

Dear SWESA Member,

Coronavirus has changed our world significantly in such a short time and, as you are all aware, this continues to be a very fluid situation with new closures and cancellations announced daily. There is no certainty as to when SWESA will re-open, and when we do, all programs will be offered on a drop-in basis only until August 31, 2020. We will not be producing a Spring/Summer Program Guide.

Our Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 6 is postponed indefinitely.

Our Summer Gala fundraiser scheduled for June 19 is cancelled.

Please check in on our [Facebook page](#) to keep connected with SWESA and your friends.

If you have registered and paid for programs that were offered between March 13 and April 30, you will receive a refund which will be credited to your MySeniorCenter account. We expect to complete refunds by April 30 and appreciate your patience. On request, a statement of your account will be available for pickup when we re-open. If you are not registered for programs at this time and would like to donate your monthly SWESA budget to support us during this time, please click [here](#).

Options for your consideration:

The credit in your MySeniorCenter account can be applied to drop-in activities once we are open or can be used for Fall program registrations.

OR

Upon written/email notification, the credit can be turned into a tax-receipted charitable donation to SWESA. Please send your request to swesa.treasurer@gmail.com.

Prepaid SWESA programs eligible for refund

March, April Luncheons

Herbal Remedies

Creating An Art Journal

SWESA Paint Party

Silk Scarf Making

Best Of The Big E Tour

Roots And Resources Tour

Heisenberg At The Varscona Theatre

Sketching History: Tour And Talk

Lunenburg At The Cow Patti Theatre

River Cree Resort And Casino

Toonie Talks

Sessional program refunds will be pro-rated for all classes scheduled from March 13.

Dance, ESSETRICS, Golden Gloves, Yoga, Zumba, Choir, Watercolors, Art Group, Knitting & Stitching, Paper Quilling

Our Seniors Home Supports Coordinator, Barbara Newell, is still hard at work connecting all seniors in the southwest to services. You can reach Barbara at hs@swedmontonseniors.ca.

The Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council has taken the time to develop a [webpage](#) listing all seniors organization closures and service limitations as well as providing other activities that seniors can do if they are self-isolating.

We would like to share some of our own ideas for keeping your mind and body active. Please remember that we cannot endorse online content. Although we have tested each of the links, we recommend not providing any detailed personal or financial information to any unauthenticated site.

[Skillshare](#): Skillshare is an online learning community with thousands of classes for creative and curious people, on topics including illustration, music, writing, photography, interior design, lifestyle, and more. Millions of members come together to find inspiration and take the next step in their creative journey.

[Google Arts and Culture](#): Google Arts & Culture features content from over 1200 leading museums and archives who have partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to bring the world's treasures online.

[YMCA 360](#): The YMCA wants to ensure those at home due to the COVID-19 outbreak can still get the exercise they need. Offerings include active older adult classes, yoga, weightlifting, boxing, Tai Chi, and more. Membership is not required.

[Online Scrabble](#): No download is needed for this game. You just log in and play! If you are joining from SWESA, add your initials and then SWESA or YEG as your name; that way we can find one another.

We will continue to keep you informed via this email bulletin, the [SWESA website](#), and our [Facebook page](#).