

YELLOWKNIFE SENIORS' SOCIETY

Enhancing and Supporting the Lives of Yellowknife Seniors

September, 2025

Endowment Fund Established for Yellowknife Seniors' Society

Our Past President, Wendy Bisaro, has made a generous donation to the Yellowknife Community Foundation to establish an endowment fund for the YK Seniors' Society. A public announcement of the fund was announced on September 18, opening the fund for additional donations from the public. When a donation is made to our fund through the Foundation, it is added to a large pool of money, currently about 8.5 million, and professionally invested. Each year proceeds of the pool are distributed as grants.

Over time, the fund and the annual grant distribution are expected to grow. While it will not replace the need to apply for grants from the City of Yellowknife or for specific projects and equipment, the endowment is expected to provide a more stable and reliable source of income that grows over time.

We also received a grant for \$8000 from the Foundation's Community Enrichment Fund to support our *Lunch With A Bunch* Program. A big thank you goes out to the Foundation for your support.

If you would like more information about the Yellowknife Community Foundation, go to their web page at ykcf.ca.



John Soderberg accepts a cheque from Korry Garvey to support *Lunch With a Bunch*



John Soderberg and Korry Garvey, Executive Director of the Foundation, announce the establishment of the Yellowknife Seniors' Society Fund.

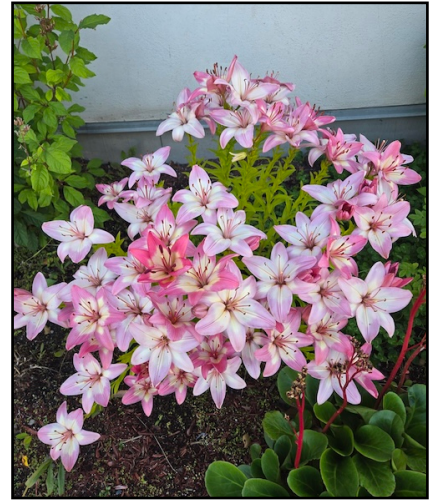
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The Gardens at Baker Centre

As summer winds down to fall, gardens give up the last of their fruits and veggies. Our gardening members planted, weeded and nurtured garden boxes and planters all around the property, creating beautiful and peaceful areas to sit and enjoy the outdoors. The gardens have also provided some fresh veggies for Lunch with a Bunch. Thanks to all of you for making our centre a more beautiful and relaxing place.



Thank you to Kopykat North for generously printing this newsletter for our members.

Tony Whitford Bench Dedicated



A bench in Rotary Park was recently installed by the Rotary Club in memory of Tony Whitford. During his lifetime Tony served as town councillor, MLA, Minister, Commissioner and Justice of the Peace. He was involved in so many community service activities, it is

difficult to list them all. He was an active member of the YK Seniors Society and one of the nicest, most helpful persons you will ever meet.



*"In loving memory of Anthony (Tony) Whitford (1941-2024)
A life devoted to family, Rotary, and service to the people
of the Northwest Territories. His dedication and
determination will be remembered."*

Upcoming Events at Baker Centre

YK SENIORS' SOCIETY
Presents

Oktoberfest

25 OCT 2025 6pm

Baker Community Centre

Enjoy an authentic 3 course
Bavarian pork schnitzel dinner in a
fun, friendly, non-alcoholic
environment

Price: \$40.00

For tickets, email ykseniorsociety@gmail.com
etransfer payment to ykseniorsociety@theedge.ca
by Monday 20 Oct 2025

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Diwali

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Step into the glow of celebration join us for
the Diwali Festival of Lights and embrace
the joy of togetherness

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 18 AT 6:00PM

COST \$50 PER PERSON
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE CONTACT BY
EMAIL YKSENIORSOCIETY@GMAIL.COM
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Dementia Touches Us All

We all know persons who are either struggling with cognitive decline, or caregiving a loved one with dementia. The Alberta/NWT Alzheimer's Association is a key organization involved in the fight to end Alzheimer's and other dementias. The Yellowknife Office hosts various events for education, support, community engagement and fundraising.

May 24th - the *Yellowknife Walks for Alzheimers* was held at Baker Centre and raised over \$17,000, showing tremendous community support for dementia.

September 10th - the *YK Community Showcase* featured the various activities available in Yellowknife. Lynda Koe, Martha McLelland, and Mieke Cameron hosted a table for NWT Alzheimer's Association, answering questions and sharing information with folks who stopped by to have a chat and pick up material.

September 18th - the *YK Community Foundation* held a Grantee Cheque Ceremony at their Annual Appreciation BBQ. At the event, Lynda Koe

accepted a grant of \$1,500 from the Eva Henderson Memorial Fund. This money will support the "Together in Care – Palliative Approach and Grief" Sessions upcoming in the new year.

Dementia affects many, either directly or indirectly. Our Yellowknife office offers a monthly **Care Partner Support Group**. Meetings are 3rd Saturday of the Month, 1:00 - 2:30 pm. These meetings are for families involved in caring for a loved one who is struggling with cognitive challenges at any stage.

Please join us. Meetings are informal, friendly and supportive.

October 18, 2025

November 15, 2025

December 20, 2025

We are located at 116 – 5109 48th Street (right next to Polar Vision Centre and across from Boston Pizza). For further information please call 1-866-950-5465, or email reception@alzheimer.ab.ca



Remember When?

This was the 2005 Board of Directors. Bob Carr provided us with lots of photographs taken for previous newsletters. We have started to go through them all and will no doubt need some help with identification. In future issues we will publish some of the best ones.