

LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy and happy Holiday season as we head into the new year. Looking back at the past few months, participation in our activities has continued to be strong. The November Meet and Greet generated a good discussion and questions about retirement planning and distributions. We held our second Electronic Device Help Session with local high school students working with members explaining how to use the increasingly complicated devices that have become part of our daily lives. Seventy people shared our Holiday luncheon, enjoying good food, entertainment, and discovering some Holiday trivia.

The new year also requires everyone to renew their membership in our organization. If you have not already done so, please submit your dues (\$40 for Lower Makefield Township residents, \$70 for members living outside of LMT) along with a new membership form. On this form, please check the appropriate residency box and list the activities you participate in or would like to see us start. Since the fee we pay the Township is based on our membership, we will not continue to carry individuals on our membership role who have not paid their dues by February 1st.

The responses we have received to the "Your Voice Your Club" survey questionnaire have shown in interest in several activities which we will start in 2025, including Lunch Around Town (dates to be determined), Introduction to Bridge (Thursday 9 to 12), Introduction to Pinochle (Wednesday 1 to 3), Introduction to Mah Jongg (Thursday 1 to 3), and Chair Yoga (Monday 9 to 10 with video instruction). These activities will start the week of January 6th. More information will follow as these activities are set up.

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 Borochaner, 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, Coordinator Alan Handler 917-846-6540

Wednesday 9:00 Duplicate - A partner is required.: Please arrive 15

minutes before start time

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

Thursday 9:00 Open Seating & Instructional: Players who want to learn the basics or have a rudimentary knowledge game and want to improve their skills. Coordinators/Instructors Eric Suber, (215-321-7815), Dave Burkhardt (267-767-6164)

Friday 11:30 Duplicate - A partner is required.

Duplicate Bridge Players: Please arrive 15 minutes before the 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).

Chair Yoga: 9:00 Monday (video instruction)

Games Day:

Wednesday 9:00 - Card & Board 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

Instruction Tuesdays 10:00, February and March Coordinator: Meryle Borochaner (215-736-3184).

Movie Matinee

See Calendar & Listing Saturday 1:30

Pinochle

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:30 Wednesday Intro to Pinochle 1:00

Coordinator: Anthony Cardone (215-493-6019)

Stitch, & Chat

Wednesday 10:00 - (Township office building) Coordinator: Peg Boyson (215-321-1688)

NEW MEMBERS

Charlotte Andaloro Kim Andaloro Elizabeth Caruso Christine Heath Nancy Heath Andrea Lichtman Glenn Moramarco James Rothenberg Karen Schwartz Lisa Stults

MEET AND GREET

Hope you have been enjoying the 2nd Tuesday Meet and Greet events at the Community Center this year. The Meet and Greets have been going strong in 2024 with a maximum of 70 guests attending the September meeting.

The next Meet and Greet event will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 and the speaker will be Cindy Caldwell from Full Access Vacations speaking on

"Adventures in 55+ Travel."

Many thanks go to those who have been giving food donations: Miriam Burkhardt, Joyce Linder, Ruth Rainville and Peg Boysen. Any more cooks out there?

Please sign up with me (Joyce) in advance.

Also, we REALLY need 2-3 more people to join the Meet and Greet Committee in 2025 and help with planning, day-of event sign-ins, name tags, 50/50 ticket sales, kitchen clean up.

Sincere thanks to Jeannette McGinnis, Bob Terc and Ed Stack for their dedicated work on the Meet and Greet Committee this past year.

See you on January 14th.

Coordinator,

Joyce Linder, 215-499-8232

BOOK CLUB



The following are the books selected for January and February (December cancelled because of holidays).

January: French Braid by Ann Tyler (January 8, 2025)

February: The Sweetness of Forgetting by Kristin Harmel (February 12, 2025)

Dates are always "The Second Wednesday of the month" at 12:30 pm unless otherwise notified.

MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, January 18, 2025 – 1:30 PM "ORDINARY ANGELS"

Drama – PG (1h 58m)

Cast: Hilary Swank, Alan Ritchson, Emily Mitchell

Inspired by the incredible true story of a hairdresser who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help a widowed father save the life of his critically ill young daughter.

Saturday, February 15, 2025 – 1:30 PM "ONE LIFE"

Biography/Drama/History – PG (1h 49m) Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin, Johnny Flynn

Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued over 600 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia.

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:	Friday Duplicate Bridge Winners:
10/23/24 N/SJohn LaBar/Paulette LaBar	10/4/24 N/SAl DiMari/Ted Palka
E/WSusan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer	E/WEmi Fineberg/Marie Roberts
10/30/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber	10/11/24 N/SBev Steinhagen/Tom Nails
E/WDiane Griffith/Beverly Rogers	E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano
11/6/24 N/SVic Ameye/Joe Mandarano	10/18/24 N/SMike Agin/Al Levin
E/WLynn Marsh/Roseann Clark	E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano
11/13/24 N/SBarbara Hermann/Margaret McLaughlin	10/25/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber
E/W Kathy Klausner/Sally Haulman	E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano
11/20/24 N/SVic Ameye/Joe Mandarano	11/1/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber
E/WSusan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer	E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano
11/27/24 N/SJohn LaBar/Paulette LaBar E/WSusan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer	

MORE ACTIVITIES

The following classes/clubs have started or are in the process of organizing:

Bridge Classes under the direction of Dave Burkhardt are Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00.

Beginners Mah Jongg will be on Tuesdays from February 4th through March 25th, skipping 2/22 and 3/11, from 10:00 to noon. The 2025 game card won't be available for purchase until early April. The beginner sessions give you an opportunity to decide if you want to continue to play throughout the year. We have a generic game card available for learners. To sign up, call Meryle Borochaner: 215-736-3184

Canasta/Hand and Foot and Pinochle: Are you a beginner or interested in learning? Contact Doreene Kaplan: 215-816-1448 or see calendar

Chair Yoga: Mondays at 9:00 in the Seniors classroom. These sessions are with video instruction

The "Dine Around Club" (for both SINGLES & COUPLES) will hold an organizational meeting after the Februarary Meet & Greet. This is a wonderful way to expand your social life and to make new friends. The meeting will be to explore what participants are looking for; to decide guidelines; and to discuss expectations. If you are interested, call Meryle Borochaner: 215-736-3184 to sign-up.

A robocall will be made when additional details and specifics are confirmed to let people know when and where. This is a start to what we are confident will be an exciting and wonderful year.

Meryle Borochaner On behalf of the LMS Board

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.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS (FREE)

TAI CHI Available on Wednesday in-person at 2:00

CHAIR YOGA Available on Thursday at 2:00 **BOOK CLUBS** Call the Library 215-493-9020, for book details

TRIP NEWS

Dear Seniors:

On Nov. 21st we headed back to the American Music Theatre for their annual holiday show, "Joy To The World". As in the past, it proved to be the perfect venue to start off the Holiday Season.

Since the Fall, the Trip Committee has been hard at work exploring and discussing how best to provide a full itinerary of trips for 2025. The following list is an updated roster of confirmed and potential 2025 trips:

- 1. March 18th 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 form attached.) Cost pp \$145.
- 2. April 24th: Always a popular venue: SWING @ Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost pp \$133.
- 3. May 23-30th This is our first cruising trip. Sailing will be on Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas! Departure and return is from Cape Liberty, NJ. Stops include Port Canaveral, FL; Nassau, Bahamas, and Coco Cay, Bahamas.

As of this printing, cabins that were held for us at Special Pricing have all been committed. There possibly are additional cabins available, but pricing may have changed since it was for an initial limited time. If interested, contact Cindy Caldwell (Full Access Vacations @ 215-778-8978). Our sincerest thanks to Tim Hyman for all his hard work and coordination efforts. We are certain this will be a successful adventure. In the future we will look for a cruise that can provide longer lead times and more cabin availabilities.

- 4. July 10th CATS @ Fulton Theatre (Lancaster) plus a buffet lunch at Hershey Farms. Cost pp \$146.
- 5. August 14th NJ Tropicana Casino Trip & Skyline Cruise includes 1 hr. skyline cruise, \$20 slot play, \$15 food credit free time. Cost pp \$105.
- 6. September/October Fall is a wonderful time of year to view the foliage. We are looking into a possible multi-day trip to the Catskills, NY.
- 7. December 11th American Music Theatre 2025 show -"Deck the Halls" and buffet lunch at Shady Maple. Cost pp \$137 (same cost as last year).

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

On behalf of the Trip Committee Meryle Borochaner