



# LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

Good news – digging of the foundation for the new building will begin the first week of November. The plan is to have the exterior shell up so they can work on the inside of the building all winter long. In the spring of the year, they will do the final touch-ups and, hopefully, the building will be complete late June or the beginning of July.

In the meantime, if you haven't paid your dues yet, help us by getting them in as soon as possible.

**John LaBar**

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### NOVEMBER MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, November 19, 2016 – 1:30 PM



“ROOM”

(Drama – Rated “R”)



Starring:

**Brie Larson and Jacob Tremblay**

“Both highly suspenseful and deeply emotional, ROOM is a unique and touching exploration of the boundless love between a mother and her child. After 5-year-old Jack and his Ma escape from the enclosed surrounding that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery; the outside world. As he experiences all the joy, excitement, and fear that this new adventure brings, he holds tight to the one thing that matters most of all – his special bond in his loving and devoted Ma.”

Lower Makefield Township Building  
\$1.00 covers cost of popcorn and soda

### EVERYBODY WELCOME – BRING A FRIEND

*You are urged to research the movie to decide whether you may find content objectionable. In doing so, you can decide whether to attend. We have provided the movie rating.*

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### CHRISTMAS IN LANCASTER COUNTY

A day trip to Lancaster County is planned for Friday, November 18, 2016. The cost is \$107 and includes a tour of the National Christmas Center, lunch/dinner at Plain & Fancy Restaurant, and the 2016 American Music Theatre Christmas Show. Further details are outlined in the enclosed flyer. Members and non-members are invited. If you require further information, contact **Russ Brittain, 215-470-3639**

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### ATTENTION!!!!

We are putting out this urgent call for a candidate to replace our current treasurer, Joan St. Cyr, who will not be able to finish her term. Her resignation date is December 31, 2016. The new treasurer will be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill that term, which runs until August 31, 2017. The new treasurer can then run for an additional two-year term. Any candidate should be familiar with managing a checkbook, and own an up-to-date computer that will handle the Quicken financial software, which will be provided to the new treasurer. The Quicken software makes it easy to generate reports for monthly Board and business meetings.

The treasurer position is a combination of keeping an accurate track of all that is occurring within the Senior organization: managing the checkbook, making timely trip/ restaurant deposits and payments, and monthly income deposits (games day, meet n' greet, membership dues). It's quite an interesting position.

Candidates can contact **John LaBar at 215-736-8971 or email at [labar\\_john@yahoo.com](mailto:labar_john@yahoo.com).**

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### REMINDER...



Our annual holiday party will take place at the Washington Crossing Inn on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$30, which includes a full course lunch and entertainment. The attached flyer provides further information. Returns must be in by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## MEET & GREET

The township building will be closed on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> due to the upcoming Presidential Election. Therefore, our Meet & Greet will take place on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. A representative from the US Post Office will inform us of the various ways they can help us in using the postal system to our advantage. A light lunch will be provided.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our following new members:

- Kathy Buehler
- Bob Erich
- Jan Giumette
- Ernie & Claire Petrillo



Please help them feel welcome by stopping by to say hello at our various activities.

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## FRIENDS OF YM LIBRARY PRESENTS....

The following two programs will be held at the Yardley-Makefield Library in November. Both programs are free, but seating is limited.

**Date:** Saturday, November 12, 2016  
**Program:** Inside the Federal Witness Protection Program  
**Presenter:** Gerald Shur

Mr. Shur discusses his leadership in founding the Federal Witness Security Program and his part in the development, coordination and management of the Program for almost 30 years.

Mr. Shur has devoted his life to making the criminal justice system a fairer and better one. He has frequently appeared on radio and television shows discussing witness protection.



**Date:** Saturday, November 19, 2016  
**Program:** Evolution of Music & Sound Reproduction  
**Presenter:** Norm Rubin

Mr. Rubin discusses the history of music and sound reproduction. This fascinating program covers over 2,000 years of history from biblical times up to the present. This power point presentation includes the inventions of Edison that made it possible to record and reproduce music in the home.

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## HELP NEEDED...

Hi. I'm Marya Hunsicker. Many of you may have seen me at various senior events accompanied always by a gorgeous young poodle. These poodles are being raised for North Star, an organization that places service dog companions with autistic children. Moe, one of the dogs I raised, is now with a 7 year-old autistic boy in Colorado who has a severe peanut allergy. Moe is receiving professional training to recognize the peanut scent in any form, warn the boy, and get adult help. Another poodle has already become a "best friend" and constant companion to a young boy with epilepsy. That dog has been trained to identify an on-coming seizure and to alert an adult.

In six weeks I will be receiving a new young poodle. This youngster has totally curly black hair, is about four months old, and will probably be with me and at senior events for about 4 to 6 months. I receive no reimbursement for my part — but enormous pleasure in the dogs themselves and in knowing that they will each go on to enrich the life of a lonely child.

Now I'd like to tell you the special news. The puppy that will soon be joining my life has a sister who will also be placed with a needy child. North Star is looking for someone to undertake raising this young pup. Is there a senior out there with room in his/her heart to sign up to be a North Star puppy raiser for a few months? If interested or if you know someone else who might be interested in this special challenge, please e-mail me at [maryahunsicker@gmail.com](mailto:maryahunsicker@gmail.com) or call me at 215-295-8833 and let's explore the possibilities.

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## HISTORICAL BOARD GAMES

Do not forget on Election Day, as we elect our 45<sup>th</sup> President, that before we elected George Washington, our 1<sup>st</sup> President (1789), the Islamic Nations of the Barbary Coast were at war with America! So in 2016 AD, as in past ages, times have not changed. Nevertheless, let's go back, first to the 1571 Christian/Muslim naval battle of Lepanto, then to the 1683 Ottoman Turk siege of Vienna. Will the Pope bless the Christian ships; can Jan III Sabieski again stop the Islamic threat to Western Europe?

Come and see, but do we have to watch out for Dracula??

**Joe Bednarski, 215-493-4686**

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## COMEDY CORNER...

### In Praise of Women Who Read!

One morning a husband returns to the cabin after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out, since it is such a beautiful day.

She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book. Along comes a game Warden in this boat.

He pulls up alongside the woman and says "Good morning, Ma'am, what are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?")

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to write you up a ticket."

"For reading a book?" she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her again.

"But officer, I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to write you up a ticket and you'll have to pay a fine."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he immediately departed.

**MORAL:** Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

Sure God created man before woman. But then you always make a rough draft before the final masterpiece.

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## COMEDY CORNER (cont'd)

### Some quotes heard from many Mahjongg players...

#10 I can't pick a tile to save my life.

#9 Is this a one bam or a flower?

#8 Worst Charleston ever!

#7 Is it my wall?

#6 Oh my God, I really hate this game.

#5 I so miss that hand from last year.

#4 Can I steal on this pass?

#3 I should have picked the other hand!

#2 Same tiles are going around and around.

And the number one thing you're likely to hear at your next Mahjongg game:

**#1 Does this set have any jokers???**

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## VETERANS DAY PARADE

The 10th Annual LMT Veterans Parade and Ceremony is being held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 1:00 pm at



Edgewood and Long Acre with the ceremony immediately following at Veterans Square. Stop by at our table for this event and come out to support our veterans.

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## KNITTING GROUP UPDATE...

Congratulations Knitters! A group of knitters have been knitting for two groups: amputee veterans at VA Hospitals and students at an elementary school in Trenton. I've recently sent a box to the veterans which included 40 stump socks, several lap blankets, books, puzzles and magazines. I also met with teachers from the elementary school in Trenton. All of the students qualify for the free coat program, but almost none of them have scarves, gloves or hats. We donated to them 53 hats, 5 scarves, and 5 pairs of gloves. If anyone else would like to help us, please contact me (**Aileen Koopman**) at **215-295-914**. I have instructions and knitting needles if you need them.

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## ACTIVITY REMINDERS.....

**Art Classes** - Meets on Fridays at 10:00 am in the township building. Contact **Barbara Gallelli, 267-228-4513** if you are interested in attending.

**Book Club** – Will meet at the Yardley-Makefield Library on Monday, November 14th at 1:00. Book for November is **A Mother's Reckoning by Sue Klebold.** Call **Mary Sammon (215-550-6332)** with any questions.

**Bowling** – Mondays (11:45 am) and Thursdays (9:45 am). More bowlers are needed and always welcome. Call **Glenn Mangold, 215-493-5484**, for further information.

**Bridge Groups** – We have two of them!! One meets on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:00 pm for **more advanced players** and is coordinated by **Irv Hirsch (215-321-7444)**. The other meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 noon for **less advanced players** who want to improve their game and is taught by **Sally Garofano (267-392-5796)**. Call either one if you need more information.

**Duplicate Bridge** – Meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Players should try to be there by 8:50 am in order to start promptly at 9:00 am. New players are always welcome. Contact **Shirley Henderson, 215-752-3682** or **John LaBar, 215-736-8971**.

**Golf** – Meets at Double Eagle Golf in Snipes Farm on Monday mornings at 9:00 am, pending weather conditions. Questions??? Call **Sally Sargent at 215-493-2358**.

**Historical Board Games** – *Come join me on Games Day if you are interested in seeing history come alive. Questions, call Joe Bednarski at 215-493-4686*

**Knitting Group** – Stump socks for veterans and hats, gloves, and scarves for needy children are the two projects provided. Call **Aileen Koopman (215-295-9140)** if you would like to participate in this worthy project.

**Line Dancing** – Meets on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am. If you have any questions, contact **Marylin Hankins at 215-493-4102**.

## Activity Reminders (Cont'd)

**Music – Instrumental** – Meets at Marylin Hankins house every Wednesday at 1:15 pm. Call **Marylin Hankins (215-493-4102)** for further information.

**Low Impact Exercise Class** – Meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Township Building from 12:30 to 1:30. Call **Judy Monfiletto 267-205-1213** if you have any questions.

**Lunch Bunch**– On Saturday, November 12th at 12:00 noon, we will be going to the Macaroni Grill across from Oxford Valley. Separate checks will be provided; all are welcome. Mary Murray will not be available on that day so if you need a ride or further information, call **Charm Crawford at 215-736-1633**.

**Mahjonn**g – Two groups meet on Mondays; one at 12:00 noon under the direction of **Judi Brelsford 215-295-7546** and one at 1:00 pm under the direction of **Norma Grauwiler 215-497-9819**. Call either one if you have any questions.

**Sing-Along Group** – Will be scheduled accordingly for convenience of singers. All are welcome to join. Interested?? Call **Marylin Hankins at 215-493-4102**.

**Stitch & Chat** – Meets on Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Call **Peg Boysen, 215-321-1688**, if you need further information.

**Pinochle Players** – Meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. New players welcome. If you are interested, contact **John Humienny at 215-321-5329** or **Anthony Cardone at 215-493-6019**.

**Sunshine Contact** – Please contact **Peggy Miller (215-359-7734)** if you know of any member who has passed away or is seriously ill so that she can send “condolences” or “get well” wishes.

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Please call me at 215-321-1763 or by e-mail ([zipper456@comcast.net](mailto:zipper456@comcast.net)) if you have any articles you wish to add. I would love to hear from you.

**Ellie Hammill**