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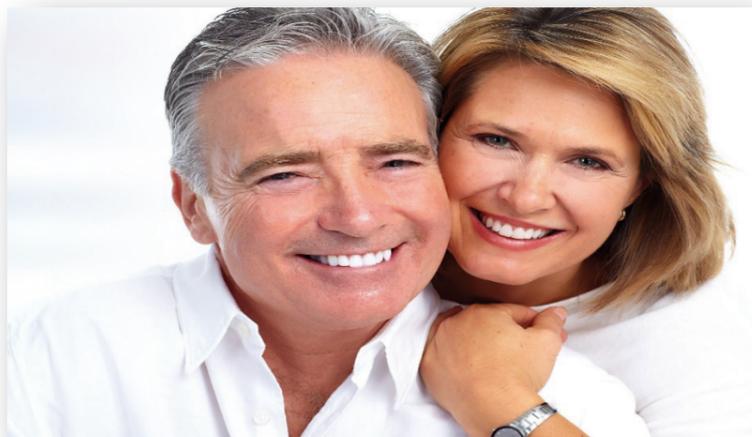
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## EDITOR'S LETTER



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## THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

If you close your eyes and picture your ideal Christmas, what do you see? Perhaps it's a tree glistening with beautifully hung lights, the smell of fresh-baked cookies in the oven, and a fire crackling, while you watch the kids (or grandkids) open carefully chosen gifts? Or maybe it's a house full of family and friends, laughter, good food, a little egg nog and a kiss under the mistletoe with the person you love the most?

Regardless of what your Christmas dreams look like, the holiday season can often come with

high expectations, leaving you feeling frazzled, and stressed. Families face busy schedules and the challenge of trying to get everyone together, while living miles apart. This is often true for many seniors who may have both distance and winter conditions separating them from loved ones.

I was blessed to grow up in a cozy home with many special Christmas traditions that we still enjoy today. It doesn't mean our family was without challenges, but I always felt love and togetherness, especially at Christmastime. My Dad taught me at a young age the importance of opening your home and heart during the season to friends who may not have family to spend the holidays with. No one should be faced with trying to survive loneliness over the holidays. If you are fortunate enough to enjoy a "merry" Christmas, I encourage you to reach out to someone who may be alone or struggling this season, and invite them to share in the holiday spirit with you.

As always, thank you for picking up this issue of Embracing Change, and spending your valuable time with us. Wishing you the warmth of old traditions, the possibility of starting something new, and may they all begin and end with hope, joy and love!

*Tara*

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### ON THE COVER

This image of Doug & Janet Wagner from New Hamburg was taken at Scott Park. They were celebrating the holidays in style with their 1951 GMC Truck

### ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Devon Peters is based in New Hamburg and specializes in outdoor Family Photography and Newborn Portraiture in her home studio. She and her young family have lived in New Hamburg for only 1.5 years but have fallen in love with the community and all it has to offer.

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# Flashback Photo

CHRISTMAS IN WELLESLEY – PAST AND PRESENT

NANCY MAITLAND, WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This undated photo shows how Christmas was celebrated in Wellesley village at least once. The village brass band led carol singing in the main intersection of William Street (now Nafziger Road) and Queen Street (now Queen's Bush Road). "In the middle of the intersection," you ask? Yes, the light pole in the intersection, erected in 1919, had a white painted sign on it indicating that traffic should "keep right." This light pole could well be the first roundabout in the region! It isn't known if the tree was a permanent feature, but in this case, the intersection served as a gathering place for residents of all ages to sing and celebrate the festive.

This photo was donated to the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society by Wib Wagner, whose family owned the Royal Hotel and Wagner's Garage. Wib's records show that the men's beverage room, to the right of the hotel, was added in 1914. When Prohibition came into effect in Canada in 1919, hotels and pubs were not allowed to sell alcohol. To replace his lost income, Wib's father, Peter A. Wagner removed the large window of the men's room and converted the space to a garage. In 1933 the space again became part of the hotel business. You can see in the photo that the small addition to the right of the hotel seems to be part of the hotel, so the photo probably dates to after 1933.

Can you help us date the photo? Do you have any other stories or photos about Christmas in Wellesley Township? If so please contact us at [info@wellesleyhistory.org](mailto:info@wellesleyhistory.org)

This year Wellesley celebrates the spirit of Christmas with its annual fun evening "Christmas Tyme in Wellesley" on **Friday, December 7, 2018**. The parade of floats leaves Wellesley District Public School at 6:45 and ends at the Arena.

**Don't forget the St. Clements Santa Claus Parade from 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, December 15, 2018**

## MESSAGE FROM ANGIE HALLMAN

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The holiday season can be full of joy for so many, but the truth is 1 in 4 people find this time of year really hard.

I became a mental health advocate after losing my brother-in-law to suicide five years ago. I was also very fortunate to meet Michael Landsberg, TSN sports broadcaster and fellow mental health advocate. One statement Michael made has stayed with me "Don't be ashamed of your story it will inspire others". After losing my brother-in-law to suicide it was a process to find joy in the holiday season, especially and specifically the first year after his death. Any loss can make this time of year difficult not to mention grey skies

and minus temperatures, and piles of snow.

In addition, many people suffer symptoms of depression, such as sadness, fatigue, and irritability during these long winter months. If this is you, I want you to know you are not alone! Our amazing community has so much to offer to help keep you on a positive mental health track over the winter months. With a lack of sunshine to keep you energized, it's tempting to stay indoors but exposure to sunlight plays an important role in influencing our moods. Sunlight helps increase our body's levels of vitamin D and also promotes the production of serotonin which regulates mood. Exercise is known to increase your levels of serotonin and endorphins, leading to a happier mood.

There are many ways to keep active locally. Community Care Concepts offers FREE exercise classes for seniors throughout the Townships, Adult skating at the WRC on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12pm to 12:50pm.

Also, the Wilmot Rec Complex offers the use of free walking poles at the indoor track. Building and maintaining an active social network is an important way to keep a positive outlook. Volunteering for a local organization like the Wilmot Family Resource Centers Christmas Hamper Program, or head to your local Legion for their Friday express lunches.

Most importantly, if your mood is not improving with these little tips or you ever experience feelings of hopelessness and find it hard to feel joy in things you normally would PLEASE see your doctor. Mental health issues don't discriminate, it can happen at any point in our life and it happens to 1 in 4 people.

Take moment for yourself, take a moment for your mental health!

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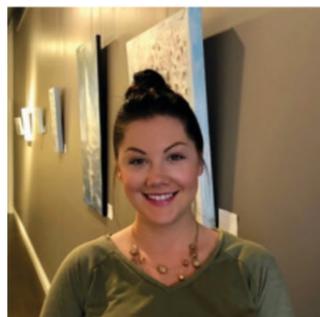
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As an Osteopath I often see and treat patients who have been in pain for a while and are time and again surprised when osteopathy treatments can give them great relief. There is a lot of unawareness as to what an Osteopathy treatment involves and how exactly it relieves pain.

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Musculoskeletal pain includes anything that involves the muscles, joints, bones, tendons, ligaments and nerves. Pain can be acute (early stages) or chronic (long lasting). It can be caused by various factors such as poor posture, work, activity, stress, lifestyle and genetics. Some common conditions involving musculoskeletal pain include headaches, disc issues, frozen shoulder, tennis elbow, carpal tunnel, arthritis, pinched nerves, sprains, plantar fasciitis, etc.

Osteopathy can give patients a pain-free life, keeping the body in good working condition. Why live with pain if you don't have to?



**Tammy Tourout,  
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## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

# Hemmerich Hearing Center

Our hearing is the only one of our senses that is constantly active, even when we sleep. It continually supplies us with vital information as well as stimulates us to experience emotions and recall memories.

Our hearing is important: at work, on social occasions, for our personal safety, when we learn, and with our loved ones.

We also don't want to miss nature's sounds: the birds' songs, the autumn leaves rustling, the waves crashing and the crackling sounds of a cozy fire.

If you have some difficulty hearing it pays to get checked by a hearing care professional. Their main goal is to ensure your hearing is the best it can be so that any hearing loss you may have interferes as little as possible with your life.

Healthy hearing for life begins with a hearing test. We all need to take responsibility for our hearing health.



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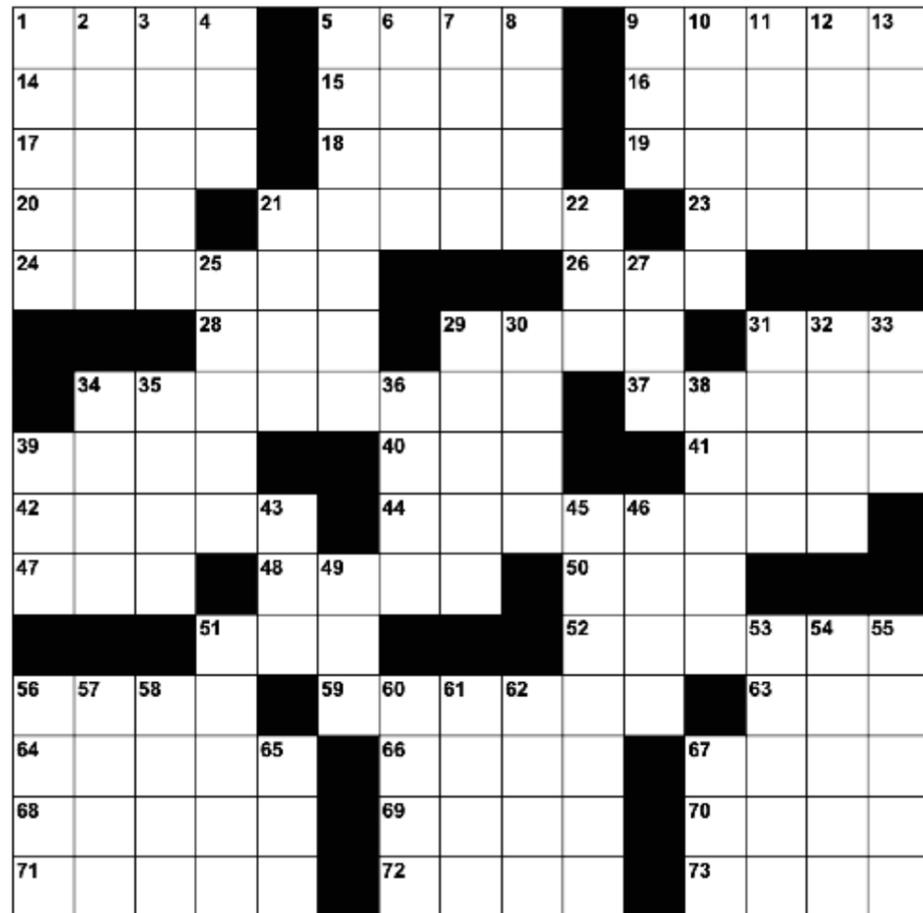
**-Helen Keller**

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# FUN & GAMES CROSSWORD



## DOWN

- 1 Jewish religious leader
- 2 Abraham's son
- 3 British princess
- 4 Convert into leather
- 5 Sub's weapon
- 6 Voiced
- 7 Soft cheese from Greece
- 8 Wields
- 9 Night bird
- 10 First processes in the freezing of water
- 11 Clock sound
- 12 Decorative needle case
- 13 Loch \_\_ monster
- 21 Cut open
- 22 Beret
- 25 Shut down
- 27 Clock time
- 29 Plant with shiny leaves, red berries and prickly edges
- 30 Singing voice
- 31 Make unclear
- 32 Petite
- 33 Delivery service
- 34 Snob
- 35 Make over
- 36 Animal house
- 38 Utilization
- 39 Expert
- 43 Revolutions per minute
- 45 Melted ore
- 46 Certain
- 49 Operate
- 51 Type of wood
- 53 Long, skinny boat
- 54 Rank
- 55 Freezing rain
- 56 Throw off
- 57 Tub spread
- 58 Singular form of name for Russian pancakes served with sour cream
- 60 European monetary unit
- 61 Frozen form of precipitation that falls as ice crystals
- 62 What a clock tells
- 65 Affirmative
- 67 High naval rank (abbr.)

## ACROSS

- 1 Chasm
- 5 Meat alternative
- 9 Many times
- 14 Afloat
- 15 Mined metals
- 16 Make a letter
- 17 Farm building
- 18 Evaluate
- 19 Place
- 20 Pouch
- 21 Hit the water
- 23 Runners used to travel over snow
- 24 Tapered spike of frozen water
- 26 Feign
- 28 Container top
- 29 Head coverings
- 31 Energy unit
- 34 Code
- 37 Spring flower
- 39 Greek god of war
- 40 Alternative (abbr.)
- 41 Phoenix's Basketball team
- 42 Fermented juice of the apple
- 44 List of definitions
- 47 Self-esteem
- 48 Quarry
- 50 Heavy drinking cup made of pottery
- 51 Flightless bird
- 52 Constructs
- 56 Baseball player Ty
- 59 Nuzzle
- 63 Cause of sickness
- 64 Blend of metals
- 66 Troop
- 67 Stake
- 68 Weighted fishnet
- 69 Capital of Italy
- 70 Hand outs
- 71 Frozen pizza brand
- 72 Payable
- 73 Get together

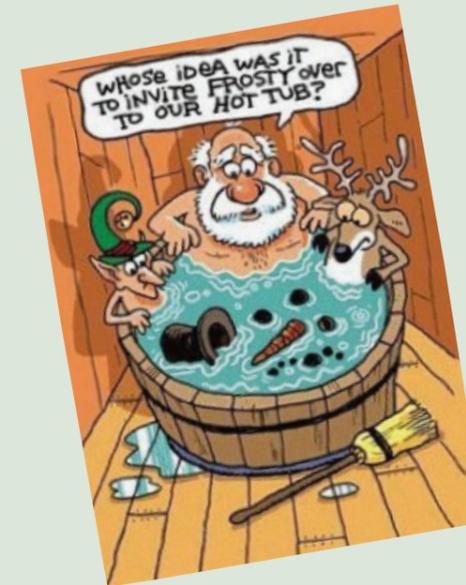
SOLUTIONS FOUND ON PAGE 16

# Laughing Matters!

Susie's mother asked her if she could name two of Santa's reindeer, to which she replied: "Rudolph and Olive" Her mother said: "Really? Are you sure?" "Of course" said Susie "Like in the song!" and she began to sing... "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows. Olive the other reindeer..."

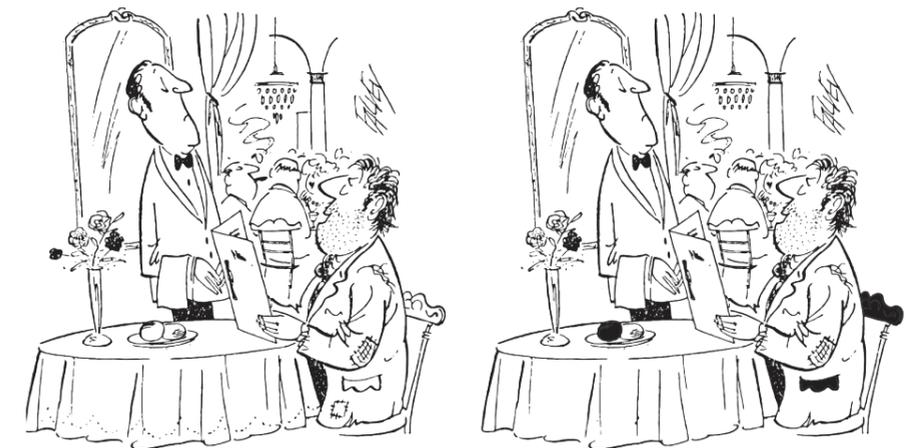


One Christmas, a grandmother sent the usual money cheques to all her grandchildren but did not receive the usual notes of thanks. The next Christmas, all children dropped by in person to thank their grandmother. When a neighbour asked what caused the change in behaviour, the grandmother replied: "Simple! This year I didn't sign the cheques!"



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

They look the same but there are 10 flaws to be found! See how many can you spot. Answer can be found on page 16



BEFORE I ORDER JACK, TELL ME ONE THING, HAVE YOU AN AUTOMATIC DISH WASHER IN YOUR KITCHEN?

# Heart of the Matter

## ZONES & MOBILITY CHANGES

We were working with a dear senior lady who was experiencing mobility changes in her life. She was having a harder time getting around and tired more easily. We helped her to set up a dressing zone. Now instead of zig-zagging around her bedroom to access things, we set it up so that everything she needed to get dressed was within arms length.

We moved a plastic storage tower with drawers into her closet. This contained her undergarments and socks. We also put a little stool for her to sit down. She could get dressed in one spot instead of moving from her closet, to her dresser, to the closet again.

Start looking around your house and establish some other areas where you could set up zones where articles are easily accessible. Maybe stuff doesn't need to be stored in really high cupboards or in deep lower cupboards. Start moving articles to places that are easy to get to in order to prevent falling and strain.

The goal for setting up zones is to have everything you need to accomplish a task within arms length; to make it easy to put away but also to build in efficiency. Start looking at your space with "new eyes" and look to see what can be changed to help those with mobility challenges.

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*Donna Schmidt and Rhonda Erb joined together to start Heart of the Matter Professional Organizing & Senior's Move in 2004.*



## SENIOR SAFETY

# Charity Scams

Charity scams take advantage of people's generosity and kindness by asking for donations to a fake charity or by impersonating a real charity.

Charity scams involve scammers collecting money by pretending to be a real charity. The scammers can approach you in many different ways—on the street, at your home, over the phone, or on the Internet. Emails and collection boxes may even be marked with the logos of genuine charities. Often, the scammer will exploit a recent natural disaster or famine that has been in the news. Other scammers play on your emotions by pretending to be from charities that help children who are ill.

Scammers can try to pressure you to give a donation and refuse to provide details about the charity, such as their address or their contact details. In other cases, they may simply provide false information.

Not only do these scams cost people money; they also divert much needed donations away from legitimate charities and causes. All registered charities in Canada are overseen by the Canada Revenue Agency and listed in its database. You can also contact your local Better Business Bureau to see if they have any information about the organizations that interest you. If the charity is genuine and you want to make a donation, get the charity's contact details from the phone book or a trusted website.

If you don't want to donate any money, or you are happy with how much you may have donated to charities already, simply ignore the email or letter, hang up the phone, or say no to the person at your door.

You don't have to give any money at all.

### Prevention Tips

- ▶ If you have any doubts at all about the person asking for money, don't give them any cash, credit card or bank account details.
- ▶ Never give out your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.
- ▶ If in doubt, approach an aid organization directly to make a donation or offer support.
- ▶ Search the Canada Revenue Agency database to check that the charity that has approached you is genuine.
- ▶ Ask yourself how and to whom you would like to make a contribution.

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# Managing Diabetes During the Holidays



'Twas the night before Christmas and the food was divine, but along with great meals comes an expanding waistline! Actually, we beg to differ. There is no reason a healthy diet and lifestyle can't fit into your holiday activities. After all, most recipes can be made healthier by simply cutting down on their fat or sugar content (try baking your favorite holiday goodies with Splenda or Stevia). And, as always, staying active and managing your portions is critical. To help make the holidays a little more diabetes-friendly, here are seven essential tips for managing your weight and blood sugar:

- **Stay active.** Remember to try and maintain your usual activity level regardless of how busy the season is. Or better yet, add a little more exercise than usual to ward off the added calories.
- **Use the plate method to keep track of what you're eating.** It's simple; allot half your plate for a pile of veggies, then leave a quarter of your plate for carbs and a quarter of your plate for lean protein.
- **Keep track of your portions.** Enjoy your favourite foods, but only eat as much as you normally would. The less you eat during the big holiday meals the more leftovers you'll have for later!
- **Don't get saucy.** Limit your added sauces, gravies and other fats, like butter. Chances are your food tastes great as it is, so there is no reason to drown it in added fat.
- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of water, and skip or limit the rich holiday beverages (peppermint lattes, eggnog, Irish coffee).
- **Limit alcohol consumption.** Alcohol is full of empty calories, and the more you drink the more likely you are to make poor dietary choices. Most importantly, always remember to test blood sugar frequently after drinking to prepare for potentially dangerous blood sugar drops.
- **Don't skip meals.** if you show up hungry, you're increasing your odds of overeating.



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<p><b>ST. AGATHA SENIORS</b> Our group of friendly folk meet once a week to play solo. We celebrate birthdays and have a Christmas Party in mid-December concludes the years activities. You'll be warmly welcomed!</p>	<p><b>COST:</b> .50¢ <b>WHEN:</b> Every Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. <b>WHERE:</b> St. Agatha Community Centre <b>CONTACT:</b> Bert Lichti at 519-634-8411</p>	<p><b>TECHKNOW PROGRAM</b> Do you have any questions about your laptop, iPad, tablet, e-reader, smart phone or cell phone? Drop in for help with the basics and functioning.</p>	<p><b>WHEN:</b> Every Thursday from 9:00-11:30 am from September - June <b>WHERE:</b> Wilmot Recreation Complex Active Living Centre <b>COST:</b> No Charge <b>CONTACT:</b> 519-634-9225 ext: 340 for more info</p>
<p><b>THE ROOK PLAYERS</b> We are a group of 24 to 36 seniors who meet Monday evening to play progressive Rook. Anyone is welcome to join us</p>	<p><b>WHEN:</b> Monday evenings 6:00-9:30 p.m. (Sept. 10, 2018 - April 29, 2019) <b>WHERE:</b> Wilmot Recreation Complex <b>COST:</b> No charge <b>CONTACT:</b> Cecil Wagler 519-662-2758</p>	<p><b>RESTLESS SENIORS</b> This is a group of seniors over 50. They meet for fun and social activities. They play cards, darts, cribbage and try to hold a pot luck lunch at least twice a year. All members and new members welcome. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of playing darts or cards.</p>	<p><b>WHEN:</b> Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30PM <b>WHERE:</b> New Hamburg Legion, Branch #532, 65 Boullee Street, New Hamburg <b>CONTACT:</b> George Schmitt 519-696-3037; Joan Fulton, Secretary 519-662-4821</p>
<p><b>WILMOT SENIOR SHUFFLEBOARD</b></p>	<p><b>WHEN:</b> Tues and Wed from 9:30-11:30AM and Tues 1:00-4:00pm <b>WHERE:</b> Wilmot Recreation Complex <b>CONTACT:</b> George Schmit 519-696-3037</p>	<p><b>WILMOT SENIORS</b> Our goal is to minister to the body, soul and spirit. We provide a variety of programs with special speakers, different music groups, and bus trips. <b>SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE:</b> - soup delight day, pancake &amp; maple syrup lunch, birthday party with homemade ice cream, picnic, mystery bus trip, Christmas banquet.</p>	<p><b>WHEN:</b> Second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon, (except July, Aug. or Dec) Christmas Banquet: Nov. 28 2018 <b>WHERE:</b> Wilmot Centre Missionary Church, 2463 Bleams Rd., Petersburg <b>COST:</b> An offering is taken each meeting <b>CONTACT:</b> Church 519-634-8687</p>
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# Seniors Feast



For 18 years now the Student Activities Council Leadership students at Waterloo-Oxford DSS in Baden, Ontario have hosted their annual Seniors Yuletide Feast.

The evening brings together 100 student and staff volunteers and 240 area Seniors for a wonderful evening featuring a Christmas Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and entertainment from the school's Music and Drama Departments.

According to event staff organizer Jeff Gerber the event is a real highlight of the holidays for the school. "Our students love sitting with our senior guests and the interaction between the generations is the real magic of the night. For many of us it marks the real start of the festive season."

This year's event is being held Wed December 12, 2018. However reservations are required ahead of time to reserve a spot and as of press time they were already sold out! If you would like to attend a future Seniors Yuletide Feast at Waterloo-Oxford contact the school at 519-634-5441 starting at 8 am on October 1st to get your name on the list for this free, fun, and festive evening

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# Let Me Tell You a (Christmas) Story

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As stories go, it's not a long story – or as Charles Dickens said about A Christmas Carol, a story “which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me”.

## I begin by remembering Christmas past:

When I was a child, I received two gifts I remember well: a genuine Lionel electric train set, with the larger gauge track, and a crystal radio which had a big round dry volt battery.

And, I remember just two things about those gifts: I had a lot of fun with them and I never saw them again until I was clearing up my father's estate, many years later, in the same home. I believe (to paraphrase Dickens), it haunted his house pleasantly.

## Linking to Christmas present:

Our children are grown, and I wonder what will they remember about their Christmas? Probably certain gifts, but hopefully the love expressed by family and friends. That's the best gift I can wish for them.

## What about Christmas in the future?

After we're gone I wish that our children and grandchildren will also treasure the collective gifts of faith from us all: a more peaceful, loving and sustainable world -- and even more -- an inward peace that 'passes all understanding'.

Is that too much to hope for? My father held on to more than broken toys from the past – he held on to happy family memories ... his best gift to me. May we all make lasting memories that our family and friends will hold on to and cherish – with no expiry date.

**So, here's to a life well lived ... the best gift I can wish for you ... for this and every Christmas.**

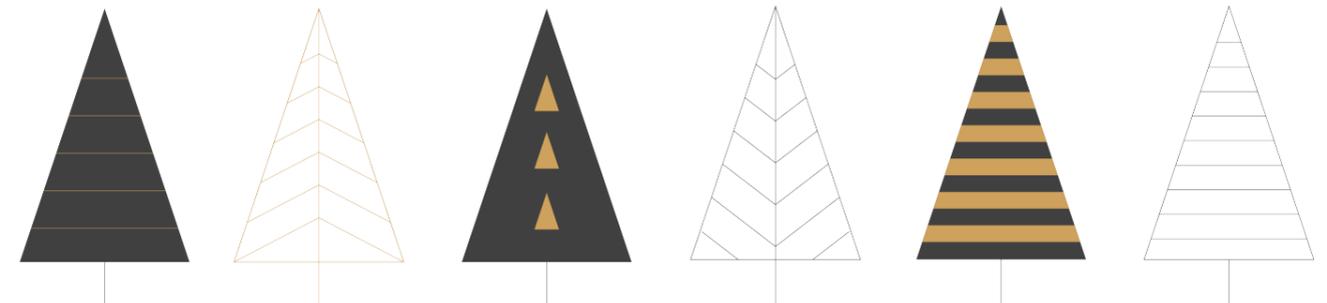
## Season's Greetings!

“So this is Christmas  
And what have you done  
Another year over  
And a new one just begun  
And so this is Christmas  
I hope you have fun  
The near and the dear one  
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## Happy Christmas by John Lennon

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As a daughter and a chiropractor, Kristine knew that skin in contact with a wheelchair put her mom at risk of pressure sores, not to mention that she must have been cold and uncomfortable. Kristine's conviction was that we can do better for individuals who need assistance when getting dressed. She joined forces with long-time friend and entrepreneur Patricia Quinn and Monarch came to be and they set up headquarters in Waterloo.

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# TIPS FOR GETTING THROUGH THE WINTER



While many of us will appreciate the beauty of the first snowfall, the long, cold days of winter can be difficult. Community Care Concepts, a non-profit that supports seniors to live independently, offers the following tips to help you get through the upcoming winter months:

**Get the flu shot:** Unless you have a history of an adverse reaction, getting a flu shot not only protects you but also protects the health of those around you. Getting a flu shot is one of the most preventative measures that you can take to staying healthy this winter. Flu shots are available through physicians as well as through many local pharmacies.

**Eat well:** Eating nutritious meals is a key component of helping individuals to remain healthy. Many struggle with cooking for themselves or getting out to get groceries in the poor weather. Consider having Meals on Wheels' hot meals delivered at noon on weekdays or their nutritious frozen meals delivered to your door for evenings, weekends or during poor weather.

**Stay physically active:** Research shows that participating in three 45 minutes sessions of exercise each week minimizes the risk of falls, the leading cause of health decline. Consider participating in the many free gentle exercise classes offered throughout the community each week by Community Care Concepts. No registration or long-term commitment is required. Exercises are customized to the needs of older adults and can be done sitting or standing.

**Stay mentally active:** Keeping your mind active is equally as important as remaining physically active. Enjoy a good book. Complete a crossword puzzle. Enjoy a game with a friend. Alternatively, join many of the free activities, including cards, games, crafts, coffee hours, discussion groups and activities available through seniors active living programs offered at the Wilmot Recreation Complex and Hawkesville, Linwood, St. Clements and Wellesley Community Centres.

**Leave the driving to us:** Getting to where you need to go in the winter months can be difficult for many. Community Care Concepts has vans as well as volunteers to drive people to medical and other important appointments both within and beyond our community.

**Avoid over exerting yourself:** Cold weather combined with over exerting yourself through physical activities such as shovelling can create health difficulties. Contact Community Care Concepts to get help with snow removal, homemaking and other maintenance needs.

**Stay connected:** Maintaining contact with others can be one of the best ways to maintain your health. Community Care Concepts offers a variety of opportunities to connect with others including its community dining programs and a variety of social and recreational activities.

**Contact us:** Help is only a call away. Connect with our Senior Support Workers for free, practical in-home support or help with getting through the flu season, groceries, getting to activities, accessing the services you need, information and any need that impacts your ability to live independently.

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## Making the holiday season successful

The holiday season can be particularly stressful for caregivers and people living with dementia. Unfamiliar places, large groups of people, noise and a hectic pace can increase anxiety for those with the disease. Keeping things simple and cherishing the time with family will make the holiday period enjoyable and meaningful for everyone involved.

Keep these helpful hints handy:

- Plan ahead; have a family discussion and set realistic expectations. It may be a good time to start a new family tradition.
- Organize a series of small events instead of a day-long celebration. This will be less distressing to a family member who is in the later stages of dementia.
- Plan festivities around a time and day that is best for the person with dementia.
- Host family gatherings in a familiar place to avoid confusion.
- Limit family gatherings to small groups.
- Avoid decorations that look like candy, fruit or other food items.
- Decorate your home gradually so the changes are less jarring for the person with dementia.
- Ask the person with dementia to help with holiday preparations; give them safe, manageable tasks like wrapping gifts. Tell them their help is valuable.
- Make a list of doctors and pharmacies that are open during the holidays in case of emergencies; be sure you know where the nearest emergency department is.
- Have a quiet area where the person can retreat if gatherings become too hectic. A family member or friend should keep them company so they won't feel isolated or excluded.
- Buy gifts that have meaning; reactions are hard to predict so don't be surprised if the person's reaction is less than enthusiastic.

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# Seniors and the Holidays

A great deal of preparation and planning go into the holidays but celebrating with aging family members and loved ones requires some special attention.

Essential practices and aspects of care that seniors receive in their day-to-day lives should be incorporated into holiday celebrations, in order to ensure that health is not compromised or forgotten in the excitement of the festivities.

Logistically speaking, try making arrangements in advance that will help to create and foster comfortable environments and transitions for seniors attending holiday celebrations.

### Some Seniors Holiday Tips include:

- Create a comfortable space for them;
- Pre-arrange any transportation that is needed
- Respect physical limitations, and
- Create options for places to seek rest or quiet if things get too overwhelming.

### What are some things that can be done on the day of?

- De-clutter – remove unnecessary clutter items that are potential fall hazards
- Give everyone a task – everyone can help from peeling veggies to setting the table
- Extend invitations. If you know older adults who live alone, invite them over for a meal
- Medication reminders –The hectic season can make it can be easy to forget routines
- Monitor alcohol consumption – it is easy to become wrapped up in the festivities
- Plan – Anticipate the fact that elders may have trouble hearing in large crowds of people – a quiet space for 1:1 conversation may be a benefit.

The holiday season can help to create opportunities to spend meaningful time with friends and loved ones, and provides an incredible setting in which to create new memories and revisit old ones. While celebrating the holidays with seniors may involve a few extra considerations, a little bit of attention and planning can help to make this festive time as special and enjoyable as possible for everyone!

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# YOUR ORAL HEALTH WORD OF MOUTH

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However, over the years, science and technology have evolved. We now have the ability to provide a plethora of treatment options to keep our own teeth for life and provide better long term solutions for tooth loss.

Tooth loss affects us much more than we think. Not only does it decrease our ability and efficiency to eat, but we become more self-conscious about our best asset, our smile. Tooth loss also can have a negative effect on our self-confidence and our facial appearance.

Most of us don't realize that tooth loss leads to bone loss. Without teeth being present, the surrounding bone structure will continue to shrink and break down over time. This leads to the collapse of your facial profile.

The good news is that we have the ability to replace missing teeth with dental implants. Implants are titanium screws that are strategically placed in the position of the previous teeth. Like teeth, dental implants are the only other option where bone height can be maintained over the long term. If you don't have an adequate amount of bone, there are ways to literally grow bone before

implants are placed.

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If you have any questions related to your dental health, please contact Dr. Miyen Kwek or Dr. Manning Chiang at: [newhamburgdental@communitydentalgroups.com](mailto:newhamburgdental@communitydentalgroups.com) or visit us at [www.newhamburgdental.ca](http://www.newhamburgdental.ca)

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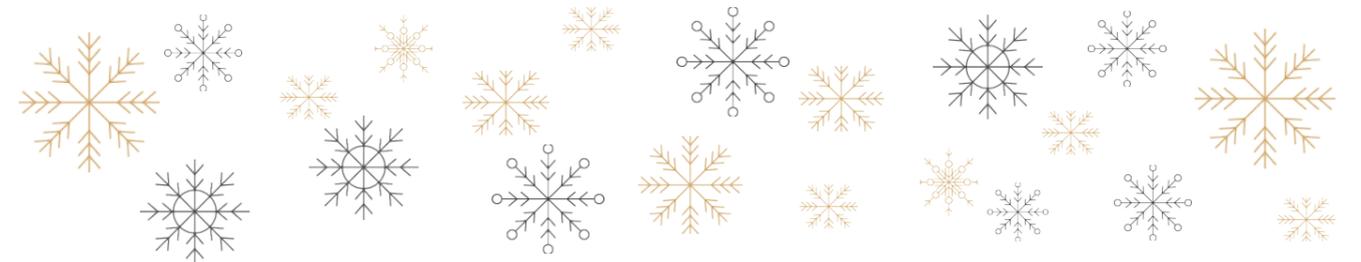
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# Holiday Weight Gain

In Canada the average person starts to gradually put on extra weight mid-October when Halloween candy is in abundance. Researchers have found that weight rises throughout October and November, and peaks about 10 days after Christmas. Weight gain varies from 1.5 pounds (lower average) to as much as eight holiday-cheer pounds.

Significant weight gain is preventable, and it is very difficult to remove, especially for older, less active populations. Five extra pounds gained works out to a surplus of 17 500 calories, meaning that individual is not only consuming far more than required, but they're not burning off the excess intake. With each passing year another size is gained and aging and disease are accelerated. Benjamin Franklin's wise adage seems fitting; An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

So how do we enjoy the holidays without putting on unwanted weight? There are no magic pills or simple solutions. It comes down to two solutions: smart choices and self-discipline. Only you can manufacture the self-discipline required to "say no." No one else can help you. Dig deep and deliberately make the choice to not fall into that statistic.

## Here are some practical holiday suggestions and every-day guidelines to help you make smarter, healthy-weight choices:

- Always stop eating prior to being full. Never eat until you are stuffed with food.
- Fill up on healthy raw foods first. Consume a large salad or a satisfying smoothie before going out. Rich holiday foods are less appealing when you're not ravenous.
- Use a small plate. You'll feel like you're eating more food when it's loaded up on a small dish.
- Chew, chew, chew! Over-eating is more likely to happen when we inhale our food quickly. Take your time, chew your food, and relish every taste and texture.
- Limit yourself to one alcoholic drink per special event. Alcohol is empty calories, with no nutritional or fibre-filling value, which does wonders for an expanding waistline. It is also deadly for insulin and inflammation levels!
- Wait for 20 minutes before consuming dessert. This provides time for your brain to register satiation, making it more likely you'll consume less, or refuse dessert altogether.
- Brush your teeth. Many people find a refreshing brush after dinner discourages nibbling throughout the evening.
- Do an attitude check. If you tell yourself: "Who cares? I'll cut back in the New Year," you are not setting any boundaries. A positive attitude says, "I care enough to set boundaries and limits." This makes you more inclined to stick to your goals.

At this time I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and Hanukkah and a happy, healthy 2019!

Christine Gingerich is a Lifestyle Coach and the author of OptimalYOU. She loves living in health-conscious Wilmot Township! [www.optimalYOU.ca](http://www.optimalYOU.ca)

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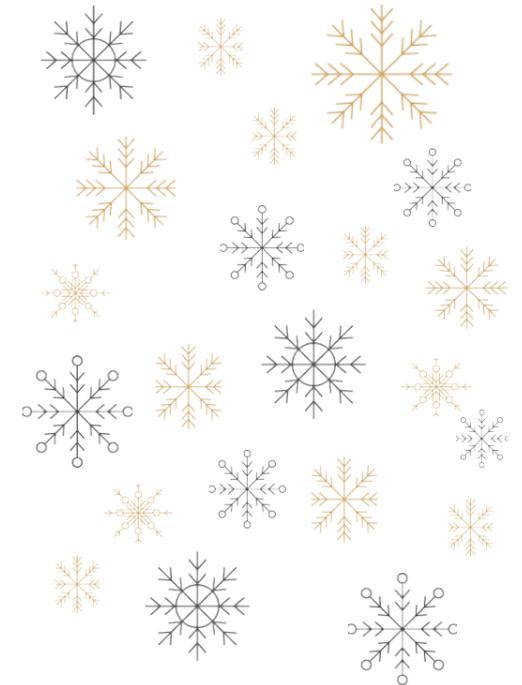
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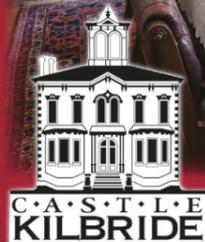
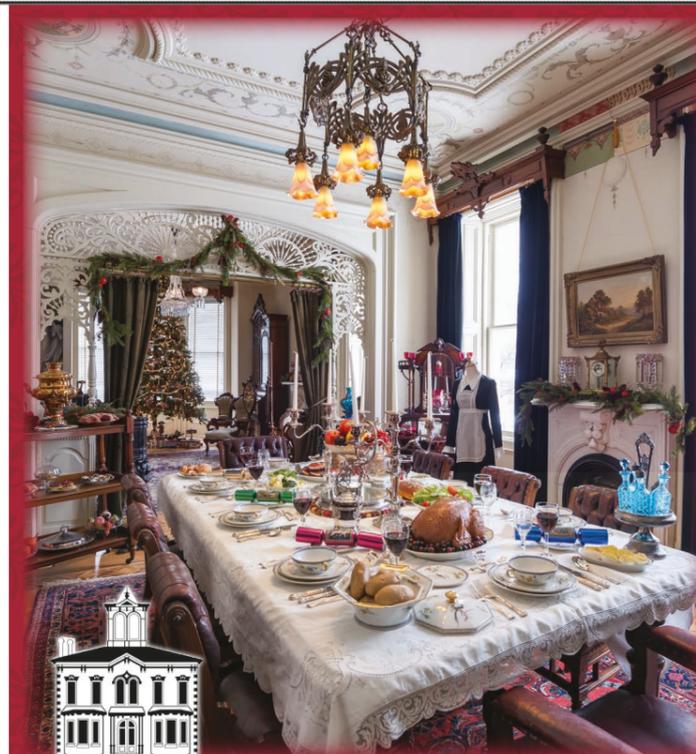


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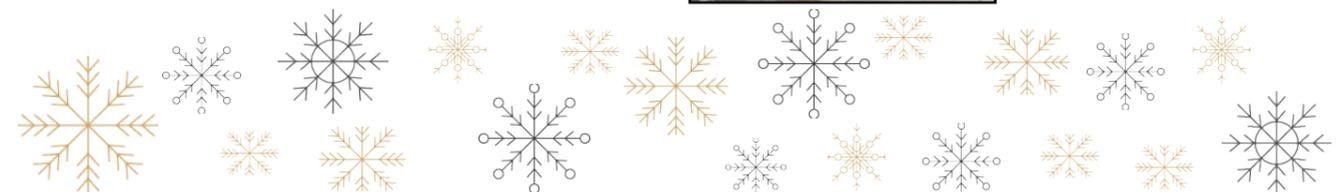
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