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NEWSLETTER

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It was a long 6 months, but we are finally open again!

From your Executive Director:

We closed our doors on March 17, 2020 and for 6 months the center was dark and quiet. I would come in about 3 days a week to check emails, USPS and work on special projects. The only light I would turn on was my office. It was a very lonely atmosphere, but I kept believing that we would open again soon.

As I write this today, I am hearing people upstairs for one of our exercise classes and others across the hall in the Fitness Room. When I walk thru the Multipurpose room, voices and laughter fill my ears as they play cards and billiards. It feels so good to have the center open and seeing people again!

Our “new normal” looks a little different with the protocols that we have to follow, but as I have said many times already, it is only temporary. As things get better and restrictions are lifted, we will add more and more activities back into our calendar. I thank you for your patience and understanding and for following the protocols.

Until I see you at the Center, Have a Blessed Day!

Rachel Hale

Executive Director

From your Board President:

The last several months, we have seen the greatest upheaval in our modern times. Covid-19 has reshaped many of our lives in so many ways and not all for the betterment of our Seniors and their families. As you may know the Senior Center is now open for those who wish to enjoy the friendships they have missed over the past several months. Not all activities have been open up yet, but we are striving to get back to a more 'normal routine'. The Board and I are so very happy that we were able to maintain our Director and staff through the process... we have a great crew and I think you all would agree. They have had to make changes that some may not agree with, but they had to apply these changes because of being state mandated at the present time. Hopefully many of these things will change over the next few months.

So, events will change, for example the carry-in lunches which many look forward to, will not happen at the present time again because of not being able to share food and social distancing. The annual card party did not happen this year, along with other events, but please be patient with it all, we aim to still have a great year. So, any fund raiser that you think we can do that fits the states guidelines, we would welcome your comments. We want to still maintain this wonderful place, for many we are each other's family!!

I wish all of you the greatest of health and well being during these times. May God Bless You All.

I believe in "Paying it Forward" in your daily life and this is a special place to help make that movement happen, even with just a smile.

KEEP SMILING .. It makes people wonder what you're up to.

SHELIA NUSS
PRESIDENT

HEADLINE NEWS!! CHECK IT OUT!!

MILESTONE RAFFLE: Tickets are still available at the front desk. Here is a listing of all the winners since our last newsletter was published.

February – Danielle Crisp, Sidney March – Robin Stemm, Sidney April – Marsha Jones, Sidney
Sidney May -Pam Doak, Sidney June – Mike Hale, Piqua July – Dave Haneke, Sidney
August – Kim Eilerman, Sidney September – Lisa Schroer, Sidney

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT: Winner in February was Larry Curtner with Henry Murphy as runner-up!! There were no tournaments March thru August. September’s winner was Larry Curtner with Mike Welch as runner up.

The Pool Tournaments are at 8:00 a.m. on the last Friday of every month. Come down and join in the fun!

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS 2020:

The yearly tournament of champions will be held on Friday December 18th at 8:30am. Anyone that won the monthly tournament during 2020 is eligible to play. Let’s see who will claim “bragging rights” for the 2020 calendar year!

Tai Chi : We will be restarting our classes on Wednesday October 7th and will only have it on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays to see how the attendance goes. If members want it weekly we will begin that in November.

Due to a loss in our funding and revenue while being closed, we are asking members who come to class to please put \$1.00 in the basket. This will help us off set the cost of the instructor until we can obtain some sponsorships from area businesses or grants.

BE IN THE “KNOW” WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING

MEMBERSHIP: 2021 is just around the corner. If you are one of the lucky “snow birds” that fly south for the winter, would you consider paying your membership before you leave? Membership to the Senior Center is \$30.00 per year for those who live in Shelby County and \$35.00 for those out of the county. If you mail your membership payment and want your membership card mailed to you, please enclose a SASE.

CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER: We ask that before you use our exercise room and equipment for the first time you meet with a personal trainer. Laura’s hours are: Monday and Tuesday mornings 8:15 – 9:15 am. As soon as her work schedule allows, she will return to doing an hour in the afternoon. We will keep you posted as to when that will go into effect.

ON FACEBOOK: Check us out on and “like” us on Facebook, Senior Center of Sidney/Shelby County.

If you need information, have a question or just want to say hello our email address is: srcenter@nktelco.net. (Executive Director: Rachel Hale)

WEBSITE is www.srcentersidney-shelby.com

GOLDEN BUCKEYE: By now all 60+ year olds and disabled folks should have received your new Golden Buckeye Card. But if not, Liz at the senior center would love to help you. If you are 60+ we need proof of age (driver’s license will work just fine) and if you are disabled, we will also need proof of your disability.

RENTAL OF OUR BUILDING: Are you or someone you know interested in renting the building? Please call Rachel Hale (Executive Director) at (937) 492-5266.

SNACKS, SNACKS AND MORE SNACKS:

Since we are unable to have any type of buffet style dining per the Covid-19 protocols, we have expanded our variety of snacks available to you at the front desk. There is even some candy bars for those that have a sweet tooth!!

NEWS FLASH!! HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

United Way Campaign:

Did you know that one of our larger grant sources is the Shelby County United Way? This year's campaign is in full swing with a finish date of October 30th. If you would like to support the Senior Center thru the United Way campaign, please see Rachel Hale for a campaign pledge card.

Dueling Pianos:

Freda Maxson and Sharon Geissler will be presenting their annual Dueling Piano performance on Sunday November 15, 2020 at 3pm. Come and enjoy this FREE program! Due to social distancing, spaces are limited to 50 so please call the Center to register.

39th Annual Community Christmas Dinner:

This year's dinner will be held on December 5, 2020. 11:30am – 1:00pm at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. It will be a carry out only.

Veteran's Day Celebration:

We are sorry to say that due to the Covid-19 restrictions regarding food, social distancing and limited capacity we will not be able to host a Veteran's Day Brunch or ceremony here at the Center. We encourage you to participate in the Shelby County Veterans Services program that will be held at 11am on the Northwest corner of the Court Square on Wednesday November 11, 2020.

NEW ACTIVITY!! CORN HOLE!

We now have Corn Hole on our calendar! Come down on Wednesdays at 1pm for some fun and exciting competition!

MONTHLY REMINDERS FOR: Novemer & December

BOARD MEETINGS:

The Senior Center Board of Directors meetings are:

Friday November 6, 2020 at **9:00am** in the center's conference room, 2nd floor.

Friday December 4, 2020 at **10:00 am** in the center's conference room, 2nd floor.

All are welcome at the Monthly Board meetings. Please join us and hear all of the Senior Center news and discussions.

NEWSLETTER: Monday, December 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Assistance is needed to assemble and label the next outgoing newsletter.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

We will be closed on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th for Thanksgiving.

We will be closed on Thursday December 24th and Friday December 25th for Christmas.

We will be closed on Friday January 1, 2021 for New Years.

We wish you all a very Blessed Holiday season!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SENIOR CENTER SINGERS: Suspended until further notice due to Covid-19 protocols

BINGO: Monday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

MAH JONG: Monday at 1:00 p.m.

SHUFFLEBOARD: Monday and Thursday 1:00 p.m.

PICKLEBALL: Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

CHAIR EXERCISE: Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

MOVE N GROOVE: Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

LINE DANCING: Suspended until further notice.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL: Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday 10:00 till 11:30 a.m.

CHAIR YOGA: Suspended until further notice.

TAI CHI: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

EUCHRE: Tuesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m. Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

BID EUCHRE: Every Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

PINOCHLE: Tuesdays & Thursdays noon – 3:00 p.m. & Wednesday 11:00 – 3 p.m.

BRIDGE: Friday at 12:45 p.m.

KNITTING/CROCHETING CLASS: Wednesday at 9 a.m. & Thursday 3 p.m.

BILLIARDS: Daily at 8:00 a.m. Tournaments are held on the last Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

QUILTING: Monday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

CORN HOLE: Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

FUNDRAISING OPPERTUNITIES

There are many different ways that the Center raises money that you might not know about. If you would like to help out or get involved with any of these, let the staff know and we will be happy to answer any questions.

1.) Kroger Plus Card points: If you go online and designate our Senior Center as the charitable organization connected with your Kroger card, we receive a quarterly benefit based on the number of points your card collects. Currently there are 43 households registered and last quarter we received \$105.92!! If you need help signing up, please see Rachel and she will walk you thru the process. **This does not take away any of your own Kroger Plus points or benefits.**

2.) Milestone Raffle Tickets: These are still available to purchase at the front desk. It is a great way to support the Center and possibly win \$100 or more!

3.) Jingle Jangle Jar: Drop your extra change into the jar, as it fills up we take it in for deposit. This is a good way to clean out the bottom of your purse or those space change areas of your car!

Thank you for your support, these might not seem like a lot but you know the saying: "Every little bit helps!"

THANK YOU!!!

City of Sidney- Parks & Recreation: extra BIG thanks to the city workers who have helped the Senior Center run smoothly this year. An even BIGGER thanks to the city for the new vinyl flooring in both kitchens and downstairs hallway.

There are several local restaurants that have supported the center with dry goods such as plates, napkins, spoons, forks, etc. Some also send food for special events. We would like to thank the following for their support: Arby's, Frisch's, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Cassano's and Pizza Hut. Please be sure to thank them when you dine with any of them!

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