

## SENIOR SCAPE

**By Charles Sequeira**

The month of December was a very busy month for our members, with many activities, shows, trip to bring us in the Holiday spirit.

Canada 150 volunteer award: Congratulations to our recipients , Susan and Jim Abram for being awarded the Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament ?s Medal for Volunteer Service to commemorate Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. Thank you for all you do.

Sport Aurora volunteer award: Congratulations to our recipient Ruth Church member of the Aurora Seniors Association for being awarded the Sport Aurora volunteer service recognition award, for chairing and coordinating the walking club, encouraging our seniors to walk along the trails in Aurora. Walking is one of the least expensive and most broadly accessible forms of physical activity and it can easily be adopted by people of all ages.

Fallsview Casino-Niagara Falls: In late November, our members boarded a special chartered bus for this day trip with a few hours at the casino, dinner at the Skylon and a tour of the Christmas lights show along the Niagara Falls trail, and in early December our members went on a one day trip to the Simcoe Christmas Panorama. Both trips were very enjoyable. Our thanks to our Seniors Adult Program Assistant-Andrew Bailey.

John McDermott Christmas Show: Most enjoyable show, put us in the Christmas mood. John McDermott was at his best again. Our thanks to Magna International and Neighbourhood Network for providing our seniors with complimentary tickets.

We offer congratulations to the following:

The Evergreen Choir ? for their outstanding concert on December 9. The McKenzie Room was packed and the choir received a standing ovation at the end.

The ASA Annual Christmas Dinner was held on December 13 at the Royal Canadian Legion . Everyone had a good time and the entertainment was excellent. Many thanks go to our Volunteers, the Legion helpers as well as to Karie and Andrew.

Ebenezer Scrooge was another successful and enjoyable drama event in December. The Silver Stars members all worked hard and put on fun performances under the direction of Joan Brownlow.

Our annual Memorial Service?

?for members who died in 2017 will be held on January 24 at 2 p.m. No activities will take place during this ceremony.

Membership renewal 2018

All memberships in Aurora Seniors Association are due for renewal in January 2018 for the period January to December 2018. New this year, all members who have e-mail addresses will be asked if they wish to receive E-Flashes from the ASA. If you do want to receive these notices, you will be asked to give ASA permission to send them to you by your signature on the ASA E-flash permission list.

Do it now and beat the rush in January!

Friday night Dance News-January 2018

In January, our popular dances will be on February 9 and February 23.( Second and Fourth Friday)-8.00-11.00pm. Line Dance practice from 7.30-8.00pm. Singles and non-members are always welcome. Cash Bar available- Wine, Beer and soft drinks.

Our New Year's Eve dance party was another very successful event , from the beautiful decorations in the hall, to the large variety of

Hot and Cold hors d'oeuvres that was very nicely displayed and delicious, to the dancing until midnight when all of us brought in the New Year 2018.

Holiday Greetings: On Behalf of our Board of Directors and Committees, we take this opportunity to wish all our members, their families and the community at large, a very safe, happy, healthy holiday season and the very best in the New Year 2018. Thank you for all your support in our activities and events at the Centre.

We thank all our volunteers for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment. We also thank our Senior Centre Staff: Karie, Andrew, Bill, and the part time staff for their cooperation and support to our membership and the Seniors' Centre.

For more information on the Aurora Seniors' Centre and all it has to offer, drop by 90 John West Way, visit the web site [www.auroraseniors.ca](http://www.auroraseniors.ca), email [asa@auroraseniors.ca](mailto:asa@auroraseniors.ca) or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. If you happen to drop in at our centre, you can pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter.