



LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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President's Message

The days are getting shorter, and the nights and mornings are cooler. It appears fall has arrived, but I'm not ready to start raking leaves and preparing the yard for winter. Halloween has come and gone, with many Trick or Treaters coming to our door; Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, and the Holiday season are right around the corner. Please note on the November and December calendars the days the community center will be closed for Holiday observances.

Election day is Tuesday November 5th. Your vote is important, as the results of this election will shape the policies and direction of not only our Nation, but our State and Local Communities as well. One vote out of the millions that will be cast in the National election may seem insignificant, but the vote still matters. That one vote is even more important in the elections in our local communities.

The Lower Makefield Seniors membership is currently 280 people, less than 1% of the Township population. However, more than 25% of the residents of Lower Makefield Township are 65 or older. The "Seniors" can have a great impact on electing local officials who will make the needs of older citizens a priority of their public service. Talk to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to get out and vote for candidates who will act on our concerns.

The 2025 membership form is included with this newsletter. Please complete the form and return it to us by February 1, 2025. We will be updating our membership list in February to reflect the paid membership of our group. Due to the increase in the fees the Township is charging us to meet in the Community Center, the LMS Board made the difficult decision to significantly increasing our dues for 2025. Even with this increase, we project our total expenses will exceed our revenue by several thousand dollars. Deficit spending is not sustainable in the long run. We are looking into ways to increase our income and reduce expenses. Your ideas and suggestions to reduce this funding gap are welcome and encouraged.

You may not routinely participate in our weekly activities; a periodic attendance check suggests less than 1/2 of our members are at the center one or more days in any given week. I encourage you to attend our Meet & Greet meeting on November 12th to hear from a financial advisor from Merrill Lynch and find out about our activities and the latest news affecting our group.

We will be hosting our Holiday Luncheon at the Community Center on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, starting at 11:30. The luncheon is in lieu of the December Meet & Greet, and there will be no Games Day activities on that date. The luncheon will be catered and served by AJ Catering and will include two entrees (chicken marsala, roast beef with gravy), baked ziti, stir fried vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert. Please return your reservation form and payment by December 1st.

I hope to see you at one or more of our upcoming events. Please call me if you have any questions or suggestions for our group.

Dave Burkhardt: President 267-767-6164
Rosanne Clark: Vice President 215-493-0340
Secretary: Noreen Murphy 301-530-8710
John LaBar: Treasurer 267-789-3993

Directors:

Michael Agin; Meryle Borocharner, Sally Haulman, Joyce Linder, Eric Suber

Newsletter:

mhuret@mindspring.com (No texting please)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Art Class:

Friday 10:00

Coordinator: Ann Goren (215-962-1099).

Bridge:

Tuesday 12:00 Open Seating

Wednesday 9:00 Duplicate - A partner is required.: Please arrive 15 minutes before start time

Coordinator: John LaBar (267-789-3993).

Thursday 9:00 -12:00 Open Seating Bridge

(Instructional) Bridge players with a rudimentary knowledge of the game and want to improve or advance.

Eric Suber (215-321-7815) Coordinator/Instructor

Friday 11:30 Duplicate - A partner is required.

Duplicate Bridge Players: Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. If you need a partner call Mary Lou Haid (215-968-0176)

Coordinators

Paulette LaBar (267-789-3993) & Martha Zintl (973-715-6172)

Book Club: 12:30 Second Wednesday

Call Ellie Hammill (215-321-1763).

Games Day:

Wednesday 9:00 - Canasta, Hand & Foot and other games of your choice

Coordinator. Norma Grauwiler (215-497-9819)

Hearts:

Friday 1:00 Coordinator: Ed Stack (216-776-0019)

Line Dancing:

Saturday 10:00:

Coordinator: Mary Ellen Eckman (215-493-8854).

Mahjongg:

Monday 12:00 and Friday 12:30

Coordinator: Meryle BoroChaner (215-736-3184).

Movie Matinee

See Calendar for movie selections

2nd Saturday each month 1:30

Pinochle

Tuesday - Wednesday -Thursday 12:30

Coordinator: Anthony Cardone (215-493-6019)

Stitch, Knit & Chat (LMT)

Wednesday 10:00 -

Coordinator: Peg Boyson (215-321-1688)

NEW MEMBERS

Jeannie Alexander

Linda DeCaprio

Mary Lou Middlekauff

Concetta Pionzio

Marilyn Steen

Karole Ann Walker

MEET AND GREET

Usually 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 AM in the Lower Makefield Community Center.

On Tuesday, November 12 our speaker is Madison Sauerma from Merrill Lynch. Madison will speak on IRA's and their yearly distribution requirement--our choices and their tax implications.

Some of our seniors have been offering to make their favorite recipes for our **Meet and Greet** events and they've been very well received. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

So, if anyone else would like to make a homemade salad or cookie donation please give Joyce Linder, Coordinator, a call at 215-499-8232 one week prior to the next event.

HOLIDAY PARTY

There is no Meet and Greet for December since it is being replaced by a special catered Holiday Party for seniors being offered at the Lower Makefield Community Center on Tuesday, December 11, 2024.

See attached to make a reservation

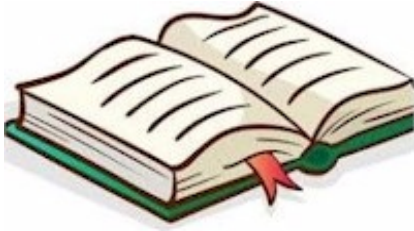
Questions: Joyce Linder, Coordinator, 215-499-8232

BOOK CLUB

November: "Briar Club" by Kate Quin

The date is November 13th at 12:30 in the Frank Fazzalore classroom.

Book Club will resume in January



VOTE

Tuesday NOVEMBER 5

MOVIE MATINEE

LOWER MAKEFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
\$1.00 COVERS COST OF POPCORN AND SODA
EVERYBODY WELCOME – BRING A FRIEND

Saturday, November 16, 2024 – 1:30 PM

“THE MIRACLE CLUB”

Comedy/Drama – PG-13 (1h 30m)

Cast: Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney

There's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes.



Saturday, December 21, 2024 – 1:30 PM

“TYSON’S RUN”

Drama – PG (1h 43m)

Cast: Major Dodson, Amy Smart, Rory Cochrane

An unathletic boy with autism strives to become an unlikely marathon champion giving his unfulfilled father purpose and a second chance at putting his family first.

You are urged to research the movie to decide whether you may find content objectionable. In doing so, you can decide whether to attend. We have provided the movie rating.

BRIDGE SCORES

Wednesday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

8/7/24 N/SVic Ameye/Joe Mandarano
E/WSusan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer
8/14/24 N/SSteve Stein/Darius Rogers
E/WKathy Klausner/Roseann Clark
8/21/24 N/SSteve Stein/Darius Rogers
E/WTom Salmon/Alan Handler
8/28/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber
E/WTom Salmon/Alan Handler
9/4/24 N/SVic Ameye/Joe Mandarano
E/WPat Kelly/Roseann Clark
9/11/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber
E/WMargaret McLaughlin/Barbara Hermann
9//18/24 N/SVic Ameye/Joe Mandarano
E/WSusan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer
9/25/24 N/SJohn LaBar/Paulette LaBar
E/WDarius Rogers/Roseann Clark

Friday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

8/2/24 N/SMichael Agin/Al Levin
E/WJoe Mandarano/Al DiMari
8/9/24 N/SVJ Patel/Ted Palka
E/WBarbarann Stauffer/Paulette LaBar
8/16/24 N/SShirley Turner/Judy Schreiber
E/WAl DiMari/Joe Mandarano
8/23/24 N/SJacky Sanders/Angie Romanowski
E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano
8/30/24 N/SVJ Patel/Mark Nemiroff
E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano
9/6/24 N/STed Palka/Al DiMari
E/WMary Lou Haid/Liz McCue
9/13/24 N/SVJ Patel/Beverly Rogers
E/WTom Salmon/Alan Handler
9/20/24 N/SBeverly Steinhagen/Tom Nailos
E/WEric Weiner/Joe Mandarano
9/27/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber
E/WEric Weiner/Joe Mandarano

TRIP NEWS

Dear Seniors,

Sept. 26th we had a lovely day trip to Cape May, NJ. The sky's cleared as soon as we arrived making the day all the more enjoyable for the trolley ride, Emlen Physick Museum tour, and lunch at the Lobster House.

Nov. 21st we will be heading back to the American Music Theatre for their annual holiday show, "Joy To The World". This has proven to be such a popular venue that the bus was filled within a very short period of time. (We have a waiting list which we will use in the event of personal cancellation(s) may occur.)

The trip committee has been working very hard to ensure an itinerary of trips for next year. The following list is an initial roster of confirmed and potential 2025 trips:

- 1. March 18th** (CONFIRMED) - All Star Productions @ Li Greci's Staaten /Staten Island: Italian Feast of St. Joseph (similar to Doolan's) includes a floor show, open bar, plus sit down meal. (Reservation forms will be available at a future date.)
- 2. (T) April/May** - Looking into a possible overnight trip (3-5 days). We are also investigating the option to offer a "local" entertainment event during this time period as an alternative choice for individuals not interested in doing an overnight trip, i.e. MrsVle_ActorsNet; BRT, BCP, etc. and making use of transportation provided through PA. Dept of Aging. We are researching what qualifications or limitations there may be with BCTransport.
- 3. June 26th** (PENDING DATE CONFIRMATION) - CATS @ Fulton Theatre (Lancaster) plus lunch
- 4. July** Monmouth Park Horse Racing (dates won't be available until the Park posts it's racing schedule). We did this in 2023 and many have asked for us to do it again.
- 5. August 14th** (CONFIRMED) NJ Tropicana Casino Trip & Skyline Cruise - includes 1 hr. skyline cruise, \$20 slot play, \$15 food credit - free time.
- 6. October 2025** Fall is a wonderful time of year to view Pennsylvania's foliage. We are looking into a possible day trip to the quaint town of Jim Thorpe, PA. This will include lunch, a possible train ride, and free time for shopping or an optional museum visit.
- 7. December 11th 2025**(CONFIRMED) - American Music Theatre - 2025 show -"Deck the Halls" and lunch.

We thank you for your support, and as always, we look forward to your joining us.

On behalf of the Trip Committee

Meryle Borochaner



HELP THE SENIORS

Do you grocery shop at McCaffrey's? If so, please save your receipts and donate them to the Lower Makefield Seniors. McCaffrey's is offering us a 1% rebate on all receipts we return to them. Please bring them to the senior's room at the community center and put them in the white box marked "McCaffrey's." Your help is much appreciated.

YOUR VOICE/YOUR CLUB?

Dear LMT Seniors,

We found the limited number of responses to our informal questionnaire very informative. It is abundantly clear there are a few areas of interest which we can explore further. As promised, here is a brief update on those activities that had the greatest interest. Many expressed a desire to learn how to play card games

(Bridge; Canasta; Pinochle) as well as to learn Mahjong.

There was an overwhelming interest to do some type of physical activity. Chair Yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba Gold had the largest overall positive results. There were also multiple affirmative responses to look into resuming a past social activity, "Dining Around". Before we can move forward we need to have an approximate idea of how many of our members would sign up for these activities. If you didn't respond to the original questionnaire, at our next 2 membership meetings we will have a "streamlined" version to sign, or you can email which of the above activities you would sign up for to: <mailto:Lowermakefieldsrs@gmail.com> We are listening.

Thank you on behalf of the Board,
Meryle Boročaner

