

New Providence Senior Citizens Newsletter

"Good things happen here!"

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COORDINATORS CORNER

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." – Oscar Wilde

In 2019, the NP Senior Club turned 60 years old! The club was founded as a social organization and relied on volunteers for all activities, trips, etc. We still rely on volunteers today. We have people who volunteer their time on the Board of Trustees, teach Mah Jongg, teach Italian, send communications, help with refreshments, organize trips and parties, work the Memorial Day festivities, and a whole host of other activities.

The Borough/DeCorso Center sponsors the exercise classes which are partially funded by a grant through Union County, the Life Science course, the bus transportation and our salaries among other things. The Borough and the Club work well together!

Michelle and I often hear from members saying how fortunate we are to have such an active place dedicated to seniors. This can only continue if people step up and volunteer their time. We aren't picky, so if you have a way that you want to contribute, please let one of us know!

Weather Policy: When schools are closed for rain, snow, or ice, the center is also closed. If schools have a delayed opening, the center also has a delayed opening. When in doubt, call the center to check on activities and the time the center will open. Most importantly, if there is snow or ice, please be cautious. It's okay to miss an activity!

THANK YOU...

- NPSCC members and New Providence Middle School students who decorated the Center, made centerpieces for the Holiday Lunch, and prepared holiday cards to send to our absent members.
- Christine Napolitano who organized and the Club members who pitched in to make the Holiday Luncheon a fun and festive event!
- Bette Schmitt and Kathleen Riscen for donating baskets for the raffle.
- New Providence Middle School Ensemble for singing at the luncheon.
- Santa Claus for stopping by to wish us a Merry Christmas.
- Joe Eberle for donating the beautiful poinsettias.
- Union Methodist Church Choir for the beautiful Christmas Cantata.
- New Providence High School Sociology Class for visiting the center to hear about our high school experiences.
- Sam and Candy Caponegro for their delightful presentation on "The Golden Age of Musicals".
- Bagel Café and Dunkin' for providing bagels and donuts for our club meetings.
- Unicity Homecare for providing holiday cookies at our December 18th meeting.

NP Senior Citizens Club
An organization dedicated to providing social & enriching activities & events for New Providence residents 55 years and beyond.

Trustees

Chair: Bert Abbazia
Vice-Chair: Grace Parlapiano
Secretary: Bette Schmitt
Kathy Hendrickson, Sal Ligammarri, Peggy Macneal, Joe Masino, Tina Morielli, Christine Napolitano, Bill Wehrle

Club Officers

President: Peggy Brodeur
Vice President: Bill Wehrle
Treasurer: Sal Ligammarri
1st Treasurer: Delores Felezzola
2nd Treasurer: Lidia Astapova
Sergeants-at-Arms: Don Kern, Mike Ferlise

Contact these members with any questions regarding your club.

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Koslap

DeCorso Community Center

15 East Fourth St.
New Providence, NJ 07974
908-665-0046
www.newprov.org/seniors

Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Center Co-Coordinators

Therese Dalton
Michelle Zack

Public Health Nurse

Jenn Aranda, 908-743-1049

Bus Service

- ShopRite - Tuesday mornings (call between 8:30-9:00am).
- Club Meetings - Wednesday mornings (call by 10:00am).
- Livingston Mall or Blue Star Mall - Friday mornings except 1st Friday (call between 8:30-9:00am).

Trips, Activities & Meetings

Tickets for events may be purchased at the Center on Wednesdays from 9:45 to 10:45AM.

Please visit or call the Center at 908-665-0046 if you need to cancel a reservation.

Do not transfer a reservation. It will not be honored.

Check calendar for ongoing activities & schedule changes.

The Center is closed, Wednesday, January 1st; reopens Thursday, January 2nd.

- **Fri., Jan 3, 11:30: Movie & Pizza** – Looking for something to do on a cold winter day? Join us for a showing of the classic movie “Casablanca” starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Enjoy a wonderful movie and bring your own lunch or buy pizza for \$2 per slice.
- **Wed., Jan 8, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** – *The Allen W. Roberts Elementary School Band will perform for us as we celebrate January birthdays. Come socialize and enjoy refreshments. Chatham Hills will call bingo!*
- **Tues., Jan 14, 11:00am-1:00pm: Painting Class** – Sunrise Senior Living of Summit will sponsor a FREE painting class with a professional painter. No experience is necessary! A light lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Sign up at the Center by January 6th.
- **Wed., Jan 15, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** - *JoAnn Gemenden from the Union County Bureau of Recycling and Planning will give a brief presentation on “Recycling Initiative for Seniors”. Club member Harry Kundrat, the main event, will present “Harry’s Babylon”.*
- **Tues., Jan 21, 10:45am: Book Club** – Join us as we share favorite poems and recommend great books.
- **Wed., Jan 22, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** - *Erika Carbone and Mia Kebea of Seniors in Place LLC will give a talk about “Home Safety”.*
- **Tax Return Assistance** - New Providence and other area residents can obtain free AARP Foundation tax assistance in preparing and filing their 2019 tax returns. There are no age or income limitations for participation in this program, but taxpayers with complex returns may be advised to seek paid assistance. AARP Foundation Tax aide counselors will be available on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Mondays 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. beginning Saturday, February 8, 2019 through Monday, April 13, 2020. Beginning January 27, 2020, taxpayers may call the DeCorso Center at (908) 665-0046 between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to schedule an appointment, or they may sign up at the Center.
- **Wed., Jan 29, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** – *New Vitality will offer a program on how you know when it's a “Cold versus the Flu”.*
- **Wed., Jan 29, 1:00pm: Lunar New Year Luncheon** – Celebrate the Year of the Rat and enjoy a luscious lunch at Szechuan Delight. Cost: \$15. Buy ticket in advance. Sign up for bus transportation from the Center.
- **Wed., Feb 5, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** – *Enjoy the wonderful singing voices of the New Providence High School Vocal Soloists as they perform for us.*

Tues., Feb 11, 11:00am-1:00pm: Painting Class – Sunrise Senior Living of Summit will sponsor a FREE painting class with a professional painter. No experience is necessary! A light lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Sign up at the Center by February 3rd.

- **Wed., Feb 12, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** – *Come to the Hootenanny and learn about musicians who wrote and sang folk tunes. Dress up like the 60's, bring your love beads and get ready to sing and sway. Socialize and enjoy refreshments as we celebrate February birthdays. Chatham Hills will call bingo!*

The Center will be closed Monday, February 17th for the Presidents Day Holiday.

- **Wed., Feb 19, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** – *Therese's Surprise*
- **Wed., Feb 26, 11:00am: Program/Meeting** – *Alice Campbell from Sunrise of Summit*

FREE PAINTING CLASSES AND MUSIC PROGRAM OFFERED AT NPSCC

Sunrise Senior Living in Summit is offering free painting classes at the Center on January 14th and on February 11th, and a music program on March 2nd AT NO COST! If you ever wanted to try painting or music, grab a friend and come join in! A light lunch is included. Sign up at the center for the first painting class by January 6th.

SHARE A POEM OR RECOMMEND A BOOK

At their meeting on January 21st, Book Club members are going to share poems that they've loved and recommend books they've enjoyed. If you are a poetry fan and/or would like to hear about a great read, come to the meeting and join in the fun. They would love to hear about YOUR favorites!

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Always wanted to play but never learned how? Now is your chance! Lessons are available on Thursday mornings from 10am-12noon. Learn something new and socialize. Cost is \$10 per lesson.

LUNAR NEW YEAR LUNCHEON

Celebrate a Year of the Rat at Szechuan Delight on Wednesday, January 29th at 1:00pm. Price includes, soup, appetizer, entrée and dessert. Cost is \$15.00. Snow date is February 5th. Buy ticket by January 22. Note: There will be a meeting on January 29th but no bingo.

AROUND TOWN...

NEW PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (NPML)

Knitting/Crocheting Group – Drop by with a knitting, crocheting or other fiber art project. Mon., Jan 6, 7pm

Arts & Crafts Supply Swap – Attention crafters!

Whether you're cleaning out your craft closet or looking for FREE craft supplies, come to the arts & crafts supply swap. Sun., Jan 12, 2-4pm

Baseball Discussion Group – Come discuss your favorite team and players, or just listen. Mon., Jan 13, 7pm

Toni Morrison Documentary – A free screening of the 2019 documentary "Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am," an artful and intimate meditation on the life and works of the legendary storyteller and Nobel prize-winner. Sun., Jan 19, 1:30-4pm

The Wizard of Oz: A Radio Play – Raconteur Radio will stage a theatrical production featuring costumes, props and sound effects as part of the drama, and will be interspersed with vintage commercials. Sat., Jan 25, 3:00pm

NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

NPHS Vocal Recitals - Wed., Jan 22 & Thurs., Jan 23, 7pm

American Legion Post #433 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner in January and a Sweethearts Dinner in February. Check their sign board for details as they become available.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"New Year's Day is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." Brad Paisley

MOVIE MARQUEE

JANUARY MOVIES AT THE NP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Tuesday movies have closed captioning.

Tuesdays at 1:00pm

January 7 –*Judy*
January 14 –*Ad Astra*
January 21 –*Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*
January 28 –*Downton Abbey*

Foreign Films

Weds., January 8, 1:00pm – *After the Wedding* (In Danish, Swedish, English and Hindi with English subtitles)
Mon., January 27, 7:00pm – *Soul Kitchen* (In German, Greek, Spanish, Turkish, and English with English subtitles)

When You are Old

By William Butler Yeats

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face;

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

Thanks to Ann Fahey for sharing this poem!

WATCH OUT FOR AUTO WARRANTY SCAMS

If you own a vehicle and a phone, you may receive calls from scammers posing as representatives of a car dealer, manufacturer or insurer telling you that your auto warranty or insurance is about to expire. The call will include some sort of pitch for renewing your warranty or policy. The New Providence Police Department is available to answer questions you may have and encourages residents to report fraud.

SAGE ELDERCARE

SAGE Eldercare is a nonprofit organization committed to providing programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers. New Providence Borough has contracted with SAGE and their services are available to all New Providence residents. Kathy Larkin, LCSW, the liaison for New Providence residents, may be reached at 908-598-5509.

JANUARY FACTS

Birthstone: Garnet

Flower: Carnation

Zodiac Signs: Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) & Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Holidays and Observances:

New Year's Day – January 1

Martin Luther King Day – January 20

REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST

NPSCC lost many good friends in 2019. As we look toward a new year, let us remember with gratitude all the good times and memories that we shared together.

Mickey Allocco – December 4, 2019

Eva Baker

Geraldine Barr – May 7, 2019

Ed Bien – June 24, 2019

Phyllis Cirelli - October 22, 2019

Chandler Coddington – November 16, 2019

Ray Cooney – July 11, 2019

John Coviello – April 2, 2019

Robert Davis – April 11, 2019

Teresa Dill – May 14, 2019

Virginia Dill – April 23, 2019

Marion Dwyer (Don Kern's sister)

Irene Emm – November 15, 2019

Frank Esposito – January 3, 2019

Ernie Gonczlik – September 30, 2019

Helene Huelsebusch – February 2019

Agnes Inserra – August 26, 2019

Peggy LaBish - February 2019

Frank Linkletter – September 12, 2019

Mary Mazurki – February 13, 2019

Josephine Mercadante – March 3, 2019

John "Jack" Moore – October 11, 2019

Ivan Moser – April 10, 2019

Jane Moser – August 5, 2019

Evelyn O'Donohue – January 14, 2019

Diantha Pearson – February 9, 2019

Earle Pearson – January 20, 2019

Daniel Pizzi – June 28, 2019

Adela Quintana – July 28, 2019

Assunta (Susi) Romano – September 24, 2019

Mary Jane Rubino – April 25, 2019

Michael Santacross – April 22, 2019

Mildred Schroeder – March 20, 2019

Joan Schuetz – February 16, 2019

Harvey Segal – February 11, 2019

Helen Sharkus – August 14, 2019

Margaret Signorello – June 27, 2019

Hortense Warren

Marie Louise Wirth – November 28, 2019

NEW PROVIDENCE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

~ January 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 29	Dec 30 CENTER CLOSED	Dec 31 CENTER CLOSED	1 CENTER CLOSED 	2 9:30 Fit & Healthy 12:30 Partner Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	3 9:00 Bus to Mall* ⁴ 9:15 Zumba 10:00 Bridge 10:30 Wizard Card Game 11:30 Movie & Pizza 12:30 <u>NO</u> Pizza Bingo	4
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¹Sign up in advance

²Purchase ticket in advance

³Schedule appointment in advance

⁴Call between 8:30 - 9:00am

⁵Call before 10:00am

*Weather Permitting