



SENIOR SPARKS

VOLUME 38 ISSUE 7 MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER ASSOCIATION, INC. JULY 2012
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Thursday Evening, July 5th

“Picnic and a Movie” *at the Mansfield Senior Center*

Bring your own dinner while enjoying a movie viewing of
“The Iron Lady”
on our brand new beautiful 52” Flat Screen TV.



Beginning at 5:30 PM.

Thursday Evening, August 2nd

~ BBQ & Band! ~

Enjoy a wonderful BBQ Dinner at 5:30 PM, sponsored by Masonicare; then at 6:30 PM, whoop it up with the
“Rhode Island Rednecks!”

\$3.00 payable with reservation at front desk.
Checks to: MSCA



Craft ~ Collectables Show

Saturday, September 15, 2012, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at the Mansfield Senior Center

If you are interested in renting a table(s) as a vender, please call 860-429-1685 or 860-456-2570 for information.

***A Note from Cindy Dainton,
Senior Center Coordinator***

The American Revolution was a beginning, not a consummation.
~ Woodrow Wilson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards and kind words over the past few weeks since my father's (Warren Higgins) passing. For many years he volunteered here at the Senior Center with the tax program – always with a smile, a joke, and chocolate nearby! He will be missed but never forgotten. THANK YOU!

On June 7th, the Thursday evenings for the summer opened with a bang! The Chinese Dinner and Chinese Performers were absolutely fantastic. There were 25 individuals for dinner and 35 who came to see the performance. Hopefully, I will be able to get them back again next summer. The next Thursday evening is July 5th where there will be a picnic and a movie. Please bring your own picnic so that you are able to eat your dinner while watching the movie "The Iron Lady." The movie will be shown on the recently acquired large screen TV that the Mansfield Senior Center Association purchased for the Senior Center.

September is National Senior Center month and the Mansfield Senior Center will be celebrating during the week of September 10th through the 15th. There will be many special events that will take place during the week, so please mark it on your calendar. In the August issue of *Sparks*, I hope to have a full calendar for the week for your planning purposes. Right now I can tell you that it will be fun for all!

Independence Day Fun Fact:

Held since 1785, the Bristol Fourth of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island is the oldest continuous Independence Day Celebration in the United States.



A Note from Marilyn

With a **very heavy heart**, I'm resigning from the Association Presidency as of June 30, 2012. Most of you know how much I love this Senior Center and can appreciate that this is not easy for me to do. Right now it is what is best for me, and I hope, consequently, for the Senior Center. I plan to still be involved in some ways and will help out when help is needed. Roberts Rules of Order suggests that a year is enough, and I found that is true for me.

We established a "Search Committee" to find a candidate to present to the Executive Board to fill the position for one year. Sadly, Chuck Boster also resigned, and the committee will also present a possibility for vice-president. Their slate will have been presented for approval at the June 13th Executive Board meeting.

Many helped me with the duties of the President. I thank Mike Beschler for providing an office computer and Tom Rogers for a new printer. I thank Chuck Boster for filling in for me when I was absent. I thank the Executive Committee: Chuck Boster, Beverly Gotch, Don Stitts, Wilfred Bigl, Kathy Rule, Sam Gordon, and Tom Rogers. I thank committee chairpersons Estelle Elliott, Program Planning; Judy Bigl, Travel; Betty Savage and Zoe Leibowitz, Ways & Means; Mike Palmer and Don Stitts, Computer; and all members who worked hard on interesting programs and successful fund raisers.

I thank Cindy, Linda, and the dedicated kitchen staff for their help, as well.

The newsletter publisher's contract was approved and the newsletter is being published off-site for at least another year.

All in all, it was a good year for me!

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Hours: Monday to Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Senior Center Coordinator:
Cindy Dainton, 860-429-0262, ext. 9

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Barbara A. Winslow, MSW, ext. 1
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Gianna Stebbins, ext. 2

Administrative Assistant:
Linda C. Wohllebe, ext. 3

Receptionist:

Kathy Yaffee, ext. 4

The Municipal Agent for the Elderly, & Director, Dept. of Human Services: Kevin Grunwald, MSW, (860) 429-3315.

Transportation: Dial-a-Ride Transportation & Medical Transport outside the Dial-a-Ride Region: (860) 456-1462, **48 hours** in advance.



Future Events

August 8th:
Movie - "Dolphin Tale"

August 15th:
Celticity

Sept. 6th:
Pot Luck Dinner & Entertainment

September 19th:
Horseracing

October 4th: Flu Clinic
1:00-4:30 PM

December 8th:
Holiday Bazaar

MISCELLANY

Thank You

Many thanks to Jim Campetelle, June Curtis, Beryl Griffin, Sam Gordon, Alice Jansen, and Karen Peters for collating the June issue of *Sparks*. *Thanks so very much!*



Welcome to the newest members of the

Mansfield Senior Center Association:

*Jacquelin A. Brown
Martina M. Wharton
Mary Sederquest*

Have You Updated Your Information at the Mansfield Senior Center Recently?

Please stop by and see a staff member to get your information updated. This is very important in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Sparks Submissions

Please submit your articles for the August issue of *Sparks* by July 9th.

IN MEMORY OF

**J. WARREN HIGGINS
EILEEN KENNEDY
KENNETH FITTS**

Senior Hobby Display Case

Share your talent!

Please call Cindy if you have items you would like to display.

TRAVEL DESK



The Travel Desk welcomes you to join us on our 2012 bus trips.

Hours are Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to noon. Please call 860-429-0262, ext. 6, or 860-429-0180.

**All trips leave from the South Eagleville Fire Department, Rt. 32, Mansfield, CT.

All payments must be received two weeks prior to the trip date and checks must be made out to: **MSCA.



Thursday, July 12th: **“Newport Playhouse with Lobsterfest Menu.”** Play: **“The Kitchen Witches.”** \$86.00 pp. Deadline: June 28th.

Tuesday, August 14th: **“Odyssey Luncheon Cruise on Boston Harbour.”** Elegant luncheon. Two and 1/2 hour Boston Harbor cruise with musical entertainment. \$79.00 pp. Deadline: July 31st.

Tuesday, September 18th: **“Grand Ole’ Opry”** at the Log Cabin with stop at Christmas Tree Shop. Luncheon menu of Southern fried chicken, dessert, and petite bottle of wine. \$94.00 pp. Departs 8:00 AM. Deadline: September 4th.

Wednesday, October 24th: **“Germanfest”** at Historic Williams Inn in Williamstown, Mass. All you can eat German buffet, with German beer and wine by the glass. German entertainment and lot’s of fun! \$76.00 pp. Departs 8:30 AM; returns 6:00 PM. Deadline: October 10th.



Wednesday, November 7th: **“Patsy Cline Tribute”** at the Log Cabin with stop at the Christmas Tree Shop. Complete luncheon of Chicken Francaise and Pork Dijonnaise a with petite bottle of wine. \$94.00 pp. Departs 8:00 AM. Deadline: October 24th.

Spring Bazaar Update

The Ways and Means Committee of the Mansfield Senior Center Association, Inc., would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped to make our Spring Bazaar, held on Saturday, May 19th, a success. We appreciate EVERYONE! And if we inadvertently left a name off the list below, please forgive us. We assure you, it was not done intentionally.

- Cynthia Bourgoire, Mary Brown*
- Helen Collins, Cindy Dainton*
- Margaret Easton, Lucille Eichner*
- Estelle Elliott, Bev Gotch*
- Beryl Griffin, Kevin Grunwald*
- Polly Guhl, Alice Jansen*
- Cynthia Johnson, Zoe Leibowitz*
- Carol Phillips, Kathy Rule*
- Betty Savage, Jan Scottron*
- Nora Stevens, Cynara Stites*
- Barb Winslow, Judy & Howard Yorke*

Pre-Sale	\$278.00
Sale Day	\$948.00
Total	\$1,226.00

We would also like to thank Sharon Kozin and Carol Fineout for the wonderful silent auction themed-baskets they created for us. What wonderful works of art they were!

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group with Helen Collins meets on Tuesday, July 10th, at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to this informal group, no matter what your level of genealogy is. Join us!

**Barbara A. Winslow, MSW,
Senior Services Social Worker**

Barbara is available at the Wellness Center Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri.'s from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, to assist you with information, assessments, and referrals to community services, as well as short-term counseling free of charge.

Dear Members,

Do you enjoy reading? I mean really enjoy reading? Most every night I like to settle down with a good book and read awhile before going off to sleep. I enjoy reading so much that I am anticipating a new book way before I have finished reading the present book that I am on.

For some odd reason I didn't have any interesting material on hand the other day. I was in such a mood to read that...ok...I'm ashamed to say it...but...I opened the first page of the telephone book to read it! Gosh, I never knew that so much important information is to be found in just the first few pages. Turn to page six and you will learn everything you need to know about obtaining a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf/Text Telephone (TDD/TT). This is important information for those who are deaf. Need a handy map of the U.S.? Go to page 14 - you will also get area codes for all states. Turn to page 17 and all the information you need to know about contacting the Dept. of Consumer Protection is right there. Page 18 and 19 will tell you everything you need to know to prepare for an emergency! To think I researched much of this information for past *Sparks* articles!

I hope I have tweaked your interest as this information is only a small representation of other services and information available to you. This is a good read!

Peace,

Barbara Winslow



Let's Talk!



Conversations with Betty

Usually the first and third Thursday of the month from

**1:30 to 3:00 PM
(NEW TIME!)**

at the
Mansfield Wellness Center

Thurs., July 5th:
**“We All Make Gaff’s -
How Do We Handle Them?”**

Thurs., July 12th:
**“21st Century Technology -
Pros & Cons”**

Thurs., Aug. 2nd:
**“The Role of Elders in
Our Culture”**

*Everyone welcome for this
friendly, lively discussion.
Please call Betty at
860-429-6324
if you have any questions.*

BLUEBERRY STUDY

Blueberries must be ordered by
Tuesday, July 10th, 12:00 PM

NO EXCEPTIONS!
Blueberry pick-up is
Friday, July 20th, 11:00 AM

*Blueberries are available to
study participants only;
however, you may become a new
participant in the study by
contacting Howard Raphaelson.*

Meal Program

The TVCCA meal program is subsidized through the Older Americans Act and available to seniors 60 years or older at a suggested donation of \$2.00. Individuals younger than 60 are welcome to eat, but are asked to pay the actual cost of the meal, which is \$7.00. The salad meals are a suggested donation of **\$3.50**. Please indicate on your sign up sheet if you want the salad or the main meal. **Reservations must be made 72 hours in advance by 11:00 AM of that third day (three work days, not counting weekends and holidays).** Guests and new members will need to complete a registration form at the time of their reservation. Homebound seniors may call 1-800-953-1365 to receive Meals-on-Wheels.

Main Entrée Options

- Mon., July 2: Lazy Man's Lasagna
- Tues., July 3: Swedish Meatballs
- Wed., July 4: **Independence Day**
Center Closed
- Thurs., July 5: Lemon Butter Cod
- Fri., July 6: All Beef Hot Dog w/Bun
- Mon., July 9: Honey Glazed Ham
- Tues., July 10: Eggplant Rolette
- Wed., July 11: Beef Stew w/Potatoes
OR Chicken Caesar Salad
- Thurs., July 12: Chicken Dijonaise
- Fri., July 13: Stuffed Cabbage Casserole

The Mansfield Senior Center is closed the week of Monday, July 16 to Friday, July 20th.

- Mon., July 23: Honey Baked Chicken
- Tues., July 24: Penne Pasta w/Meatballs
- Wed., July 25: Cod Newburg
OR Egg Salad Plate
- Thurs., July 26: Sloppy Joe's w/Bun
- Fri., July 27: Pork Loin w/Gravy
- Mon., July 30: Cheese Manicotti
- Tues., July 31: Multigrain Crusted Fish



WELLNESS PROGRAMS & SUPPORT GROUPS

Please call Kathy Yaffee at 860-429-0262, ext. 4, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to schedule appointments with the providers listed below, unless otherwise noted.

ADULT HEALTH SCREENINGS by VNA East Nurse Mary Hess. Nominal charges for blood pressure, cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, blood glucose, earwax, and foot care. Checks payable to VNA East. July 12th & 25th.

****NEW** - ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** with June Dowling from Home Instead Home Care at the Mansfield Wellness Center every second Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, beginning in August. This free informative group is open to families, caregivers, and patients alike.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS on the first & third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM, offered by Interim Health Care. No appointments necessary for these free screenings.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP & LOW VISION GROUP with Barbara Winslow will not meet in July.

ELDERCARE LAW with Attorney Gates from CT Legal Services provided free to people 60 years or older, Monday, July 23rd, 1:00-3:00 PM. Please call Kathy Yaffee for an appointment.

FOOTCARE with Dr. Walter, Podiatrist, Tuesday, July 10th, 9:00 AM. Medicare will be billed if you are eligible. Dr. Walter carries Dr. Comfort shoes, including M/C Diabetic shoes. Call Kathy for your appointment.

MASSAGE THERAPY with Faith Manning 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, payable to Faith. Please make your appointment with Kathy Yaffee. For July, the dates are the 3rd and 24th.

M.S. SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Craft Room from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The next meeting is July 10th. Please contact Susan Gavitt at 860-423-7413 for further information

REFLEXOLOGY every other Friday at 10:00 AM, with Therese John, \$15.00, payable to Therese John. July 6th.



The Kahana Hula Luau Show at our special Hawaiian Lunch on Wed., May 16th. A fun time had by all!

** MINI-SPA COMING IN SEPTEMBER **

Haircuts



I am so excited to visit the Mansfield Senior Center to offer \$10.00 haircuts. My name is Michelle DeLuco and I am a licensed cosmetologist, with five years experience, that will be coming in every 2nd Monday of each month from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, starting on September 10th. I offer spray bottle variety cuts, clipper cuts, and eyebrow or beard trimming. Please call Kathy Yaffee at 860-429-0262, ext. 4, to set up your first appointment. I can't wait to meet you!



Nails

I am Hope Charlotte, of Hope and Wellness, and I believe in beauty from the inside out. I have six years experience in Natural Health Care and over three years experience with Pedicures and Manicures, specializing in Elder Foot Care. Come and meet me for an enjoyable Foot or Hand Treatment starting at \$10.00 and up, on the second Monday of every month beginning on Monday, Sept. 10th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Services includes: trimming of toenails, filing, relaxing scrub and lotion. Please call Kathy to set up your appointment. I look forward to meeting you all!

About the Writer's Group

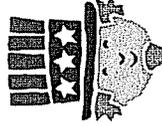
by Toni Drescher

The Writers are an informal group who write from different levels of writing experience. At our sessions we help and encourage one another in our creative efforts in all varieties of writing – fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or whatever suites one's fancy.

Starting in September there will be a series of work shops led by experienced guest writers who will talk about the various aspects of creative writing and also answer questions from the group.

The Writer's Group meets in the Hobby Room at the Mansfield Senior Center every Tuesday morning at 9:30 to 11:00. Join us! We're a good group!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT. & SUN.
<p>2. 8:30-Senior Aerobics 9:00-T'ai Chi 10:00-T'ai Chi 10:00-Sparkettes 10:00-Art Studio 10:00-Computer Help 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Mahjongs 1:00-Beg.'s Tap 5:45-Ballroom-R</p>	<p>3. 8:30-Strength/Stability 10:00-Scrabble 10:00-Wii Bowl 10:00-Massage Therapy 12:00-Lunch 12:30-Lovely Old Bones 1:00-Bingo 1:30-Therapeutic Exer. 2:30-Computer Mtg.</p>	<p>4. Independence Day  Center Closed</p>	<p>5. 8:30-Strength & Stability 10:00-Sparkettes 10:00-Wii Bowl 10:00-Bridge w/Chimky 12:00-Lunch 12:30-Lovely Old Bones 1:00-Bridge 1:00-Jewelry 1:30-Conversation w/Betty 1:30-Therapeutic Exer. 3:15-Senior Aerobics 5:30-Picnic Dinner & Movie: <i>The Iron Lady</i></p>	<p>6. 9:00-Yoga 10:00-Scrabble 10:00-Knitting & Crocheting 10:00-Photo Club 10:00-Reflexology 10:15-Zumba Gold 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Art Studio 1:00 & 2:00-T'ai Chi</p>	<p>7. Saturday ~~~~~ 8. Sunday</p>
<p>9. 8:30-Senior Aerobics 9:00-T'ai Chi 10:00-T'ai Chi 10:00-Sparkettes 10:00-Art Studio 10:00-Computer Help 11:00-Low Vision Grp. 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Mahjongs 1:00-Beg.'s Tap 5:45-Ballroom-R</p>	<p>10. 8:30-Strength/Stability 10:00-Scrabble 10:00-Wii Bowl 10:00-Genalogy 12:00-Lunch 12:30-Lovely Old Bones 1:00-Bingo 1:30-Therapeutic Exer. 2:00-Non-Fiction Book Club 6:30-8:00-M.S. Support</p>	<p>11. 9:15-T'ai Chi 9:30-Writing Group 10:15-T'ai Chi 11:00-Blood Pressure 12:00-Causeries en Français 12:00-Birthday Lunch 12:45-Movie: <i>Yankee Doodle Dandy</i> 5:45-Ballet-R 6:30-9:00-TNT Quilters</p>	<p>12. 8:30-VNA East 8:30-Strength & Stability 10:00-Sparkettes 10:00-Wii Bowl 10:00-Bridge w/Chimky 12:00-Lunch 12:30-Lovely Old Bones 1:00-Bridge 1:00-Jewelry 1:30-Conversation w/Betty 1:30-Therapeutic Exer. 3:15-Senior Aerobics</p>	<p>13. 9:00-Yoga 10:00-Scrabble 10:00-Knitting & Crocheting 10:15-Zumba Gold 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Art Studio 1:00 & 2:00-T'ai Chi</p>	<p>14. Saturday ~~~~~ 15. Sunday</p>
<p>16. </p>	<p>17. </p>	<p>18.  </p>	<p>19.  </p>	<p>20. </p>	<p>21. Saturday ~~~~~ 22. Sunday</p>

The Mansfield Senior Center is closed this week for annual maintenance.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SAT. & SUN.

<p>23. 8:30-Senior Aerobics 9:00 & 10:00-T'ai Chi 10:00-Sparkettes 10:00-Art Studio 10:00-Computer Help 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Prog. Planning 1:00-Mahjongg 1:00-Beg.'s Tap 1:00-Atty. Gates 5:45-Ballroom-R</p>	<p>24. 8:30-Strength/Stability <i>(cancelled)</i> 10:00-Scrabble 10:00-Wii Bowl 10:00-Massage Therapy 12:00-Lunch 12:30-Lovely Old Bones 1:00-Bingo 1:30-Therapeutic Ex. 2:00-Non-Fiction Book Club</p>	<p>25. 8:30-VNA East 9:15-T'ai Chi 9:30-Writing Group 10:15-T'ai Chi 12:00-Causeries en Français 5:45-Ballet-R 6:30-9:00-TNT Quilters</p>	<p>26. 8:30-Strength/Stability <i>(cancelled)</i> 10:00-Sparkettes 10:00-Wii Bowl 12:00-Lunch 12:30-Lovely Old Bones 1:00-Bridge 1:00-Jewelry 1:30-Therapeutic Exer. 3:15-Senior Aerobics</p>	<p>27. 9:00-Yoga 10:00-Scrabble 10:00-Knitting & Crocheting 10:15-Crackers 10:15-Zumba Gold 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Duplicate 1:00-Art Studio 1:00 & 2:00-T'ai Chi</p>	<p>28. Saturday ~~~~~ 29. Sunday</p>
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8:30-Senior Aerobics
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12:30-Lovely Old Bones
1:00-Bingo
1:30-Therapeutic Ex.



**JULY
2012**



"Beethoven's Chorus" performing at our June Birthday Lunch. What a great group!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

*Birthstone: Ruby for Nobility
Flower: Larkspur for Haughtiness*

- 1 Doris Clark, Katherine Elliott, Carol Hewett
Richard Martin, Richard Santi
Alfred Schroeter, Alberta Weber
- 3 Barbara Guggolz
- 4 Barbara Franson, Norma Gingras
Michael Howard, Rein Laak
Phyllis Lambert, Eugene Manning
- 5 Carol Abramson, Shirley Katz, Harris Marcus
- 6 Thomas Hyde, Lynne Koths
- 7 Leslie Kennard, Ronald Pardus
Mauricette Stwalley
- 8 Patricia Chamberland, Nazina Couchon
Larry Frankel, John Hutt, Theresa Miner
- 9 Eddy LaFlamme, Marilyn Slater
- 10 James McVeigh, Marie Palmer
Josephine Saternow
- 11 Dorothy Briggs, Elizabeth Paterson
- 12 Gary Kozin
- 13 Robert Cole, Sondra Morrison, Joan Rogers
- 14 John Brand
- 15 Jeannine Sherman
- 16 Patricia Ausburger, Lucille Lewis
Margaret Menditto, Igor Shvartsman
- 16 Charlaine Taylor, Lee Terry
- 17 Bonita Miller, Elizabeth Wardwell
- 18 Robert Brewer, Ethel Hills, Henry Schone
Lawrence Woodward
- 19 Roswell Hall, Barbara Rychling, Jean Sabatine
- 20 Carl Kusmer, Kenneth Morgan
- 21 Ethel Hawkins, Barry Littman
James McLaughlin, Constance Morrissette
John Mulkern
- 22 Sylvia Carr, Jay Koths, Dorothy Luckey
Dorothy Luurdtsma, Marie Schone
Sally Sumner, Vincent Westlake (*Happy 100th!*)
- 23 Theresa Adamcik, Rosemary Beecher
- 24 Ruth Johnston, Lavidia Mead, Richard Sallee
- 25 Carmen Berg, Rita Pollack, Paul Toney
- 26 Jim Parola, Roger Skelly
- 27 Jack Clauson, Beverly Flynn, Elaine Polansky
Joyce Tremblay, Calvin Wilcox
- 29 Evelyn Niderno, Helen Ross
- 30 Wendy Jacobs, Gary John, Gertrude Lamb
Patt Murray
- 31 Peggy Dugan, Dolores Hilding



Happy Birthday to Our June Attendees:

*June Curtis, Marie Brandenstein, Mary Brown
Mary Haskell, Joseph Provencher, Alex Rascona
Charles Searing (100 years young!)
and Judith Yorke*

*Special thanks to
June Curtis
for supplying the
beautiful cake for
the June birthday
lunch.*



Cards

Duplicate Bridge: Friday, May 25, 2012

NS

- 1. Paul Stanton & Phanindra 65.5
- 2. George Waller & Lavidia Mead 58.5
- 3. Floyd Bass & Carol Hewitt 54

EW

- 1. Anna McLain & Doris LeDoyt 53
- 2. Ellie Tambornini & Sue Losee 49
- (Tie)
- 2. Noreen Steele & Andrea Marshall 49
- 3. Betty Savage & Muriel Fenn 42

MSCA Computer Learning Center

Computer courses have been taught at the Mansfield Senior Center Computer Lab for over a dozen years!! And we will be starting another fall teaching session after a summer break.

First off, during the week of September 10th in honor of National Senior Center Month, we'll show off our new large screen Toshiba laptops with up-to-date software, answer questions, and do a presentation or two. (Check for details in the next issue of *Sparks*.)



Our courses are still inexpensive - only \$10. There will be courses for beginners, as well as for those who have a basic knowledge of computers. These courses include creating documents with Word and learning how to save and manage them; Excel, where you can manipulate numbers or other data, including creating an address/phone book; Internet: Exploring the Internet and Computer Resources for Everyday Living...and others. Please give us a call (860-429-0262, ext. 7) and tell us what else you'd like to learn.



Our courses are not just for senior citizens, but are open for all at the same cost. If you think computer instruction could help you at your job, help you to move up to a better position, or help you to find a job, please call (860-429-0262, ext. 7) to discuss it with us.

Also this fall we'll be giving several **FREE** lectures/presentations. Each will run from one to three hours to help you in several different areas including Buying a Computer, Buying a Digital Camera, Editing Pictures, etc. Talks about using the Internet include Google for Genealogists, and How to Attend Some of the World's Great Universities without Leaving Your Home or Paying a Cent in Tuition!!!

Check the next issue of *Sparks* for the dates and times for the fall courses and lectures. See you in the fall!! In the meantime check out our free year round computer help:

- Free help for PC users with Dan Gebben every Monday from 10:00-11:00AM in the Computer Lab
- Free "Photo Club" with Dan Gebben every first and third Friday of the month in the Computer Lab from 10:00AM to noon. This is an ongoing club, and all are welcome to attend.
- Free help for Mac users. Call Frank Trainor or Mike Palmer at 860-429-0262, ext 7, to make an appointment. Please leave your name and phone number.

FREE SEMINARS TO BE TAUGHT BY DAN GEBBEN

(Detailed information is available at the Senior Center and will appear in the next issue of *Sparks*.)

Fri., Sept. 28th, 1:00-3:00 PM:
Buying a Computer

Fri., Oct. 5th, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM:
Buying a Digital Camera

Fri., Oct. 12th, 1:00-3:00 PM:
Photo Editing

Fri., Oct. 19th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM:
Photo Hosting Sites

Fri., Oct. 26th, 1:00-4:00 PM:
Basic Functions of a Camera

Fri., Nov. 9th, 1:00-3:00 PM:
PC House Cleaning

Where's Waldo?!

"Hidden Item" Entry Form

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Correct Page & Answer #:

Hidden Item: the word "Crackers"

Find the hidden item listed below somewhere in this issue, and send in the answer on the entry form to: Mansfield Senior Center/MSCA, 303 Maple Road, Storrs CT 06268, by July 9th, or drop in the box at the Front Desk, in order to qualify for the drawing. At the end of that day, we will draw one name from all of the correct entries, and that person will win a free lunch on the Association at the Mansfield Senior Center. The July winner will be announced in the August issue of *Sparks*. Please, only one entry per person. Good luck!

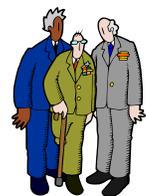
**June's Winner: Edith Breault
Congratulations!**

Save the Date!

Friday, November 9, 2012

Dear Veterans:

Letters of invitation to the November 9th, 2012, Veterans' Day Celebration luncheon will be mailed to you in September 2012. Please keep the date open on you calendar as the committee wants everyone possible to attend.



The Flag-Draped Coffin

The meaning of the flag-draped coffin and the flag that is laid upon it:

At military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of numbers in the year 1776. The United States of America flag is slowly and meticulously folded 13 times by the Honor Guard before presentation to the widow, widower, or next of kin.



The first fold of the flag is a symbol of life; the second fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life; the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the Veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world; the fourth fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in time of war, for His divine guidance; the fifth fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong"; the sixth fold is for where people's hearts lie - it is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; the seventh fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic; the eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day; the ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood and mothers, for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded; the tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born; the eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in the Hebrew eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christian eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and the thirteenth fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. Happy Independence Day!

Submitted by Kathy Rule (source: www.legionpost37.com)

Speak Up! Speak Out!

Do you have any comments, articles, a favorite poem, etc., you would like to see in the *Sparks*? Please see Kathy Rule, or leave a message at 860-429-0262, ext. 5. She will return your call as soon as she can. Thank you.

Kitty Heaven

One day a little kitty passed away and went to Heaven. When meeting St. Peter at the gate, St. Peter inquired as to what the kitty would like to do in Heaven, as he has been such a good cat. The cat replied that all he wanted was a white, soft, cuddly cloud to float around Heaven all day. Not a problem, says St. Peter, and grants the kitty his wish.

A few days later, three little mice died and went to Heaven, and, again, were greeted by St. Peter inquiring what they would like to do in Heaven as they had been such good little mice. All three wanted only one thing—roller skates. So, their wish was granted.

It just so happened that one fine day kitty floated by St. Peter on his beautiful white fluffy cloud. St. Peter inquired as to how the good kitty was enjoying his cloud, and the good kitty replied that not only did he enjoy his wonderful cloud, but he also thanked St. Peter for the delicious Meals on Wheels!



Submitted by Joanne Pellerin

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