

# happy Valentine's day

Greetings friends and neighbors! Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for being the best friends and neighbors anyone could ask for! It's people like you that make our center a fun place to be! Here's the news for February We'll be taking it a little easier this month, with some of us hibernating till spring!



## **NEW THIS YEAR:**

In past years we have collected annual dues to benefit the activities we offer at the center. This year we will not collect "dues" but will ask for a free will donation to help us continue to enrich the lives of seniors in our community and beyond. The suggested donation is \$10 per person, however any donation is appreciated, just give what you can. We will not be keeping track of who gives or doesn't give, all are welcome to participate in any event any time! You may ask, "Why give?" "What do I get for my \$10?" Here are a few reasons:

FREE WEEKLY BINGO GAMES, FREE WEEKLY FITNESS CLASS, FREE MONTHLY POKENO GAMES  
FREE CARD GAMES, FREE WEEKLY DRUM FUN CLASS, FREE LIVE AND LEARN EDUCATIONAL EVENTS,  
REDUCED DAY AND OVERNIGHT TRIP FEES, AFFORDABLE (\$10 MONTHLY LUNCHEONS) with  
ENTERTAINMENT, \$5 BUNCO GAMES with CASH PRIZES, *and, AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW  
FRIENDSHIPS AND MAINTAIN THE OLD, PRICELESS!*

We get by with a little help from our friends! Donations can be given to me at any event, or mailed to JTSC 409 Collinsville Rd. Troy, IL 62294. Checks payable to JTSC. Thank you all so much!



Bingo continues every Monday at 12:30 at Wiesemeyer. We'll have a light snack and there is no cost to play, and no RSVP required. Cedarhurst of Troy has agreed to continue providing our snacks the first Monday of each month in 2024! Thank you to Cedarhurst of Troy! NO BINGO ON the 19<sup>th</sup> due to Presidents Day.



Our "Sit n Get Fit Class" is going in to hibernation until March 1<sup>st</sup> so, no Sit N Get Fit on Wed. AM's until then. We'll be ready to work off some calories by March!



Drum Fun will resume on Friday's at 9 AM beginning Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Skating Rink. Come one come all for this fun, upbeat class! Call the center with questions, 618.667.2022.



Our next Monthly Luncheon is February 1st at NOON. We'll be at Wiesemeyer. We have The Sounds of Harmony Barber Shop Quartet entertaining. We're serving mostaccioli, garlic bread and Carol's salad, with apple pie for dessert. \$10 at the door. RSVP IS VERY IMPORTANT If you RSVP'd and can no longer make it, PLEASE call the center at 618.667.2022, and let us know! Many Thanks!



Pokeno is February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 at Wiesemeyer. We'll serve a light snack, and there is no cost to play. No RSVP required. Cambridge House will be providing snacks for all of 2024! THANK YOU TO ANGIE at CAMBRIDGE HOUSE IN MARYVILLE!



Our First Live and Learn of the year will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM at the Little House. Jae Blue from Ameren will be discussing ways to reduce your energy costs and how to get a free in-home energy assessment. She tells me the giveaways are pretty cool too! Please RSVP to the office at 618.667.2022.



Hand & Foot is looking for players. This card game is similar to Canasta. You don't need to know how to play, it seems folks catch on pretty quickly. If you are interested please call the center at 618.667.2022. We will play the second and third Thursday's of the month at 1 PM.



Bunco is on the 29<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM until about 3 PM at the little house. \$5 to play, cash prizes for most Bunco's, Wins and Losses. Snacks provided! We are always looking for players and subs, call the center at 618.667.2022 to be put on the list.



#### UPCOMING TRIPS:

Our next overnight trip is May 5-11 2024. We are headed for Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Historic Norfolk. Please call the center for more info. Tickets on sale NOW! 618.667.2022.



We're headed to Nashville in September, for a Nashville Show Trip. Sept. 2-6, 2024. Tickets will not go on sale until we return from our Virginia Beach trip in May. More info to follow!



Several day trips are being planned for 2024. In the works:

- STL Historic Home Tour on March 13<sup>th</sup>, \$90 all-inclusive for the day. We'll have guided tours of the Magic Chef Mansion, The Campbell House, and the Cupples House on SLU campus. Lunch will be at Zia's on The Hill. Tickets do not go on sale until Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. 24 seats available. This is a 3-sneaker trip!
- Singin' in the Rain at Alton Little Theater on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Alton Little Theater. Lunch will be at Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant. We'll have their famous fried chicken meal with mostaccioli. \$90 all-inclusive for the day. Tickets go on sale April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. 40 seats available. This is a 1 sneaker trip!
- Newsies the Musical at Stages in August details to follow.
- All the BIG Stuff in Casey, IL in October. Stay tuned for more info!

*As always, my hours are generally Mon. Wed. Thurs. from 9 am till 2 pm. Please know, if I am in the office at the "house" my door is always open! If not at the "house" you can always leave a message at 618.667.2022 and I'll get back with you as quick as I can!*

*Wanda Todoroff*

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