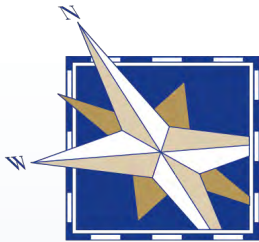


# The Sentinel

February 2024



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### CENTER HOURS

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–4 PM

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### Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues are **\$30 per person** and were due on January 1, 2024

## Love & Snow is in the Air

Hard to believe we are already two months in to the new year! Hopefully everyone is staying safe and warm during these winter months. A question we often get asked as snow begins to fly is “how can we find out if the Center is closed?” Well, there are several ways we try to communicate this Closing & Delays info with our members:

- We post it on our Facebook page which you can find online at [www.facebook.com/MarionSeniorCenter](http://www.facebook.com/MarionSeniorCenter)
- We call it in to local radio station **WMRN 1490AM**
- We call it in to Columbus television station **WBNS 10TV**
- We call you with a phone message via a **ROBO-CALL** (which typically appears as a Massachusetts phone number in caller ID)

The other important item to note is that if a **Level 2** or **Level 3** Winter Weather Advisory has been issued for Marion County by the Marion County Sheriff, the Center will be closed to members and all senior transportation will be suspended.

February also means it’s officially tax season. We are very grateful to have **AARP Tax Aides** here to assist seniors with income tax returns. AARP Tax Aide assistance will be available on **Tuesdays** each week, from **February 6** through **April 9, 2024**. We are taking calls now to schedule appointments, so don’t delay as these appointment times fill up fast! (Complete details can be found on page 4)

Starting this month, we will begin opening the Center to members for all scheduled activities on Food Box distribution days, as noted on this month’s activity calendar. (Pages 8 & 9)

And finally, we are excited to host a FUN social event to celebrate Valentine’s Day on **Wednesday, February 14** at noon. This event will not require a ticket. You’ll just pay \$5 for your lunch as you come through the lunch line. Please be our Valentine! (Page 11)

Be Kind & Stay Well,  
Steve Badertscher, Director

# Senior Center Services

## Food Box Program

If you or someone you know are in need of food assistance, please contact Emilee at 740-387-6100 to see if you qualify for the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**. The Center distributes each month in partnership with **Mid-Ohio Foodbank**. To qualify you must be age 60+, live in Marion county and be income eligible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Our Meals-on-Wheels provider **LifeCare Alliance** has decades of experience delivering delicious meals prepared under the direction of a registered dietician. They offer the flexibility of daily hot or cold meals, or weekly frozen meals, with a variety of tasty menu options. For more information call 614-278-3130.



## TECH TIME with Angela Thomas

Need help using your Smartphone or Tablet? **Angela Thomas** from **Beltone** is offering FREE technology sessions for anyone who may need help navigating through their smartphone or tablet. Join her at the Senior Center on the **third Wednesday** each month from **10:30 am - 12:30 pm**. Coffee and snacks will be provided.



## 2024 Membership Dues

We're happy to announce that 2024 membership dues will remain at \$30 per year again this year. Reminder: dues were to be paid by January 1.

## FREE PRODUCE MARKETS

**Marion City Schools** is once again collaborating with **Mid-Ohio Food Collective** to offer **Free Produce** to income eligible families in the Marion area. An ID is required with a limit of two family pick-up per adult. The food will be distributed on the **fourth Wednesday every month from 9 am to 11 am (while supplies last)** at **The Marion County Fairgrounds Main Entrance parking lot** located at 220 East Fairground Street. This distribution is **drive-thru only**.



## NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER DRIVE-THRU DINNER

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 135 W. Main Street in Waldo is continuing their Neighborhood Supper Drive-Thru Dinner program. It will be hosted on the **4th Tuesday** each month from **4:30 pm - 6 pm**. Pick up a warm meal, in a container, and take it home **FREE** of charge. They ask that you pull up to the door facing the parking lot and the meal will be delivered to your car. Everyone is welcome! Call **740-726-2770** for more information.



## Senior Transportation

County-wide service is available on a donation basis every Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3:30 pm, with the exception of holidays. Pick-up times for dialysis appointments can be scheduled earlier than 8 am, but must be arranged at least one week in advance of your appointment time. All clients must be age 60+ and a Marion County resident.

We thank our transportation coordinator and van drivers who deserve special praise, going above and beyond in so many ways!

*This service is made possible in part due to grant funding provided by Marion County Council on Aging (Senior Levy), Area Agency on Aging - District 5, and the City of Marion.*





# Improving Seniors Lives

*Mondays at 11 am*

## Box Lunch Bingo!

Join us for “**Box Lunch Bingo**” every **Monday** here at the Center. First you’ll enjoy a delicious deli-style meal served at **11 am**, featuring menu items like chicken wraps, roast beef sandwiches, etc. prepared by the culinary staff at **LifeCare Alliance**. There is a suggested contribution of a \$1.50 per meal.

Following lunch **Maddy** or **Carla Poston** of **ProCore Health Brokers** will be calling Bingo and awarding nice prizes. Everyone is welcome!



## Congregate Dining Center

In partnership with *LifeCare Alliance*, the Center hosts a Congregate Dining Center every **Tuesday through Friday from 11 am - 12:30 pm**. Please join us for good food and fellowship every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday... or one day a week... or one day a month. It's completely up to you!

All participants will receive a delicious, nutritious lunch served individually at each table. The meals are provided on a donation basis (a suggested contribution of \$1.50 is welcomed). Meals must be eaten in the dining room. Anyone aged 60 years or older is eligible.

Please call Congregate Dining Center Coordinator **Toni Hurd** at **(740) 360-7863** to discuss menu options and to order your meals at least 24 hours in advance.

# Announcements



## We're Back!

*AARP Foundation Tax Aides* are excited to be reopening our Marion Senior Center Tax Site for this coming tax season!

AARP Tax Aide assistance will be available on **Tuesdays** each week, from February 6 through April 9, 2024.

We will begin taking calls to schedule appointments for AARP Tax Aide assistance beginning on **Monday, January 8, 2024.** (Please do not call before January 8, 2024.)

See details listed to the right for information you need to bring. Call **740-387-6100** weekdays from 9 am and 3 pm.



Marion Senior Center members enjoyed a surprise visit from the Marion LifeBuilders crew! We want to thank LifeBuilders for purchasing and delivering several dozen cookies for our seniors to enjoy while participating in activities on January 9. Their 'Random Act of Kindness' was greatly appreciated by everyone.

## INFORMATION TO BRING WITH YOU FOR TAX RETURN PREPARATION

1. Previous year's tax return.
2. Social security cards or other official documents that shows ID numbers for you & everyone on your return.
3. Government issued Photo ID for each taxpayer.
4. Banking account numbers and routing numbers if you want direct deposit or debit.
5. Identity Pin (IP PIN) for 2023 returns if applicable.

### INCOME

1. W-2 for each employer
2. 1099-G for unemployment compensation or state/local income tax refunds.
3. SSA-1099 social security benefits or RRB-1099 Tier 1 Railroad retirement.
4. 1099 forms such as: 1099-INT interest, 1099 DIV dividends or 1099-B sales of stock.
5. 1099-R for pension, annuity, or IRA distributions.
6. 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC, 1099-K or other 1099s.
7. Information about **any other income.**

### PAYMENTS

Records of any federal and/or state income tax and/or local income tax paid.

### DEDUCTIONS

1. 1098 form showing mortgage interest paid.
2. **Summary of medical/dental/vision expenses** including doctor and hospital bills, insurance premiums, prescriptions, assisted living services, long-term insurance and medical related personal (glasses, etc) and home improvements (ramps).
3. Summary of cash and non-cash charitable donations.
4. Property tax bills.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

Any 1095-A forms if you purchased insurance through the Marketplace.

### CREDITS/ADJUSTMENTS

1. Dependent care provider information-name, address, telephone number and employee. ID or Social Security number and the amount paid to the provider.
2. 1098-T for education expenses plus an account of any other educational expenses.
3. 1098-E for student loan expenses.

**Be sure you have ALL your Income Documents before scheduling an appointment!**

*Note: Always consult your healthcare provider when contemplating new ideas to promote better health.*

# Health & Fitness

## Staying Active!

### Pickleball

Come play America's fastest growing sport... pickleball! Our outdoor pickleball courts are state-of-the-art and free to members. We also have paddles and pickleballs available for members to use. No experience is necessary. Groups usually gather on weekday mornings to play.



### Fitness Center

Our Fitness Center is open to members at no additional cost, and boasts a variety of fitness equipment, including a treadmill, traditional and recumbent exercise bikes, Airdyne, and elliptical machines, along with resistance training equipment for upper body and lower body strength and conditioning. Due to space considerations, the Fitness Center is limited to 3 members working out at any one time. Please consult your physician before beginning any exercise activities.



### Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Which is probably why it continues to be a highly popular activity with our members. That in combination with the fact that our experienced instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** are extremely patient and very encouraging. They host classes on **Friday at 12:30 pm** and welcome both beginners and those with Tai Chi experience.



### Fitness Drumming

Our popular fitness drumming program for seniors is hosted in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:15 am. Fitness Drumming is a fun, and highly engaging workout that can greatly benefit not only your overall health, but more specifically, your heart and lung health. No musical experience is necessary and there is no cost for this class. Class size is limited to 22.

*Leaders:* Emilee Evans & Lisa Richardson



*Our Fitness Drumming classes keep you moving! Members can enjoy a fun, energized, aerobic workout three days a week. Plus, members are welcome to participate seated in a chair, if they would prefer.*



# Classes, Activities & Programs

## 'Exploring the Arts' with Kristin

Instructor **Kristin Bentley** hosts a monthly art class on the **3rd Tuesday** each month at **1pm** in the **Craft Room**. All classes (with the exception of a special project) will be **\$5**. Class resumes this month with a "Homemade Bath Salts/Sugar" as the project (pictured below).



'Love was in the air' as *ETA* class participants created some beautiful Valentine's Day cards as their January project.

## Bridge

If you like to play Bridge join us out front on **Tuesday** mornings at **10 am**. Everyone is welcome to play!

*Leader:* Shirley Groll

## Euchre

Euchre is played out front on **Mondays** at **Noon**.

Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader:* Sonny Hunt

## Euchre

Euchre is played out front on **Thursdays** at **11:30 am**.

Everyone is welcome! *Leader:* Shirley Marshall

## Hand & Foot

Hand & Foot cards is played out front on **Wednesday** at **Noon**. Everyone is welcome! *Leader:* Judy Walker

## Hand & Foot

Hand & Foot cards is played in the Game Room on **Thursday** at **9 am**. Everyone is welcome!

Note: this group will be taking a break until April.

*Leader:* Phyliss Shirk

## Pinochle

Pinochle is played out front on **Mondays** at **noon**.

Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader:* Bill Gossett

## Rummikub

Learn to play the popular tile game *Rummikub*, hosted out front on **Tuesday** afternoons at **1 pm**.

*Leader:* Beulah Owens

## Mahjong

Learn to play the popular tile game *Mahjong*, hosted out front on **Thursday** mornings at **11:30 am**.

*Leader:* Kaki Anderson.

## Men's Coffee Hour

**Josh Rich** of *CenterWell Home Health* and **Brandt Kleinschmidt** of *Humana* co-host a Men's Coffee Hour on the **third Tuesday** of each month from **9 - 10 am**. Any Senior Center men interested in fellowship — and 'solving all the world's problems' over a fresh hot cup of coffee — are welcome to join in the fun.

**Please Note:** Men's Coffee Hour is hosted offsite at **Tim Hortons** located at 1325 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Marion.

# Classes, Activities & Programs

## Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** host classes every **Friday at 12:30 pm** in the new *Activity Pavilion* (weather permitting) or the *Multipurpose Room*.

## Line Dancing

This **Line Dancing** class meets on **Thursday** mornings at **10:00 am**. This class always welcomes new members.

## **New!** “What Am I?” Trivia

**Susan Snyder** of Gentiva Hospice will be hosting a new “What am I?” Trivia activity on the **3rd Monday** of each month at **10:15 am** out front. Everyone will try to guess ‘who or what I am’ as Susan provides clues that describe a person, place or thing. There is no cost for this activity and refreshments will be provided!

## Pickleball

Our outdoor Pickleball courts are open to members and guests at no additional cost. Members are welcome and encouraged to meet weekday mornings for open play. No pre-registration is required. We have pickleball paddles and balls available for those members just wishing to try the game out. See Lisa to borrow those items.

## Open Billiard Room

We have 3 pool tables available for open play every weekday from 8 am to 4 pm. No matter your experience level, everyone is welcome to play!

## Scrabble

Beginning this month, **Scrabble** will meet out front every **Thursday at Noon**. Scrabble is 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. *Leader:* Barb Schwartz

## Color Me Happy

Instructor **Clara Sisson** hosts a **Paint Marker Class** on **Wednesdays from 11 am – 12 pm** in the *Craft Room*. All supplies will be provided. There is no cost for this class.

## Kingston Bingo

**Carma Taylor** of *Kingston Residence of Marion* hosts Bingo at **12:30 pm** on the **3rd Wednesday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

## Quarter Bingo

**Josh Rich** of *CenterWell Home Health* hosts Bingo at **2:00 pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** each month. Players ante a quarter at the beginning and will win the pot upon having a bingo.

## White Elephant Bingo

**Michelle Berg** from *OhioHealth at Home* will be hosting ‘White Elephant Bingo’ on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at **10 am**. Everyone will bring in a new item, a “white elephant gift” as their entry fee. (Michelle will also have extra prizes in case). All prizes will be wrapped in tissue paper so when they Bingo, they won’t know what they are picking.

## **New!** Trivia with DeWolfe Place & Capital City Hospice

**Tammy Thorpe** from *DeWolfe Place* will be hosting ‘Trivia with DeWolfe Place & Capital City Hospice’ on the **3rd Thursday** each month at **9am**. Donuts and coffee or juice will be provided. There is no cost for this activity.

## 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 served at **noon**, featuring a sandwich, side, chips and a beverage. Cost of lunch is **\$4**. *Note: All musicians performing that day receive a complimentary lunch.* Music is performed from **1 to 3 pm**, with cookies served at intermission. Public welcome!

## Recipe ‘Prepare & Share’

**Recipe ‘Prepare & Share’** meets on the **2nd Tuesday at Noon** each month to prepare and share our favorite dishes along with the recipes. This month’s theme is “**Cookies & Candy**”. So bring your favorite prepared dish along with copies of your recipes. This group meets out front by the kitchen. *Leader:* Kathy Hampel

# February 2024 • Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p><i>Valentine's Day Lunch</i></p>  <p><i>Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Noon</i></p>	<p><i>Seniors in Song!</i></p> <p><b>Easter Dinner</b></p>  <p><i>Thursday, March 21 - Noon</i></p>		<p>Open Pool Room <b>1</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble</p>
<p>Open Pool Room <b>5</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>6</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS 1:00-Rummikub</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>7</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand &amp; Foot</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>8</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble <b>12:30-Popcorn &amp; Movie 'Sound of Freedom'</b></p>
<p>Open Pool Room <b>12</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>13</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS 12:00-Recipe Prepare &amp; Share 1:00-Rummikub</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>14</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy <b>12:00-Valentine's Day Lunch</b> 12:00-Hand &amp; Foot <b>2:00-Quarter Bingo</b></p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>15</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p><b>9:00-Trivia with DeWolf Place</b> 10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble</p>
 <p><b>President's Day</b></p> <p>Center is Closed Today</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>20</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:00-Men's Coffee Hour (Offsite at Tim Horton's) 10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS 1:00-Rummikub <b>1:00-ETA with Kristin</b></p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>21</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 10:30-'Tech Time' with Angela 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand &amp; Foot <b>12:30-Kingston Bingo</b></p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>22</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Choir Resumes 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble</p>
<p>Open Pool Room <b>26</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle <b>12:30-Food Box Day</b></p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>27</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p><b>10:00-White Elephant Bingo</b> 10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS 1:00-Rummikub</p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>28</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:00-Board Meeting 9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand &amp; Foot <b>12:00-Jam Session Lunch</b> <b>1:00-Jam Session*</b></p>	<p>Open Pool Room <b>29</b> Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Choir Resumes 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble</p>



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## FRIDAY

Open Pool Room **2**  
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming  
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch  
12:30-Tai Chi

Open Pool Room **9**  
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming  
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch  
12:30-Tai Chi

Open Pool Room **16**  
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming  
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch  
12:30-Tai Chi

Open Pool Room **23**  
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming  
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch  
12:30-Tai Chi

### February Birthdays

Ronald Scheff, Sr.	Feb 01	Terry Gibson	Feb 08	Elizabeth Hart	Feb 19
Dixie Hinze	Feb 01	Marian Crile	Feb 09	Cheryl Slack	Feb 21
Gloria Grace	Feb 01	Kay Crabtree	Feb 10	Frank Isaacs	Feb 23
Pam Murphy	Feb 02	Joelle DeFranks	Feb 10	Cheryl Dematteo	Feb 23
Nick Wisda	Feb 02	Linda Lou Smith	Feb 11	John Edward Kosto	Feb 24
Karen Zimmerman	Feb 04	Judith Baker	Feb 11	Harvey Erlewine	Feb 25
Cynthia Wallace	Feb 05	Carl Mounts	Feb 12	Sandra Armbruster	Feb 26
Jeff Ruth	Feb 06	Phyllis Thatcher	Feb 13	Linda Jenkins	Feb 26
Laura Whaley	Feb 06	Nancy Moser	Feb 16	Chuck Blankenship	Feb 26
Steve Larcomb	Feb 06	Brad Boston	Feb 16	John Kyle	Feb 27
Helen Slemmons	Feb 07	Terri Watts	Feb 17	Doyle McGlothlin	Feb 29
Patricia Fortney	Feb 08	Edith Peterson	Feb 17		
Diane Morgan	Feb 08	Jane Miller	Feb 19		

### February Anniversaries

Raymond & Robin Banks	2/28/1987	37 years
Joseph & Krystyna Clarke	2/4/1961	63 years
Tim & Pat Mantey	2/5/1983	41 years
Russell & Janis Miley	2/19/1952	72 years
Barry & Carol Miller	2/13/1971	53 years
Randy & Janie Moore	2/9/1973	51 years
Dennis & Cecilia Witsberger	2/25/1977	47 years
Chuck & Deb Wortz	2/14/1987	37 years

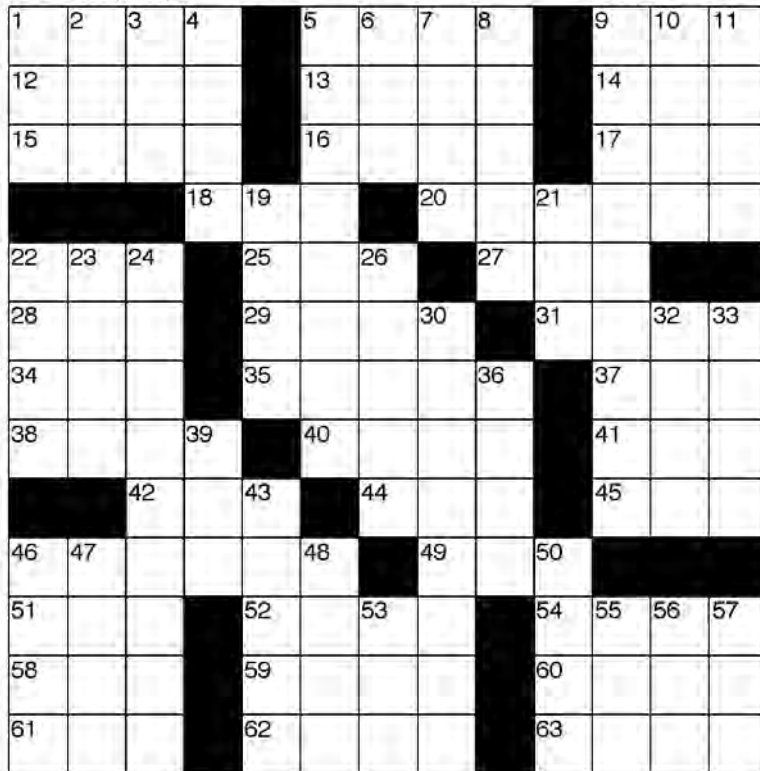
### New Members

We welcome the following New Members that have recently joined:

Edith Peterson	Sam Berardi
Darrell Adkins	Marsha McClarey
Terri Kirby	Nancy Gaston
Dwaine McWilliams	

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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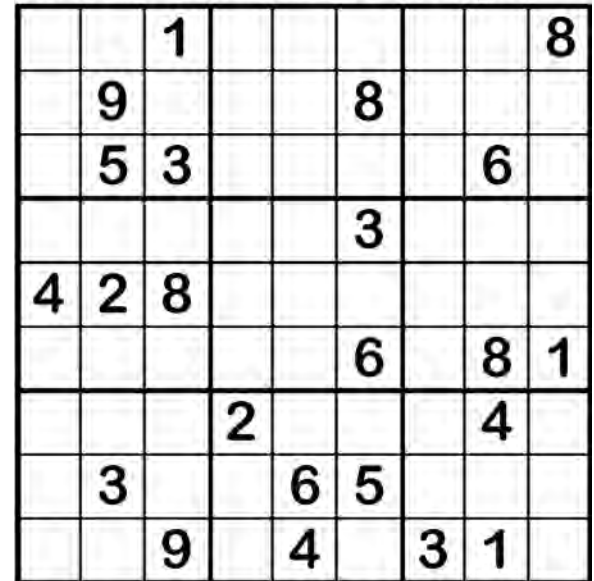
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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Buttocks                  | 38 Thessaly mountain                      | 1 Hat                   | 39 Bronze money                                |
| 5 Reel                      | 40 Large intestine beginnings             | 2 Shoshonean            | 43 Summary                                     |
| 9 Adjective-forming (suf.)  | 41 Interstate Commerce Commission (abbr.) | 3 As written in music   | 46 Medieval warclub                            |
| 12 Leaf-cutting ant         | 42 Poetic contraction                     | 4 Geological vein angle | 47 Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (abbr.) |
| 13 Scientific name (suf.)   | 44 Eye-infesting worm                     | 5 Scarce                | 48 Run                                         |
| 14 No (Scot.)               | 45 Council for Econ. Advisors (abbr.)     | 6 Group of seals        | 50 Accountant (abbr.)                          |
| 15 Beer                     | 46 Firearm                                | 7 Same (Lat.)           | 53 Child (pref.)                               |
| 16 Polish border river      | 49 Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)    | 8 Nose opening          | 55 Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)              |
| 17 Poetic contraction       | 51 Melody                                 | 9 Limp                  | 56 Mortar mixer                                |
| 18 Europe (abbr.)           | 52 Fine Cuban tobacco                     | 10 Rhine tributary      | 57 Flightless bird                             |
| 20 Swed. sculptor           | 54 Regard                                 | 11 Dregs                |                                                |
| 22 Spot on cards or dice    | 58 Centers for Disease Control (abbr.)    | 19 Hereditary property  |                                                |
| 25 Flat fish                | 59 Acid (pref.)                           | 21 Brythonic sea god    |                                                |
| 27 Flood                    | 60 Heddles of a loom                      | 22 Little: music        |                                                |
| 28 Or best offer (abbr.)    | 61 Compass direction                      | 23 Bird                 |                                                |
| 29 Irish exclamation        | 62 Foot (suf.)                            | 24 Taro (2 words)       |                                                |
| 31 Answer requested (abbr.) | 63 Forbidden                              | 26 Biblical tower       |                                                |
| 34 102 (Rom. numeral)       |                                           | 30 Deck                 |                                                |
| 35 Book (Lat.)              |                                           | 32 Flower holder        |                                                |
| 37 Indo-Chin. people        |                                           | 33 Geophagy             |                                                |
|                             |                                           | 36 Electric catfish     |                                                |

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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.



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### ENIGMA™ CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter.  
*Hint: "S" = "D"*

"YE Z WZO HZMUA OD HKDGFKH  
ZJDGH BKZH YA SYAHZOH, KU  
BYNN EYOS ADLLDB OUZL ZH  
KZOS." - PDOEGPYGA

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### ENIGMA™ CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter.  
*Hint: "T" = "P"*

"TMTIKOC MTQLQML QX JYG  
PCGOJGXJ KQG QL JYG VMCKN."  
- JYMWOX UOCKSKG

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## VALENTINES DAY LUNCH

*Wednesday, February 14 at Noon*

Roses are red, violets are blue, we're hosting a lunch and inviting you! Love is not just for couples; it's for friends too! Join us for a heartwarming celebration filled with good company and sweet treats.

Lunch will feature chicken & noodles, dinner rolls & butter, Jello pretzel salad, and a beverage. There will also be a special appearance and musical performance by the **Marionaires**. No tickets are required. Lunch is \$5 per person and will be paid at the counter.

*Special thanks to sponsor Carol Ruff, Wyndmoor*

## Mark Your Calendar!

We are busy planning many big social events for the coming months! Please mark the following dates on your social calendar so you won't miss out on the fun:

- **Valentine's Day Lunch** - Wednesday, February 14
- **Easter Dinner** - Thursday, March 21
- **Volunteer Appreciation Event** - Tuesday, April 16
- **Sr. Citizens Day Celebration** - Monday, May 13
- **Tea Party** - Thursday, June 6

## Choir Practice

Director **Ednita Vaflor** and our choir '*Seniors in Song*' practice from September through May on **Thursday mornings at 11:30 am** in the *Multipurpose Room*.

Ednita is currently seeking a few new voices to join this fun, talented group... **especially a TENOR!** Even if you're not a tenor, but enjoy singing, we welcome you to join the choir.



## ◀◀ Popcorn & Movie ▶▶

Thursday, February 8 - 12:30 pm

### 'Sound of Freedom'

The incredible true story of a former government agent turned vigilante who embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue hundreds of children from traffickers.



## We Need Your Military Photos

We are currently seeking photos of members in their military uniforms for use in creating a display honoring our American military men and women. All items will be kept in a locked display case and returned once the project is completed.

The photos can be formal head and shoulder shots or casual shots of soldiers on leave. **Please bring photos to Steve Badertscher.**



# SOCKS FOR SENIORS



We're happy to report our 'Socks for Seniors' drive surpassed this year's goal, collecting **1,034** pairs of socks! Committee members sorted and packaged up socks to distribute to area nursing homes and senior facilities on Monday, January 8, which included Brownstone Terrace, Embassy of Marion, Marion Pointe, Presidential, Seton Square, and Wyndmoor. A huge thank you to each individual and every organization that donated socks to help make a difference in the lives of others! And special thanks to the following organizations for donating large quantities of socks: Goodwill (118 pair), Community Business Connections (86 pair), and Noren Circle of Trinity Baptist Church (115 pair). Winner of the drawing for a Starbucks gift card was Ruth Stanley.



*Judy & Jean from Marion Pointe*



*Melinda from Presidential*



*Melissa from Embassy*



*Isiah, Moton, Rylan, Brie, and Arianna from Wyndmoor*



*Julie from Seton Square*



*Chris from Brownstone*



*Board members Barb Klee & Kathy Hampel sorting socks*



### CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

T	U	S	H		S	P	I	N		I	A	L	
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### SUDOKU ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

6	4	1	3	5	2	7	9	8
7	9	2	6	1	8	4	5	3
8	5	3	7	9	4	1	6	2
9	1	6	5	8	3	2	7	4
4	2	8	1	7	9	5	3	6
3	7	5	4	2	6	9	8	1
5	8	7	2	3	1	6	4	9
1	3	4	9	6	5	8	2	7
2	6	9	8	4	7	3	1	5

### ENIGMA Cryptogram Answers (pg. 10)

**E085:** "If a man takes no thought about what is distant, he will find sorrow near at hand." - Confucius

**E086:** "Popular opinion is the greatest lie in the world." - Thomas Carlyle

# Life at the Center

## Some Great Trips in 2024!

Our **2024 Trip Brochure** was mailed to all members on January 17, 2024, so you should have received yours by now. The mailer includes a tentative listing of all the trips we are planning to offer this year, which includes (10) day trips, (4) Clippers Dime-a-Dog Night games, (2) overnight trips and (3) fantastic multiple-night trips.



## ‘West Side Story’

*Thursday, April 11*

Sit back and relax as we travel to the **LaComedia Dinner Theatre** in Springboro, OH for their production of ‘West Side Story’. This mega-musical hits their stage with dazzling new choreography and the songs from the chart-topping soundtrack. We’ll enjoy a great dinner and a wonderful show! Cost of trip is \$119. **Reserve your spot now with a non-refundable \$20 deposit.**

## Franklin Park Conservatory

*Tuesday, May 21*

We will travel to Columbus, OH to visit Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to help celebrate Franklin Art Glass Studio’s 100 year legacy. On display will be works from the 1920s through the present day highlighting unique artistic styles. Also discover over 400 species of plants from around the world in the Conservatory’s biomes, and explore historic glass-houses & unique horticulture spaces. Cost of trip is TBD. **Reserve your spot now with a non-refundable \$20 deposit.**

## Schnormeier Gardens

*Thursday, June 20*

We will take a day trip to the rolling hills of Gambier, OH to explore a stunning property featuring 75 acres of manicured lawns, 10 lakes, themed gardens, sculptures, and waterfalls, surrounding a spectacular Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home. Cost of trip is TBD. **Reserve your spot now with a non-refundable \$20 deposit.**



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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**

***\*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 Emilee Evans at (740) 387-6100.**

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