



SEVEN OAKS
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NEWS

Spring 2016

On With the Show!

7 Oaks Got Talent Raises Spirits and Funds

On a cold winter night in February... when the high school teachers in our Seven Oaks Schools have finished preparing report cards and Senior High Schools are just heading into the second semester... an event happens at essence Event Centre at Canad Inns Garden City.

An event that warms the hearts of the people who attend.

An event that lets Seven Oaks school staff show off talents they don't get to display in the classroom.

An event known as 7 Oaks Got Talent.

Fun meets Fundraising

7 Oaks Got Talent was started approximately eight years ago as a cabaret-style performing event that showcases many of the talented staff members working in Division. Funds raised at the event go to support the Seven Oaks Education Foundation,

making scholarships and bursaries available for students pursuing a post-secondary education.

Many school groups sign up to play a song or two (or three), or to dance for a packed audience of Seven Oaks administrators, teachers, support staff, superintendents and school trustees as well as the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board of Directors, friends, and families, all out to support the Foundation and their friends and colleagues on the stage.



It is always a great time and this year was no exception!

An All-Star Staff Lineup

The event was held on February 12th this year and it was quite the line up, kicked off by Catherine Hart, a teacher from West Kildonan and the Seven Oaks Teachers Association Vice President. Catherine did a solo act with her ukulele and set the mood for the night.

The Seven Oaks Fiddle Teachers followed with a few upbeat crowd-favourite songs that got the crowd stirred up. Semple Minds – a staff band from Governor Semple School – kept the good vibes going.

The Maples Collegiate staff choir, Maple Syrup, harmonized us through a couple of songs. Then Ecole Belmont, with their voyageur sashes, serenaded the crowd au français with their band, Franco Fun.

3...2...1... Contract!

In former years, Maples Collegiate had bands named Graham Crawford and the Permanent Contracts or Aaron Usiskin and the Permanent Contracts. We are happy to say both Aaron and Graham have permanent contracts with the school division... so the band that performed for us this year were simply named The Permanent Contracts. They did not disappoint the crowd as they put on a great display of rock n roll!

The show did not end with that though. The A's and B's (Steve Arnold and Dan Bresner) heated up the stage with songs by The Highwaymen and Blitzzen Trapper, followed by the Amber Trails Dancers on the dance floor.

Ernesto & Shelley from Immigrant Services and the Adult Learning Centre serenaded the crowd with Elvis' Love Me Tender. Then the Nine-Fifties (a combination of all of the programs that run out of 950 Jefferson that included Immigrant Services, Wayfinders, the Adult Learning Centre and support staff from their programs) gave a big band experience, playing You Can't Always Get What You Want and Wagon Wheel.

That was followed by Lianne Fournier, from West St Paul, playing piano and singing Woodstock & Ritournelle.

Show-Stoppers!

The evening then saw the return of a favourite band called Brian and the O'Leary's. Heidi Presingular fronted the band with some rootsy vocals backed by awesome musicians from Amber Trails, Constable Finney and O.V. Jewitt.



Next up was Lewis and the Lips with our custodian Daryl from West Kildonan who really rocked it out.

The act that closed out the night was from Garden City Collegiate. They called themselves Johnny Utah and the Breaks and quickly had the crowd dancing and singing along with them. It was a perfect ending to a perfect night of high quality entertainment.

More Than Music

Along with the cabaret show, there was an amazing silent auction with over 30 high quality prizes including framed pictures, gravity chairs, mini-fridges, jets clothing and much, much more. As well, there were grand prize options that included a major prize donated by Canad Inns as one and 300, 000 Avion points as another!

The result was a happy group of individuals who walked out after an excellent show laden with the great array of prizes.

Events like this are run by the volunteerism of many people. This year, those people included Principals like Howard Kowalchuk and Susan Kurbis, who emceed the evening, and Jane Romio from Edmund Partridge, who coordinated the entertainment with Fran Taylor, the Director of Seven Oaks Adult Learning & Immigrant Services Centres.

But of course, none of it would have been possible without the volunteered time of the talented singers, musicians and dancers that provided the entertainment. We are so grateful that every year they provide a spectacular show. The entire Board of Directors of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation planned the affair, solicited businesses and organizations for prizes, worked the ticket sales and displayed an awesome silent auction.

In the end, there were over 100 people who volunteered this year to make the fundraiser the success it was.

So, now that you know about the 7 Oaks Got Talent Cabaret, you will want to come! Next year's show is already booked for February 10, 2017. Mark it in your calendar!! The entertainment is bound to be worth the \$20 alone... but you also get a Ukrainian meal and help an excellent cause in providing scholarships to students from our Seven Oaks High Schools through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation.

Visit 7oaks.org/Resources/SOEF for more information on how to donate or to make an online contribution.

The Foundation provides tax receipts for donations of \$10 or more.



Graduation Calendar

Graduation Pow Wow	Maples Collegiate	June, 2, 2016	3PM
MET School Graduation	Four Crowns Inns	June 20, 2016	2PM
West Kildonan Graduation	Centennial Concert Hall	June 20, 2016	7PM
Garden City Collegiate Grad	Centennial Concert Hall	June 21, 2016	7PM
Maples Collegiate Graduation	Centennial Concert Hall	June 23, 2016	7PM
Adult Learning Centre Grad	Maples Collegiate	June 27, 2016	7PM

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Canad Inns Destination Centre Garden City

Ukrainian Buffet

February 10, 2017 | 4:00PM – 8:00PM

Tickets: \$20.00

Silent Auction | 50/50 Draw | Door Prize

Entertainment: "7 Oaks Got Talent"

**DONATE TO SEVEN OAKS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Foundation raises funds to help students realize their post secondary goals and engages the Seven Oaks community in actively supporting the post secondary experience.

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**GREY CUP
Raffle
Tickets**

Grey Cup 2016 Raffle Tickets will be available at the beginning of September. They will be available from any board member or by calling **Wayne Shimizu** at the Board Office at **204-586-8061**.

