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VOLUNTEER TO BE A BIRTHDAY PARTY FACILITATOR!

Love parties? Want to make members feel special during their birthday month? Sounds like you'd be a perfect Birthday Party Facilitator! On the last Wednesday of every month, we will be throwing a party to celebrate all the members whose birthdays fell in that month. We need volunteers to:

- help with set up and take down;
- create and put up party decor;
- cut the cake:
- pour tea and clean up tea cups;
- and, most importantly, sing happy birthday!

Interested? Reach out to **Margaret Ovenell**, our Program Assistant and Close to Home Program Coordinator at **closetohome@wesn.ca or 604-669-5051.**



JANUARY 2024



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THE WEST END SENIORS' NETWORK

Vision A Vancouver community that empowers and supports older adults in healthy, involved, fulfilling lives.

Mission To enhance the quality of life of older adults by providing social, recreational, cultural, educational and supportive activities and services that foster connection and inclusion in the broader community.

Our Place We respectfully acknowledge that we gather on unceded, occupied, ancestral, and traditional homelands of the Coast Salish peoples: x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwəta?/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



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West End Seniors Network 2024 Survey

Please take a moment to complete our survey so that we may serve you better in the future.

Which programs do you attend at WESN?

() Games (e.g., poker, bingo, Mahjong, Scrabble)

¿Encuesta en Español? Contáctanos en Barclay Manor

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	() Creative Pursuits (e.g., painting, pottery, knitting and crochet)
Do you live in the West End? () Yes	() Music Related () Fitness / Wellness
() No	() Language Classes
	() Educational Workshops
Are you currently a member of the West End	() Tech Help
Seniors Network?	() Special Events
() Yes	() Social Groups and Drop-Ins (e.g., Men's Shed,
()1 year ()2-5 year	coffee, dinner clubs)
() More than 6 years	() Other
() No	If we could offer any new program to our
() If no - can you tell us why not?	members, what would it be?
If you are a former member of WESN who is NOT a member now, please tell us why: () I wasn't asked to renew my membership	How can we improve the programs that we currently offer?
() Membership is too expensive for me	
() I don't see the value in being a member() Other, please explain	Services
	Do you access services offered at the West
	End Seniors Network?
	()Yes
Age:	() No
() Less than 65 years	If you who are asked All of the asymican you
() 65-75 years	If yes, please select ALL of the services you use:
() 75-85 years () 85-90 years	() Light Housekeeping
() 90+ years	() Transportation to and from Medical
() Prefer not to say	() Appointments
	() Friendly Visiting
Gender:	() Check-in Calls
() Male	() Grocery Shopping and Delivery
() Female () Non-binary	() Minor Home Repair
() Prefer not to say	() Tax Clinic
() Freier not to say	() Information and Referral Services
	() Peer Support
Programs & Events	() Social Prescribing
On average, how many times per month do	() Housing Navigation
you access programs and events hosted by	Are you aware of Kay's Place and the services
WESN?	(housing navigation, information and referral,
() 1x per month	Peer Support) provided at our location in the
() 2x a month	Denman Place Mall?
() Weekly	() Yes
LILITROY	(11)/0

Would you recommend the West End Seniors Clothes and Collectibles Network to a friend? Are you aware of Clothes and Collectibles, our () Yes consignment store in the Denman Place Mall? () No () Yes () No Volunteerism Are you a volunteer at WESN If yes, how often do you shop at Clothes and () Yes Collectibles? () No () Never () Rarely If yes - how many times a week do you () Sometimes volunteer? () Often ()1 ()2 Communications () 3 or more How do you find information about what is () Monthly happening at WESN? () Occasionally () Website () Newsletter Would you be interested in becoming a () Social Media volunteer? () Calling our front desk () Yes - please share your email address with us () Stopping by and asking a staff person () From emails () No

Once completed you can return to one of our 3 locations to be entered into a draw. Name and phone number must be added for draw entry.

KEEPON MOVING



FILLING OUT THE PARTICIPATION WAIVER 2024

USE THE HYPERLINK IN A BROWSER HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/5N8UXTHU

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

GET HELP AT BARCLAY MANOR



Please share any other ideas you have about

how we can serve you better. _____

Do you read our newsletter?

() If yes - how can we improve the newsletter? __

() Yes

() No

Stay in the Loop

IT IS EASY TO COLLECT BELONGINGS OVER THE COURSE OF A LIFETIME, but letting go, on the other hand, can be difficult for some people. Keeping our living space free of hazards is important as we age, but it can also be beneficial for mental health! Reusing and recycling can give us purpose and create positive feelings from contributing to our communities and our world. Fortunately, there are some fairly easy ways to tackle our excess "stuff" and create a safe and enjoyable living environment.

Tips for de-cluttering

Make it manageable: give yourself a goal of decluttering for 15 minutes per day. Set a timer and you'll be amazed how fast the time passes.

Organize as you go: separate and collect items into keep/throw away/donate. Designate a box to collect donations-ask a friend or family member to help you find the right place to donate them. Items should be in good condition, clean, and usable.

Start small and focus on just one area: a countertop, dining table, coffee or bedside table, for instance. Once that area is clear, don't start accumulating again.

Pick one drawer to sort: pull everything out, and only return items you are keeping; then give away clothes you no longer wear or items you don't use anymore.

Find a place for things you use regularly and return them to that spot each time you use them.

By Andrea Wadman

Decluttering is a process and does not need to happen in a day or not need. If done consistently, before long week. If done consistently, before long work home will be transformed. And your home will be transformed. And your home when that less is more. You can appreciate your belongings you can appreciate your belongings more when they are not buried in clutter!





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January 2024

MONDAY

January 15 9 am Men's Breakfast at Denny's

10am-12 pm Barclay Manor Yarn Artisans

10 am-11am French Conversation

11:15 am-12:30 pm ESL Beginners with Chris

11:30 am-12:30 pm Spanish Beginners with Alicia

1–4 pm **Bridge** (WECCA)

1-3 pm

Tech Help with Bob

1:30-4:30 pm Mahjong with Rich

1:30-2:30 pm

Choose to Move

3-4:30 pm Golden Guys' Group

TUESDAY

10:30–11:30 am Heritage Harmonies

11:15 am-12:45 pm ESL Intermediate with Iraj

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Outdoor Walking Group

12:30-4 pm

Barclay Visual Arts Group

January 9 1 - 2:30 pm Re-entering the work force

1–3 pm Poker and Tea Time

1:30-3:30 pm (FULL) ESL Advanced with Walter

3-4 pm

Tech Help with Nitish

3:30-4:30pm

Tech Help with Ron

WEDNESDAY

10 am-noon Barclay Manor Yarn Artisans

10:30 am-1 pm

Strum & Sing-a-Long with Tara

12-1 pm

Tech Help with Ella

1–2:45 pm German Conversation Circle

January 10 1 - 3 pm 3rd Strategic Planning

1–3:30 pm Scrabble

3-4:30 pm Spanish Conversation with Isis

3-5 pm

Tech Help with Ronaldo

3 - 4 pm

NEW Gentle Hatha Yoga w/ Lisa

3:30-4:30 pm

Tech Help with Slater

January 24 10:30 - 11:30 am Coffee with Claudine

January 24 5:30 pm Dinner Club with Mauro

MOVIES FRIDAY

January 19, 2024

Canada, The Story of Us: Episode 9, A New Identity

As we enter a new year, let's look back at a time when Canada had a new future ahead of it. Canada experiences a boom-time after World War 2, but not all are happy with the status quo and seek to reshape the country - dark legacies of injustice are challenged. The circle of Confederation grows and Canada emerges as a complex and cosmopolitan nation on the world stage.

January 26, 2024

Still Alice

 After being diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, a linguistics professor leans on her family to help her courageously move forward. Offsite: Walking/Out Trip

Offsite: Food/Drink

Onsite: **Guest Event**

Offsite: Community Event

Onsite: Partner Event

Onsite: **Tech Help**

Activities & Events

SIGN UP TUESDAY JANUARY 2

THURSDAY

10-11:30 am

TED Talks and Discussion

10-10:30 am

Nordic Walking Beginners

10:30-11:30 am **Nordic Walking**

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Outdoor Walking Group

12pm-2 pm Karaoke with Lan

January 18 12:30 pm Chinese Canadian Museum

1-3 pm

Tech Help with Anita

January 11 2 -3 pm Where does the waste go?

January 25 2 - 4 pm Birthday Tea

3-4 pm

Tech Help with Ron

3-4:30 pm Ukulele Practice Group

FRIDAY

January 19 10 am - noon Playshop with Deborah

10 am-noon

Tech Help with Stuart

10 am-1 pm

Tech Help with Samuel

January 26 10:30 am - 11:30 WELL Story Time

11-noon

Spanish Intermediate with Alicia

January 12 1:30 - 3:00pm Valentines Day Card Crafts

with Chu Chu Crafts

12 –1 pm

Tech Help with Nitish

January 12 1 - 3:30 pm Robert David Duncan

1:30-3:30 pm

Tech Help with Terry

January 19 & 26 1:30 - 3:30 pm **Movies Friday**

2–4 pm Men's Shed with Farl

TED TALKS

SUNDAY

January 4, 2024

January 28 11 am

 The first-ever cargo ship powered by green fuel

Sunday Brunch at Sylvia Hotel

- Why rivals are working together to transform shipping
- The Al-powered tools supercharging your imagination
- How "digital twins" could help us predict the future

January 11, 2024

- How to hack your brain when you're in pain
- Why you should stop setting goals (yes, really)
- How to take the BS out of business speak

January 18, 2024

- Birds aren't real? How a conspiracy takes flight
- How to solve the world's biggest problems
- An extreme weather report from America's weatherman

January 25, 2024

- Can Al help solve the climate crisis?
- Are we the last generation — or the first sustainable one?
- How I found myself by impersonating other people
- The world's rarest diseases — and how they impact everyone

CHOOSE TO MOVE

January 8, 2024 Let's set some goals

January 15, 2024 Healthy Eating for seniors

January 22, 2024 Curious about Cannabis for Pain ManagementLearn the history of Cannabis in human culture, and how and why cannabis can help with pain management. Session is taught by a RN with 35 years of experience helping people manage their pain.

January 29, 2024 Home Stretch Active Living with Melissa Gunstone

As a Kinesiologist and Fall Prevention Coach, Melissa will teach us ways to avoid the occurrence of falls through balance, coordination and stretching.

Programs & Events

Happy Birthday, Members with January Birthdays!

Thursday, January 25th | 2 - 4 pm

If you are a member whose birthday is in January, you are cordially invited

to our birthday celebration at Barclay Manor! Join us for tea, coffee, cake, and a good time!

Please **RSVP** by phoning the front desk at **604-669-5051**.

The Seeker and the Artist with Robert David Duncan

Friday, January 12th 1 - 2:30 pm



Join **Robert David Duncan**, Award-winning filmmaker, multimedia artist, and writer in exploring his latest work called "The Seeker and the Artist" which follows a piece of Al that becomes entranced by the digital residue of a long-vanished artist.

Let's Talk: Where does your waste go?

Thursday, January 11th 2:00 – 3:00pm

Gholamreza Asadollahfardi, or just Reza, was a former engineer working in Waste Management in Iran. He is here to share his knowledge and experience with us all and enlighten us on how Waste Management works!

Re-entering the workforce with "On Your Own Time"

Tuesday, January 9th 1 - 2:30 pm

Join **Carolynne Mahood**, founder of On Your Own Time, a service that facilitates introductions between retirees and older workers who choose to work, to employers who value their skills and experience and are willing to be flexible. We'll discuss the barriers seniors face when re-entering the workforce and how you can overcome them to find financial stability.



Chinese Canadian Museum Outing with Jeanette

Thursday, January 18th 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Join **WESN volunteer Jeanette** for a trip to the New Town Bakery and Restaurant and the Chinese Canadian Museum. Try some unique baked goods and tea, and then embark on a 45-minute tour of the Chinese Canadian Museum which honours Chinese Canadians' history, contributions, and heritage. All attendees must be able to access public transit.

Max attendance: 18 Meet at Barclay Manor

Programs & Events

The West End living library (WELL)

Friday, January 26th | 10.30 - 11.30 am

"Book" storyteller: Judy Marchesi presents "Tales from Haida Gwaii: Stories from a Young Girl's Magic Summer."

Our "Book" storyteller for this first event, **Judy Marchesi**, will present "Tales from Haida Gwaii: Stories from a Young Girl's Magic Summer."

Storytime: will be 10:30 to 11.30 am. (Please come a little early to settle in before storytime.)
Judy Marchesi ("our Book") will share her story for approximately 20 minutes. Then the audience (our 'Readers' - a maximum of five people who have pre-registered) are encouraged to ask Judy questions to learn more about her experiences.

For more information, to register for this event, or to discuss being a "Book" in our series, please contact: **welivinglibrary@gmail.com** or call Barclay Manor at **604-669-5051**.

Intergenerational Valentine's Day Card Making Fundraiser

Friday, January 12th | 1:30 _ - 3 pm



We will be partnering with Lord Roberts Elementary School students from Miss Martin's grade 7 class to create handmade Valentine's cards with our WESN seniors. Serena Chu will be facilitating this program, demonstrating how to decorate the greeting cards with a variety of stamps, pencil crayons, and markers. Each senior will be paired with students to create a one-of-a-kind card!

These unique cards will be sold out of WESN to help raise funds for our every growing programs.

Where Lord Roberts Elementary School | 1100 Bidwell St



Community Services

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FRIENDLY CALLING | FRIENDLY VISITING | GOLDEN GUYS | GROCERIES | LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING | MINOR HOME REPAIR | TRANSPORTATION



BEAT THE JANUARY BLUES

Daylight exposure The vitamin D from natural sunlight is one of the most effective remedies for winter depression. It improves the body's circadian rhythm and can boost serotonin. If you can't make it out, open the blinds or curtains and sit near a window.

Stay Active Exercise, while important all year round, can be vital to lifting you up during the winter months. You can exercise indoors or dress in layers and take your exercise outdoors for some fresh air, if it's not too cold. Stretching and walking are some ideas.

Eat a Balanced Diet Eating a balanced diet is a natural way to boost your mood and energy. Provide your body with the right combo of proteins, carbs, dairy, fruits and veg for you. If you struggle with grocery shopping, WESN has volunteers that can help!

Being around other people or talking to them over the phone can lift your spirits. Reach out to WESN to join the friendly visiting or check-in calls program!

Stick to a Schedule When experiencing the January blues, it can be tempting to avoid activities and socialization and hibernate instead. Try to stick to that same schedule. If you typically attend a weekly program at WESN, don't skip it this time of year.



Remember that many people are feeling sluggish, unmotivated, and down during the colder months. The most important thing is to talk to somebody and know that people are around to help and offer support. The Community Services team has volunteers available to do friendly visiting, checkin calls, help with groceries, transportation, and perform minor home repairs and other tasks. If you're interested in any of these services, please call Barclay Manor 604-669-5051 and ask to complete a Service Application Form.

Do you need a ride to visit friends or family members within Vancouver? Would you like to be picked up from the store?

We are expanding our transportation service to include non-medical rides.

Kay's Place ASK US 604-669-7330 | KPINFO@WESN.C

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Rachel Acheson, who has been working at Kay's Place for a period of 6 months, has been nothing short of amazing! She has the wonderful gift of getting along with just about anyone. She is well respected by both our volunteers and members/donors. She is smart and learns very quickly. Her last day before she heads back to school was Friday, December 15th and she will be very missed. We wish Rachel all the best in her new studies and future employment.





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Clothes & Collectibles

If you've ever been curious about what goes on behind the scenes at Clothes and Collectibles, here's a look. Not only do we receive more donations than we have room for, many items aren't suitable for a store that focuses on clothing and small décor. So, we have to be creative about how to best redirect some items.

We sort and assess every donated item, and any clothing that isn't suitable for our store (and we get lots of it) we send away – clothing and textiles that are stained, ripped, missing zippers or buttons. We simply don't have room for an 'as is' section in the store.

We have avid readers in our community and we receive boxes and boxes of books. The demand for fairly current fiction and non-fiction doesn't leave room for others – travel guides, manuals, languages other than English. We also send away anything mouldy, musty or ripped. Packing up the unwanted books is time-consuming and the boxes are heavy!

We send children's items – books, toys, clothing – to several downtown east side shelters, along with items for women – cosmetics, skin care, and personal care items. We send towels and other linens to animal shelters. These are items we don't sell in store.

We receive incredibly generous donations of designer clothes, shoes and handbags.

In the past, we have sent some higher end items to consignment stores. It's a highly competitive market, so now we are selling most of it in store. You may have noticed our designer rack near the cash desk.

Some volunteers and staff take items home to **repair or price** (watches, jewellery, mending). So, there are always items coming and going!

All the proceeds from every sale (whether sold in store or through consignment) supports programs and services for our clients, members, and neighbours in the West End.

As you can see, there is lots happening! Do you have questions about what we do? Please ask a staff member.

THE SCOOP FROM SHOPPERS

On a Wednesday in December, I stopped by **Clothes and Collectibles** to chat with customers waiting in line for the store to open, many of whom shop there several times a week. What I learned was amazing! One senior collects used items from her neighbours and brings these donations regularly to the store. Once she's there, she loves to find and buy small serving bowls. Other customers talked about the benefits they get from buying used items: choosing not to participate in "fast fashion" and actively recycling and reusing improves their well-being. An older man I spoke to appreciates the prices because he is living on a limited budget; he was thrilled to find a pair of new jeans for \$6! Customers also talked about their "best" find. For one, it was a full-length winter coat; for another, an unopened package of vintage Christmas ornaments that reminded him of earlier years; and still another buys anything she can find

from Africa-her past purchases include Kenyan masks, sculptures, and candlesticks. Everyone I talked to spoke highly of Clothes and Collectibles and their welcoming staff and would encourage others to check it out (as long as you don't take all the good stuff).

By Andrea Wadman



Plan Your Visit

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Clothes and Collectibles Denman Mall

604-682-0327 | Wednesday to Friday 11 am-5 pm Saturday 12-4 pm

Manager Laura Fee | clothes@wesn.ca Asst. Managers Gordana Smocilac & Will Tessier **Supervisor** Brenda Wong

Supervisor on call Larisa Todorovic

Kay's Place Denman Mall

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