## GRAPEVINE FEBRUARY 2020

Claire W. Teague Senior Center * 917 Main Street * Great Barrington * MA 01230
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Open Monday through Friday * (except holidays) * 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Center: 413-528-1881 Dining Room: 413-528-4118 www.townofgb.org Transportation (413) 528-4773

SPRINGFIELD

## MGM Grand Casino

 in Springfield Trip with King Ward Join us for a trip to the MGM Grand Casino in Springfield on Monday Feb $24{ }^{\text {th }}$.For $\$ 20.00$ you will get transportation in a comfortable coach bus, $\$ 20.00$ in free play and $\$ 20.00$ in free food!

We will be carpooling from the senior center at 7:30am. The bus departs Lee at 8:00am and returns at 4:00pm. Please see sign up or call 528-1881.

The Claire Teague Senior Center will be paying for your SBETC transportation rider fee for these special events in February:

- Tuesdays - Lunch and Bingo
- Valentine's Day Luncheon Feb 14th
- Extra Special Tea on Feb 20th
- Mardi Gras Party on Feb 25th
- Being Prepared for Unexpected Hospitalization Feb 27th

Please make your reservations with SBETC as soon as possible to secure a ride by calling 528-4773.

A big thank you goes to Rosie and Denise of The Landing at Laurel Lake in Lee for the wonderful luncheon they provided for us in January. Laurel Lake offers lots of great events; give them a call to find out what they have planned at (413) 243-4747.


Need a bucket of sand mixture during the winter? The town Department of Public Works/ Highway Department kindly brings sand to the senior center for our convenience, this year they took it one step further. Take a moment to thank the town Cemetery staff for making this great sand dispenser fashioned after a hog feeder, what a great idea and how thoughtful!! We have buckets available, we just ask that you reuse them, or bring your own.

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Polly and Joan want to THANK all of you for the holiday treats and gifts we received, they are much appreciated!! We would also like to thank Holly and the chefs at Great Barrington Healthcare for the many complimentary lunches they served us over the past few years; we will certainly miss them \& wish them well.


Crescendo will be rehearsing at the senior center on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending the rehearsals, please sign up or talk to Polly about which evenings you would like to attend. They will be held each Tuesday in February and March. The sign up sheet will have the available dates.


## Art Competition

Artist Margaret Buchte has generously offered to instruct a group of "non-artists" or those that believe they do not have any artistic talent to paint a country barn scene. Join us in February. The group is limited to 10 people and the cost is $\$ 3.00$ per person. Date/time announced as soon as we get sign ups. Sign up in Dining Room or call 528-1881.

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& \text { CRESCENDO- } \\
& \text { 2014 WINNER OF THE } \\
& \text { CHORUS AMERICA/ASCAP } \\
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& \text { "Crescendo is a musical organization that is } \\
& \text { dedicated to educational outreach-to ama- } \\
& \text { teur and professional singers, audiences } \\
& \text { and students." }
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| It's a Mardi Gras Party |
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| Wear your best Mardi Gras mask, hat |
| etc...and join us for a very fun event |
| on Tuesday; February 25th ~ try a |
| sampling of Jambalaya, King Cake, |
| Mardi Gras beads, Cajun music, |
| pralines and more!! You don't want |
| to miss this fun event. Sign up in |
| Dining room or call 528-1881. |

Join us on Third Wednesdays during lunch, when we will be having interviews with personnel from the Town of Great Barrington Staff.


Sheffield COA is offering a trip to Boston Flower and Garden Show Thursday, March 12th. Departing at 7:30 am and returning approximately 7:30 pm. $\$ 86.00$ includes bus $\&$ admission. Payment's due by Feb. 17th.


## Unexpected Hospitalization

How to be Prepared for an unexpected Hospitalization: Marketing Coordinator for Bane Care, Denise Vigna will be our guest speaker at the senior center on Thursday, Feb 27th at 1:00 to discuss how to be prepared for an unexpected hospitalization. Many feel unprepared or do not understand what it entails and how coverage works. This is a very helpful information, so mark your calendars, if you need transportation call 528-4773 a week ahead and let Polly of Joan know you will be taking the van, the senior center will be responsible for your transportation cost for this event.

## Valentine's Day Party

February 14th with musician
Dwayne Carlson
11:15-12:00

## MOVIES



Through the Years with Little Women
Join us at 12:30 on the last three Fridays of the month; we will be showing Louisa May Alcott's movie through the years with Little Women!
Friday Feb 14th, the 1933 version with Katharine Hepburn
Friday February 21st, the 1978 version with Meredith Baxter Burney
Friday February 28th, the 2019 version with Susan Sarandon
SIGN UP IN THE DINING ROOM OR CALL US!
It's TEA TIME!!

"Extra Special Tea" located in Great Barrington will be hosting a Tea for us on Thursday, February 20 at 1:00. If you have not visited their charming Tea shop on Elm Street, you are missing out!! This wonderful organization gives adults with special needs an opportunity to be involved in a vocation. They are looking for donations of hats, gloves, and scarves. We have a donation box located in the senior center store.

Please come out and show your support and enjoy some great tea and desserts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harriet Ebitz
Dorris VanDeusen
Skip Johnson
Sandra Larkin
Joan Wood
Donna Drew
Anna Beining
Margaret Mansfield
Marjory Gardella
Margareta Thaute
Ronald Boibeaux
Patricia Andrus
Richard Wagner
Norma Haight-Colman
Laurel Graney
Priscilla Moulthrop
Tara Rahkola

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## EXERCISE CLASSES

## MONDAY:

9:15 AM- Cross Training with Misha (\$3.50)
10:30 AM- Awareness Through Movement with Misha (floor) (\$3.50)

1:00 PM-Beginners Tap Dancing with
Carolyn (\$5.00)
2:00 PM- Intermediate Tap Dancing w/ Carolyn (\$5.00)
TUESDAY:
9:30 AM- Move \& Groove w/ Dee Foster (\$3.00)
9:45 AM- Pilates for Osteoporosis Prevention with
Kathi (\$5.00) *Challenging Class*
3:30 PM- Strength Training with Christine (\$3.00)
WEDNESDAY:
9:30 AM- Easy Does it Yoga with Joanne (\$5.00)
9:45 AM Move \& Groove II w/ Dee Foster (\$3.00)
THURSDAY:
9:30 AM- Move \& Groove w/ Dee Foster (\$3.00)
4:00 PM- Misha’s Advanced Class (\$10.00)
FRIDAY:
9:00 AM- Tai Chi with Christine (\$3.00)
10:00 AM -Chair Exercises with Ann (Free)
1:00 PM- Beginners Tap Dancing (\$5.00)

## ART CLASSES

Wed.at 2:30 pm "Painting with Margaret" Wednesday at 3:00 pm "Decorative Arts" Thursday at 9:30 am "Vera's Painting Class" Thursday at 1:00 pm "Art Class w/ Eunice" *|F you have any further questions, please call the center at 528~1881*

cost of the Nutition Program and Services.


[^0]The Senior Center will be hosting online census assistance for those that do not have access to a computer and prefer the online survey. If you need help filling out your paper copy or want to come in and do it on the computer and need help,

Call 528-1881 for dates.

Have you signed up for Code Red yet? If you haven't signed up, you can sign up on the town website (townofgb.org) or come to the senior center where we will help you to do so. If you attend the Claire Teague Senior Center (regardless of what town you live in); we would like you to sign up.

## Looking Ahead:

 Keep your eyes open for Free Legal assistance coming in March through the Berkshire Center for Justice, Inc.....dates and times to be announced.

Valentine's Day
Bingo and Lunch
Please join Barbara Bailly on Saturday, February 15th at 11:30-
Please sign up in the dining room or call (413)528-1881.


LEAP YEAR BRUNCH
Please join Barbara Bailly on Saturday, February $29^{\text {th }}$ at 10:30 (free). Please call for reservations ( 528-1881) or sign up in dining room.

## Meet Wes Orlowski

by Nora Hayes

Wes is thoughtful and careful in his speech. A long term resident of Great Barrington, he came here, as many do, to find peace and some measure of security. His is a story of resilience and courage in spite of the horrors of war and genocide. Here is Wes in his own words:
"I was born in a small town about 20 miles from Warsaw, Poland, a few years before the start of World War II. At that time, the town was about the size of Great Barrington and also was in a farming region. My mother was a teacher in the public school and my father worked in banking, so we knew a lot of people in town and I had many friends. We suffered a great deal during the war and the German occupation. Food was limited and I learned to value and enjoy every bite that I ate. During the occupation, my father (although he was Catholic) was detained along with many others and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp for forced labor, which he miraculously survived.

After the war, I got involved in school sports and became a national track and field champion, first in my region and then in national competitions. I also studied hard, got good grades and was admitted to Warsaw University of Technology to study engineering. After graduating with a master's degree, I worked in television and later at the Polish Academy of Sciences. Although I had visited and studied in England, my dream was to study in the United States. I was thrilled to be awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for post-graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

It was at the University of Wisconsin that I met Vivian and we got married about a year later. We moved to New Haven, Connecticut where we both worked for Yale University. After several years there, I became director of Yale's Electronic Design Laboratory. Later, I worked for a nonprofit organization consulting on energy conservation and renewable energy systems for municipalities, businesses and nonprofits. I also volunteered on developing a major regional effort on solid waste disposal and recycling.
After having our car stolen and then having experienced armed robbery at gunpoint in New Haven, we decided to start looking to move to a safer area. We loved visiting the Berkshires and when the opportunity arose, we moved to Great Barrington. Here, I was gradually able to get consulting work on energy conservation and also on innovative CAD technology for plastic injection molding. My volunteer involvement included many years on the board of the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire and continuing to serve in various roles at South Berkshire Friends Meeting, including on our previous team at People's Pantry.
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## .....Continuation of the interview of Wes Orlowski by Nora Hayes

(Wes wrote the following statement when asked to say what was on his mind that he'd like others to hear):
"Having lived in both Europe and the United States, I have come to value each person's historical and cultural heritage. We can continue learning as we grow older and also share what we learn with younger people to help give them perspective on our current situation. That said, I also feel that, even with different heritages, people from all over the world have much in common and it will benefit everyone to find ways to cooperate constructively."


## Juggling classes

Free for the First Four Weeks of March -

Join us Fridays at 12:30 pm.
The BBC today reports that "complex tasks such as juggling produce significant changes to the structure of the brain". These findings come from a study that performed brain scans on 48 volunteers before and after a six-week period, in which half of them were learning how to juggle. At the end of the study, jugglers showed a $5 \%$ increase in the white matter in an area at the back of the brain called the intraparietal sulcus. This is an area that is involved in "reaching and grasping for objects in our peripheral vision".
This study indicates that learning a complex skill can result in changes in brain structure. This research will be of interest to the research community, but at the moment the practical implications of these findings are unclear. One of the authors suggests that this sort of knowledge could eventually help in developing new treatments for neurological diseases, but acknowledges that such clinical applications are a long way off.

Tuesday, March 3rd
At 10 am
Sponsored by Fallon Health's NaviCare

FREE FUN


Join us for a Morning of Left, Right and Center dice games with Prizes and Snacks.

Please sign up in the dining room.

If you are looking for a way to relieve stress, why not stop in and join

## EASY DOES IT YOGA

With Joanne Kelly
Wednesdays at 9:30 am
An hour of gentle movement, Breathing and deep relaxation that gives participants the tools to release stress and to re-vitalize, re-energize, and reconnect to your well being.

## Valentine's Day <br> February 14th



ADORE
AFFECTION
ARROW
be mine
beloved
BOYFRIEND
CANDY
CHAMPAGNE
CHERUB
CHOCOLATE

CUPID
DARLING
DEAREST
FLOWERS
GIFTS
GIRLFRIEND
HEARTS
HUG
I LOVE YOU
KISS

LOVE
PINK
POEM
RED
ROMANCE
ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE


[^0]:    Calorles and sodium from salad dressings, margarine, crackers and condiments are not included. "Higher Sodium" "Modilncations for restricted sugar avallable Nutrition information provided is not exact but will help guide you.

    Menu is subject to change.

