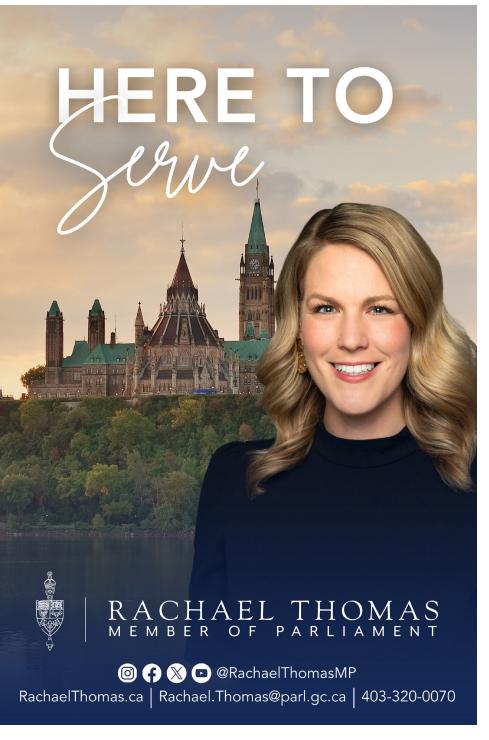
Note: Some programs are Full. Ask about Drop In Classes

For information about LSCO programs go to www.lethseniors.com and register online.

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# Winter 2025 Programs

Many programs are still available for registration or drop in. Inquire at the admin desk

#### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW**

- Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to the start of your class
- Dress in layers as the temperature in rooms may vary
- At the end of class please gather your belongings and exit so the room can be prepared for the next class. You can enjoy a post exercise coffee,tea, or meal in the dining room.
- Please complete an Exercise/Fitness Waiver from your instructor or at the reception desk

#### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

- IN PERSON 8:15 4:00 pm Monday Friday
- ONLINE at www.lethseniors.com. Find the Programs & Fitness tab at the top of the page and click. Additional tabs will be visible for you to review. You can also click "register online".
  - \*\*Some classes may not be available to register online.
- **PHONE IN**, by calling 403-320-2222.

#### **HOW DO I PAY?**

By debit, cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard.

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- If a program says Out of Stock feel free to give us a call as space may be available or to put your name on a waiting list.
- If you are registering for someone else online, please remember to include their name in the notes or give us a call.
- LSCO Members = (LSCO M); Non-Member = (NM)
- If the instructor is unavailable to teach due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, we will do our best to contact you prior to your class.
- When weather or other unforeseen circumstances, cause LSCO to cancel classes or close the facility, unfortunately we will not be able to make up the classes, give credits or refunds.

#### **CREDITS & REFUNDS**

- · Please ensure you are registering for the correct class. Due to the popularity of many of the classes, refunds cannot be given after the register by date.
- Participants canceling out of a class prior to start date are subject to a \$10 Administration Fee (must be with more than 49 hours-notice).
- Participants withdrawing within 48 hours or less, will not be given a credit or refund.
- If requesting a refund or credit due to medical reasons contact the Administration Desk as soon as possible. A Doctor's note is preferred however a request can be made to the Program Department Manager. Participants will be subject to a \$10 Administration Fee after the class has started. Credits/Refunds will be prorated for any classes attended. If there was a waiting list for the class a refund/ credit will not be given.
- Refunds will be given if LSCO cancels a course. Participants also have the option of taking credit. Credits must be used in 12 months from the date given.
- At times programs may be canceled due to meetings, holidays, low attendance, special events, etc. Please watch for notices.

## Fitness - All Levels

#### **All Fitness Levels**

If it has been a while since you have exercised, are recovering from an injury, may have health/medical conditions, one or more of the classes listed in this category may be beneficial for you. If you aren't sure what class to try please ask our Fitness Staff.

#### **ABS AND CORE**

This class will get you where it counts! Core strength stabilizing exercises targeted at the entire core and the back. During this class you will be using your own body weight, bands, tubing and other exercise equipment. Followed by a stretch. Modifications are given. Dress in comfortable workout clothing and indoor footwear. Bring an exercise mat and your water bottle. All Fitness Levels welcome.

When: Mondays, January 13 - April 28

(No class February 17, April 21) 10:10 - 11:00 am

Time: \$98 LSCO M; \$126 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Thursday, January 9 **Tracy Simons** Instructor:

**APR** Location:

#### **CHAIR EXERCISES**

This chair class will include stretching, exercise to help you increase strength, flexibility, range of motion for joints and stress reduction. Many options are given making it suitable for all fitness levels.

When: Thursdays, Jan 9 - Feb 27

Time: 9:30 - 10:15 am Fee: \$40 LSCO M; \$56 NM Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM Register By: Monday, January 6 Andrea Clarke Instructor:

When: Thursdays, March 6 - April 24

Stage Area

9:30 - 10:15 am Time: Fee: \$40 LSCO M; \$56 NM Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM Register By: Monday, March 3 Instructor: Andrea Clarke Location: Stage Area



Location:







#### CONDITIONING FOR RACQUET **SPORTS**

If you play badminton, tennis, pickleball, or squash this is the class for you. This class will have you lengthening, strengthening, and reducing the risk of injury while you sweat and move to the music. Please bring a water bottle and a yoga mat.

#### Session 1:

When: Tuesdays, January 7 - February 25 (No class February 18)

Time: 12:45 pm - 1:15 pm \$72 LSCO M; \$88 NM Fee:

Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$12 NM Register By: Friday, January 3 Instructor: Lindsay Anderson All Purpose Room Location:

Session 2

When: Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29

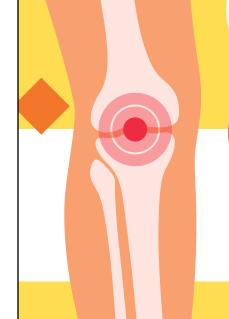
12:45 pm - 1:15 pm Time: Fee: \$81 LSCO M: \$99 NM Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$12 NM Register By: Friday, February 28 Instructor: Lindsay Anderson All Purpose Room Location:

#### **BIKE & MORE**

Let the music guide your cadence as you get your heart pumping in this cardio combo class. Participants will be guided through a cycle workout before getting of the bike for some resistance training using a range of equipemnt from dumbbells to resistance bands. Bring a water bottle and clean indoor shoes.

When: Wednesdays, January 8 - April 30

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 am \$119 LSCO M; \$153 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Friday, January 3 Nancy Purkis Instructor: Location: Gym 2





**INFO BOOTH** 10 - 12 **January 13 LSCO Card Area** 

- What is arthritis?
- What are the different types of arthritis?
- What are the symptoms and diagnosis?
- How to manage arthritis?
- What are the different treatment options?







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### Fitness - All Levels

#### **CORE & STRETCH**

Challenge your core with both resistance training strategies and bodyweight exercises before winding down with a relaxing, deep stretch. Suitable for all fitness levels.

Wednesdays, January 15 - April 30 When:

Time: 9:10 - 10:00 am \$112 LSCO M: \$144 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Friday, January 10 **Tracy Simons** Instructor: All Purpose Room Location:

#### **CYCLE FOR ALL LEVELS**

When you can't get outdoors to ride, come cycle with us! The instructor will lead the class through an energetic, low impact ride on a stationary bike to improve cardiovascular fitness. Participants can ride at their own pace. Stretching to follow.

When: Fridays, January 17 - February 28

8:00 – 8:45 am Time: \$49 LSCO M: \$63 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Tuesday, January 14 **Tracy Simons** Instructor: Gvm 2 Location:

#### FITBALL FOR BALANCE & STRENGTH

This class will focus on balance exercises to help improve stability & coordination to reduce the risk of falls. Participants will also use many different exercise tools to increase strength and mobility. Cardiovascular fitness may also improve by participating in this class. Wear comfortable clothing, indoor footwear, bring a water bottle. If you have a yoga/exercise mat please bring it as floor work may be included.

**Tuesdays** 

When: Tuesdays, January 7 - April 29

(No class February 18)

Time: 9:00 - 9:50 am

\$112 LSCO M; \$144 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Thursday, January 2 Instructor: Gabrielle Dumont

Gym 1 Location:

**Thursdays** 

When: Thursdays, January 9 - April 24

(No class February 20)

9:00 - 9:50 am Time: \$105 LSCO M; \$135 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Monday, January 6 Gabrielle Dumont Instructor:

Location: Gym 1

#### **FUNCTIONAL FITNESS**

This 45-minute class is designed for anyone with limited mobility and impaired motor control looking to improve activities of daily living. Class will focus on building strength, core and balance. A variety of exercise equipment will be used, if participants are comfortable with them. Wear comfortable light clothing. Bring your water bottle too.

When: Mondays, January 6 - Feb 24

(No class February 17) Time: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

\$35 LSCO M; \$49 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM Register by: Friday, January 3 Instructor: Andrea Clarke Location: Stage Area

When: Mondays, March 3 - April 28

(No class April 21) 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Time: Fee: \$40 LSCO M; \$56 NM Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM Register by: Friday, January 3 Andrea Clarke Instructor: Stage Area Location:

#### **GENTLE EXERCISE**

The class will include low impact moves to increase your heart rate, use of resistance equipment to strengthen your muscles and stretches to help keep you limber. Chairs and a variety of exercise equipment will be used. Wear inside shoes and comfortable clothes to move freely in. Bring a water bottle too! Individuals of all skill levels and abilities are encouraged to attend.

**Fridays** 

When: Fridays, January 10 - April 25

(No class April 18)

Time: 10:15 - 11:00 am \$105 LSCO M: \$135 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M: \$10 NM Register by: Tuesday, January 7 Instructor: Andrea Clarke

Location: Gym 1

#### **PILATES FOR BEGINNERS**

This class is a starting point for those who may be new to Pilates or would like to continue to build a firm foundation before progressing to the standard Pilates class. Our instructor will guide you from the ground up and make sure you are challenged but successful in each class. Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and a towel to use as a prop for class.

When: Tuesdays, January 7 - April 29

Time: 8:45 am - 9:45 am \$119 LSCO M; \$153 NM Fee: Drop In Fee \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register by: Thursday, January 2

Instructor: June Dow Room A/B Location:

#### STRENGTH & MOBILITY

A group strength training class designed for the Active Older Adult (55 years +). It does not matter if you are new to exercising with weights, resistance bands, etc. or are more experienced. Options are always given. Wear comfortable exercise cloths and indoor footwear. Space is limited. Instructor: Andrea Clarke \*Not included in Ultimate Fitness Membership.

#### Session 2:

Time:

Fee:

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays,

March 4 - April 24 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm \$70 LSCO M; \$ 100 NM Drop In Fee \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM

Register By: Thursday, February 28 Instructor: **Annabelle Darlow** Fitness Centre Location:

#### **TABATA**

This high energy fitness class is designed to give you an exhilarating work out! Participants will perform a variety of timed exercises that will be challenging (20 seconds of work at maximum effort, followed by 10 seconds of rest; 8 times). Wear comfortable exercise clothes, indoor shoes and bring a mat and water bottle. Intermediate to Advanced Fitness Levels. Class held in Gym 1.

When: Fridays, January 17 - April 25

(No class April 18)

9:00 - 9:55 am Time:

\$98 LSCO M; \$ 126 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Tuesday, January 14 Instructor: **Tracy Simons** 

Gym 1 Location:

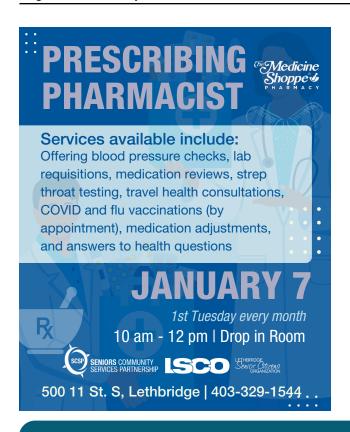
# **LSCO Fitness Centre** Closed Saturday, January 4

**Regular Saturday Hours** will resume January 11



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the LSCO** Woodshop!

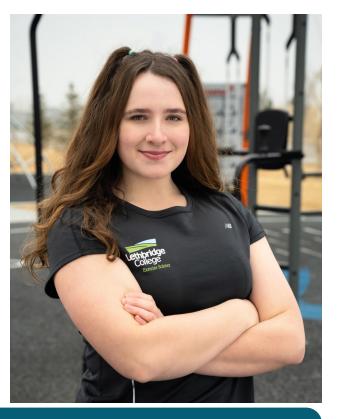
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# Welcome Annabelle!

Hi my name is Annabelle Darlow, I'm excited to introduce myself as the new fitness coordinator at LSCO. I recently graduated at Lethbridge Polytechnic from the Exercise Science program. My love for fitness started in 2014 as a competitive martial art athlete. Fitness has been a part of my identity since then and do it out of enjoyment. I want to make physical activity fun and exciting for members/clients while showing them how to incorporate it in their daily lives. I love helping individuals thrive and achieve their personal fitness goals. I want to inspire and educate people on living a healthy and balance lifestyle through physical activity.

Annabelle: fitness@lethseniors.com



### Fitness - Intermediate/Advanced Levels

#### **LOW IMPACT BARRE**

Enjoy resistance training in a new way! In Low Impact Barre class you will use ballet-inspired positioning along with various modalities including dumbbells, resistance bands, and gliding disks to challenge your strength, stability, and endurance. There will also be a segment dedicated to a more traditional strength training. This is a great class to experience choreography if you enjoy moving to the music without any fancy footwork. Please bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.

Session 1:

When: Mondays, January 13-February 24

(No class February 17)
Time: 11:00 - 11:45 am
Fee: \$48 LSCO M; \$60 NM
Drop In Fee: \$9 LSCO M; \$11 NM
Register By: Thursday, January 2
Instructor: Sheila Mulgrew

Location: Room A/B

Session 2:

When: Mondays, March 3 - April 28

(No class April 21)
Time: 11:00 - 11:45 am
Fee: \$64 LSCO M; \$80 NM
Drop In Fee: \$9 LSCO M; \$11 NM
Register By: Thursday, February 27
Instructor: Sheila Mulgrew
Location: Room A/B

#### **CARDIO STRENGTH**

Start your week out right with this mixed cardio and strength workout. Participants will use many different pieces of fitness equipment and are encouraged to exercise at their own level. Wear comfortable workout clothes, indoor runners. Bring a water bottle. **Intermediate to advanced fitness level.** 

#### Monday Session:

When: Mondays, January 6 - April 28

(No class February 17, April 21)

Time: 8:00 – 8:50 am

Fee: \$105 LSCO M; \$135 NM

Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM

Register By: Thursday, January 2

Instructor: Gabrielle Dumont

Location: Gym 2



#### **Intermediate-Advanced**

You know you aren't new to fitness anymore, but you aren't an expert either. You have built up a base level of strength and endurance. By now, you've improved your work capacity, increased the intensity of your workouts, and learned proper techniques for most exercises.

#### **Thursday Session:**

When: Thursdays, January 9 - April 24

(No class February 21)
Time: 8:00 – 8:50 am
Fee: \$105 LSCO M; \$135 NM
Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM
Register By: Monday, January 6
Instructor: Gabrielle Dumont

Location: Gym 2

#### **CARDIO TO THE CORE**

The instructor will lead you through a number of different moves and exercises to ensure you get that great workout you are looking for! Wear comfortable workout clothes, indoor sneakers. Bring a water bottle, yoga or exercise mat. Intermediate to Advanced Fitness Levels.

When: Wednesdays, January 8 - April 30

Time: 8:00 – 8:50 am

Fee: \$119 LSCO M; \$153 NM

Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM

Register By: Friday, January 3

Instructor: Deb Palmer

Location: Gym 2

#### FITNESS/POWER WALKING

Participants will walk at a self-selected pace to improve cardiovascular fitness. The instructor will incorporate both high and low intensity options to increase overall body strength. You can be assured you will be using all types of exercise equipment in this challenging class. Wear comfortable clothing, indoor footwear and bring a water bottle. Intermediate to advanced fitness levels.

When: Wednesdays, January 8 - April 30

Time: 9:00 - 9:55 am

Fee: \$119 LSCO M; \$153 NM
Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM
Register By: Friday, January 3
Instructor: Jamie Hillier
Location: Gym 1

#### **PILATES**

This class involves a series of classical Pilates exercises performed on an exercise mat. Each exercise emphasizes breath, core conditioning, and body awareness. We will pay special attention to alignment and form. Light weights, resistance tubing and other props may be used to add strength and stretch work. Wear comfortable workout clothes, bring a yoga mat, a towel to use as a prop and water bottle. \*Not included in Ultimate Fitness Membership.

#### **Mondays**

When: Mondays, January 6 - April 28

(No class February 17, April 21)

Time: 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Fee: \$105 LSCO M; \$135 NM
Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM
Register by: Thursday January 2

Instructor: June Dow

Location: All Purpose Room

#### **SENIORS WHO LIFT**

Bars & Plates, and a variety of other resistance equipment will be used by participants to perform movements such as lunges, presses, curls, and squats. Stretching to follow. This challenging class is beneficial to increase muscle strength and endurance. **Participants should have some exercise experience.** 

When: Mondays, January 13 - April 28

(No class February 17, April 21)

Time: 10:15 - 11:10 am
Fee: \$98 LSCO M; \$126 NM
Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM
Register By: Thursday, January 9
Instructor: Annabelle Darlow

Location: Gym 2

#### TRX COMBO

TRX (Suspension Training) uses straps, gravity, and your body weight to increase strength, balance, and core stability. Simply by changing resistance and altering body position, each participant can customize their workout for their own needs and goals. A variety of equipment will be used including stationary bikes.

When: Thursdays, January 9 - April 24

Time: 9:00 - 9:55 am

Fee: \$144 LSCO Members Only Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO Members Only Register by: Monday, January 6

Instructor: Jamie Hillier Location: Gym 2

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## **Creative Arts**

#### PERSONALIZED BLANKETS

Join Marcelle in the Computer Lab for a fun, creative way to transform your photos into a beautiful keepsake. These 50 x 60 inch blankets would make an excellent gift or a beautiful addition to your own home. Simply select a template and insert your images to create a personalized blanket. Marcelle will assist you with scanning any physical photos you may have as well as transferring photos from other devices **Session 1:** 

When: Monday, January 27
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fee: \$95 LSCO M; \$115 NM
Register by: Thursday, January 23

Instructor: Marcelle Velve Location: Computer Lab

Session 2:

When: Monday, February 24
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fee: \$95 LSCO M; \$115 NM
Register by: Thursday, February 20
Instructor: Marcelle Velve

Instructor: Marcelle Velve Location: Computer Lab

Session 3:

When: Monday, March 24
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fee: \$95 LSCO M; \$115 NM
Register by: Thursday, March 20
Instructor: Marcelle Velve
Location: Computer Lab

# WINTER ANIMALS - LINE AND WASH

This three week class will be focused on the study and rendition of winter animals like polar bears, rabbits, and snowy owls. White on white is tough but with the help of pen and ink lines and subtle watercolour washes, we can create some fantastic animals.

It would help if you have some experience in using watercolours but not necessary.

Ask for a supply list when registering.

When: Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee: \$90 LSCO M; \$110 NM
Register by: Thursday, January 9
Instructor: Donna Gallant
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

#### **Fitness Centre**

A variety of exercise machines, cardio equipment, free weights are available for individuals of all fitness levels to get a fantastic workout! For your safety, it is recommended that you schedule a free orientation to ensure you use the machines properly. Please ask at the Administration Desk.

#### 1 Month and 4 Month Passes

- \$25 LSCO M; / month
- \$40 Non-Member / month
   (30 Days from Date of Purchase)

#### Drop In

\$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM
 10x Fitness Centre/Class Pass

\$80 LSCO M; \$100 NM
 Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Days Open: Monday - Friday

Now Also Open Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm

#### **PORTRAITS MADE SIMPLE**

This four week class will concentrate on drawing portraits by analyzing with basic features of the face.

We will learn some quick tip techniques to accurately depict facial features as well as some shading and highlighting techniques to help form a more realistic portrait and create depth. Knowing some drawing basics is helptul but not necessary.

Ask for a supply list when registering.

When: Thursdays, February 20 - March13
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fee: \$120 LSCO M; \$150 NM
Register by: Monday, February 17
Instructor: Donna Gallant
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

#### **DISTRESSED INKS**

Distressed inks have been around for a few years and are a very unique art product to work with. They are great for stamping, stencilling and they can give a real watercolour effect when they are liquified. In this two week class you will learn many ways of using these inks and how their properties can benefit your art making especially for printmaking, stamping, stenciling, making collage papers, and even painting. Ask for a supply list when registering.

When: Mondays, April 7, 14
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee: \$60 LSCO M; \$80 NM
Register by: Thursday, April 3
Instructor: Donna Gallant
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

#### **PAINT & CHAT**

Join Donna as she guides both the beginner and more advanced painter with techniques and tricks to complete an acrylic painting. She brings the supplies you will need. All you bring is the willingness to learn and have fun. Donna is an artist from Southern Alberta who enjoys sharing her knowledge.

#### Session 1:

When: Tuesday, January 21
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Fee: \$55 LSCO M; \$65 NM
Register by: Thursday, January 16

Instructor: Donna Bilyk Location: Arts & Crafts Room Session 2:

When: Tuesday, February 11
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Fee: \$55 LSCO M; \$65 NM
Register by: Thursday, February 6
Instructor: Donna Bilyk

Arts & Crafts Room

Location: **Session 3:** 

When: Tuesday, March 25
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Fee: \$55 LSCO M; \$65 NM
Register by: Thursday, March 20
Instructor: Donna Bilyk
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

Session 4:

When: Tuesday, April 15
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Fee: \$55 LSCO M; \$65 NM
Register by: Thursday, April 10
Instructor: Donna Bilyk
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

#### **BEGINNER WOODWORKING**

This workshop will introduce beginners to the foundations of woodworking. You will complete a small project under the supervision of some of our experienced woodshop group members. All materials are included and the class will be a small group as space is limited.

When: Tuesdays, January 7 - February 25

Time: 2:00-4:30 pm

Fee: \$200 LSCO M; \$250 NM Register by: Friday, January 10 Instructor: Doug Warren

#### INTERMEDIATE WOODWORKING

This workshop is perfect for folks who have some experience in the woodshop but would like a bit of guidance. Participants will choose their own project and provide their own materials but will have access to all the equipment in the woodshop under the supervision of an experienced woodshop group member. Prior to the start of the class, participants will email their proposed project to the instructor (email address provided upon registration) to finalize details and confirm necessary equipment and skills. FULL

When: Thursdays, January 9-February 27

Time: 2:00-4:30 pm

Fee: \$200 LSCO M; \$250 NM Register by: Monday, January 13 Instructor: Doug Warren



#### WHEN:

Mondays, January 13 - April 28 (No class February 17, April 21)

#### TIME:

10:15 am - 11:10 pm

FEE:

\$98 LSCO M; \$126 NM

#### INSTRUCTOR:

**Annabelle Darlow** 

Bars & Plates, and a variety of other resistance equipment will be used by participants to perform movements such as lunges, presses, curls and squats. Stretching to follow. This challenging class is beneficial to increase muscle strength and endurance. Participants should have some exercise experience. Drop ins may be accepted if space is available.

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### **Dance & Movement**

#### 30/30 ZUMBA GOLD/ZUMBA **GOLD TONING**

This class combines the best of both Zumba Gold (dance fitness without weights) for 1/2 of the class and Zumba Gold Toning, the other 1/2 of the class (using the handheld toning sticks to focus on muscle toning and conditioning, to help increase your strength and bone density). Truly exercise in disguise!! Wear comfortable clothes, footwear and bring a water bottle.

When: Tuesdays, January 14 - April 29 11:15 am - 12:15 pm Time: \$128 LSCO M; \$144 NM Fee: Drop-In Fee: \$9 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Friday, January 10 Sheila Mulgrew Instructor: All Purpose Room Location:

#### **BEGINNER LINE DANCING**

If you love music and dancing however, have never line danced before (or maybe just a little) and want to learn, this class is for you. Gloria-Rose will teach you basic line dances. Guys are welcome too. Wear comfortable indoor footwear, cool clothing and bring a water bottle. Minimum 8 people run class.

When: Wednesdays, January 8 - April 30

(No class April 16) 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm \$80 LSCO M; \$112 NM Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM

Register by: Friday, January 3 Instructor: Gloria-Rose Puurveen

Location: Gym 2

Time:

Fee:

#### **EXPERIENCED BEGINNER LINE DANCING**

This class is intended for those who have taken a beginner dance class, and/or have some line dance experience and are comfortable dancing to faster music. Less time will be spent on reviewing and more dancing will occur. Come dance like no one is watching!! Guys are welcome too! Space is limited, register early.

When: Wednesdays, January 8 - April 30

(No class April 16) 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Time: \$80 LSCO M; \$112 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM Register by: Friday, January 3 Gloria-Rose Puurveen Instructor:

Location: Gym 2



#### **CLASSIC NIA**

Join me, Lise LeMoine, Nia Teacher and Trainer, as I take you on a movement journey in Your Body's Way. Classic Nia is a 1-hour movement practice inclusive of dance, martial arts and healing arts. To soul stirring music I will take you on a ride of joy, play, contrast, agility, balance, and life affirming joy. Coordination, balance, agility and ease are a few of the by-products. Nia is movement medicine for the body and soul. I'd love to show you how. (Not included in Ultimate Fitness Membership).

When: Thursdays, January 9 - April 17

Time: 5:15 - 6:15 pm \$205 LSCO M; \$285 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$15 LSCO M; \$20 NM Register by: Monday, January 6 Instructor: Lise LeMoine

Location: Gym 2

#### **MOVING TO HEAL**

Join me, Lise Schulze, Nia Teacher and Trainer for Moving to Heal. This 1-hour movement practice focuses on healing and balancing in the body and mind. Using a chair for stability we will move to music and help the body find its way into ease and joy. Healing, balance and conditioning are by products. Moving to Heal is a derivative of The Nia Technique. (Not included in Ultimate Fitness Membership).

When: Thursdays, January 9 - April 17

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

\$205 LSCO M; \$285 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$15 LSCO M; \$20 NM Register by: Monday, January 6 Lise LeMoine Instructor: Room A/B Location:

#### **POUND**

This class consists of a 45-minute Pound (cardio drumming) session that will challenge your whole body. You will leave feeling great! The participants in this class are friendly and welcoming, and it is suitable for absolutely everyone. Modifications will be provided. Come out and give it a try. Space is limited-register early!

When: Wednesdays, January 15 - April 30 Time: 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Fee: \$128 LSCO M; \$144 NM Drop In Fee: \$9 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Friday, January 10 Instructor: Shelia Mulgrew All Purpose Room Location:

#### **ZUMBA** ®

Come ready to sweat, smile, and lose yourself in the music - Zumba ® is a Latin Dance based fitness class that will give you a cardiovascular workout disguised as a dance party! All fitness levels are welcome.

When: Mondays, January 6 - April 28

(No class February 17, April 21)

9:00 am - 9:50 am Time: \$105 LSCO M; \$135 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Thursday, January 2 Gabrielle Dumont Instructor:

Location: Gym 2





# **PREVENT INJURIES**

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# **UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL!**

TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

Tuesdays | 12:45 - 1:15 \$72 LSCO M; \$88 NM

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# LSCO Groups

#### **AMATEUR HAM RADIO**

The purpose of the LSCO Seniors Amateur Radio Group is to advance Amateur radio interests and where necessary, to provide emergency and community communications support. Newcomers are welcome to visit the Radio Room on the second floor at the LSCO and view our collection of "bygone days and current" amateur radio equipment. Anyone wishing to join the group or use the equipment with a member present, must have an amateur radio license. If someone would like to obtain their "ham" license, we do have volunteers who may help you with the licensing process at no cost except for the training manual. If you are interested in seeing what this is all about you are very welcome to pop in sometime for a visit and orientation.

When: Monday - Friday

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am (or longer on

request and with notice).

Fee: \$29/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Radio Room

#### **BILLIARDS**

Members are welcome to play pool daily. The tables are located on the second floor and are accessible by the elevator or stairs. If you are new to the game it is important for you to let us know so that arrangements can be made for you to receive some instructions. Members & non-members may drop in provided they are accompanied by a billiard member.

When Monday – Friday Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$55/year & LSCO Membership

Drop In Fee: \$6 M; \$7 NM. Location: Billards Room

#### **CARPENTRY/WOOD WORKING**

The LSCO woodshop is open to men and woman. All new members are rquired to attend a shop orientation and evaluation lasting approximately one hour to ensure all members are acquainted with safe operation of the machinery available in the space. We offer a beginners course for those with little to no prior experience and an intermediate course for those interested in more advanced skills. If you would like to learn woodworking in a safe and supportive environment, register at the front desk today!

Some materials are available for use. For safety, there must be 2 members in the shop at all times.

When: Monday – Friday Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$44/year & LSCO Membership

Location: LSCO Woodshop

#### COMPUTERS

Individuals interested in attending workshops, volunteering in the Computer Lab, and sharing their technical knowledge are encouraged to join. A variety of information sessions and workshops are offered throughout the year. Non-members can pay \$5 to attend workshops and are very welcome. The Lab is available for members 3 afternoons. Note: At times the lab may be used for classes. Notices will be posted.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$21/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Computer Lab

#### **CRIB**

If you enjoy playing crib join in on the fun every week. Newcomers are welcome.

When: Thursdays
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee: LSCO membership

Drop In Fee \$2 Location: Card Area

NOTE: LSCO Members are welcome to play cards and other board games throughout the day provided tables are available. Players must provide their own cards, game boards, etc. Gather some friends and see you soon!

#### **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

If you love to take photos and have a desire to improve your picture taking skills register at the Administration Desk. You do not have to be an expert as the group members vary in levels and interests. Some like to photograph landscapes; others photograph food, birds and many other objects. Some participants in this group have more experience take photos and others are not as advanced. At times we take trips outside of LSCO. If you would like more information, leave your name and phone number and we will contact.

When: Fridays Time: 9:00 am

Fee: \$11/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Computer Lab

#### **GENEALOGY**

Weekly, members spend time researching their family history. LSCO provides a desktop computer for use however, it is recommended that you bring along your laptop if you have one. Members range from beginners to those with 5+ plus years of experience with the club. Group members share their genealogy expertise with each other, sharing tips on accessing web sites containing document sources such as immigration/passenger lists, birth, marriage and death records, etc. Please purchase an LSCO Membership at the Administration Desk before registering for this group.

When: Wednesdays September 6 Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$21/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Board Room

#### **KARAOKE**

If you love to sing and enjoy socializing join the LSCO Karaoke singers Tuesday afternoons. It would be appreciated if you brought your own microphone. Non-members of LSCO are welcome to come for \$2 drop in per week.

When Tuesdays Time: 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Fee: \$30/year & LSCO Membership;

Drop In Fee: \$2

Location: Board Room



#### **KNITTING, CROCHET & MORE**

Whether you knit, crochet, or do other needlework consider joining us weekly. We work on projects socialize, laugh, share ideas and enjoy a coffee. If you have supplies bring them, if not we do have some to loan. Those learning are very welcome. Held in the Dining Room/Atrium.

When: Thursdays Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$11/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Atrium

#### **LAPIDARY (Stonecrafters)**

Are you interested in making jewelry or other pieces of art that uses rocks and fine gems? If the answer is yes, our experienced stonecrafters will help you safely learn how to use the machines and complete your projects. Please leave your name and phone number so arrangements can be made. For safety, it is important that 2 people are in the room at all times. Supply costs extra.

When: Wednesdays
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$36/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Lapidary Room

#### **PAPER TOLE & CREATIVE ARTS**

If you are familiar with the art of paper tole and would like to work on your projects while socializing, come talk to us. Supply costs extra. Painters, knitters and other crafters are welcome to join us to work on their projects too.

When: Fridays

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$23/year & LSCO Membership

Location: Arts & Crafts Room

#### **QUILTING**

If you have basic quilting skills consider joining this group. They socialize, help and share ideas with each other to complete their own projects. They also create items for donations and raffles. Must bring own supplies. Please sign up at the Administration Desk.

When: Tuesdays
Time: 12:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee: LSCO membership

Location: Stage



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# Tai Chi & QiGong

# INTRODUCTORY YANG STYLE TAI CHI

This class is suitable for people of all fitness levels. Tai Chi began as a Chinese martial art. Today most people practice Tai Chi for the health benefits of these exercises. The classes will start students at the beginning of the Yang style long form and give everyone ample opportunities to practice moves in the form each class. Sign up and see if Tai Chi is a good fitness routine for you. Bring a water bottle, wear comfortable shoes, and loose-fitting clothes.

When: Wednesdays, January 15 - April 30

Time: 8:45 - 9:45 am

Fee: \$80 LSCO M; \$112 NM

Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM

Register by: Friday, January 10

Instructor: Steve Burger

Location: Room A/B

#### INTERMEDIATE YANG STYLE TAI CHI

These classes are for individuals who have previously taken the introductory session with Steve.

When: Thursdays, January 16 -April 24

Time: 8:45 – 9:45 am
Fee: \$75 LSCO M; \$105 NM
Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM
Register by: Monday, January 13
Instructor: Steve Burger

Location: Room A/B

# ADVANCED YANG STYLE TAI CHI

This ongoing class is for continuing students who have done the introductory Yang Style Tai Chi class. Participants will work on a number of fine-tuning practices and group exercises. Wear comfortable clothes and clean indoor footwear.

When: Wednesdays, January 15 - April 30

Time: 10:15 – 11:15 am
Fee: \$80 LSCO M; \$112 NM
Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM
Register by: Friday, January 10
Instructor: Steve Burger
Location: Gym 2

#### **SPRING FOREST QIGONG**

Qigong is founded in the belief that everyone of us was born with the natural ability to heal; activating the Qi in our body is the first step to awaken the innate gift that we are all born with. You will acquire the knowledge, techniques, support, and assistance to help you do just that.

#### **Session 1:**

When: Tuesdays, January 7 - February 11

Time: 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Fee: \$54 LSCO M; \$66 NM
Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$12 NM
Register by: Thursday, January 2
Instructor: Roxy Wright
Location: Stage Area

Session 2:

When: Tuesdays, March 18 - April 15

Time: 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Fee: \$45 LSCO M; \$55 NM
Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$12 NM
Register by: Thursday, March 13
Instructor: Roxy Wright
Location: Stage Area

#### TAI CHI PRACTICE GROUP

Advanced Tai Chi practitioners are encouraged to join these sessions. This is not a formal structured class.

When: Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Time: 8:15 – 9:15 am

Fee: \$20/year & LSCO Membership

Drop In Fee \$2

Location: Stage Area

# Due to decreased external funding, LSCO is no longer able to provide subsizied snow removal services as of January 1, 2025. You can help **BY SPONSORING SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES** for a senior in need who otherwise could not afford it 1/2 Month: \$50 1 Month: \$100 **Season: \$400 Donate online** www.lethseniors.com/christmas Or in person at the LSCO 500 11 St. S, Lethbridge 403-320-2222 \$12,000 to provide this service until the Needed end of the snow season

## **Sports**

#### **BADMINTON**

Everyone of all skill levels are welcome to play badminton. Thursdays are a great day to come if you would like to work on your skills. Arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to start time. For Badminton Etiquette/Protocols see the Bulletin Board outside Gym 2 and on our website.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

No courts February 17, April 21

Time: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

When: Thursdays

No courts Sept 30, Oct 14

Time: 10:15 – 12:15 pm Fee: \$68 & LSCO membership

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

A great active game for eye hand coordination and individuals of all skill levels. Let us know if you need instruction and arrangements will be made. Bring your own paddle. Held in Room C/D.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays

Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm

When Fridays

Time: 10:30 – 12:00 pm

Fee: \$44/year & LSCO Membership

#### **PICKLEBALL**

Registration for all existing players to enroll in the Fall 2024 season opens December 13 and closes on January 4. All existing members must be registered by this date to be guaranteed a spot in the upcoming season and gain access to court bookings. Our waitlist is currently closed and will remain closed for the remainder of the year due to the popularity of this program.

# CONDITIONING FOR RACQUET SPORTS

If you play badminton, tennis, pickleball, or squash this is the class for you. This class will have you lengthening, strengthening, and reducing the risk of injury while you sweat and move to the music. Please bring a water bottle and a yoga mat.

#### Session 1:

When: Tuesdays, January 7 - February 25

(No class February 18)

Time: 12:45 pm - 1:15 pm
Fee: \$72 LSCO M; \$88 NM
Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$12 NM
Register By: Friday, January 3
Instructor: Lindsay Anderson
Location: All Purpose Room

Session 2

When: Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29

Time: 12:45 pm - 1:15 pm
Fee: \$81 LSCO M; \$99 NM
Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$12 NM
Register By: Friday, February 28
Instructor: Lindsay Anderson
Location: All Purpose Room



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## Yoga

#### **CHAIR YOGA**

Perform yoga poses and breathing exercises with the aid of a chair. This gentle class may help you increase strength, flexibility, range of motion for joints, and stress reduction. Chair yoga is suitable for all fitness levels and conditions.

When: Wednesdays, January 8 - April 30

10:00 - 10:45 am Time: \$85 LSCO M; \$119 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M: \$8 NM Register By: Friday, January 3 Instructor: Corrine Myers Location: Stage Area

#### **ACTIVE YOGA**

This sequence of this class will change weekly and is recommended for individuals with yoga experience. We may begin with yin poses and move into a more active flow class working to improve balance, strength and flexibility, or we may do a full Vinyasa Flow class. A variety of props will be used including the chair. Come with an open mind. Wear comfortable clothes you can move in, yoga mat and water. Please do not attend if you are unwell.

When: Fridays, January 10 - April 25

(No class January 31, February 14)

9:00 am - 10:05 am Time: Fee: \$154 LSCO M; \$196 NM Drop In Fee: \$12 LSCO M; \$15 NM Register By: Tuesday, January 7 Instructor: Shawn Hamilton Location: All Purpose Room

#### **GENTLE YOGA**

Gentle yoga classes are a great place to take it slower and experience the benefits of yoga. If you are new to yoga or haven't practiced yoga for a while this may be the class for you. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and water bottle. Plan on practicing barefoot or wear nonslip socks. Classes held in the All-Purpose Room (downstairs)

**Tuesdays** 

When: Tuesdays, January 14 - April 29

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am \$112 LSCO M; \$144 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Friday, January 10 Instructor: Donna Tiefenbach Location: All Purpose Room

**Thursdays** 

Thursdays, January 16 - April 24 When:

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am \$105 LSCO M; \$135 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$8 LSCO M; \$10 NM Register By: Monday, January 13 Instructor: Donna Tiefenbach Location: All Purpose Room

#### **SATURDAY FLOW YOGA**

Energize the start of your weekend with this moderately paced flow class. Guided by breath, our practice will explore asanas to build stability, mobility and balance, and calm and centre the mind. Bring your mat, water bottle, and dress in layers, as the room temperature can vary

Saturdays, January 11 - April 26 When:

(No class April 19)

Time: 10:00 am - 11:15 am \$90 LSCO M; \$120 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$7 LSCO M; \$9 NM Register by: Wednesday, January 8 Instructor: Rumi Graham

Location: Room A/B

#### **TUESDAY EVENING FLOW YOGA**

If you are interested in ending your day releasing tension, and moving through a series of postures to help you enhance flexibility and build strength, you really should register for this class. Intended for all skill levels as modifications are offered. Bring a yoga mat & water bottle. Props are available however, if you have your own feel free to bring them. This class is not included in the **Ultimate Fitness Membership.** 

When: Tuesdays, Jan 14 - April 29

5:00 - 6:00 pm Time:

Fee: \$144 LSCO M; \$224 NM Drop-In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$15 NM Register By: Friday, January 10 Donna Tiefenbach Instructor: Location: Room A/B

#### YOGA FOR SENIORS

You're never too old to reap the rewards of yoga. For seniors who are looking for a safe. effective way to enhance their physical health and overall wellness, the stretching, breathing, and meditation practices of yoga can be a great solution. In fact, as you will see, doing yoga regularly can result in a host of benefits for older adults, from greater flexibility and improved balance to lower stress and better sleep. Wear comfortable clothing (layer up as some rooms vary in temperature), bring a yoga mat, water bottle and maybe even a blanket.

**Mondays** 

When: Mondays, January 6 - April 28

(No class February 17, April 21

1:00 - 2:00pm Time: \$90LSCO M; \$120 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$7 LSCO M; \$9 NM Register by: Thursday, January 3 Instructor: Corrine Myers Location: Room A/B

**Fridays** 

Instructor:

When: Fridays, January 10 - April 25

(No class April 18) Time: 10:15 am - 11:15 am Fee: \$90 LSCO M; \$120 NM Drop In Fee: \$7 LSCO M; \$9 NM Register by: Tuesday, January 7

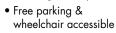
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Room A/B Location:

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#### **YOGA NIDRA**

Yoga Nidra is a method that is intended to induce full body relaxation, bringing about an incredible calmness, quietness, and clarity to the physical body and mind. It is also known as "yogic sleep". It is a deep meditation that uses a variety of techniques including guided imagery and body scanning to aid relaxation. Participants can expect to leave the practice feeling restored and rejuvenated. Please bring a yoga mat and any blankets or cushions you might need to feel comfortable.

When: Tuesdays, January 21-February 25

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM Fee: \$30 LSCO M; \$42 NM Drop In Fee: \$6 LSCO M; \$8 NM Register By: Thursday, January 16 Corrine Myers Instructor: Location: Room C/D

#### **YOVASCIA**

Create a greater sense of wellbeing in your life through a variety of gentle yoga, fascial, breathing and vagus nerve exercises. This will allow for a deep sense of relaxation, healing and cell rejuvenation. Dress in layers as the room temperature varies. Some props are available to use. Bring a pillowcase to cover LSCO bolsters. If you have your own props feel free to bring them along with your yoga mat. \*Not included in **Ultimate Fitness Membership.** 

#### Session 1:

Date: Mondays, January 13-February 10

Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am \$45 LSCO M; \$70 NM Fee: Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$15 NM Register by: Thursday, January 9 Instructor: Elaine Jagielski Location: Room A/B

Session 2:

Date: Mondays, February 24 - March 24

Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am Fee: \$45 LSCO M; \$70 NM Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$15 NM Register by: Thursday, February 20 Instructor: Elaine Jagielski

Room A/B

Session 3:

Location:

Date: Mondays, March 31 - April 28

(no class April 21) 8:30 - 9:30 am Time: Fee: \$36 LSCO M; \$56 NM Drop In Fee: \$10 LSCO M; \$15 NM

Register by: Thursday, March 27 Instructor: Elaine Jagielski Location: Room A/B



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LSCO Local Lawyer Austyn Anderson

# **Power of Attorney**

A Power of Attorney is a legal document that allows someone to appoint another person to make decisions on their behalf. These decisions usually relate to finances and legal matters such as managing bank accounts, paying bills or selling property.

There are two different types of Power of Attorney's in Alberta:

#### 1. A General Power of Attorney

This type of Power of Attorney gives broad powers to your appointed person but will typically ends if you become mentally incapacitated.

#### 2. Enduring Power of Attorney

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A Power of Attorney is important because it ensures that if you ever become unable to manage your own affairs due to illness, injury or absence, someone you trust can step in and handle things for you. In this way, you can prevent financial issues, uphold obligations and make sure your interests are protected without delays or complications.

Having a Power of Attorney in place is a crucial element of planning for the unexpected and cangive peace of mind that someone will manage your affairs responsible if need-

Austyn is available for free 15 minute consultations each month at the LSCO. See the monthly Support Services Calendar (pg. 7 for more information) Please book in advance.

More info on page 14

# Computer Club **EVENTS**

January 2025

The LSCO Computer Club has access to the computer lab on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 - 4:00 pm. This time may be pre-empted for other events.

Workshops usually run from 1 - 3 pm with a short break around 2 pm. There is no guarantee that a club member will be available on non workshop days.

If a date is not included below it will be a sharing and help session.

#### January 2025

The computer club is still working on the details of the January schedule. Keep your eye on the bulletin board for updates.

Kevin will be holding down the fort till we get things organized.

More Details and links are available on the LSCO Computer Club Website

https://sites.google.com/view/ <u>lscocomputerclub</u>

Email computerclub@lethseniors. com to be added to the email list or to ask for help from the computer club. Membership is not required to be added to the mail list.



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# **Member Spotlight**

## Discovering Community, Making Connections

Phyllis and Ken are members and regular guests/supporters of the Lethbridge Seniors Citizens Organization. They have been members for about 8 years.

Phyllis (nee: Hunter) was born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, but grew up on her parents' ranch SW of Swift Current where they were involved with mixed farming and cattle. Her Dad bought the land and nurtured it, increasing the size of the property as he was able. Phyllis fondly remembers the free-ranging wildlife as hunting was not allowed on her family's property. Phyllis' brother still works the family's farm.

Phyllis' extended family lived geographically nearby, including both sets of her grandparents, who had homesteaded and farmed near one another. Therefore, her parents had grown up in close proximity to one another back in the day.

Phyllis went to the 1-room 'Silver Craig' School about 3 ½ miles away from home and she was able to attend Grades 1-9 there. Her and her brother and sister often walked to school across the prairie. In winter, when roads were blocked with snow, they walked along the railway tracks. Phyllis recalls enjoying swimming in the creek in summers and skating on it in winter. She got her Grades 10-12 by taking the school bus to Swift Current. After graduating, Phyllis went to Mt. Royal College in Calgary to take a 2 year Business course. Quite a change from the setting where she was raised, but she lived in student housing and when she got homesick, she had aunts to visit as she got used to the big city.

Ken was born in Rosetown, Saskatchewan, and spent his childhood in Elrose, a small town north of Swift Current. His father worked as a grain farmer, while his mother dedicated her career to teaching. Ken completed all his schooling, from Grades 1 through 12, in Elrose. He fondly recalls walking or biking to school and actively participating in a variety of school sports. A natural leader, Ken served as captain of both his high school volleyball and basketball teams—a role he humorously attributes to being the tallest player on the court.

Ken's father passed away when he was 16 years old, a life-changing experience, but Ken did finish high school and then went to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He quit university, but then went on to DeVry Tech in Toronto to take Electronic Engineering.

Ken obtained employment at a Swift Current TV station in 1966 doing work on and off the air, being both in the studio and in control room. Then Ken was hired as a 'newsman' in radio in Regina. When his boss got fired, he was offered the job of news director, with very limited experience or knowledge of the position.

Phyllis and Ken met at the TV station and were later married in 1970. Phyllis moved to Regina where she was employed in the media. Then they moved back to Swift Current in 1972.

Phyllis and Ken went to Europe (Spain, etc.) in 1974 seeking a new lifestyle, but returned to Canada after 5 months. Phyllis said, "Looking back, we were very fortunate to visit Europe at the time when there were fewer tourists and we were able to visit galleries and tourist sights without line-ups. In 1974, Franco ruled Spain, so we saw a very different country than it is now. On Christmas Day, Ken played football on the beach in Torremolinos, Spain, immediately in front of our home-away-from-home, a 1- bedroom apartment immediately above a bar, for which we paid \$4 a day, including breakfast. We also consulted our copy of Arthur Frommer's Europe on \$10 a Day daily."

Phyllis and Ken resided in Lethbridge from 1975-77. Ken was hired at CJOC Radio & TV in 1975. He was a 'commercial announcer', because upon speaking with him, one can attest to this quality in his voice. When CJOC-TV became independent, he became News Director at CFAC-TV.

They bought a home in Stirling and have resided there since 1977. They have enjoyed their huge yard and the joys of gardening (veggies, herbs, and flowers) that it brings. Phyllis used to sell dry flower arrangements. For most of her working life, Phyllis worked in media advertising: radio, TV, newspaper, and two advertising agencies, but for 14 years she worked for Canada Post in Stirling. Phyllis has been 'officially' retired for 10 years.

Ken and Phyllis are deeply committed to their community and the world around them. Ken, a dedicated blood donor, gave over 100 pints during his lifetime. He was also a founding member of the "Friends" of the Helen Schuler Nature Centre, where he volunteered more than 2,000 hours, sharing his passion for nature through activities like his engaging "snake talks." Additionally, Ken devoted many years to teaching English as a Second Language with County of Warner Further Education, helping others achieve their educational goals.

A passionate conservationist, Ken is actively involved with the Mountain Bluebird Trails Conservation Society. Previously serving on its executive committee, he enthusiastically shares the Society's mission and educates others on how to support these beautiful bluebirds.

Phyllis has been equally committed to her community, volunteering for many years with the County of Warner Further Education Council and the Stirling Lioness Club. Together, Ken and Phyllis share a deep enthusiasm for education and a profound respect for the natural world. Ken also pursued lifelong learning. While working full-time, he attended the University of Lethbridge part-time, earning a BA in Political Science in 1988—a testament to his belief that "everyone wants to be educated, don't they?"



Over 54 years of marriage, Phyllis and Ken have travelled and hiked extensively. They enjoy learning and therefore, watch the Knowledge Network, TVOntario, and PBS to broaden their knowledge base. Phyllis has a loom and is an accomplished weaver; she also likes to read mysteries. Ken prefers to read non-fiction because of his desire to keep learning. They used to golf, but now will watch some TV sports instead. Ken used to play trumpet, clarinet, and piano, but none recently; they both like easy listening, swing, and blues music. Phyllis' favorite meal is spaghetti and Ken's is "anybody's lasagna".

Phyllis' favourite quote comes from her grandmother Jane Burnett: 'You're not the only pebble on the beach.'

Ken has been a long-time user of the LSCO gym, where he maintained an active lifestyle for many years. Both Ken and Phyllis have enjoyed being involved as active members of the LSCO, finding not only opportunities to stay engaged but also forming meaningful friendships through their time at the Centre. Ken and Phyllis are very approachable and seem quite willing to meet more members as we all share the Centre in its varied ways.

Many Thanks to Phyllis and Ken for coping with a 'walk down memory lane' and to satisfy a curiosity about "just who are our LSCO members?"

Editors Note: Thank you to Carol for continuing to interview and write the member spotlight articles in 2024. I certainly enjoy learning about the people at the LCSO, and hope that all you readers do as well.



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# **Welcome Tyler** as LEARN Case Manager

Hello, my name is Tyler Andersen, and I am the new LEARN Case Manager. I am a recent University of Calgary graduate, having now obtained my Bachelor of Social Work. Since



**LEARN Case** Manager Tyler Andersen

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late August, I have had the pleasure of working at the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization (LSCO) as a Senior Systems Navigator - Housing Specialist, which has been an incredible opportunity with many different learning opportunities. Come January, I am excited to be stepping into this new role and to be able to receive the opportunity to provide support, prevention and education surrounding elder abuse in our community.

During my free time, I like to engage in numerous different hobbies including spending time with my partner, going out to explore what Lethbridge has to offer, tending to my plants, playing different video games and playing with my dog. Additionally, I also love getting the opportunity to meet and chat with new people, so if you see me around, please feel free to stop me for a conversation. I wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year!

The Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network (LEARN) is a collaboration of human service organizations that are invested in addressing and supporting those experiencing elder abuse. LEARN responds to and provides education, awareness, and advocacy for those at risk of or already experiencing elder abuse, as well as the community at large.

# LOW IMPACT BA

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