

# YELLOWKNIFE SENIORS' SOCIETY

January 2024



Albert draws a winner



Kathy's beaver mitts

## *Annual Raffle a Huge Success*

Kathy Paul Drover, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, was delighted to announce that the annual Raffle was a **SELL-OUT** this year. **THIRTEEN DRAWS** were made on Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> at an Open House at the Baker Community Centre. **THANK YOU** to members of our Senior Society for coming out to cheer on all the winners and bringing tasty snacks that added to the celebrations!

This Annual Raffle is a major fundraiser for the Yellowknife Senior Society and helps support the operating costs of Baker Centre and the many programs we offer. Thanks to the success of this year's raffle, the Society will end the year with a small surplus.

**THANKS** to our Amazing Sponsors of this year's Spectacular prizes for the raffle tickets; to the Fundraising Committee and Chair, Kathy Paul Drover for putting this raffle together; to the Seniors and supporters who went out each week to sell at different locations around town; and the many who purchased tickets to make this Sell-Out possible.



Me? I won? Mieke takes second prize



Applause for the volunteers and sponsors



Watching the draws



We sold out!

## Here are the raffle winners:

- 1st Prize Plummer's Lodge Trip - \$13,000  
Rita Doctor
- 2nd Prize Matonabee Petroleum - \$2,000 Value  
Mieke Cameron
- 3rd Prize Aurora Telecom - \$1,500  
Frances Marshall
- 4th Prize Norland Insurance - Oilers Tickets  
+ \$1,000  
Britt Goud
- 5th Prize Lori Piro Stained Glass Mosaic Tile  
Art \$1,500 Value  
Terri Cariaga
- 6th Prize Yellowknife Liquor Store - \$1,000  
Wessam Bousaleh
- 7th Prize Yellowknife Outdoor Adventures  
Fish Fry Lunch or Dinner  
\$600 Value  
Ron Thompson
- 8th Prize Old Town Log Cabins - 3 Night Stay  
\$525 Value  
Elsa L. Crane
- 9th Prize Kavanaugh Bros. - \$500  
Marsha Rankin
- 10th Prize DJ Towing - \$500  
Nancy Mangeon
- 11th Prize Quality Furniture \$500 Gift Certificate  
Donna Meister
- 12th Prize Handmade Beaver Mitts  
by Kathy Paul-Drover \$500 Value  
Caitlin Lacey
- 13th Prize Clark Family in Memory of James  
Clark - \$250  
Greg Watson

## It's 2024 - Have You Paid Your Membership Dues?

Prices on everything have increased but our annual dues are still only \$15. Tell a friend or neighbour about our activities and help keep our Seniors' Society going strong.

## Ever Try Stick Curling?

Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Stick Curling at the Yellowknife Curling Centre. \$10 drop-in fee for non-members. An ideal outing for seniors and anyone with mobility challenges. Not physically challenging and lots of fun. Bring indoor shoes. All are welcome. For more information: 867-873-4805

In stick curling, two-person teams play a six-end game, throwing six rocks each end. The rock is delivered with a stick instead of sliding on the ice. It is a safer way to curl, with less sweeping and a focus on shot making. It's a short one-hour game - a good fit with today's busy lifestyle. Seniors are encouraged to come and try it out and bring out friends who might be interested.



## Foot Care for Seniors in 2024

Starting January 2024, the YK Seniors' Society will be offering *Foot Care for Seniors* once a month at the Baker Community Centre

With the generous donation of a 10K grant from the #314 Elks Lodge in Yellowknife, the YK Seniors Society is able to offer monthly foot care, a service that has been very limited for seniors in Yellowknife.

YKSS can offer this free program to seniors over the age of 60 and not currently receiving foot care. The *Footcare for Seniors* program will run once a month, January through December, 2024. Heather Moxon, a Certified Advanced Foot Care Nurse, will be on site to offer this specialized service.



If you would like an appointment, please contact the YK Seniors' Society office at either

867-873-9475

or email

[ykseniorsociety@theedge.ca](mailto:ykseniorsociety@theedge.ca)

You have perhaps heard about the Yellowknife Historical Society's efforts to create a museum using the old Giant Mine Rec. Hall. We recently had a peek inside, courtesy of Walt Humphries, Ryan Silke and Diane Baldwin. Slated to open in early spring, this little museum is loaded with artifacts and displays that recreate the early days of our city. When it opens early this Spring, it will include a restaurant with an outdoor deck overlooking Back Bay.

The Society is building a Historical Wall of Fame, a gallery of well-known Yellowknifers who made our city what it is today. They are asking residents to nominate persons for inclusion on the Wall of Fame by submitting a 100-150 word biography and a photo.



**Yellowknife Historical**  
**HALL OF FAME**

Yellowknife's history is full of cherished family, friends, and interesting characters who made our community great.

**Help us build a Hall of Fame at the Yellowknife Historical Museum!**

Who would you nominate? Submit a 100-150 word biography of the person outlining their importance to the community together with a photo.

Email your ideas to the Yellowknife Historical Society  
[info@yellowknifehistory.com](mailto:info@yellowknifehistory.com)



## Mike & Jean Piro

Mike and Jean both came to Yellowknife following World War II. Mike was an RCAF veteran and Jean worked in aircraft repair. They quickly became community pillars. Mike co-founded the Chamber of Commerce, Spirit YK, Float Plane Fly In, and, with Roger Zarudski, the original Flying Club. Jean was active in curling, basketball and baseball as well as community clubs.

They were involved in several businesses including Frame & Perkins garage, bus franchise, the Ford dealership, and the Prospector Bar and Grill.

Both Mike and Jean were strong supporters of tourism, regaling visitors with the colourful history of the city. Beyond their numerous contributions, they were known for their humility and advocacy. Balancing business and family, they remained dedicated to their community.

- submitted by Lorie Piro

**The following persons have already been nominated but there are many more who are deserving of membership.**

Mike and Jean Piro  
Fred and Elaine Richinger  
Roy and Lee Waddell  
Michel Sikyea  
Jock McMeekan  
Tom Doornbos  
Bing and Audrey Rivett  
Bob and Daphne Borden  
Gord and Ruth Bailey

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**HALL**  
**OF**  
**FAME**



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