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and about riding horses on the property all summer.

Cheers to Auld Lang Syne; Hello 2016!

The Graminia Community League and Social Society, better known as Graminia Community League, Graminia Hall, or simply 'the hall', had a year filled with community oriented events intended to bring together folks of the 'hood - from children to adults.

Beginning in March 2015 with Ladies Night through to the Community Garage Sale in May, the Christmas Craft Sale in December and culminating with the New Years Eve Party, the volunteer executive and board of the hall was kept busy planning and executing. Additional events were planned for children only such as the arrival of the Adventure Bus and Carnival of May. Fundraising was also part of the GCL agenda in 2015 and volunteers came out to the Apex Casino in St. Albert in March to fulfill the obligation. The Rainbow Playschool, one of the user groups of Graminia Hall, held their own fundraiser in the form of a Bottle Drive in April, and the Devonshire Pony Club, the second user group of Graminia Hall, was out

Summer saw the ball diamond at the hall put to good use when 26 youngsters played T-Ball on Thursday evenings. So much fun was had by all that T-Ball is once again planned for the summer of 2016.

Community Music offers guitar and piano lessons at the hall and Haitian cooking classes with Adeline Knisley of Cooking Under the Mango Tree with Adeline were held almost monthly.

Graminia Community League strives to bring people together through social events. The words to Auld Lang Syne, by Robert Burns, recalls the love and kindness of days gone by, but in the communion of taking our neighbors' hands, it also gives us a sense of belonging and fellowship to take into the future.¹ As the Graminia Community League faces the future, we invite all of you to join and support our community. Happy New Year!

¹(<http://www.scotland.org/features/the-history-and-words-of-auld-lang-syne/>)



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Crafts for Christmas

A Word of Thanks from Angie Gehlert

THANK YOU to all our fabulous vendors and wonderful people from the community that came out to the Graminia Community League Christmas Craft Sale!! We had a lot of awesome volunteers who really stepped up to make the event successful. We had a lot of positive feedback on the craft sale. Shoppers said they enjoyed the variety of vendors and the vendors were happy with the volume of shoppers. Nineteen vendors participated in the event and all graciously donated an item of \$20 or more for the end-of-sale raffle. The GCL is looking forward to another Christmas Craft Sale in 2016 and hope to see you there!

Angie Gehlert is the Secretary for Graminia Community League and was the lead organizer of the 2015 GCL Christmas Craft Sale.



MJ Brown, GCL Communications and buddy Jamie, staffing the concession at the Christmas Craft Sale.



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If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

Who doesn't remember reciting this song at some time in childhood?

Your child too can have fun, learn, and make memories for themselves at Rainbow Playschool, Graminia Hall.

Rainbow Playschool, held Tuesday and Thursday mornings or afternoons 9 am – 11:30 am and 12:30 pm – 3pm, is taught by Katy Cross from Devon.

Children must be at least three years of age and toilet trained in order to attend. Sessions start in September and finish in May.

Registration for 2016-2017 is Tuesday April 26, 1:00 -3:00 pm and again from 6:00 -8:00 pm.



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The playschool will be setup for parents and kids to see.

Rainbow Playschool is planning two fundraisers in April, selling flowers and Mundare sausage, and community support is needed. Details will be posted on the Graminia Hall website and Graminia Hall Facebook page soon.

For further information on Rainbow Playschool fees and forms, visit http://www.graminiahall.com/playschool/fees_registration.html



Last summer, T-Ball at the Hall was so successful another season is planned for the summer of 2016.

Registration will take place in March. Please check the Graminia Hall FB page or www.graminiahall.com for registration date and details.

T-Ball is for boys and girls 3-5 years of age. Children must be three by January 1, 2016.

Registration will be limited to 20 children.

Parent participation is highly encouraged.





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Devonshire

Devonshire Pony Club meets throughout the

summer months for English riding lessons in the sand arena just north of Graminia Hall. During the winter there are opportunities to learn about care for horses.

There are Pony Club branches throughout the world, over 100,000 young horse people! The National organization ensures programs delivered throughout the country are in line with international standards and is committed to the vision of "providing the opportunity for young persons to have a positive experience with horses".

Traditionally pony club was available to those 25 and under. Now, however we are excited to introduce the "Horsemasters" to enable parents or adults of all ages to also develop and further their horsemanship skills in a friendly and non competitive environment.

All levels welcome!

To learn more about Pony Club, please call or email Katherine Halverson at khalverson@hotmail.ca or 780-906-6747.

Regular monthly meetings of Graminia Community League meets are on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome!

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Monday, February 8, at 6:30pm. There will be Executive and non-executive positions to be filled for 2016.



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