

SENIOR SCAPE: Totally Tuesday

By **Jim L. Abram**

I spent this past Tuesday at the Aurora Seniors' Centre and what a full day of activities it was.

My day started with a game of Bocce on the new Bocce Courts. Organized play for all members of the Centre is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10, weather permitting. The Bocce Courts are available for ASA member use only Monday to Friday from 9 to 4 on a first come first served basis. This Tuesday was the day after the 'big rain' but the courts were well drained and well constructed and therefore good fun and good sportsmanship was the order of the morning. Nobody got hurt.

Following Bocce, I joined the very social Bid Euchre activity.

There was a great turnout and fun was had by all. Bid Euchre is also organized and run by dedicated volunteers like Lee and Luba (I call her Lubalicious because she is so nice and so helpful) who do a great job of ensuring fair play, good fun and consideration for all players. If you want to play Bid Euchre you can arrange for lessons at 10 am on Monday mornings. Just telephone the Front Desk ahead of time and they will arrange the instruction for you. If you already play Bid Euchre you can join the other enthusiasts each Tuesday and Thursday at 1.00 p.m. in the Card Room of the Seniors' Centre.

Remember, Bid Euchre is GOOD FOR YOU! It stimulates the brain, and makes you think.

You'll also meet some very nice people and have lots of laughs.

'OLD AGE IS NOT FOR SISSIES'

As if that wasn't enough activity for the day, I stayed for Tuesday Movie Night. This special evening began with some complimentary snacks, popcorn and a cash bar with wine, beer and pop available.

The audience members then moved into the West McKenzie Room which was set up for 100 persons to enjoy the popular comedy, 'Quartet' on the big screen. ASA volunteer, Mike Ilkiw, does a great job selecting the movies and running the event.

Mike welcomed the audience, drew lucky draw tickets then showed the Bugs Bunny 'Yosemite Sam Looney Tunes cartoon 'Bunker Hill Bunny' to the great amusement of the crowd!

The directorial debut of Dustin Hoffman, 'Quartet' is a comedy starring Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Michael Gambon and Pauline Collins.

'Quartet' tells the story of Reggie (Courtenay), Wilf (Connolly) and Cissy (Collins) who reside in Beecham House, a home for retired opera singers. Each year they stage a concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday, which also raises funds for the home.

Reggie's ex-wife Jean (Smith) arrives at the home and creates tension, playing the diva part but refusing to sing in the concert.

'Quartet' was written by Sir Ronald Harwood. Every Diva deserves an encore.

Tuesday Night at the Movies starts at 6.30 sharp and is restricted to the first 60 people. The cost is \$1.50 for ASA members and \$2.00 for their non-member guests.

The price includes the movie, refreshments and popcorn.

SUMMER BBQ CONTINUES

Our thanks to Councillor John Abel for being our guest-chef on the BBQ on Wednesday and all the volunteers that assisted. Come and enjoy a special summer BBQ hosted by the Chartwell Retirement Residences at the Aurora Seniors' Centre on Wednesday, July 17.

Reservations are required. The cost is \$5 per person. The proceeds from this event will be generously donated to the Canadian Diabetes Foundation.

My Final Word: Happiness has no limits.

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, email auroraseniors@rogers.com or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.