



# Hamilton First Seniors'

## News

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May Newsletter Deadline Apr 13, 2011 - please see Gordon Beckett and/or Gail Rappolt

### UPCOMING EVENTS

(See event details within the newsletter)



**Thur. March 31** - Showing of Val Ramsay's Art Collection at Innovation Park 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – 4:30 – 7:00 PM

**Mon. April 04** – Art Lessons – 2:00 – 3:30 Fellowship Hall

**Tue. April 05** – Adult RE program – Discussion on Aging – 10 AM – Noon - Room 07

**Wed. April 06** – Seniors' Advisory Committee 2:00 – 3:30 PM Room 09

**Tues April 12** - Adult RE program – Discussion on Aging – 10 AM – Noon - Room 07

**Wed. April 13** – Seniors' Tea, Coffee and Conversation – 1:30 – 3:00 PM - Fellowship Hall

**Operas**  
Saturdays at 1:00 PM

**April 02 Lucia di Lammermoor;** Donizetti, in Italian

**April 09 Le comte Ory;** Rossini, French

**April 23 Capriccio;** Richard Strauss, German

**April 30 Il Trovatore;** Verdi, Italian.

Welcome to the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton Seniors' Newsletter

### Report on Advisory Committee Meeting

At the March 2, 2011 Advisory Committee meeting, the committee participated, initially, in a discussion reviewing activities to date; a consideration of the success of our communication strategies, how the program is working and what, if anything, needs to be done differently and, presumably, better. This discussion also considered our use of sub-committees as a strategy for enabling small groups to focus their attention on particular kinds of programming. In general, the group's conclusion was that, while there is always room for improvement, our energies are well-focused and we are generally attentive to the need for new strategies and to a reasonable degree at this time, it was felt that we are moving in a positive direction.

Our second task was to do a preliminary development of activities for at least the three months of April, May and June. Five subgroups were identified:

1. Coffee, Tea and Conversation group
2. Operas group
3. Dinners/Meals group
4. Activities in Church group
5. Outside Activities group



Members were encouraged to participate in any one of the groups.

Results of the group work were as follows:

- **Coffee, Tea and Conversation:** regular meetings, on the second Wednesday of each month (April 13, May 11, June 8) 1:30 to 3 PM., will take place. Themes for conversation will be identified prior to the meetings and advertised
- **Operas:** at Ancaster Silver City, Saturdays at 1:00 PM; list of operas will be provided
- **Dinners/Meals:** April, May, June; none scheduled at this time

## Report on Advisory Committee Meeting...continued

- **Activities in Church:**

**April 4: 2 to 3:30 PM** art lessons in the church; William LaFerla

**May 16:** film: "Waking Ned Devine TBA

**June 13:** film: "Southeast Asian Mosaic" Travels of member Steve Gaudun; time TBA

- **Outside Activities:**

**March 31 4:30 to 7 PM** art exhibit at Innovation Centre

**May date TBA:** YWCA tour and lunch

**June 30: 7 PM.** "The Cherry Orchard", a live performance from London's National Theatre at Ancaster Silver City

More specific details will be provided closer to the time of each event. If you are interested in any of these events, mark your calendar. Questions? Feel free to contact Gordon Beckett at [gbeckett1@cogeco.ca](mailto:gbeckett1@cogeco.ca) for more information or to suggest ideas for other activities.



### **Coffee and Conversation: Seniors: March 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM**

Once again we had a fair gathering with eleven people. We were divided into two tables, and some of us changed tables during the interval. I think I noticed that people got involved in animated conversation quite soon. It would seem that we are all getting used to each other and learning to be spontaneous and more relaxed. The food and drinks added to the enjoyment. I hope that more seniors can join us at our next meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>

~ Bert Wreford