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**HOLIDAY PARTY**

This year our *Holiday Dinner Party* celebration will be held at the **Mechanicville Elk's** on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**



Doors open at **12:00pm**, with lunch served at 12:30pm. Menu includes: Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Mashed Potato, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Coffee/Tea, and Dessert. Entertainment will follow. Come share this holiday season with friends. Tickets are \$13.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AN AFTERNOON OF LINE DANCING**

The Center will host a community **Line Dance** on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00pm to 3:30pm with **Kevin Richards**.



Admission for those wishing to dance is \$7.00. Non-dancers are free. **Doors open at 12:30pm for lunch. So come hungry and help support the Center.**

**TAKE A STROLL WITH ME**

Is the winter weather keeping you from walking outside? Hate the thought of going to the mall with all of the holiday shoppers just to get in some walking exercise? Come to the Center and take advantage of our treadmill! Maybe you would prefer to take a bike ride instead. You can do that here too. All exercise equipment is available during Center hours. Don't let the winter weather keep you from staying healthy.



All activities are held at the Center unless otherwise specified. The Center is located on Lower Newtown Road and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00 pm.

**SPECIAL DAYS TO REMEMBER**  
(Mark Your Calendar)

<b>Dec. 1 Festival of Trees Trip</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Dec. 2 Card Stamping</b>	<b>10:30AM &amp; 12:30PM</b>
<b>Dec. 2 Shuffle Board</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>
<b>Dec. 7 Advisory Council Meeting</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Dec. 7 Business Meeting</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>Dec. 11 Holiday Party</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
<b>Dec. 14 Bingo</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>Dec. 15 Alzheimer's Support</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
<b>Dec. 16 Shuffle Board</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>
<b>Dec. 18 Community Line Dance</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>
<b>Dec. 21 Christmas Party Luncheon</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
<b>Dec. 21 NO Bingo</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>Dec. 22 Bowling Party</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Dec. 26 Closed for Christmas &amp; Hanukkah</b>	
<b>Jan. 2 Closed for New Year's Day</b>	
<b>Jan. 4 Advisory Council Meeting</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Jan. 4 Business Meeting</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>

**LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW**

If the Shenendehowa Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Center is closed too! Watch News channels 6, 10 or 13 for **Saratoga Meal Program** cancellations. School delays do not affect the Center.



## CENTER CLOSINGS

The Center will be closed on **Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** for **Christmas and Hanukkah**; and closed



**Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, for the **New Year Holiday**. The Center



wishes each of you a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!!

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Vans for our trip to the **Festival of Trees Luncheon** at the **Queensbury Hotel** in Queensbury, on **December 1<sup>st</sup>** will leave the Center at 10:00am. We begin our afternoon with a Stuffed Chicken Breast Luncheon followed by a spectacular display of various themed Christmas trees, swags, and wreaths. The cost is \$12.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members. This trip is now full with a waiting list.



## SCOFA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us on **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 12:00pm when we kick off the festivities for our special **Christmas Luncheon** provided by the Saratoga Office for the Aging and prepared by Northeast Catering and Lodging. Lunch menu includes: Stuffed Pork Roulade with Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Peas with Onions, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Roll and Cherry Pie for dessert. Following lunch, kindergarten children from the Mechanicville School will delight us as they sing the songs of the season for us. Please sign-up in the dining room by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$6.00 for those under 60. Enjoy the present of good fellowship, great food and a fun time.



## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Our **Alzheimer Support Group** will be meeting on **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at **12:00pm**. Caregivers meet together and begin their session with a complimentary luncheon provided by the Center. Those with Alzheimer's/dementia also enjoy a complimentary lunch together, before participating in a group activity. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please call the Center to sign-up. Non-members are welcome.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

The seasons have changed again, and it is getting closer to winter. Seniors, remember, we are here for you whatever your needs. We are family here in the Halfmoon seniors. Our center is thriving, and we are approaching another milestone: 25 years in this building and 30 years as an incorporated entity. Things are and will be happening here at the center. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the seniors who worked at the bazaar, made crafts, quilted, made bake goods, gave donations or bought items at the holiday bazaar. This togetherness makes our organization the best around. I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. I expect to see you before these two holidays as we have a meeting on December 7 at 1 pm. For those of you who remember that day so many years ago, we will be reminiscing and remembering that difficult time in the history of our country.

*Nancy L. Morris*

## BOWLING PARTY

Join us on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** for another **Bowling Party**. Bowlers and non-bowlers are welcome. The cost of \$5.00 for bowlers gets you your shoes, two games of bowl, pizza and soda. \$2.00 for non-bowlers gets you pizza and soda. Non-members are welcome for the unsubsidized cost of \$8.50 for bowlers and \$3.00 for non-bowlers. Participants meet at **Spare Time Bowl** at **10:30am**. We bowl for the fun of it.



## INFORMAL JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

There will be no Jewelry class this month. Our next class will be in January and will be a BYOB (Bring your own beads). Please see your January newsletter for the next class offering.

## BALANCE & RANGE OF MOTION EXERCISES

If you haven't tried our balance and range of motion exercise class then consider yourself invited to join. Classes are held on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** at **9:45am**. Teresa Burke from Health Plex is our instructor. This is a great class for both men and women. It will help walkers and golfers to improve their movement and stability and help **all of us** stay balanced. Cost is \$3.00 per class. Come join us.



## LET'S HIT THE ROAD

We have been very busy planning new and exciting trips for you along with some yearly favorites, for the upcoming year! We have received many suggestions and we are looking into each one. We hope that you will all take advantage of the trips for 2017 and your suggestions continue. Our first trip is scheduled for **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 30, 2017** when we head to **Washington, DC**. This trip includes: two nights lodging, Smithsonian Institution, Tram tour at Arlington Cemetery, Visit to the World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Luther King Jr. Memorial and the FDR Memorial; Guided Sightseeing Tour including the US Capitol and Visitor's Center and the US Library of Congress, Reagan Building or Union Station, Visit to Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Guided tour of illuminated monuments including Air Force Memorial, the Pentagon, Jefferson Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial and Washington monument and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. Wow - all of this for just \$310.00 per person (double occupancy) for members (\$349.00 for non-members) and \$450.00 for a single for members (\$488.00 for non-members). Signup for this trip will begin after the January Business Meeting. Be ready for our **Irish Festival** trip to **Gavin's Irish Country Inn** in March - new things to do this year! Sneak peek - we will be going on our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual trip** to the **Finger Lakes** from Wednesday, **July 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017** with new adventures and an all out bash!!! Keep saving your cash because on Monday, **September 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017** we travel to **Maine!** Information on these trips will be available in upcoming newsletters. So...keep reading the newsletter! Again, if you would like to suggest a trip, help coordinate one, or have questions, please let us know. Happy traveling!

## CARD STAMPING WORKSHOP

Our next classes will be on **December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am or 12:30pm**. All supplies are provided. The cost is just \$2.00. Come and create two special Christmas cards for less than it would cost you for one at the store. Come have some fun and make your cards the old fashion way!



## LET'S SAY "HELLO"

The snow will soon be falling. Each individual flake may seem small and insignificant but when they come together what a snowman you can build. Each member is a snowflake in our snowman; individual but mighty when we come together for a common goal. This month we are happy to introduce the following snowflakes to our Center: **Joyce Caruso, Yvonne Spring, Barbara Fillipone, David and Mary Ellen Scott, Kathy Eitzmann, Michele Spanswick, John and Eileen Chera, Barbara Carlin, James and Carol Daly, Joyce Ringermacher, Lorraine Kesner, Patricia Schmidt, Cynthia Bower, Paula Heffernan, and Jay and Joyce Miller**. A warm welcome goes out to each of you. A reception will be held for **all members** following the **December 7<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**. Come and join us in getting to know the Center and its members.



## BAZAAR RESULTS

Our Holiday Bazaar held on November 19<sup>th</sup> was our most successful fundraiser yet thanks to the hard work and dedication of all who volunteered. Our Crafts Group, who meets every Thursday morning, worked for months on items to sell at the craft tables. They did a great job and sold many items. Our Quilters worked very hard to make that beautiful quilt for us to raffle along with other items for us buy. Thank you to everyone who sold the quilt raffle tickets. We also thank all of our members who baked an item or two for the baked goods table. Your efforts made our bake sale a successful one. Many of you donated items for Grandma's Treasures, which were very popular tables to shop along with the Christmas Room. The Lunch Café was outstanding again with new menu items to choose from. We want to thank everyone who sat for hours at the various tables selling items, and serving lunch, and to those of you who did many of the behind the scenes things. All of your efforts made our bazaar a wonderful success! **Thank You Everyone!!!**



## ADVANCE ALERT -

AARP will once again be preparing income tax returns at the Center starting in February. The Center will be making appointments for you. Please do not call for an appointment until after January 1<sup>st</sup>. All tax questions need to be directed to AARP, not the Centers staff.