

THE GOLDEN TIMES

The Michigan City Senior Center
2 on the Lake * Michigan City, IN 46360
(219) 873-1504 * Hours: 8am-4pm * Mon-Fri
Director: Tara Miller Assistants: Dorothy Biller; Georgiana Timm

JANUARY 2020

Woodcarving Group at 11:30am- 2:30pm each Thursday afternoon

Do you enjoy working with your hands? Have you ever wanted to try woodcarving, but didn't know where to begin? We have an award winning group of wood carvers here at the MC Senior Center who love what they do and enjoy sharing their skills with those who want to learn. If you're interested, no need to sign up, just show up on any given Thursday at 1:00pm and meet with the group leader Darlene. She can give you more information and advise you on the tools you will need to get started.



Congressional Hearings of the 20th Century Instructor:

Pat O'Leary, J.D. (Same instructor as Declaration of Independence)

Every Tues for 5 weeks starting Jan 7th from 1:30-3:00pm

- * House Unamerican Activities Committee 1937-1947
- * Hollywood 10
- * Kefauver Committee (Organized Crime) 1952—A DVD of the hearings (the only one in existence) will be used in class
- * Army—McCarthy Hearings 1954 featuring Senator Joseph McCarthy, Roh Cohn, and Joseph Welch.

DVD of highlights will be presented. Call 873-1504 or sign up at front desk.



Soup Day Thurs Jan 23rd at 11:30am

Creamy & Cheesy Broccoli
\$2.00 per bowl
\$3 small/\$5 large to-go
**Sponsored by Life
Care Center of
Michigan City.**

HELP!

We need a few more volunteers for Soup Days. There are only 3 days left for the season: Thurs, Jan 23; Wed, Feb 19; & Tues, Mar 31st. If you can volunteer for this, please call Dorothy at 873-1504.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2019 Trip Roll-Out!

Tues, Jan 28th at 1:30pm



The First Travel trips are all set for 2020. Be the first to check out the line-up and most importantly, sign up for the trips you are most interested in! No need to sign up for the meeting.

January ~ 2020



<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>
9:45am Exercise 9:30am Cribbage 10:30 Centering Group Exercise 12:00pm Duplicate Bridge 1:00pm Knitting & Crocheting Bee	9am: Billiards 9am: BYODComputers 9-2 Ceramics 9:30am Mahjong 9:30am Tai Chi 10am One-on-One Computer Class 11am One-on-One Computer Class 11am German II 12pm Spanish II 1:00pm Euchre 1:00pm Spanish II Readings	8:30-11:30am SHIP (CALL FOR APPT) 9:45am Exercise 10:30am Centering Grp 11am Double Pinochle 12pm Ping Pong 12:30pm Mexican Train/Dominoes 12:30 Hillbilly Rummy 12:30pm Mhing	8:30-11am Wii Game 9am: French I 9am Billiards 9:30 Tai Chi 9:30am Canasta 10:15am Begin Spanish 10:30am Line Dancing 11:30am Woodcarving 1:00pm BINGO 1:00pm Painting Club	9am: Coloring Grp 9:45am Exercise 10am Sing-along 10am Chess Club 10:30-12:30 Italian Group Exercise 10:30 Centering 12:30pm Pinochle 12:30pm Bunco 1:00pm Spanish III



SPECIAL EVENTS

Tues, Dec 31st & Wed, Jan 1st: CLOSED/New Year's Holiday	
Thurs, Jan 2nd: Blood Pressure checks by Trail Creek Place & Walgreens 12:30pm	
Thurs, Jan 2nd: SSS Investment Club 11am	
Tues, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4: Congressional Hearings Class 1:30pm (see front pg)	
Mon, Jan 13th: Hearing Evaluations 9am-3pm by appt	
Mon, Jan 13th: Popcorn & A Movie/"JUDY" 1:00pm (see pg 3)	
Tues, Jan 14th: Advisory Board Meeting 9:30am	
Mon, Jan 20th: CLOSED—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Thurs, Jan 23rd: Soup Day/Creamy & Cheesy Broccoli 11:30am(see front pg)	
Thurs, Jan 23rd: Newsletter Assembly 8:30am	
Mon, Jan 27th: Opera 101 at 12:00noon (see pg 5)	
Tues, Jan 28th: Coffee with the Mayor 9:30am	
Tues, Jan 28th: 1st Travel Trip Rollout Meeting 1:30pm (see front pg)	

South Shore Seniors Investment Club
meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00am.
Visitors and new members are welcome to attend. Prior investment knowledge is NOT necessary—come learn with us.
Next meetings are Jan 2nd. & Feb 5th

Feeling Sluggish after the Holidays? Take advantage of one of our many exercise classes to get you energized for the New Year!

Thank you to Marie Wester for your generous donation to the Senior Center. We appreciate it and need it very much (see pg 5)!



Valentine's Bazaar

At Rittenhouse

Rittenhouse Senior Living will be hosting their **11th annual Valentine's Bazaar on Saturday, February 8th** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Rittenhouse, located at 4300 Cleveland Avenue in Michigan City. There will be a variety of 25 vendors with a wide selection. **Come early for breakfast, served from 8:30am-9:30 am and tickets sold at the door for only \$6.00.** The bazaar is held in support of Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana (a non-for-profit organization, dedicated to support, educate, advocate and raising community awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia.) Extra parking will be available behind Rittenhouse at the back entrance and across the street at the front of the building. **For more info or if you would like a vendor application please contact Jamie at Rittenhouse Senior Living at 219-872-6800.**



Come meet our new Mayor Duane Parry at our first Coffee with the Mayor in 2020 on Tues, January 28th at 9:30am. This is a great opportunity for you to meet Mayor Parry and address any concerns or ideas you may have for our great city. No need to sign up, just show up! Hope to see you here!

Popcorn & A Movie

Mon, Jan 13th at 1:00pm

"JUDY"

Sponsored by Life Care Center

Thirty years after starring in "The Wizard of Oz," beloved actress and singer Judy Garland arrives in London to perform sold-out shows at the Talk of the Town nightclub.



While there, she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with musician Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband.

Rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for language, substance abuse, and thematic elements.

Firecracker Fillies Red Hatters

Wear red hats & purple clothes to events. Birthday girls wear opposite.

Mon, Jan 13th: Lunch at "Sugar Bowl," 402 US Hwy 20, M.C. at 12noon: Menu choices: 1) French Dip (beef), 2) Bacon Delight (grilled chicken), 3) Monte Cristo (turkey/ham/swiss). All include soup, fries, beverage & gratuity. There will be an event planning meeting after our lunch. Your thoughts and ideas are most helpful. Everyone is welcome to join us. **Cost \$16. Deadline Jan 3rd.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, Feb 10th: Lunch at "Sophia's House of Pancakes,"

5250 S Franklin St, M.C. at 12noon: Menu choices: 1) Panini (sliced ham & provolone cheese), 2) Panini (grilled chicken cordon bleu), 3) Panini (tuna salad & Swiss cheese) All entrees come with soup, fries, coleslaw, beverage, tax & gratuity. **Cost \$16. Deadline Jan 31st.**

Call Jeannie if you have to cancel, even last minute! Reserv/Pymt by CHECK ONLY left at Sr Ctr in sealed envelope marked with the event, your name & phone #. Checks pay to Firecracker Fillies. Add'l info: Jeannie at 874-7794.



Beginning Spanish Course

A beginning Spanish course will be offered on Thursdays at 10:15am for 8 weeks beginning January 9th. Whether you want to review the Spanish you studied decades ago, or you're a beginner, this is the course to start with. Classes are one hour in length and include pronunciation, word study, expressions, and grammar. No tuition charge, however a textbook is required at a cost of \$5. If you want to order a textbook & sign up for the class, or get more info, contact instructor Al Tieken at 878-8519.

2020 Schedule Coming Soon!



Washington, D.C.

April 23-29, 2020

7 days/6 nights Includes:

- * Motorcoach transportation
- * 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in D.C. area
- * 10 meals: 6 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- * 2 Guided Tours of DC including WWII Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Smithsonian, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, Lincoln Memorial & more!
- ◆ Evening Guided Memorial & Monuments Tour
- ◆ New Museum of the Bible 
- ◆ Tram Ride through Arlington National Cemetery
- ◆ Admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Garden

Branson Show

Extravaganza

June 8-13, 2020

6 days/5 nights Includes:

- * Motorcoach transportation
- * 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in Branson area
- * 8 meals: 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners
- * Admission to 7 fabulous shows including:
 - ◆ Three Morning Shows: New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, & Doug Gabriel
 - ◆ Three Evening Shows: Le Grande Cirque, Presley's Country Jubilee, & Noah The Musical Show at the Sight & Sound Theatre
 - ◆ One Dinner Show:  Showboat Branson Belle

Biltmore Estate &

Asheville, NC

Oct 4-9, 2020

6 days/5 nights Includes:

- * Motorcoach transport
- * 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in Asheville area
- * 8 meals: 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners
- * Guided Tour of Asheville
- * Full day visit to the Biltmore Estate
- * Guided Drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway
- * Visit to the famous Folk Art Center
- * Visit to the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!

- Virginia Abramowicz
 Chuck Coursel
 Franci Coursel
 Barbara Edmonds-Denise Fithian
 Patricia Grams
 Patrick Haas
 Edwin Ham
 Nancy Holkan
 Pat Kaczor
 Robert Kaczor
 Peggy Loehmer
 Sandra McEnterfer
 Louis Perschke
 Harry Radertorf
 Rose Radertorf
 Peggy Rose 
 Jeanne Scherner
 Sharon Schmitz
 William Sewell
 Luther Wade, Jr.



"A perfectionist walked into a bar...apparently, the bar wasn't set high enough."



ATTENTION anyone who graduated from *Purdue North Central (PNC) with a nursing degree, know someone who has, or if you would like a copy just because, we have free*

Neil Kienitz posters commemorating that legacy. These have been graciously donated by Stanley Kowalski in memory of his wife, Sandy Kowalski who was instrumental in starting and evolving the PNC Nursing program. Now that PNC has changed their name to Purdue University NorthWest (PNW), these legacy posters will become a collector's item and a nostalgic reminder of a time gone by. See Director for your free poster.

REMINDER!

We follow the Michigan City Area Schools **CLOSINGS**. **If they close, WE CLOSE. We do NOT follow delays.** To find out if we're closed, please listen to WIMS, WEFM & 96.7 The Eagle. *And as always, use YOUR best judgment in deciding whether to venture out in the weather even if we are open.*



Director's Corner



Myself, as well as my Assistant Directors Dorothy Biller and Georgiana Timm, would like to thank all of the volunteers here at the Michigan City Senior Center. We truly could not put on the programming that we do without you. And you make it not only easier, but fun as well. We are very fortunate to have you all and we wanted to let you know just how much your efforts are appreciated each and every day. For anyone who would like to become a volunteer, there are a few simple steps. First of all you must be a member in good standing (55+ of age, U.S. Citizen, dues paid for the current year). Next we ask that you look for volunteer opportunities in the newsletter. We generally put out a call for volunteers for our big events either the month previous, or the month of an upcoming event. If you don't see a volunteer request, but you know there's a big event coming up (we do make mistakes on occasion) feel free to call the front desk and ask if volunteers are needed for the upcoming event. Accumulation of 24 (or more) hours per year will get you an invitation to our annual Volunteer Luncheon as an honored guest. If you happen to fall short of the 24 hours, you are still invited to the luncheon, however a reduced charge of \$10 will apply. Volunteerism is known to increase happiness, reduce stress, and provide a sense of accomplishment to the volunteer. We sincerely hope you'll consider becoming one of our treasured volunteers in 2020. From the Staff here at the Senior Center, we wish you all a Happy New Year!



Open Mic Jam featuring
"The Senior Moments" Band
Has been indefinitely cancelled. They have received

numerous complaints and feel that maybe this isn't the right venue for them. I'd like to hear from those of you that are here on the Last Tuesday of the month when they play. I need your feedback (positive or negative). I always felt this was a well attended event that members really enjoyed. Please stop in and let me know your thoughts on this.



Opera "101"

Mon, Jan 27th at 12noon

\$2 donation requested pay directly to
Mr. Sollors.

Computer/Internet/

FACEBOOK /BYOD Classes

• Bring Your Own Device

(BYOD) Tuesdays at 9am.



Bring your own laptop, Ipad, Smartphone, Tablet etc. **No sign up required.**

- One on One classes on Tuesdays at 10am & 11am and sign up IS required! Call 873-1504.

What's it all About?

We've been asked, "Why do we raise money at the Senior Center?" Great question. The Park Dept takes care of our Operating expenses (utilities, salaries & benefits, maintenance/custodial services, and I.T. support). We are responsible for everything else.



Here are some examples of the things we need to raise funds for: Newsletter costs, Programming, Insurances, Office Supplies, Kitchen supplies, Equipment (ping pong table, tray tables, BINGO supplies, etc.), Volunteer Luncheon, computer upgrades for our bank of computers, furniture, decorating costs, Internet & cable tv, start-up funds for new events, and to add to our interest-earning CD to provide for future expenses and ensure the longevity of our Senior Center for years to come. Our expenditures exceed \$40k annually. And that's after securing donations whenever we can to offset costs. So while we try to keep our membership & event costs low to ensure all members can afford it, we DO have to make money to continue to thrive. So how can you help? Volunteer your time, attend our fundraisers, donate to our bake sales, make a cash donation, make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. There are many ways you can contribute. Most of all, we hope you'll continue to be a member and encourage others to join as well. Thanks for your support!

January

- 1 Joseph Felker
Nancy McIntyre
Patty Mershon-Schaefer
Al Tieken
- 2 Paul Heitmann
Alan Hill
Ray Kominiarek
Norman Linsemeyer
Marlene Lisak
Vince Morton
- 3 Lorraine Barr
Laura Hugley
Vachel Liggins
Susie Lutz
Greg Rancatore
Karen Scott
Eugene Smiertelny
Bruce Stransky
Jerry Stump
- 4 Trish Firanek
Eugene Gondek
Benny Graves
Mary Ann Jaeger
Daryl Penfold
Edward Riddle
Arthur Ruhe
Roberta Snyder
- 5 Sue Henderson
Marcia Orbovich
Sharyn Redding
Norma Sipress
Alice Williams
- 6 Joyce Beckner
Ron Sturgeon
- 7 Pamela Pizarek
Jean Steck
Renita Vlasek
- 9 Walter Creutzburg
Joan Jarka
Barbara Jones
Susan Torasso
John P. White
- 10 Jerre Applegate
Katherine Brennan
John Starr
David Switt
- 11 Robert Barker
Linda Morton
Diane Novitzke
Rich Rollins
Karen Urbanski



Happy Birthday!

- 12 James Burdett
Patricia Hoodwin
Betty Quinn
- 13 Virginia Seay
Kay Wilson
- 14 Louis Heller
- 15 Lori Rea
Richard Stark
Betty Taylo
- 16 Elaine Champion
Sally Clausen
Mickey Debald
Rita Fink
Vicki Roberts
- 17 Diane Braun
James Earley
Patricia Grams
Laurie Hough
Pat Kunze
Eugene Seton
Myrna Shriner
Douglas Wickstrom
- 18 Keith Casey
Margaret Crout
Sherrie Kleist
Pauline Missal
Diane Noble
- 19 William Allen
George Bauer
Robert Draper
Gloria Girard
Paulette Lisek
Frank McCarty
Herbert Miller
Linda Milzarek
Donna Vorel
- 20 Jackie Frankowski
Mary Hroma
Vera Malwin
Isabel Marin
- 21 Dorothy Biller
Sandra Boeckling
Ron Casbon
Patricia Gondeck
Gerald Hartnett
Luther Wade, Jr.
- 22 Pamela Cockerell
Harry Davids
Dennis Guzman
Adrian Novreske
Sheila O'Neal
Evelyn Richards



- 23 Pamela Bird
Julie Proctor
Sandra Sporleder
- 24 Elaine Campbell
Carol Nolan
June Salmon
- 25 Rebecca Steinborn
Trish Tompkins
Barbara Varro
- 26 Barbara Bartels
Richard Cook
Sandy Cook
Stacie Crozier
Robert Marion
Virginia Martin
Betty Nulf
Karen Pakuszewski
- 27 Lee Birdsong, Jr.
Mark Kline
Robert McFadden
Barbara Reichert
- 28 Carol Block
Elaine Bogart
Frank Corcoran
Bunny Dimke
Norah Dotson
Maria Enriquez
Christine Glafcke
Debbie Irk
Barbara Knibbs
Ralph Peterson
Eloise Ponder
Patricia Rader
Dwayne Shaffer
- 29 James Covington
David Santana
Judy Schmidt
- 30 June Bowman
Margie Holda
Marvin Logman
Elna Rogers
Debbie Schroll
- 31 Deborah Bartholomew
Curtis Hatfield
Ed Hugley
Sandy Kneller
Rudy Nichols



Congratulations to our 2020 Advisory

Board officers:

President:

Janice Gonzales

Vice-President:

Bill Schnick

Treasurer:

Patricia Manning

Secretary:

Cecilia Brinckman

Attention Out-of-State Members

If you would like to be guaranteed to receive your newsletter in a timely fashion, for an additional \$5 per year, we will send it first class. This is available ONLY to out-of-state members. Sign up & pay the additional fee no later than Jan 24th. This fee covers the postage necessary to mail first class for 12 months.



We want to recognize and thank:

Trail Creek Place & Walgreens for sponsoring our monthly Blood Pressure Checks

Life Care Center for our Soup Days & Popcorn & A Movie

Aperion The Arbors for our Chalk Culture & Card Making Classes.

You all rock!

"Most children threaten to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going."

~ Phyllis Diller



2020 Things to Come 2020

February

17th: CLOSED/Presidents Day
19th: Soup Day



March

11th: St. Pat's Day Luncheon
27th: CLOSED 1/2 day for
Trash & Treasure Sale
28th: Trash & Treasure Sale

April

10th: CLOSED/Good Friday
12st: Happy Easter!
14th: Salute to Park Dept &
Advisory Board
16th: Trivia Challenge
25th: Exchange Club Raffle
23rd-29th: 1st Travel/Washington
D.C. Trip



May

6th: Lifeline Screening
7th: Spring Game Night
10th: Happy Mother's Day!
18th: Volunteer Luncheon
25th: CLOSED/Memorial Day

Winter Safety Tips

- ◇ Plan ahead & give yourself sufficient time.
- ◇ When walking on steps, always use the hand rails & plant your feet firmly on each step.
- ◇ When walking on icy or snow-covered walkways, take short steps and walk slower
- ◇ Bending your knees a little and taking slower steps increases traction & greatly reduces your chances of falling.
- ◇ Try not to carry too much so your hands are free.
- ◇ When entering a building, remove as much snow & water from your boots as possible.



T-SHIRTS!!!!!!!

We still have T-Shirts for sale for \$10. Sizes Med-3XL. Show your Senior Pride and your love for the Beach. And all the proceeds go to us so it's a WIN-WIN!

Elston & St. Mary's Yearbooks!



Elston Still needed: 1914 and before, 1917-1922, 1927-1929, 1972-1976, 1986+. Please be sure to check with the Director to be sure

we still need any of these years. Sometimes they're already donated by the time you read this.

St. Mary's still needed: 1944 & before, 1949, 1956, 1959+.

Life Care Center BINGO Dates for 2020

Friday, Jan 17		Friday, Jul 17
Friday, Feb 7	@ 11am	Friday, Aug 7
Friday, Mar 13	Eastern	Friday, Sept 11
Friday, Apr 3	10am	Friday, Oct 9
Friday, May 8	Central	Friday, Nov 6
Friday, Jun 12		Friday, Dec 11



Or Current Resident



Happy Anniversary

- Raymond & Sheila Silhavy on their 15th on Jan 1st
- Hwad & Miriam Taha on Jan 2nd
- Mike & Jane Quint on their 61st on Jan 3
- Keith & Marci Meyer on their 56th on Jan 5
- William & Eileen Schnick on their 69th on Jan 5
- Vance & Mary Stuteville on their 31st on Jan 7
- Ben & Linda Pace on their 48th on Jan 8
- Judge Harry Leinenweber & Lynn Martin on Jan 9
- Robert & MaryLou McFadden on their 36th on Jan 9
- Ed & Fran Merrion on their 43rd on Jan 10
- Wayne & Janet Carpenter on their 29th on Jan 12
- James & Janet Dolph on their 46th on Jan 12
- Al & Jeanne Tieken on their 19th on Jan 13
- George & Sue Burroughs on their 64th on Jan 14
- Kurt & Annette Feneley on their 36th on Jan 14
- Jerry & Barbara Jones on their 64th on Jan 14
- Ken & Monica Pagles on their 43rd on Jan 15
- Mark & Vicki Robbins on their 2nd on Jan 15
- Thom & Sandra Beck on their 37th on Jan 16
- Gerald & Darlene Brooks on their 52nd on Jan 19
- Charles & Mary (Joann) Hroma on their 32nd on Jan 20
- Allan & Lynn Hiatt on their 50th on Jan 24
- Steve & Margot Hale on Jan 26
- Darryl & Sharon Johnson on Jan 27
- Jim & Louise Hoffmaster on their 48th on Jan 29
- Roger & Judy Schmidt on their 49th on Jan 30



Get Well Soon



Tina Leonard, Ed Miltenberger and anyone else feeling a bit under the weather!

In Sympathy...

We wish to extend sympathy to:

Janice Rice on the loss of her sister Nancy Dorshak; Alice Yacullo on the loss of her mother Betty Prądziad; Charmaine Tompkins on the loss of her husband Daniel Tompkins; Shannon Gast on the loss of her father Daniel Tompkins, Trish Tompkins on the loss of her father Daniel Tompkins; Edwin Bigda on the loss of his brother-in-law Dr. John Luce; Edwin Bigda on the loss of his wife Elizabeth Bigda; Ardell Wozniak on the loss of her brother-in-law Charles Wozniak; Lynn Levine on the loss of her husband Norman Levine; and to the family & friends of Caroline Trock.



"The most effective way to remember your spouse's birthday is to forget it once."