

THE RIDER

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Engaging seniors to community

Welcome to the fall edition of The Rider!

Fall is in the air and the taste and smell of pumpkin spice is everywhere!

It is hard to believe summer is almost over, but there are many exciting things to look forward to over the coming months. This fall we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary of providing services to seniors in Edmonton. Watch your mail for more details and be sure to check out some of the events available throughout the city this fall highlighted in this edition of The Rider!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shannon L. Gill
Executive Director



Thank you for all your work!



We will miss you!

We are grateful for our interns who worked diligently on several projects this summer.

Evelyn & Barrett:
We wish you all the best in your studies!!



Watch your mail!!
A special invitation is coming for our 20th Anniversary Celebration later this Fall!!



We honour all of our veterans this Remembrance Day! If you would like to attend a memorial service in your area and need a ride, please call us.



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

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West Edmonton Seniors Association — 780-483-1209
SAGE — 780-423-5510
Edmonton Aboriginal Seniors Centre — 587-525-8969
Italian Canadian Seniors Association — 780-424-1255

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

SEESA — 780-468-1985

THE CHOCOLATE EXPRESS

Central Lions Seniors Association — 780-496-7369

SMOKY LAKE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL TRIP

SAGE — 780-423-5510

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

Millwoods Seniors Association — 780-496-2997
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WESA — 780-483-1209

***SEE BACK PANEL FOR INFO ON DIRECTORY OF EVENTS**



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Drive Happiness Seniors Association
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**Air Force
1951-1980**

Celebrating!

Hugh Tamblyn



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Hugh Tamblyn was born on a farm in southern Manitoba, the eldest and only boy of six. When he was 14 years old his dad was killed in a farming accident. Hugh completed his schooling to grade eight before joining Manitoba Hydro to help support his family. When he was 18, Hugh joined the Air Force and began training in Quebec to

become an aircraft engineer. He then spent 3 years in Germany, during which time he married Louella Mayes, and their oldest son was born. The following 9 years were spent in Edmonton and France, where his sons started school. Hugh and his family continued life in Edmonton and Toronto, where he was offered the opportunity to finish his Education degree at the University of Alberta, on the condition that he develop training for the new Aurora plane in Los Angeles. This took over two and a half years to complete and landed him back east for a one year stay at CFB Greenwood in Nova Scotia. Hugh retired from the Air Force in 1980 after serving for 29 years.

While in LA, Hugh was approached by a Canadian mining company: Echo Bay Mine. His wide range of skills and professionalism quickly moved him up to a VP position. He did a lot of travelling for this position and was in charge of building a 400 mile ice road in the NWT. In 1987 Hugh retired from Echo Bay. This freed him up to get out on the golf course, travel more and camp with his granddaughters. Once the grandchildren outgrew their camping days, Hugh decided he wanted to do something else to fill his time. In 1996 he saw an advertisement in The Examiner that was asking for volunteer drivers. This advertisement was placed by Doreen Armstrong, founder of *Lifestyle Helping Hands Seniors Association (former name of Drive Happiness)*. She was building a network of drivers before she took on any seniors in need. Instantly Hugh was on board and has been with the organization ever since.

In light of our twenty year anniversary and Remembrance Day, we think it is only fitting that we highlight the only person who has been with us from the start, and honour his service to our country. Hugh has supported our organization as we've grown into **Drive Happiness**. We can never thank Hugh enough for the countless rides he has given and the lives he has touched. We think it is so fitting that Hugh worked for a gold mine because clearly he has a heart of gold.

Congratulations Hugh on this amazing achievement!

Change is in the air... As you may be aware, Drive Happiness has been undergoing a lot of change over these past few months! Here are some of the changes to note!

- * **WE ARE DRIVE HAPPINESS!!** We are pleased to announce that our name change is complete! Moving forward, please make all cheques payable to DRIVE HAPPINESS.
- * **PRICE INCREASE:** As you know, due to funding pressure & our incredible growth over this past year, we have had to increase our prices. Please remember our new ticket price is \$10 and our new annual rider fee is \$30. This increase will help ensure we can continue to serve you in the future.
- * **NO MORE PAPER TICKETS!!** We are in process of going paperless in the office. While it is a bit challenging to change everyone to this system, in the long run it will allow us to serve you better. Thank you for your understanding while we are in transition. We appreciate your patience through the growing pains of getting this new and improved system up and running!

For more info on events & activities, check this out !!

Recreation and
Wellness Directory
for Older Adults
2018-2019



The 2018-19 Recreation and Wellness Directory for Older Adults outlines 1400 arts, technology, fitness, health, and recreational activities for adults 55+ in the Edmonton area.

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Our Executive Director Shannon, and summer student Evelyn have been having some important meetings this summer to discuss the importance of DRIVE HAPPINESS.

Please contact your local MP, MLA or city councillor to tell them how Drive Happiness helps you in your life.

