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### **NOVEMBER 2017**

Wed. 1 Quilting, Crafts

Potluck, 12 Noon

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

2 Bowling, 9;30 a.m.

Euchre, 1 p.m.

Community Meal, 6 p.m. by

MHCO (Menn.Home)

Fr. 3 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 6 **Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.**Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.

**Tue. 7 Election Day.....**Dance, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 8 Quilting, Crafts

Potluck, 12 Noon

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Loom Knit Class, 2:30 p.m.

Thurs. 9 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Euchre, 1 p.m.
Set up for Garage Sale, 1 p.m.

Fri. 10 Bus trip to DerDutchman, Depart, 8:45 am
Christmas Garage Sale, 9 am-5:30 pm
Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Sat. 11 Christmas Garage, Sat. 9 am to Noon Clean up at 12 noon!

Mon. 13 Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m. by

Mt.Cory Methodist Church

Tue. 14 Lunch and Learn Healthy Habits for Living.....12 Noon
Line Dance, 3 p.m.
Dance, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wed. 15 Quilting, Crafts Potluck, 12 Noon



Wed. 15 (continues) Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 16 Bowling, 9;30 a.m.
Euchre, 1 p.m.
Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m. by
First Mennonite Church

Fri. 17 Dominos, 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch from Elmcroft

Mon. 20 **Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.**Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m. **Bingo w/Brookdale, 2:30 p.m.** 

Tue. 21 <u>Dance</u>, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 22 Quilting, Crafts

Potluck, 12 Noon

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 23 THANKSGIVING DAY, Closed!!

Fri. 24 Closed!!!

Tue.

Sat. 25 Blaze of Lights.....

Open all day, meal starts 4 pm

Mon. 27 Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.

Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 pm

Western Square Dancing, 6:30 pm

28 Tablet Class w/ONU, 12:30 pm -2:30 pm Line Dance Class, 3 pm Dance, 4 pm - 6 pm

Wed. 29 Quilting, Crafts

Potluck, 12 Noon

Exercise Class, 1:30 pm

Tue. 30 Bowling, 9:30 am Euchre, 1 pm

### **NOVEMBERR DINNER MEETING**



TIME: Monday, November 13th, 6 PM

PLACE; Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: The meal is catered by Mt. Cory Methodist Church. They will serve glazed pork roast, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, buttered rolls and homemade pie. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00. Tickets need to purchase by November 8th to be sure there will be enough food for everyone.

**HOSTESS: Leannah Reigle and friends** 

MC: Pat Basinger

PROGRAM: Nick Nowlan will entertain us with his harmonica.

In November, Russel Suter and Harley Steiner will both turn 90 years young. We will celebrate Harley and Russel's Birthdays at the November Dinner Meeting with a red rose and Life Membership. Congratulations Russel and Harley.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** We will have the election of new Board Members at our November Dinner Meeting: Harlan Basinger, Olwen Pritchard, Sharon Hamilton, Larry Core.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE - November 2016 to October 2017**

Anna Ruth Balmer, Oct. 31, 2016 Bonnie Vandemark, Feb. 3, 2017 Doris Hamman, Nov. 9, 2016 Kenneth Knitz, Feb. 14, 2017 Treva Suter, Nov. 19, 2016 Pat McCafferty, Mar. 5, 2017 Mary Ann Kooker, Nov. 27, 2016 Cary Childs, Mar. 6, 2017 Dwight Lutz, Nov. 29, 2016 Lenora Bish, Mar. 6, 2017 Morris Groman, Jan. 20, 2017 Paul Behnfeldt, Mar. 15, 2017 Ruby Mabry, Jan. 22, 2017 Esther, Neff, Mar. 28, 2017 Helen Winkler, Jan. 23, 2017 Lena Badertscher, Apr. 26, 2017 Doris Conrad, Jan. 26, 2017 Mary Alice Dodge, Apr. 28, 2017 Virginia Augsburger, Jan. 30, 2017 Eilene Mericle, May 4, 2017 Mary K. Niswander, Jan. 30, 2017 Evelyn Lugibihl, May 6, 2017 Harvey Bauman, Feb. 1, 2017 Carol Groman, May 22, 2017 Julia A. Gable, Feb. 2, 2017 Evelyn Luginbuhl, July 20, 2017

Ray Shinabery, Aug. 17, 2017

### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Christina Schroeder from Ellerbrock's Office will be offering a FREE lunch and learn on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. The topic will be <u>Healthy Habits for Living</u>. The program will focus on fitness and wellbeing and the ability to cope with everyday activities. The meal is FREE but reservations are required! Please sign up in the office or call 419-358-8971.

### PEANUT BRITTLE



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They say many hands make light work. It also makes for fun times. It is time once again to make our famous PEANUT BRITTLE!! Our starting date is <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.</u>
Both men and women are needed to make the candy. The more help, the easier it is for everyone. So mark your calendars now for every <u>Monday in November at 8 a.m.</u>

### **BLAZE OF LIGHTS**

This is the one time of year that the line for food goes out the door! We need your HELP!! The Bluffton Blaze of Lights is Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Bluffton Senior Center will serve a soup and sandwich supper starting at 4 p.m. The Senior Center will be OPEN all day for shoppers. The Blaze of Light's parade will be at 5 p.m. and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Senior Center after the parade. We need many, many volunteers to make it all work!! We also need delicious homemade pies! Please come and help make this a great evening. Sign-up sheets are in the office.

### **CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE**

The Annual Christmas Garage Sale will be Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please have your donations into the Senior Center by Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> so we have time to price them. VOLUNTEERS are needed Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon to help set up for the sale and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to help clean up the Senior Center. We have to clean up for Peanut Brittle on Monday morning. Please let Tonya know if you can help, 419-358-8971.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT DANCE**

The days are getting shorter so we are switching to our winter schedule. Starting **Tuesday**, **November 7**<sup>th</sup>, the Tuesday Night Dance will be from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** We will cancel dances when school is closed for winter weather.



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### **COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>, Frankie Avalon in Concert.** Join us for a fun evening of food and Frankie. We will have supper at the Pioneer Mill in Tiffin before going to the Ritz for an evening concert with legendary Frankie Avalon. Only 40 seats available. Cost is \$112.00 due Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Trip departs at 4:15 PM.

### 2018

Scotland, England and Wales Sept. 10-20, 2018. Join us for a great trip to Great Britain. Brochures are in the office for more details. A rep from Country Travel Discoveries will be at the Senior Center on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM to show photos and answer questions about this tour.



### **BUS TRIPS WITH BOB AND BEV**

# Ron Retzer presents "Spirit of America" at Der Dutchman in Plain City November 10

A celebration of America's music with a special salute to Veterans. \$75.00 due Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Clifton Mill and Young" Dairy Farm Restaurant December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Depart Bluffton at 2 PM, eat dinner at Young's Dairy then watch 3.5 million lights come alive at 6 PM.

Check out the Santa Claus Museum and Santa's workshop plus a miniature city. \$65.00 due Nov. 1

### 2018

Chattanooga Choo Choo 4 days, 3 nights – July 30 to Aug. 2 \$680.00

Southern Belle Dinner Cruise, 3 Train Rides, Ruby Falls, and more.

### **PARKING FOR TRIPS**

When you are traveling with the Senior Center on one of our bus or motor coach trips, please **do not park** next to the buildings. The Senior Center and the other businesses will be open while our trip is gone and they need these spots. The motor coach will always pick us up between the **third and fourth** row of cars from the building. If you park in the third and fourth rows, you will be **closer** to the coach and will not disturb the flow of traffic to the businesses. Thank you.









### **BINGO**



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In November, we will have a THIRD BINGO, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. with MCHO; November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. with Brookdale Home Health from Findlay, and November 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m with Richland Manor. Bingo is always FREE, so come and join the fun.



### LOOM KNIT CLASS Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>



On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at <u>2:30 p.m.</u> (after exercise class), Cookie (Dianne Cook) will teach us how to knit a hat on a circular loom. All materials are provided. The cost is \$2.00. The class size is limited to the number of looms we have, so please sign-up.

### DEB'S WORKSHOP Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>



Deb's workshop for November will be the <u>third Wednesday</u>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. Our project doesn't require sewing! We will be making <u>string orbs</u>. It involves wrapping twine dipped in glue around a small balloon and the string holds its shape. As you can guess, this project has the potential to be messy. So, wear old clothes! The cost is \$1.00. You get to keep the finished project after it dries. Please call or stop in to get your name on the list.



### **HOBBY CENTER**



The October display was by those that traveled on the **Grand Canyon and Red Rocks** tour. They shared some of the treasures they brought back including petrified dinosaur poop. Hope you saw it! In **November**, **Joan Krugh** will share her teapot collection . If you have a hobby, collection, or art work that you would be willing to share, please let **Tonya** know.



### TABLET CLASS

Students from ONU will be offering a **Tablet Class on <u>Tuesday</u>**, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The students will bring iPads to teach the basics or you can bring your own. The class is FREE but reservations are required. This is a great chance to try a **Tablet** if you have been thinking of getting one.

### LUNCH WITH ELMCROFT

On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Elmcroft from Lima will provide a FREE lunch for the Domino players at 11:30 a.m. Let Tonya know if you will be staying for lunch that day!

### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Betty Lou Fisher, Lakeview Susan Lasure, Harrod Larry Esmonde, Lima Richard & Darlene Williams, Mt.Cory Roger & Marcille Coates, Harrod Dean Badertscher, Bluffton

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- Joyce Cupples.

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### LINE DANCE

Line dance classes are every other Tuesday at 3 PM and a great way to meet new people and exercise. Classes in November on Tuesday on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28th. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

### TOE NAIL CLINIC

The next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Kirk is scheduled for Monday, November 27th at 10 a.m. You must call ahead to make an appointment, 419-358-8971. A \$10.00 fee is due at the time of your appointment.

### WESTERN SQUARE DANCING

Our next Western Square Dance will be Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$3 for non-members and \$2 for members. Come and join in the fun.

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THANK YOU... "Many thanks for the cards & visits while I was at the Mennonite Home rehab." Colletta Mullenhour

### MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Open enrollment starts October 15<sup>th</sup> and runs till December 7<sup>th</sup>. During the open enrollment you can switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage or vice versa or switch your Medicare Part D plan. If there have been any changes in your health or medication in the past year, you should consider checking with your insurance professional or County Counsel on Aging to make sure you still have the best coverage for you.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES**

- Harlan Basinger Harlan and his wife, Pat have been members since 2012. Harlan has served 3 years on the Board of Directors and is up for re-election. He is currently vice-president of the Board. Harlan volunteers during fundraisers and helps with meals. He and his wife enjoy many of our trips.
- Olwen Pritchard Olwen has been a member since 2014. Olwen volunteers by sorting donations and other odd jobs at the Senior Center.
- Sharon Hamilton Sharon and her husband, Keith have been members since 2013. Sharon enjoys Bingo and she and husband enjoy our trips.
- Larry Core Larry and his wife, Ellen have been members since 2014. Larry helps with Peanut Brittle.
- Jean Cook Jean has been a member since 2016. Jean makes the handmade cards for the store and enjoys Western Square Dancing.

**David Sharinghouse** – David and his wife, Linda have been members since 2016. They have enjoyed the Senior Center trips.

### **OCTOBER DINNER MEETING**



Sixty (60) people gathered for a lovely meal on a very warm Fall evening. Betty Moser and Ron Zimmerly decorated the tables with fall leaves. Bev Armstrong opened the evening with some jokes and a prayer. After a delicious meal of baked steak and etc. plus cake for dessert; announcements were given by the staff. Aaron Antrim from Life Flight shared his story. Aaron had spent 10 years in the Marine Corp serving three tours in Iraq and 10 years in the Coast Guard before retiring from the military. Aaron spent a lot of time answering questions about his current job as pilot for Life Flight out of Bluffton. A good time was had by all!

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Roscoe Village. After a quick Canal trivia game, Tonya played Bingo with the passengers. Once in Coshocton, we stopped at the Visitor's Center of Roscoe Village. A guide played "What's it" with tools from the 1800's. Many items the group could guess what they were used for but no one wanted to try to use the 1800 vacuum cleaner. We then divided into 3 groups for our tour. We visited two buildings and the museum. We then had a lovely lunch of salad, soup and sandwiches with a hugh cookie for dessert. The afternoon was spent exporing the town watching the museum videos and talking with to come home.

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Men's High Score:		Women's High Series:		Men's High Series:	
Dwight Baumgartner	172	Susan Thomas	287	Rick Mawhorr	346
Walter Miller	167	Bev Armstrong	285	Larry Armstrong	312
Bob Buettner	161	Marilyn Lenhart	268	Dick Marquart	291
Russell Koontz	158	Marcia McCafferty	259	Basil Meyer	280
Larry Armstrong	158	,		Mike Bastian	280
		Oct. 5, 2017			
Women's High Score:				Women's High Series:	
Bev Armstrong	194	Men's High Score:		Nancy Buettner	310
Marcia McCafferty	135	Larry Armstrong	175	Bev Armstrong	276
Nancy Buettner	134	Allan Eversole	165	Marilyn Lenhart	267
Susan Thomas	124	Basil Meyer	149	Susan Thomas	249
		Rick Mawhorr	148	Marcia McCafferty	249
Men's High Series:				·	
Walter Miller	308	Women's High Score:			
Larry Armstrong	299	Susan Thomas	162		
Russell Koontz	294	Marilyn Lenhart	149		
Dwight Baumgartner	293	Bev Armstrong	138		
		Nancy Buettner	131		
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Susan Thomas	166	Men's High Score:			
Bev Armstrong	148	Rick Mawhorr	208		
Marcia McCafferty	137	Larry Armstrong	185		
Marilyn Lenhart	135	Dick Marquart	176		
		Basil Meyer	158		
Men's High Series:					
Dick Marquart	345	Women's High Score:			
Larry Armstrong	302	Nancy Buettner	192		
Mike Bastian	296	Bev Armstrong	161		
Walter Miller	290	Susan Thomas	146		

Marcia McCafferty

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### **Ron Lora**

### Bluffton Senior Center hits homerun with Canyonlands Tour

Imagine a tour that features magnificent parks with world-famous canyons, trails cut into steep canyon walls, pictographs and petroglyphs painted or etched on canyon walls, bristlecone pines possibly living up to five thousand years, a (serendipitous) double rainbow with its ends touching the valley floor and canyon wall during a sunset at Grand Canyon's south rim, a painted desert in Navajo country, petrified dunes and wood, mesas, buttes, pinnacles, and a lengthy roll-call of other geologic wonders.

We had such a tour earlier this month when Bluffton Senior Center presented "Grand Canyon & Red Rocks," an eleven-day adventure in the American Southwest planned by Country Travel Discoveries. In addition to national monuments, twenty-six of us visited five national parks, beginning in Grand Canyon (a local Native American tribe refers to it as a "mountain turned upside down") and moving on to Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, and Arches.

We were fortunate to have tour director Phil Pesch with us for the entire trip. Born in the Midwest and now living in California, he is a lifelong traveler who has explored five continents. Knowledgeable, conversant on dozens of canyon land topics.

Atop a list of trip highlights was our enhanced awareness of the passage of time. Whether thinking about the eons it took to raise the Colorado Plateau (it rises "about as rapidly as fingernails grow," we were told), or the eleven times the ocean filled the area and then retreated, or seeing footprints and bones of dinosaurs, it was impressed upon us that the span of natural history is almost incomprehensibly vast.

A useful way to understand the Colorado Plateau is to think of a staircase. Grand Canyon is at the bottom, where the rock is nearly two billion years old; over the course of 150 miles, it rises to Zion and on up to the pink cliffs of Bryce Canyon. All the way up the staircase exotic rock formations are tilted, spread out, with fractures, joints and faults in abundance.

At visitor centers, displays explained how sedimentary rock was formed in water and laid down horizontally, layer after layer – oldest at bottom and youngest at the top. Over eons they were lifted high out of the water where wind, rainwater and flash floods, ice and erosion then worked their magic, forming fins, spires, and obelisks. "Hoodoos" – skinny rock spires shaped by erosive action on differing qualities of rock – range in size from the height of humans to a multi-story building.

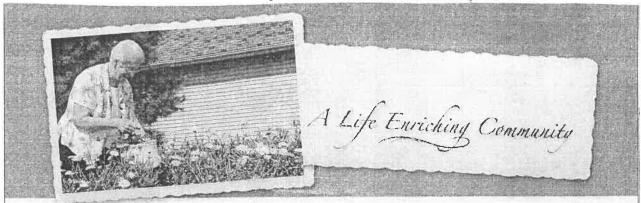
At every stop in this sun-drenched region are reminders of the importance of water, or rather access to it. Hence the proliferation of dams, such as that at Glen Canyon – second only to Hoover Dam in height – which we visited and which by harnessing the Colorado River is able to generate hydroelectric power for distribution to millions of people. Rights to water have been fought over for more than a century, which led one local guide to observe that while "Whiskey's for drink'n, water's for fight'n!"

Among other tour highlights was Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, where Pluto was discovered. Standing in front of the historic Clark Telescope, a doctoral student explained, with engaging humor, why Pluto no longer qualifies as a planet and has been reduced to the status of "dwarf" planet.

It came as a trip bonus that tour director Pesch could work in an hour's session with a Navajo Code Talker from World War II. Peter MacDonald is one of fourteen still living among the 400-500 Native Americans deployed to the Pacific with Marine units during the war. Eloquent of speech, and charismatic at age 90, he recalled how he joined the military at age 15 and soon learned to memorize codes developed from his native language. Able to transmit their codes more rapidly than was possible with other secret codes, the Navajos are credited for important successes, especially at the Battle of Iwo Jima. For his service Mr. MacDonald, along with all code talkers, received a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

A final observation: A strong current of anti-federal government sentiment runs through the portion of the Southwest we toured. Passing time with a leading citizen of the tiny town of Escalante, Utah, I offered that at times "Washington, D.C. must seem far away." "Yeah," he replied, "and I wish it was farther!"

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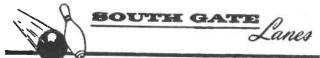


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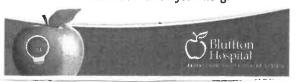
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