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#### NOVEMBER 2012

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1 Bowling, 9:30 a.m. Community Meal, 6 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 2012** 

Fri. 2 Dominos, 9:30 a.m. Exercise, 11 a.m. Birthday Party, 1 p.m. Cards, 1 p.m.

Mon. 5 Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.

Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo with Hilty Home, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 6 Election Day!!!
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 7 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 8 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 9 Christmas Garage Sale, 9 am-6 pm Exercise, 11 a.m. Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Sat. 10 Christmas Garage Sale, 9 am-1 pm

Mon. 12 **Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.**Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m. –
Catered by Mt.Cory Masonic Lodge

Tue. 13 Ask The Experts? 10:30 a.m. Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

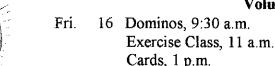
Wed. 14 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m. Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 15 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Community Meal 6 pm followed by

Community Thanksgiving Service



Mon. 19 **Peanut Brittle, 8 am**Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo with Elmcroft, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 20 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 21 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m. Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 22 Closed - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Fri. 23 Closed!!!

Sat. 24 Blaze of Lights.. supper starts at 4 p.m.

Mon. 26 Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.

Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo with Richland Manor, 2:30 p.m.

Western Square Dance, 6:30 p.m. lessons
7:00 p.m. Dance begins

Tue. 27 Bus trip leaves at 7 a.m. to Virginia
Beach
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 28 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m. Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 29 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 30 Exercise Class, 11 a.m. Cards, 1 p.m.



















#### NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

TIME: Monday, November 12th, 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: The meal will be catered by Mt. Cory Masonic Lodge. They will be serving Ham Loaf, cheesy potatoes, corn, buttered rolls, applesauce and cake. Tickets are \$7.00 and must be

purchased by Wednesday, November 7th.

M.C.: Clarence Kooker

**HOSTESSES: Rosemary Meyer and friends** 

PROGRAM: Rachel Lewis will play with some of her string students.

In November, Helen McOwen and Alice Rader will both reach that wonderful age of 90 years young. Alice now lives in Florida so we will be mailing her Life Membership to her. Helen will receive a Red Rose and Life Membership at our November Dinner Meeting. Congratulations Helen and Alice.

ANNUAL MEETING: Election of the new Board Members. The members up for election are Sharleen Olson, Marilyn Lenhart, Linda Staley, Joyce Cupples, Bev Armstrong, Marlin Burkholder, Mary Amstutz, and Wade Oberly.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** We will honor the following members who passed away from November 2011 to October 2012;

Virginia Geiger, November 23, 2011
Edith Meyer, November 30, 2011
Nelson Schumacher, December 22, 2011
Don Wymer, January 9, 2012
Methel Benroth, January 15, 2012
Stan Newton, February 17, 2012
Elsie Johnston, February 27, 2012
Kenneth Geiger, February 29, 2012
Madlyn Kimmel, March 10, 2012
Margie Badertscher, April 12, 2012
Donna Badertscher, April 16, 2012
Harold Altstaetter, April 18, 2012
Dale Amstutz, April 23, 2012
Harold Balmer, April 28, 2012
Jean Schumacher, May 25, 2012

Alice Wingate, June 2, 2012
Irene Althaus, June 2, 2012
Leonard Kingsley, June 5, 2012
Carol Diller, June 13, 2012
Cleora Schaller, June 22, 2012
Arthur Hilty, July 26, 2012
Carolyn Sue Adam, August 10, 2012
Eloise Buettner, August 26, 2012
Vera Burkholder, August 31, 2012
Donna Shinn, September 14, 2012
Kenneth Steiner, September 28, 2012
Marjorie Diller, September 29, 2012
Dick Cookson, October 15, 2012
Erma Augsburger, October 17, 2012

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THANK YOU.... "Thank you for sending the beautiful floral arrangement in Dick's memory. We all appreciate you remembering him in this way."

Sincerely, Betty Cookson & family





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#### PEANUT BRITTLE

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!! People have been asking for Peanut Brittle, so it is time to get cooking! Our start date for making the sweet candy will be Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Both men and women are needed to make the candy and the more help, the easier it is for everyone. So please mark your calendars now for November 5<sup>th</sup>.

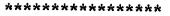
#### **COACH TRIPS 2012**

December 6<sup>th</sup> ... It's a Wonderful Life at LaComedia There are still a few seats left, so sign up soon. We will take a motor coach to LaComedia Dinner for a fabulous buffet lunch followed by a stage adaptation of the popular Christmas Movie and a stop at the chocolate factory before coming home. Cost of the trip is \$75.00 due Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 2013

JUNE ... PUT-IN-BAY We will take the Jet Express to the little Island Paradise in our own back yard. A little fun in the sun to look forward to.

September ... GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA We will visit Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Heidelberg and Rattenberg. We will visit palaces, castles and cuckoo clocks. We will ride planes, trains, buses and boats. Watch here for more details.











# WESTERN SQUARE DANCING

Get out of the house and meet people from all over. We will teach you how and even find you a partner. The next Western Square Dance night will be <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 22<sup>nd</sup></u>. At 6:30 **p.m.** we will start with lessons for those new to the dance or need a refresher course. Then from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., we will have a dance with a mix of easy and more complicated dances. The cost for the evening is \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non members. Come join the fun!





**DOMINOS** 



Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will be our next domino games. The game starts at 9:30 am but we'll work you in if you have to come late. We will teach Mexican Train dominos to anyone interested. If you know how, come and join the fun!

# Showtime at Plain City, November 9th <u>\$64.00</u> DerDutchman provides a great family style dinner of Chicken and Beef - (Depart at 9:15 am) Ron Retzer presents A Special Salute to Veterans.

Nov. 27 - Dec. 1st Christmas at Virginia Beach plus a Guided Tour of Colonial Williamsburg

5 days, 4 nights, Christmas lights on Virginia Beach, Ocean Front lodging, Christmas Dinner Cruise on the Elizabeth River, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Imax Theater presents the Christmas Story,

Virginia Air & Space Center, Planetarium Show about the Christmas Star, Tour Colonial Williamsburg.

Motor coach transportation, several meals, etc. All for \$480.00 (Depart at 7:00 AM)

# \*\*\*\*\*<u>Looking forward to 2013</u>\*\*\*\*\*

May 13 - 17th -- 5 days 4 nights -- White Star - Smokey Mountain Entertainer Tour
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\$604.00 (double occupancy)

LaComedia - March 14th "9 to 5" The Musical made famous by Dolly Parton

LaComedia - May 30th "The Sound of Music"

LaComedia - September 26th Church Basement Ladies Presents: "A mighty Fortress is our Basement"

It is very important to sign up in advance for the trips.
It is also very important to cancel your reservation if necessary.
We have to pay vendors in advance therefore we need the money in advance.
Thank you.

An additional fee of \$15.00 will be added to all trips for non-members of the Bluffton Senor Center, to coincide with the membership fee of \$15.00. May as well become a member and get the other benefits of membership such as the monthly news letter, card games, exercise classes etc.

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#### **NOVEMBER 2012**







It's Coming!!! It is almost Here!!! Bluffton Blaze of Lights is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 24<sup>th</sup></u>. The Bluffton Senior Center will host a Soup and Sandwich Supper starting at **4 p.m**. The Senior Center will be open all day for shoppers. We will serve chicken noodle soup, bean soup, hot dogs, coney dogs, sloppy joes, and chicken sandwiches, homemade pies, peanut butter bars and hickory nut cake, plus not chocolate, coffee, tea, bottled water or pop. The Blaze of Lights parade will be at **5 p.m**. with the lights turned on at **6 p.m**. **Santa and Mrs**. Claus will be at the Senior Center after the parade. We need many, many, many volunteers to make it all work! We also need your delicious homemade pies! Please come and make this a great evening. Sign up sheets are in the office.



#### **CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE**



I know you haven't had your turkey yet but it is time to dig out your Christmas stuff. It is time once again for our Annual Christmas Garage Sale. The sale will be Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please have any donations into the Senior Center by Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> so we have time to price the items before the sale. Volunteers are needed to help set up for the sale on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and to help clean up on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> after the sale closes at 1 p.m.

#### **TOE NAIL CLINIC**



Our next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Daniel Kirk will be Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of \$10.00 due at the time of your appointment.

#### **HOBBY CENTER**

The Senior Center has mice! But they are the good kind. Thank you **Helen Winkler** for sharing your mice collection. **Helen's mice** will stay in the case until the week of Thanksgiving when Tonya's sister and brothers-in-law will put up a Lego village display for Christmas. We are looking for display ideas for 2013. If you have a collection or artwork that you would be willing to share, please call Tonya at **419-358-8971**.

THANK YOU....."To all our friends at the Senior Center: Thank you for the cards, visits and prayers for us when we were in the Hilty Home, and now still recovering at home. It has been a long road out all of your thoughtfulness and prayers made the time seem much shorter. Hope to be out and about real soon. Love, Daryl & Eileen Amstutz



COMMUNITY MEALS

On November 1st, the First Mennonite Church will serve the Community Meal and on November 15th, the Bluffton Presbyterian Church will serve followed by the Community Thanksgiving Service. The meals are FREE, open to the public and start at 6 p.m. All monetary\_donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

The Churches in Bluffton have traditionally come together to celebrate THANKSGIVING as a community. The community service traditionally was held the Wednesday or Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year, they are going to try something new. After the community meal on Thursday, November 15th, the Area Ministers will have a short THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Come and celebrate God's many blessings that evening with friends. A FREE will donation will be taken as always to help support the local food pantry.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

It is time for something new at the Senior Center. Signature Health Services is sponsoring a Monthly Birthday Party on the first (1st) Friday of the month. The party is for Everyone!! So come and help those who have a birthday to celebrate. The first Birthday Party will be Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. Come and join the fun!!!

#### STORE NEWS

Thanksgiving is often thought of as the forgotten Holiday. With the Blaze of Lights just two days later, you might think that the Senior Center has forgotten about it as well but if you come and check out the store, you will find a nice array of Thanksgiving decorations. And remember they make wonderful hostess gifts for that wonderful person making the turkey.

### **ASK THE EXPERT**

The holiday season is coming and although most people think it is the most wonderful time of the year, not everyone does. How to Beat the Holiday Blues is the thyme of the next Ask the Expert series on Tuesday, November 13th at 10:30am. The second Tuesday of every month, a nurse and a social worker will make themselves available to answer any questions you may have. As always, the program is free and open to the public.

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE**

Wednesday, November 7th will be our next Blood Pressure Clinic. Ameri Care will send a nurse from 10:30 am - Noon. Thanks to Clara Beth Bixel for being our nurse in October. If you need help with your insurance papers or Medicare Part D, please call the Senior Center at 419-358-8971.



#### MEDICARE'S OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare's annual open enrollment period is <u>October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup></u>. If you have questions or wish to change coverage, **Bob Painter**, a certified OSHIIP Counselor, will be glad to compare options for you. Call the Bluffton Senior Center for an appointment on **Tuesdays or Thursdays**, 419-358-8971.

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Thank you to all who donated food for **Bette's Polka Band** dinner. It was delicious and especially a thank you to **Linda Staley** and **Marion Kissling** for working in the kitchen. Your help is greatly appreciated!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Dorothy Van Meter** who bowled a **248** on September 20<sup>th</sup> on the Wii at the Senior Center. We are impressed!!!!

THANK YOU...."Thank you very much for the card sent to me when I was having trouble with my back. I really appreciated it a lot." Louise LaRoche

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#### **OCTOBER DINNER MEETING**

A very large crowd gathered at the Bluffton Senior Center for our October Dinner Meeting. Kay and Marlin Burkholder decorated the tables with fall colors and Ohio State Football decorations. Bob Painter opened the evening with prayer. The Mt. Cory Methodist Church served a wonderful meal. After dinner, Mary Koontz was honored for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bob shared some jokes before turning the microphone over to Richard Bucher for the evening. Richard played the accordion and lead the group in a sing-a-long as Joanne Niswander played the piano. It was a fun evening for all.



### SUGARCREEK, OHIO

The Bluffton Seniors left the center at 7 a.m. on a dreary, rainy morning for our trip to Sugarcreek. Our first stop was at McDonald's where **Bob** picked up the coffee to go with **Bev's** delicious cookies at our "pit" stops.

We then went to Shrock's Amish Farm & Home where we toured an Amish home and went on a buggy ride. We were not able to ride the train as the track was too wet, so we had more time for shopping.

Had a wonderful meal at **Dutch Valley Restaurant** and then went to the **Carlisle Inn** to see "The Confession" by **Beverly Lewis**, her two other books "The Shunning" & "The Reckoning" of the series was incorporated in the production. It was very good!

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We then went to Walnut Cheese Co. where we had ice cream & shopped for 50 minutes before they closed at 6 p.m. Arrived back at the Center's parking lot at 9 p.m. A wonderful time was had by all, thanks Bob & Bev.

Sharleen Olson

#### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS....

Joan Deafendeffin, Bluffton JoAnn Blankenship, Findlay Ida Manley, Bluffton Jeanne Griffith, Columbus Grove Leannah Reigle, Columbus Grove Hugh & Darlene Ward, Lima Beverly Osborn, Bluffton

# SENT CARDS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL....

Dick Cookson Kenny Steiner Louise LaRoche Kate Rosenberger Sandra Berry



## WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF....

- Vera Burkholder;
- Marjorie Diller;
- Donna Shinn;
- Mark Schumacher on the death of his sister;
- Kenny Steiner;
- All Stacy on the death of his brother;
- Dick Cookson.



#### **HAWAII**

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 21 of us left a very rainy Bluffton for Detroit, MI. We spent the night in a very nice hotel and got up early for our flight to Hawaii. Our flights were on time so we got to Honolulu by mid afternoon local time. Our tour guide Jim greeted us at baggage claim with flower leis. After checking in at our hotel in Waikiki, we had a reception with Jim and some of his family so we could all get to know each other.

Our first full day in Hawaii was spent with Jim's father-in-law who took us to see the battleships the USS Missouri and the Arizona Memorial. They represent the beginning and the ended of WWII for the United States. He then took us on a driving tour of Honolulu. Our next day was a free day. Some spent the day shopping or on the beach, some took the optional tour to the Polynesian Cultural Center, others visited an aquarium or found other things to see.

The next day we flew to the Big Island of Hawaii. This was the wettest day on the tour. We visited a flower nursery were they grow anthuriums and we all got a free flower. We had lunch at a cute little restaurant before visiting Volcanoes National Park. We didn't get to see lava flow but we did see steam coming out of the center of the crater. We next had the opportunity of walking through a lava tube. We stopped at a nursery that sold orchids on our way to our hotel. The women all got orchids for our hair. We spent the night in Hilo and all we could hear all night long was the singing frogs.

To be continued next month....

# **NOVEMBER 2012**

Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	Sept.21

Men's High Game:	
Al Eversole	169
Dick Marquart	168
Jim Baumgartner	163
Ron Fullom	159

Women's High Game:	
Lois Barth	137
Faye Eley	134
Tonya Meyer	112
Rose Hostettler	109

Men's High Series:	
Dick Marquart	335
Al Eversole	323
Don Barth	315
Dwight Baumgartner	311
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Women's High Series:	
Faye Eley	253
Lois Barth	232
Tonya Meyer	206
Rose Hostettler	194

Thursday Morning Se	eniors
scores bowled on:	Oct. 11

Men's High Game:	
Ron Fullom	213
Clarence Kooker	183
Al Eversole	180
Dick Marquart	176

Women's High Game:	
Faye Eley	151
Susann Mawhorr	126
Rose Hostettler	122
Lois Barth	101

Men's High Series:	
Ron Fullom	404
Clarence Kooker	330
Dick Marquart	326
Basil Meyer	319



## **BOWLING**

Thursday Morning Se	eniors
scores bowled on:	Sept.27

Men's High Game:	
Basil Meyer	179
Jack Wickham	177
Ron Fullom	175
Dwight Baumgartner	174

Women's High Game:	
Faye Eley	127
Rose Hostettler	115
Stephanie Hight	111
Lois Barth	102
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Men's High Series:	
Al Eversole	337
Jack Wickham	325
Ron Fullom	319
Basil Meyer	318

Women's High Series:	
Faye Eley	253
Rose Hostettler	199
Lois Barth	191
Stephanie Hight	188

## October 11th

Women's High Series:	
Faye Eley	299
Rose Hostettler	208
Susann Mawhorr	196
Lois Barth	184



#### October 18th

Women's High Series:	
Lois Barth	248
Faye Eley	246
Rose Hostettler	182

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Thursday Morning So	eniors
scores bowled on:	Oct.4

Men's High Game:	
Ron Fullom	211
Al Eversole	203
Bob Badertscher	191
Walter Miller	190

Women's High Game:	
Faye Eley	181
Susann Mawhorr	144
Tonya Meyer	108
Rose Hostettler	100

Men's High Series:	
Ron Fullom	403
Al Eversole	350
Mike Bastian	347
Bob Badertscher	324

Women's High Series:	
Faye Eley	304
Susann Mawhorr	245
Stephanie Hight	192
Rose Hostettler	185

Thursday Morning So	eniors
scores bowled on:	Oct.18

Men's High Game:	
Dick Marquart	178
Bob Badertscher	176
Bud Kantner	169
Ron Fullom	168

Women's High Game:	
Faye Eley	134
Lois Barth	131
Rose Hostettler	99

Men's High Series:	
Bob Badertscher	339
Bud Kantner	326
Ron Fullom	319
Dick Marquart	316

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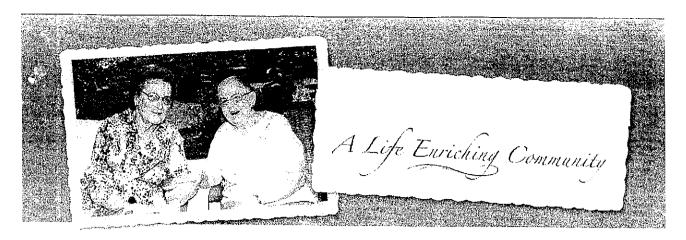
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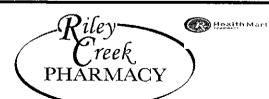
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