

An Affiliate of the CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

Program Calendar

April, May, June 2023

Free Cancer Support for Individuals and Families



To ensure that **No One Faces Cancer Alone**, we offer **free**, professional-level social and emotional services as a complement to medical health care. Our evidence-based Cancer Support Program is shown to reduce cancer-related isolation and difficult emotions; and increase overall wellness for children, youth, & adults who are impacted by cancer.

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka

Member Information

Please note that we are offering a combination of virtual , and in-person activities this quarter.

In-Person activities will be at our Clubhouse at 10 Quarry Ridge Rd and Virtual events will be held on Zoom

Networking Groups

Networking Groups are a monthly meeting space to connect with other Members who share a similar diagnosis. All Networking Groups at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka are professionally facilitated by a registered Mental Health Professional.

For more details or to see our Group Guidelines, contact us or check our Website!

Blood Cancer Networking

The third Wednesday of each month

6:00 - 7:00pm

April 19; May 17; June 21

VIRTUAL

Breast Cancer Networking

Group A

The last Monday of each month

7:00 - 8:30pm

April 24; May 29; June 26

VIRTUAL

* NEW* Group B

The third Monday of each month

7:00 - 8:30pm

April 17; May 15; June 19

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Look Good Feel Better offers free workshops where people with cancer can learn how to manage the appearance-related impact of cancer and its treatment.

April 18th LGFB workshops hosted at Gilda's Club - you still need to register at LGFB!

Support Groups

Support Groups are a chance for Members to talk, find mutual support, and share wisdom with others who truly get it. All Support Groups at Gilda's Club are professionally facilitated by a registered Mental Health Professional. For more information or to see our Group Guidelines,

Living with Advanced Cancer

Living with Advanced Cancer is a hopeful and inspiring group which is sure to fill you with comfort as you connect with others who truly understand what you're going through. For Members with advanced cancer. First and third Monday of each month **VIRTUAL** 1:00 - 2:00pm

Living With Loss 8-WEEK SERIES

Open to Members who have had a family member or friends die from cancer. Find Bereavement support from others who truly "get it", learn coping strategies and share you own grief journey.

Every Wednesday for 8 Weeks

VIRTUAL

7:00 - 8:15pm

Starts April 12; Ends May 31

Facing Forward Support

Facing Forward is an on-line group for those who are finished treatment for any type of cancer, and are looking for new skills and strategies for life after cancer. First and third Wednesday of each month **VIRTUAL** 1:00 - 2:30pm

Family and Friends Support

Family and Friends Support is a biweekly group for members who are caregiving for someone with any cancer diagnosis. Express feelings, gain insights, and get support from other caregivers.

First and third Monday of each month

VIRTUAL

7:00 - 8:15pm



Creative Expression Classes

Sewing and Quilting

Do you enjoy sewing or quilting? Members are welcome to join this weekly group anytime between 10:00am - 2:00pm! Beginner or expert; join us for a lovely day of spinning a yarn or in conversation with others. Bring a project you are working on or start something new! Most materials are supplied. Knitters are welcome too!

Every Tuesday IN-PERSON Drop In between 10:00am & 2:00pm

RETURNING Journaling

Join Program Director, Tonya, and your fellow members as we explore journaling as a group. This bi-weekly class will highlight the benefits of journaling and feature both public and private journaling prompts. Each class will require a pen and a notebook. Every other Thursday

2:00 - 3:00pm

Irises

Irises are one of the earliest spring blooming plants so we will usher in the season by creating iris themed mixed media artwork. Oil pastel and watercolour painting techniques will be shared.

Tuesday, April 18 IN-PERSON 1:00 - 3:00pm

Wildflower Sketches

Have fun creating a variety of notecards and gift tags using watercolour pencil crayons. This workshop includes a look at the life of Beatrix Potter who was an English author, artist and naturalist.

Tuesday, May 16 IN-PERSON 1:00 - 3:00pm

This Land of Ours

As Canada Day approaches, we will celebrate our country's diverse landscapes by looking at the work of Ted Harrison. Participants will create colourful landscape paintings on wood using inspiration from Harrison's style.

Thursday, June 22 6:00 - 8:00pm **IN-PERSON**

Movement Classes



All movement classes are led by certified instructors, are restorative and rehabilitative in nature, and are ideal for total beginners and/or those in any stage of cancer treatment.

Hatha Yoga

Discover the beauty of yoga, calming the body and calming the mind. A gentle practice suited to those on active cancer treatment and/or those who are brand new to yoga.

Every Monday 11:00am-12:00pm **IN-PERSON**

Pilates

Focus on form and alignment. This class is ideal for all fitness levels, is easily modified for those with physical limitations, and helps promote core strength, stability, & overall wellness.

Every Thursday 11:30am-12:15pm **VIRTUAL**

April 13 cancelled/will not be scheduled

Qigong Yoga (*NEW* second session)

An ancient Chinese practice uniting body, mind and spirit through conscious breath and gentle movement. The practice of Qigong (pronounced chee-gung) has the potential to benefit everyone, regardless of age, ability, life circumstances or belief systems.

Every Friday

IN-PERSON

Every Friday Session A 10:00 - 11:00am Session B 11:30am - 12:30 pm

participants can select <u>one session only</u>, expansion is to accommodate interest and new membership

NEW Walking Group

Join us in our new walking group. This group is weather dependent so if it is raining it will be cancelled as all walking will be done outside. Please wear proper footwear and sunscreen as required. We also recommend a water bottle, hat and sunglasses for warmer weather!

Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00am **IN-PERSON**

Please note we are closed on April 7th for the Easter Weekend. April 10th Clubhouse is open, but no programming.



Educational Workshops

Parenting Support Series

This is a 4 week parenting support series that focuses on how children experience stress. Each week will focus on a topic in parenting. Topics will be introduced with some information and teaching followed by discussion and application. Depending on the topic itself – each weeks layout or format may be slightly different. There may be small breakout room discussions, and some larger group discussions, a short video may be shown, and will apply the learning to specific examples from participants.

Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm starting April 4 to April 25

VIRTUAL

Care for the Caregiver

This workshop will equip friends and family of those living with cancer with skills to set boundaries, find self-care that works with their caregiving schedule, and learn important information on how to achieve caregiver-life balance.

Tuesday May 16 10:00am - 11:30am **VIRTUAL**

Body Image & Self Esteem

Cancer can impact body image and self esteem in a variety of ways. This workshop will teach skills to move past cancer-related body image concerns such as the loss of a limb or organ; a size or shape change; scars; change or loss in bodily function, and more.

Tuesday, June 13 10:00am - 11:30am **VIRTUAL**

NOTA MEMBER? Visit gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org JOINING IS FREE & EASY!

Social Activities



Men Connect

Open to male-identified Members who have a current cancer diagnosis, or are post-treatment.

Connect with other men who are directly impacted by cancer. Know you are not alone as you chat, laugh, and ask questions with other guys who "get it"!

Second Thursday of each month

VIRTUAL

April 13; May 11; June 8

IN-PERSON

Fourth Thursday of each month April 27; May 25; June 22

6:30pm - 7:30pm

NEW Women Connect

Open to women-identified Members wanting to connect with other women with a current cancer diagnosis, or are post treatment.

This group supports women who are directly impacted by cancer, and share support for one another through conversation and connection.

Second Thursday of each month

IN-PERSON

April 13; May 11; June 8

Fourth Thursday of each month

April 27; May 25; June 22

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Soup Social

Back by popular demand is our soup social. Stop in for a bowl of homemade soup and socialization.

Every other Monday

IN-PERSO

** not happening April 10th - Easter Monday. May 22nd - no Soup this day - pushed to the following week**

12:00 - 1:30pm

NEW Coffee, Puzzles & Colouring

This new event may challenge your mind as you try new puzzles or relax with some mindful colouring activities. Of course there will be coffee & tea and an opportunity to socialize with other members.

Every Friday **not happening April 7th - Easter Weekend**

IN-PERSON

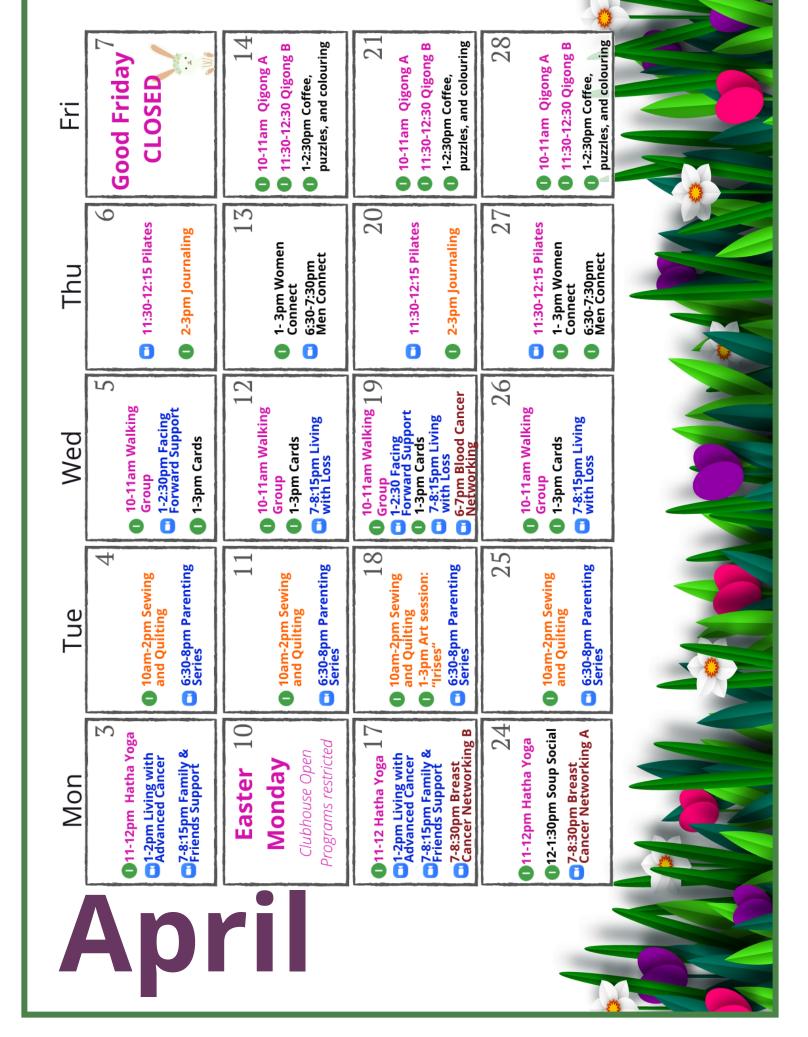
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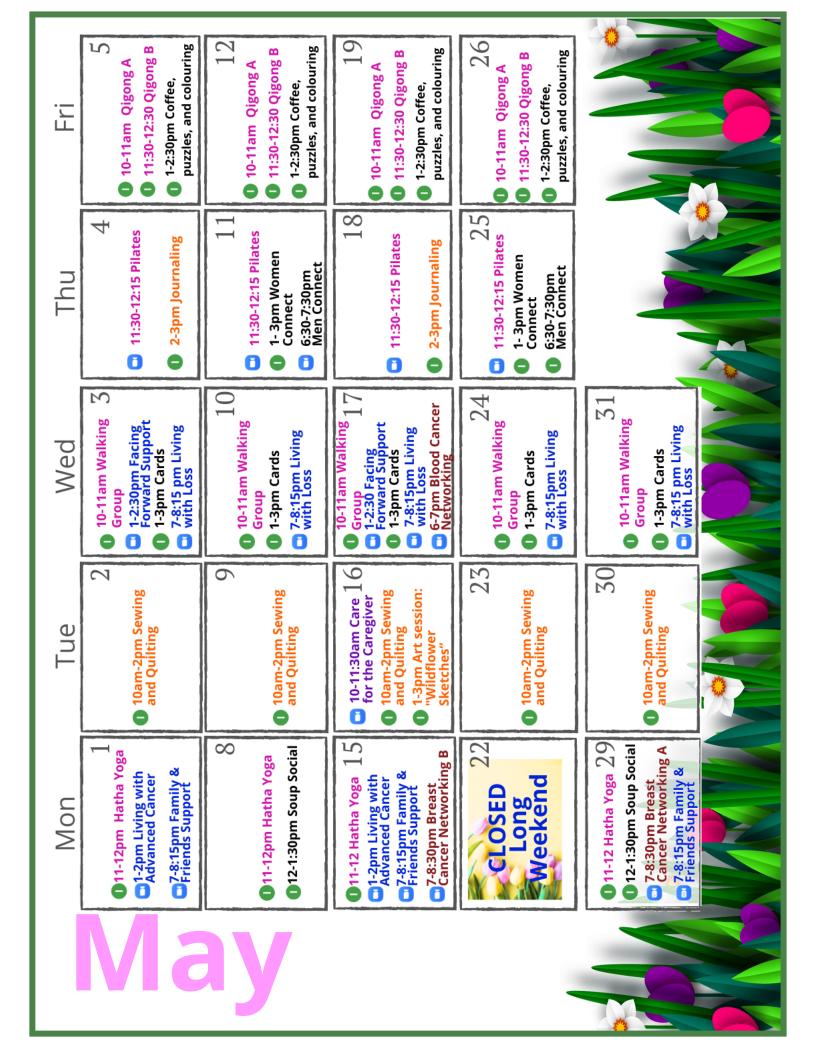
NEW Cards

What is your relationship with Lady Luck? We invite you to the *Club* every week, where you can dig with your *Spade* to find fun. Laugh with others with all your *Heart*, and find the *Diamond* amongst the coal with every hand played. Coffee, tea and snacks will help fill this great social opportunity with other members

Every Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00pm **IN-PERSON**







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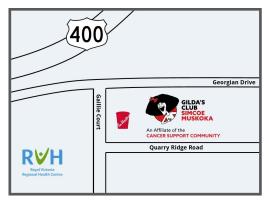


Does February like March?

No but April May

When do monkeys fall from the sky?

During Ape-ril showers!





We are an affiliate of Cancer Support Community and Gilda's Club Worldwide

Anyone | Anywhere | Anytime

Our Network means that there is support across Canada

Cancer Support Helpline ® 1-888-793-9355 www.mylifeline.org

Call 705-726-5199 for support, education, and hope.