

GRAPEVINE

November 2019



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Open Monday through Friday * (except holidays) * 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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Dining Room: 413-528-4118

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IN HONOR OF OUR VETERAN'S

- <u>Free</u> haircuts are being offered for Veteran's at Jakes Barber Shop, 81 Railroad St, from 8 am to 3 PM ~ Come in anytime. Enjoy coffee and snacks provided by Fuel while you wait!!
- VA Agent Laurie Hills will be joining us for lunch on First Thursday of each month and Veterans and their spouses eat for free.
- Veteran's Eat Free 1st and 3rd Thursdays

Wednesday, November 13th

Devonshire Estates will be bringing a Special Delicious Dessert Buffet during lunch!

December 3rd, Tuesday

Rockin' with Robin

Special holiday music during lunch
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Harvest Lunch

Great Barrington Healthcare will be offering a FREE lunch on Tuesday, November 19th at 11:30. In the tradition of Thanksgiving, I would like to thank Great Barrington Healthcare for all the wonderful meals they have provided to our senior center.

Holly and her staff work hard to bring us delicious meals, we continue to appreciate all that they do!!Thank you from all of us at the Claire Teague Center for the many free meals they have provided us.

AARP TAX AID PROGRAM....

Is seeking new volunteers to assist with low and moderate income senior's tax preparations. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Senior Center at (413) 528-1881.

Elder Services Thanksgiving meal will be Thursday November 21st

Menu: Turkey ,cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and dessert.

Family members are welcome to attend with you, but for those under 60;

there will be a \$7.00 charge, those 60 and over is a \$2.00 donation.

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The 2020 Census is only a few months away and hiring is underway. In Berkshire County, the Census Bureau plans to hire 833 employees to help conduct the Census. So far, only 258 people have applied for the jobs. These are temporary, part-time, flexible schedule jobs with pay starting at \$18/hour. In order to have people employed and trained by the Census Bureau by March 2020, when the Census begins, we need people to apply now.

Applicants can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or by calling 855-562-2020.

EXERCISE CLASSES

MONDAY:

9:15 AM- Cross Training with Misha (\$3.50)

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

12:45 PM— Beginners Tap Dancing with Carolyn (\$5.00)

2:00 PM- Intermediate Tap Dancing w/ Carolyn (\$5.00)

TUESDAY:

9:30 AM- Move & Groove (\$3.00) w/ Dee Foster 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 Sit To Be Fit (\$ 3.00) w Dee Foster

THURSDAY:

9:30 AM- Move & Groove (\$3.00) w/ Dee Foster 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) 12:45 PM— Beginners Tap Dancing (\$5.00) 2:00 PM- Intermediate Tap Dancing (\$5.00)

Chair Exercises

If Dee Foster's class Moves and Grooves is bit too much for you...please try Sit to Be Fit on Wednesdays at 9:45 -10:30 First class is free; then \$3 per class. ALSO, Don't forget that Ann Waldman has a great Chair Exercise class that is FREE on Fridays, 10:00-11:00 am. You'll get a great work out while seated in a chair. Both classes should be great for all levels, are a great workout and more importantly FUN!

ART CLASSES

Wednesday at 12:30 pm "Painting w/ 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"

If you have any further questions, please call the center at 528-1881



The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, November 11 for

Veteran's Day and

Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving!

Have a great weekend!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

November Birthdays

Helen Audino	Nov. 4
Bruce Maxwell	Nov. 7
Linda Difulvio	Nov. 7
Katie Kilmer	Nov. 9
Maureen Avery	Nov. 9
Roberta Parry	Nov. 9
Marlene TenBroeck	Nov. 9
Virginia Farnum	Nov. 12
Paulette Johnson	Nov. 14
Nora Hayes	Nov. 17
Carolyn Arienti	Nov. 17
Ruth Meier	Nov. 17
Betty Pratt	Nov. 23
Barbara Mueller	Nov, 23
Matthew Tomich	Nov. 23
Carolyn Carr	Nov. 27
Priscilla Rueger	Nov. 29

YOU ARE INVITED!!

28th Annual Senior Festival

Monday, November 18th At Monument High School Concert 11 am (in the Auditorium) Luncheon 12:30 pm (in the Cafeteria) *** To attend, RSVP 528-1881

2nd Annual Tap-a-Ganza

Saturday, December 7th from 11:30 am -1 pm Join us for Dance, Music, Tales, Food and FUN!!!!! Featuring Tap Classes of Carolyn Calandro and Special Guest Performances!

Dwelling in the Past Presentation on November 21 at 10 am

Dwelling in the Past, a mother and daughter team (Lynn H. Wood, title abstractor, and Elisabeth L. Wood, genealogical researcher) who share a love for historic research. Through researching old Berkshire records and employing their many years (58 years) of combined research experience, Lynn and Beth are now bringing forward newly found, fact-based stories of past Berkshire people, places and happenings. Each story they have found to date has been in some way unique and surprising. History is often painted in grand strokes, on canvasses of monumental size. The aim at Dwelling in the Past is to bring history, in all its vivid colors, to a more human scale. By investigating the historic homes of Berkshire County, Lynn and Beth offer an opportunity to glimpse the shape, form and varied hues of residents' lives.

Born in Pittsfield, Lynn grew up in the town of Otis when it had a population of 450 people. Her father owned a general store, a great place to get to know neighbors.

Lynn is the editor of the book *A Gift from the Past, Nellie E. Haskell's History of Otis*. She served the town of Egremont at different times as Town Clerk, Selectmen's Secretary and Planning Board Chair. In 2015, she worked with Beth and many others to produce Egremont's July "1865 Civil War Basket Picnic."

Lynn and her husband Bill live in Egremont, in Bill's great-grandparents' home and are parents of two children and grandparents of five. Currently, Lynn chairs the St. James Community Housing Corporation in Great Barrington and serves on the Egremont Meeting House Committee.

Beth lives and works in Alexandria, Virginia. She and her husband, David Berman, have raised five children and various cats. (Whether the training of the cats, or the training of the children has been more successful to date is the subject of some debate.) In addition to her work, Beth is an Assistant Historian for the Mayflower Society of Virginia.

Thank you Laurel Lake for the great meal they hosted for us in October, we had a great time, thanks again!

Dining for Women with Guest Speaker Barbara Watkins November 20th at 11:45 am

CHANGING THE WORLD

ONE WOMAN, ONE GIRL, ONE DINNER AT A TIME Dining for Women is a global giving circle that funds grassroots projects working in developing countries to fight gender inequality. Dining for Women celebrates the power of the individual to see an injustice and act to change it; to see need and act to fill it. Dining for Women's members are deeply involved in the grantees we support and the problems we seek to address. Our education component is equally as important as our fundraising.

MEET PAT LA BAGH by Nora Hayes

Pat is not excited about doing this interview. She is a modest person but her story is so interesting. So here we go!

She was born grew up and spent her first 72 years in Middletown New York. She married and started a family. Eventually she had 4 beautiful girls. While her family was still young her husband died of lung cancer and she was suddenly a single parent. For the next several years Pat kept her family going with determination and grit until she met her second husband, married in 1980, and a whole new stage of her life began.

Pat describes a feeling of emptiness after losing her first husband and made the decision to become a pilot to fill the void. A decision not too many people make but it felt like the right thing to do. Like any good move it fit right into the next chapter of her life.

After marriage she and her husband both got their pilot's license and eventually flew a plane large enough so that the entire family of 6 could fly from New York to Cape Cod and Florida on vacation.

During this time Pat also made use of her business and entrepreneurial skills to open a 4,000 square foot "Quality Used Furniture" where she sold a wide variety of household items. Her business strategy was to frequent tag sales and get a quality item at a good price and then make her profit on the mark up. She did well and the shop was successful for twenty years until her retirement.

In 2003 Pat's second husband died and she was left a widow once again. Eventually her children convinced her to relocate to the Berkshires to be closer to her girls. Pat moved to Great Barrington in 2013 and since then has immersed herself in community service working as a volunteer at the Senior Center and the Mahaiwe theatre and faithfully attending her church in Stockbridge. In the past year Pat has experienced a few medical issues and has taken her health on with the same determination and fortitude that saw her through the tough periods of her life.

When asked she describes herself (in order of importance) as a "mother, educator, entrepreneur and a pilot". For example, Pat decided to go for a helicopter pilot's license and became licensed as only the #633 female helicopter pilot in the world! Typical of Pat she describes this unique accomplishment with a shrug of her shoulders as if anyone could do it. Pat loves her volunteer work because she gets a lot out of it-"connection, camraderie, meeting different people". What she leaves out is her steadfast commitment to serve. Yes her efforts help her to feel she makes a difference but she has also become a stalwart presence at the Great Barrington Claire Teague Center which is where I see her (she's there just about every day). She is a key and much appreciated contributor to the life of the seniors who come there for company and services.

At the end of our talk I asked Pat for any words she would like to share. Here is what she had to say: "Try to live each day to the fullest, as if it is your last day! Respect others and their views. Love your neighbors!"

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NOVEMBER 2019

Elder Services of Berkshire County - Nutrition Program

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