

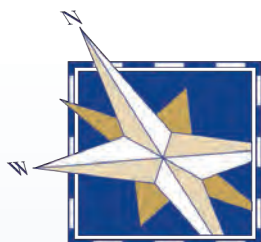
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Christmas DINNER

Thursday, December 14 - Noon

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We will be serving our annual Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center on **Thursday, December 14 at noon**. Dinner will be catered by *Special Occasions* with the help of volunteer members and friends of the Center. Dinner will feature Yankee Pot Roast and Glazed Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn Casserole, Dinner Roll, Dessert and a Beverage.

After dinner you will be treated to a time-honored performance of traditional Christmas carols by our Center's choir, *Seniors in Song*. This extremely talented choir is under the direction of **Ednita Vaflor** and accompanied by **Terri Malone**. (Many nice door prizes, too!)

Tickets are **\$10**, which includes dinner and entertainment. They can be purchased from *Jackie King* by **Friday, December 8**.

**Please note all other activities will be cancelled on this date.*

It's Time to Renew!

A friendly reminder that your 2018 Senior Center Membership dues are due prior to **January 1, 2018**.

Senior Center Services

Elder Care Law

Certified elder law attorney, **Steve Roush**, representing the law firm of **Daniel P. Seink Co., Ltd.**, is available for **free** one-on-one consultations to discuss specific legal questions with our members each month. Steve specializes in estate planning, VA benefits planning, and Medicaid benefits planning. Please contact him at **(740) 418-1840** or **1-800-393-2324** to schedule your free appointment.

Hearing Evaluations

Angela Thomas, Hearing Care Practitioner with **Beltone Audiology and Hearing Care Center** will be scheduling appointments for **Tuesday, December 12**.

Appointments include a free hearing evaluation and consultation. Time slots available are **10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 am**. Please contact the Center at (740) 387-6100 to reserve a spot.

Series of Programs

Bruce Norman, Bereavement Coordinator/Chaplain with **Kindred Hospice** will be hosting a series of free programs in the **Multipurpose Room**. **Coping with Loss** roundtable discussions from **12:30 – 1:30 pm** on **Tuesday, December 12**.

And as a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy, he invites other veterans to join him for coffee and **Veteran to Veteran Table Talk** from **2 - 3 pm** on **Wednesday, December 13**.

Vending Machine

Our vending machine has been out of order the past several weeks. Being an “antique”, it is too costly to repair. So we’ve contracted with **Shirk Vending** to provide us with a new machine, along with keeping it stocked with a variety of pop and snacks. The machine will arrive by the time you receive this newsletter!

LUNCH AT THE CENTER

Hot and cold delicious, nutritious meals are available at the Marion Senior Center for anyone age 60-plus **every Tuesday-Friday at 11:30 am**. Call Life Care Alliance at 1-888-656-6831 for details. You do not need to be a Senior Center member to participate in the Dining Center program.

BINGO BRUNCH

Bingo Brunch will be held on **Wednesday, December 20, at 11:30 am**. This month’s meal of spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, and breadstick is being provided by **DeWolfe Place**. Tickets will be available for **\$4** at the Transportation Desk **until Thursday, December 15**. After lunch you’ll enjoy a fun afternoon of **Bingo beginning at 12:30 pm**.

FRESH PRODUCE

The Marion Senior Center distributes free produce on behalf of **Kirkpatrick Food Pantry**, typically the first Tuesday and second Wednesday each month. Please check the calendar in this issue for this month’s dates.

NEW MEMBER MIXER

Hosted on the **first Friday of every even month at 11:30 am**. All new members from the previous month are invited to join staff & volunteers for a free lunch, compliments of **Primrose Retirement Communities**. Our next **New Member Mixer** is **Friday, December 1**.



225 members and guests enjoyed our Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by Beltone.

Upcoming Events



IN HONOR
OF OUR
HEROES

Veterans Day Celebration

We honored 33 Veterans for their patriotism and sacrifice for our country on **Friday, November 11**. All veterans received a complimentary lunch along with special mementos of the occasion. Special thanks to Kindred Hospice for sponsoring this event.



Senior Center Classes, Clubs & Activities

Craft Class (Monday)

Instructor **Sue Rodman's Monday** class will meet at **12:30 pm** in the *Craft Room*. Monday's class will be creating a "keepsake box". A picture of this project is displayed on the bulletin board near Kristi's office. Cost for the project is **\$10**.

Craft Class (Thursday)

Instructor **Barb Heimlich's** class meets on **Thursdays at noon** in the *Craft Room*. Members will be taking a break in January, February and March. Thursday classes are scheduled to resume in April.

'Working with Yarn' Club

Join instructor **Sue Bumgarner** as she teaches you how to crochet and/or knit. Participants will work on a variety of fun projects. Class will meet in the *Craft Room* on **Tuesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm**. There is no cost for this class.

Sewing Class

Sewing class with **Paula Barron** meets on **Wednesday** afternoons at **12:30 pm**. The class is currently in need of more pillowcases for their "pillowcase dress" mission project. **If you would like to donate** some new or gently-used pillowcases, please see **Paula** or **Kristi**.

Photography Class

Do you have a camera laying around and don't know how to use it? Come to Instructor **Royce Farson's** photography class and she will teach you the basics. Once you know how to use it you can join the others with a new assignment each month. The class meets in the *Card Room* from **2-3 pm** on the **first Wednesday of each month**. The assignment for **December 6** is taking photos of "snow or fall scenery". There will be no class held in January or February.

Liquid Stained Glass

Join instructor **Dee Harshfield** as you create beautiful liquid stained glass projects. This class meets **on Tuesdays at 1:30** in the *Craft Room*. Cost for the class is **\$10**, which covers the cost of materials.

Heartland Trivia

Kelly Coble from *Heartland* will be hosting "Trivia" games on the **second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am** in the *Craft Room*. Heartland also provides breakfast goodies!

Monday Mind Games

Carla Poston from *ProCore Health Brokers*, will host *Mind Games* on **Monday mornings**. This class meets in the *Craft Room* at **9:30 am**. Carla also provides delicious "Tim Bits" for everyone attending her activity!

Breakfast for the Brain

Jump start your day—and your brain—at **9:30 am** on **Thursday mornings**, as **Bonnie McKee** from *Community Care* discusses fun trivia questions over orange juice and *Andrew's* pastries.

Kingston Bingo

Tammy Millisor of *Kingston Residence of Marion* will host Bingo at **11 am** in the morning on the **second Friday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

Brookdale Bingo

Jean Anne Cheney of *Brookdale* will host Bingo at **12:30 pm** on the **first Wednesday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

Left, Right, Center (LRC)

Becky Schifer of *Kindred at Home/Hospice* hosts this wildly popular dice game that's easy to learn and simple to play (with lots of prizes to win). The group usually meets out front the **second Thursday** and **fourth Tuesday** each month.

Rummikub

Learn to play the popular tile game *Rummikub*, which will be hosted in the *Game Room* on **Tuesdays from 2-4 pm**.

Jam Session

An amazing group of talented local musicians and vocalists meet and perform at the Center on the **last Wednesday** of each month. Lunch is available for **\$3.50** and is served at **noon**. Music is performed from **1 to 3 pm**. Public welcome!

Mah Jongg

Mahjong is a traditional Chinese tile game, played by four people around a table. The group has a lot of fun and welcomes beginners. They meet near the *Kitchen* on **Thursdays at noon**.

Dominoes

Dominoes is a game played with rectangular "domino" tiles. It is an easy game to learn and lots of fun! The group meets out front on **Tuesday afternoons at 12:15 pm**.

Beginner & Advanced Line Dance

Have you ever thought about learning to line dance? You can learn the basics on **Monday** mornings at **9 am**. Once you get the hang of it, you will be able to join our more advanced class that meets on **Friday** mornings at **9 am**. This class is for people that have been dancing for a while and are interested in learning new dances. Instructor **Royce Farson** always welcomes new class members in both classes .

Zumba® Gold Toning & Strength Training

Certified *Zumba* Instructor **Michelle Del Valle** will lead the **Zumba Gold - Toning** classes every **Tuesday morning** at **10 am** followed by **Strength Classes** at **11 am**. **Cost is \$3 for each class**. Both classes are **FREE** for Silver Sneakers members. The class will not meet on Tuesday, December 5 or January 2. Starting January 9, a beginner line dancing class will be held from 2 -2:50 pm, followed by an advanced class from 3 - 3:50 pm

Afternoon Line Dance

Instructor **April Morrison** will begin teaching a new line dance class this month on **Tuesday** afternoons at **2:30 pm**. This class is strictly for beginners. Anyone is welcome. There is no cost for this class.

Scrabble

Learn to play *Scrabble*®, a word game in which players score points by placing tiles, each bearing a single letter, onto a game board. The tiles must form words which, in crossword fashion, flow left to right in rows or downwards in columns. The group meets out front on **Fridays** at **11**.

Fitness Room

Our well-equipped **Fitness Room** is open to members at no additional cost, and boasts a variety of *Schwinn*® fitness equipment, including treadmills, traditional and recumbent exercise bikes, Airdyne, and elliptical machines. **The Fitness Room is typically open to members anytime the Center is open**. Please consult your physician before beginning any exercise activities.

Line Dancers Pot Luck

Line Dancers Pot Luck is hosted on the **third Friday of every even month at 11:30 am**. The next potluck will be held on **Friday, December 15**. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a covered dish to share.

Choir Practice

Director **Ednita Vaflor** and our choir "*Seniors in Song*" practice from September through May on **Thursdays at 9:45 am** in the *Multipurpose Room*.

Coloring Club

Adult coloring books will be available in the *Craft Room* on **Wednesdays at 1:00**. A perfect way to unwind and socialize with friends.

Bridge

If you like to play Bridge, there are two opportunities to play. Bridge is hosted every **Monday** and **Tuesday** at **10am**. Everyone is welcome to play!

Pinochle

There are also two opportunities to play Pinochle at the Center: **Mondays at 12:00 pm** and also **Wednesdays at 12:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to play!

Euchre

Progressive Euchre is played on **Mondays at 12:00 pm** and *Bid Euchre* plays on **Thursdays at 12:00 pm**. Both groups meet out front. Everyone is welcome to play!

Hand & Foot Card Game

This group will meet in the *Game Room* on **Mondays at 12:30pm**. Anyone interested is welcome to join in the fun!

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, described as "meditation in motion". Tai Chi helps reduce stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** host classes twice a week on **Wednesdays at 2:00 pm** and **Fridays at 1:30 pm** in the *Multipurpose Room*.

New! 'Tech Time with TJ'

T.J. Badertscher from *Center Street Community Health Center* will be here during the morning of **Wednesday, December 20** beginning at **10:30 am** to offer free advice and assistance to anyone wanting to learn how to better use their Smartphones, tablets, iPads and other digital devices. Please call **(740) 387-6100** to schedule a half hour appointment.



December 2017 • Calendar of Events

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>Mark your Calendars!</p>  <p>Stormy Cushing UNO Card Tourney <i>Monday, Dec. 4 - Noon</i></p> | <p>F = Food Box Day P = Produce Day T = Trip Departure D = Thursday Evening Dance</p> <p><i>*See Article Inside for Details</i></p> | <p>Christmas Dinner <i>Thurs., Dec. 14 - Noon</i></p>  | |
| <p>9:00-Exercise 4 9:00-Beginner Line Dancing 9:30-Mind Games* 9:30-Line Dancing 10:00-Bridge 12:00-Stormy Cushing UNO Tourney* 12:00-Pinochle 12:00-Euchre 12:30-Hand & Foot Cards 12:30-Craft Class</p> | <p>9:00-Aerobics 5 9:00-Books, Balance & BS 10:00-Bridge 10:00-Bible Study 10:00-Zumba Gold Toning 11:00-Strength Training 12:15-Dominoes 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em 1:00-Yarn Club 1:30-Stained Glass 2:00-Rummikub</p> | <p>8:00-Oglebay Trip* 6 9:00-Exercise T 12:30-Pinochle 12:30-Sewing Class 12:30-Brookdale Bingo* 1:00-Coloring Club 2:00-Tai Chi* 2:00-Photography Class*</p> | <p>9:00-Aerobics 7 9:30-Breakfast for the Brain* 9:45-Choir Practice * 12:00-Bid Euchre 12:00-Mah Jongg 12:00-Craft Class* 12:30-Popcorn & Movie* 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em 2:30-LRC*</p> |
| <p>9:00-Exercise 11 9:00-Beginner Line Dancing 9:30-Mind Games* 9:30-Line Dancing 10:00-Bridge 11:00-Marion Concert Band* 11:30-Lunch 12:00-Trip Advisory Council Mtg. 12:00-Pinochle 12:00-Euchre 12:30-Hand & Foot Cards</p> | <p>9:00-Aerobics 12 9:00-Books, Balance & BS 10:00-Bridge 10:00-Bible Study 10:00-Zumba Gold Toning 10:30-Hearing Evaluations* 11:00-Strength Training 12:15-Dominoes 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em 12:30-Coping with Loss* 1:00-Yarn Club 1:30-Stained Glass 2:00-Rummikub 2:30-Line Dancing*</p> | <p>9:00-Produce Day* 13 9:00-Exercise P 9:30-Heartland Trivia* 12:30-Pinochle 12:30-Sewing Class 1:00-Coloring Club 2:00-Tai Chi* 2:00-Veteran to Veteran Table Talk*</p> | <p>12:00-Christmas Dinner*</p> <p><i>*All regularly scheduled activities are cancelled today.</i></p> |
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| <p> Merry Christmas The Center will be Closed Today.</p> <p>25</p> | <p> The Center will be Closed Today</p> <p>26</p> | <p>9:00-Board Meeting 27 9:00-Exercise 12:00-Lunch* 1:00-Jam Session* 12:30-Pinochle 12:30-Sewing Class 1:00-Coloring Club 2:00-Tai Chi*</p> | <p>9:00-Aerobics 28 9:30-Breakfast for the Brain* 9:45-Choir Practice * 12:00-Bid Euchre 12:00-Mah Jongg 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em</p> |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FRIDAY

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
 11:00-Scrabble*
11:30-New Member Mixer*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
11:00-Kingston Bingo*
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
**10:00-"Plants of Yuletide"
 Presentation***
 11:30-Line Dancers Potluck
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
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 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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December Birthdays

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| Louella Ash | 01 | Annette Hartman | 08 | Barb Rush | 05 |
| Judith Augenstein | 11 | Lynn Harvey | 03 | Lowell Schlecht | 29 |
| Lynda Ault | 10 | Regina Hillenbrand | 14 | Sandy Seiter | 15 |
| Karen Baxter | 25 | Mary Howell | 07 | Connie Shelton | 11 |
| Shirley Biederman | 06 | Anna Mae Huntley | 07 | Mary Shoewalter | 17 |
| Judy Boger | 24 | Margaret James | 02 | Phyllis Simmons | 06 |
| Bonnie Bowen | 22 | Peggy Jenkins | 01 | Carole Smart | 09 |
| Bessie Brammer | 06 | Bill Kelly | 23 | Jack Somerlot | 13 |
| Carol Bridges | 09 | Anna Lamb | 25 | Arnold Stevens | 23 |
| Phyllis Burns | 31 | Jerry Laucher | 14 | Jody Strobel | 07 |
| Rodney Burns | 11 | Chris Lingo | 22 | Bill Thatcher | 02 |
| Armida Callahan | 07 | Madelyn Litzenberg | 03 | Connie Thomas | 19 |
| Vicky Carey | 12 | Steve Longberry | 14 | Fran Voll | 25 |
| Krystyna Clarke | 14 | Vicki Lynn McCombs | 15 | Donna Wade | 18 |
| Doug Connar | 22 | Pam McConnell-Wise | 11 | Gordon Wall | 21 |
| Clara Cooperider | 27 | Thomas McGary | 13 | Alana Wamack | 15 |
| Alice Cupp | 24 | Calvin Miller | 07 | Sandi Watson | 01 |
| James Deeter | 06 | Ken Morgan | 24 | Jerry Webber | 17 |
| Jack Emens | 21 | Shelby Needham | 10 | William White | 20 |
| Barb RamseyErlewine | 26 | Soog Park | 16 | Sherri Wilson | 08 |
| Nedra Frank | 08 | Barbara Reece | 15 | Jim Winkle | 12 |
| Ruth Gamble | 16 | Randall Reinwald | 22 | Becky Williamsson | 09 |
| Ray Guider | 08 | Elaine Renn | 05 | Kristi Wink | 21 |
| Bonnie Hamblin | 07 | Joyce Rider | 09 | Jay Yarger | 30 |
| Chester Harrah | 14 | Brenda Robinson | 17 | | |

December Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|-------------|------|----------|
| Bob & Joan Ault | December 31 | 1954 | 63 years |
| Howard & Marilyn Huston | December 15 | 1956 | 61 years |
| Jack & Phyllis Patrick | December 25 | 1958 | 59 years |
| Leonard & Phyllis Larsen | December 29 | 1961 | 56 years |
| Dale & Cathy Linstedt | December 16 | 1966 | 51 years |
| Larry & Susan Rodman | December 03 | 1967 | 50 years |
| Carroll & Sharon Sears | December 16 | 1967 | 50 years |
| Richard & Karen Gorenflo | December 31 | 1971 | 46 years |
| Bill & Becky Williamson | December 18 | 1971 | 46 years |
| Lewis & Alana Kilzer | December 23 | 1972 | 45 years |
| Mike & Sharalee Lore | December 31 | 1994 | 23 years |
| Steve & Garnet Honaker | December 31 | 1999 | 18 years |

New Members

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Jane Bender | Judy LeVeck | James Turner |
| Pricilla Bishop | George & Joan Norris | Daniel Ulmer |
| William & Deborah Brown | Robin Pedersen | Jerry Webber |
| Jeff Hughes | Gary Tumbleson | |

Volunteer of the Month

MEET JO ELLEN KING

By Tim Frericks

Our December Volunteer of the Month, JoEllen King, is the executive director of the Marion County Council on Aging replacing the retiring former director and former director of the Senior Center, Bede Agner. JoEllen arranges for such senior services as transportation, mobile meals, in-home care and adult day care. After a twenty-four year career as a licensed social worker (LSW) at Marion General Hospital (where she assisted in many activities, including patient discharges) she began her employment at the Marion County Council on Aging in the past year.

You can expect to see more of JoEllen at the Senior Center in the future as she volunteered as a server at our Thanksgiving meal last month and plans to continue her volunteerism when her schedule permits and the opportunity arises.

JoEllen, recently turning age sixty-five (last April) the Marion resident (Summit St.) has been able to successfully coordinate many of the Council's services with programs offered by the Senior Center. Her efforts in this regard are most notably in the activities of transportation and personal shopping (groceries and prescription only). JoEllen's value to the Council on Aging cannot be overstated. She is the director and has only a part-time assistant. She has no secretary. She is almost a "one-woman show." It is a "bare bones" operation funded only by the Senior Citizens Levy.

JoEllen King married Bob King in 1979 and they have one child, Beth and one grandchild,



Madison (Maddie) an eighth grader at Pleasant. Maddie is an excellent athlete excelling in soccer and track and JoEllen tries to attend her games.

September 11, 2001 was an especially harrowing day for JoEllen. Her brother, Tom Moore, was working for the New York Port Authority on the ground floor of one of the collapsing towers attempting to get people out of the building. For two days her attempts to get information on his safety were unsuccessful and she feared the worse. Finally, on the third day he called and said that he only had minor injuries.

JoEllen has learned to make the most of what little leisure time she does have. She has enjoyed trips to Traverse City, Michigan, Savannah, Georgia, and her favorite, the "outer banks" of North Carolina. She is a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Marion. She attended a Catholic elementary school in her native Verona, New Jersey where Dominican nuns instilled in her many of the virtues that guide her, even today. Also, JoEllen is proud of her culinary skills and speaks fondly of her grilling prowess, especially with ribs.

The Senior Center truly has a guardian angel in JoEllen.

Evening DANCE



◀◀ Popcorn & Movie ▶▶

Thursday, December 7 - 12:30 pm

Experience the fun of an afternoon matinee, complete with a complimentary box of popcorn during this monthly event! We set up theater-style seating in the *Multipurpose Room*, then lower the shades and dim the lights to create a movie theater atmosphere for you to sit back, relax, and enjoy watching a newly released movie on our big screen TV! Feel free to come alone, or join some friends!

Please see the poster located on the activity board near Kristi's office for movie details.



The Plants of Yuletide

Friday, December 15 at 10 am

Mystified by the mistletoe? Is the poinsettia really poisonous? And why is it a Christmas plant, anyway? Many traditions associated with the holidays involve plants. Evergreen trees, poinsettias, holly, mistletoe, and others played important roles in ancient legends and rituals, but have evolved into traditions associated with the modern Christmas season.



On **Friday, December 15 at 10 am**, Senior Center Garden Club's **Carol Kelly** will give a presentation explaining the legends and the symbolism behind the plants we commonly bring into our homes during the winter holidays. This presentation will be held in the *Craft Room*.

Trips on the Horizon

Winter Fantasy Overnight Trip

Wednesday/Thursday, December 6 & 7

This overnight trip will depart the Center via charter bus on Wednesday morning at **8 am**. *This trip is Sold Out.*

Christmas in Tennessee

November 28 - December 1, 2017

This Trip is Sold Out. Pre-Departure Meeting.

There will be a Pre-Departure meeting hosted at **10 am** on **Friday, November 17** in the *Multipurpose Room*.

Trip Advisory Council

The *Trip Advisory Council* met with **Kristi** and **Steve** on Monday, November 6 to provide feedback on trips under consideration for 2018, and will be meeting again at noon on **Monday, December 11** to finalize the list of trips we will offer. There are a wide-variety of trips under consideration, and the 2018 trip schedule will once again be printed in a flyer with tentative details that are available at the time it is printed (dates, pricing, etc.). The mailer will be mailed to all Center members in **January**.

Meals on Wheels Needs You!

LifeCare Alliance needs volunteers to help deliver **Meals on Wheels** during the lunch hour to older adults in Marion County. Whether it's one day a week, or even one day a month... your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Pauli at **(614) 437-2859** for details.



Winner, Winner, Turkey Dinner!

Linda Jenkins and **Gerri Adkins** were the winners of the "Turkey Raffle" drawing held during our Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on **Thursday, November 16**. Each of them received a frozen, processed turkey... just in time for Thanksgiving! Special thanks to **John Kosto** for donating the two turkeys for this fundraiser which raised **\$259**. All proceeds will benefit the Center's Picnic Shelter project.

It's Time to Renew!

Just a friendly reminder that your 2018 Senior Center Membership dues are due prior to **January 1, 2018**. We are happy to announce that dues will not increase this year. Annual membership is still **\$30** per person.

Event Ticket Procedure

The Center staff has growing concerns regarding the recent trend of members not purchasing tickets until the last minute for events hosted by the Center. For example, our *Fall Festival* event had only 12 members signed up and paid prior to the event, yet 36 members showed up and purchased tickets the day of the event. Thankfully, we anticipated a turnout of 50, so a disaster was averted. And it turned out to be a really nice event. However, we feel it's time we go back to the tried and true procedure the Center had employed for many years to avoid a future disaster.

In short, we will once again require tickets to Center events be purchased by a specified deadline. These deadlines typically are one week prior to the actual date of the event, and will be noted in all publicity promoting the event..



We need this lead time to purchase the appropriate number of meals with caterers. Most caterers require a firm commitment on the exact number of attendees a week in advance, which allows them to purchase and prepare the proper amount of food and related items. We typically will add a few additional meals to our counts, but we keep this to a minimum as they must be paid for whether or not we actually sell a ticket for them. So after that deadline, we might have a few tickets available, and we might not. If we do have additional tickets they can be purchased **WHILE THEY LAST**. So if you have your heart set on attending one of our many social events, and want to be **guaranteed** a ticket, it must be purchased by the deadline.



Let's use the upcoming Christmas Dinner, as an example: Tickets to the event are \$10. They can be purchased from Jackie King by **Friday, December 8**. Tickets must be purchased by that date. If you inquire about a ticket on December 9 or later, there may not be any available.

So going forward, we will be **enforcing this procedure** for purchasing tickets to events. Please note the Center board unanimously supports this procedure, as well. Our intent is not to punish procrastinators, but to allow us to successfully plan for events. Thanks for your understanding... and for your continued support!

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Randy Moore

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Need a Ride? Transportation Available for Seniors

If you, or someone you know age 60 and older, are seeking transportation for needs-based appointments, the Marion Senior Center is here to help. We provide transportation (on a donation basis) to and from appointments in Marion County. Transportation is available every **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am & 3:30 pm**, excluding holidays. **To learn more, contact the Center's Transportation Desk at (740) 387-5444 or Ohio District 5-Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-522-5680.**

****Handicap-accessible transportation is now available!***

Need a Personal Shopper?

We have a personal shopper available to help homebound Seniors age 60+. If you, or someone you know, could use ongoing assistance with shopping needs, **please contact Social Services Coordinator Annette Hartman at (740) 387-6100.**

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