

CALABOGIE 55+ CLUB

Special Christmas 2023 edition

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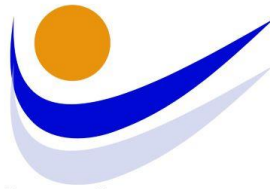
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Calabogie 55+ Club Connecting Friends



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND NO MATTER
WHAT LANGUAGE YOU USE TO WISH
ONE ANOTHER GLAD TIDINGS, THE
EXECUTIVE WISHES YOU ALL A**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOYEUX NOËL

FELIZ NAVIDAD

FROHE WEIHNACHTEN

WESOLYN SWIAT

NOLLAIG CHRIDHEIL

VROLIJK KERSFEEST

YOUR 2023 EXECUTIVE:

**SUE, JEAN, GALE, VAL, DEBBIE, LORI,
ROBERT & DENISE**



BOGIE LIGHTS



Bogie Lights 2023 was enjoyed by approximately 60 people. This event took place on Friday, November 17th. We would like to thank the marvelous Peggy Williams and Alison Fay for leading our singing. We would also like to thank Calabogie United Church for the use of their sound system, all the club members who donated cookies and our club tree installers. Our Calabogie 55+ Club trees looked great. (if you haven't yet seen the trees all lit up this year, do yourself a favour, and head to Heritage Point where the lights will remain on for the next several weeks)



One highlight was the little girl in a red coat dancing to the music.

Jean Libbey

ANNUAL CALABOGIE CHRISTMAS PARADE

On a cold, snowy and somewhat rainy/dismal Sunday afternoon, the streets were lined with spectators, both adults and children alike, anxiously awaiting the Calabogie Santa Claus Parade to roll through the streets of Calabogie. What with the weather being miserable on Saturday, the float committee could

SENIOR GAMES
Denise Lavallée/Val Trotter

SUMMER MIXED BRIDGE
Val Trotter/Lori Armour

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Remember to check out our Website for up to date information.

WEBSITE
<https://calabogieseniors.weebly.com>

Dec 21st is actually the first day of winter 2023.



The days are getting shorter as the month of December moves along but did you know that once December 21st arrives, our days will start to become longer.

Astronomical winter begins at the winter solstice, which is the shortest day of the year. This means days get longer during the winter---very slowly at first, but at ever-larger daily intervals as the March equinox approaches, heralding the start of spring.

Locations closer to the poles experience larger differences in day length throughout the year, so winter days are shorter there. In Calabogie, the shortest day is just under 8 hours and 56 minutes long. In Florida, it lasts about 10 hours and 32 minutes.

Places within the polar circles experience polar night during all or part of the winter season when the Sun does not rise at all.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Club member and former executive, Lucie Perrier who passed away at the Renfrew Hospice on November 9th, 2023. Lucie fought a brave and courageous battle with cancer and will be missed by her siblings, friends, neighbours and club members. Following her term as a Vice-President within our club a few years back, Lucie then served as a councillor for the Greater Madawaska Township. RIP Lucie.



REMINDER...

Christmas is a special time of the year, but it can also be a lonely time for those who have lost loved ones or are alone. If you know of any member who is not well or could use a visit, greeting or a card, please contact Jane Benoit or email the club directly.

DINNER MEETINGS

At our November 30th dinner meeting, pizza was on the menu. 44 people attended this monthly dinner.

The executive will be meeting in early January to make plans for the 2024 monthly dinner meetings so stay tuned and mark your calendars accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP

Can you believe it? Our club now has 154 members. Rejoining the club recently was Ursula Strachan (**Welcome back Ursula**). Also new to the club are Donato (Dan) & Paola Vantreca, Tamatha Strachan and Angélique (Angie) Gibeault & Rolf Kraiker. **Welcome to our club.**

not assemble the float on that day which made it a harried experience Sunday morning. But with the tremendous help from the “men”, aka Larry, Robert, Dave, Laird and Bob plus the women coaching and offering helpful advice, I’m sure, the float was assembled and ready to entertain the crowd. Our photographer, Rick B and many others captured several great photos. Check out our club’s website to see the variety of photos taken that afternoon. If you have other photos that could be shared and posted, send them to Rick or to the club. We would love to see them!!

Many hours went into the preparation, including meetings, design, building, painting, costume preparation, assembly and then finally the presentation of our float. As in past years, the Flemings provide the trailer and vehicle to pull our float in the parade and we are so ever grateful to them.

It bears repeating that we are kids at heart and want to impress our judges and spectators. **We did just that.** There were many fantastic entries this year. We managed to pull off another successful entry and came in 2nd place with our Nutcracker theme. Even though there was a fight scene between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker, no one was injured! The costumes worn by the men and women were a fantastic addition to the float and the smiles from the club members, who either rode on the trailer or walked alongside the float, stretched from ear to ear. The committee couldn’t be more pleased.

According to the Facebook post from the Calabogie Lions Club, First place went to Kings Offroad for their “Mario theme” and Third place was won by Tom Irvin Adventure Tours for their “Winter Elf Adventure.”

We have big shoes to fill for next year as the entries keep getting bigger and better.

Photos of our float and others are on the website....

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INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTMAS QUOTES



“
Christmas is not a time nor
a season, but a state of
mind. To cherish peace and
goodwill, to be plenteous in
mercy, is to have the real
spirit of Christmas.

”
Calvin Coolidge

What is Christmas?

It is the tenderness of the past, courage for
the present and hope for the future.

Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas
lies in your heart.

The Polar Express

Christmas is doing a little something extra for
someone.

Charles M Schulz

Senior Jokes

Hmmm, no jokes for this special edition, but
they will return in 2024.

CLUB SURVEY

The club is interested in hearing from
you on the following:

*When do you typically put up your
Christmas tree?*

*What day did you actually put up (or will
put up) your tree in December 2023?*

*When do you typically take down your
Christmas tree?*

*When will you actually take down your
tree this year?*

Send your survey responses to our email
address at
calabogieseniors1@gmail.com

While the vast majority of members have
paid their 2024 dues, there are still a few
who have not yet renewed their
memberships. If you plan to renew your
membership, please contact Denise
directly at retdlavallee@outlook.com or
send an email directly to the club email.

**Membership dues for 2024 are \$15 pp
and can be paid via e-transfer to the
club's email address.**

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THE CALABOGIE 55+ CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

On Saturday December 9th, our Calabogie
55+ members as well as members from
the Calabogie Lions club gathered at the
Calabogie Community Centre for our
Christmas dinner dance. It was a beautiful
evening with 110 people attending plus a
few took take out. Annette Charbonneau
and staff served us a delicious turkey
dinner with all the trimmings. After dinner
we danced the night away with music
from disc jockey Cam Gavin. AC/DC
Thunderstruck had Sharon Pearce rocking
out the dance floor. (sorry, photo not
available).

Special thanks go to our members and
guests for bringing socks that will be
donated to the Calabogie Food Bank. Over
two clear bags were donated.

The door prize was provided by the Red
Neck Bistro and won by club member Paul
Lamoureux.

Together the executive committee
worked hard to make a fun Christmas
celebration for our members.

Debbie and Lori

**Photos are on our website...please check
them out at**

<http://calabogieseniors.weebly.com>

If anyone has any more photos to share,
please send them to Rick Brown, our
webmaster who will post them on the

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our 2nd fall hike happened on November
24th. Susan recalls that it was a crisp day
outside, somewhere around -5 Celsius,
but that did not deter Susan V, Lillian P,
Linda C and Susan L from hiking around
Blueberry Mountain. It was a very
peaceful hike, a little windy at the top but
beautiful views. The hikers could even
see the ski lift at the Peaks. There were
lots of markers for rock formation,
notable trees and other plants says Sue.
Strategically placed benches made the
hike worthwhile.

Perhaps we can do this hike again in the
spring and encourage more members to
join in on the fun and experience.



Submitted by Susan Lomas

UPCOMING CALABOGIE 55+ CLUB OUTINGS

He shoots, he scores

Are you a hockey enthusiast? If so, have
you signed up for the upcoming afternoon
hockey game on Saturday, January 20th at
3 pm? The Sens are playing the Winnipeg
Jets!

Go Sens Go.

Other winter activities will be announced
in January 2024 or as we plan them.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The next Valley Community Bridge,
spearheaded by Dona Lamoureux and
Lorna Johnston will take place on
December 15th. In 2024, mark your

site. **Thanks Rick for all your work in keeping the website up to date.**

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RECENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

I am told by a reliable source that the Lions recently held their Christmas bingo on Wednesday, December 13th. There were approximately 100 people from the community and two of our own members actually won. Joanne Levitsky won a turkey and the last bingo of the night was won by Robert Lavallée. Congratulations Joanne and Robert.

calendars with the following tentative dates:

January 19th
February 16th
March 22nd and
April 19th

For more information, please check your email as Dona and/or Lorna will send out an email a few weeks before each game.



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