

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. The crocuses are up, the birds are singing, the trees are budding, and there may even be a few daffodils, depending on where you are as you are reading this. Of course, if you happen to be in Winnipeg, those signs of spring may be shivering under the snow and you may need to keep your boots handy for a bit longer.



As you'll see in this edition, we have had some interesting activities recently. Others are coming up soon. Ever wonder how crossword puzzles were invented and how they are created? Sign up for the presentation about the history of crossword puzzles on April 22. We are also looking forward to the book club session with Jo Soroichinsky at the end of April. Please remember to register for any event you want to participate in so that you receive the Zoom link.

We are planning an online event to recognize new and recent retirees, building on the successful last June. It was wonderful to see so many of our members at that event to welcome the new retirees and we hope that many of you will be able to attend this year's event as well. Please place a hold in your calendar for June 23rd in the middle of the day (11 AM to 2 PM for now). We'll have details and a more precise time as we get closer.

Are you doing any spring cleaning? If you are looking askance at things that you don't use anymore that might find happier homes elsewhere, please set them aside for our annual Online Auction. Though it seems far away now, the months fly by and we will be asking for those donations almost before you know it.

Note that our email address has changed so that emails can be directed more effectively. The most important change is the one for electronic funds transfer. If your bank keeps a list of those you use (as ours do), please delete the old one and add the new one now while you think of it, so you don't have to hunt for the address when you do need it. However, any time you do need an email address or information about an upcoming event, these can be found easily on our website.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. The dates for some major holidays coincide this spring. For those of you who are celebrating, we wish you Ramadan Mubarak, Chag Pesach Sameach, and Happy Easter! To everyone, we wish you a

happy, healthy spring season, and have many ways to enjoy the warm sunny days ahead.

Dianne and Georgia