

LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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President's Message

When Beverly Carter asked me to run for President of our organization, I responded that I didn't feel I was qualified, as I was a new member, who just played bridge, and didn't know anything about the history or operation of the Lower Makefield Seniors. Bev assured me that the current Officers, Directors, Activity Coordinators, and Committee Members would be available to help wherever needed. This has turned out to be true. Many thanks to Ellie Hammill, Margaret McLaughlin, John LaBar, Roseann Clark, and many others, too numerous to list here, for helping with the transition to the new officers and directors.

2024 marks the start of the second full year of resumed activities after the shutdown for COVID. As an organization we have not fully recovered to our pre-COVID level of activities and membership. Unfortunately it looks like living with COVID is the "new normal," but this should not stop us from reengaging in the things we can do to remain active. If you have sent in your membership form – Thank you! If you have not responded, please do so soon. We look forward to your responses and suggestions. You can do this by answering the questions on the membership form, sharing your opinions and suggestions with me or any member of the Board, or attending the monthly Board meeting (the Friday before the Meet & Greet). Your input will give us information we can use to plot the course for our organization.

Happenings

The new Board is up and running. There is new scheduling, locations. activities and trips.

Lack of space has the Board meetings taking place at the LMT building. They are open to all members and your input is important. We encourage you to attend. See the calendar for dates and times.

A Book Club has been started and is under the direction of Ellie Hammill

Movies under the selection of Russ Bukwa will be shown on two Saturdays, one in March and another in April.

With warmer weather on the way, Bocce will resume.

Dave Burkhardt: President 267-767-6164 Rosanne Clark: Vice President 215-493-0340 Secretary: Noreen Murphy 301-530-8710 John Labar: Treasurer 267-789-3993

Directors: Michael Agin; Meryle Borachaner, Sally Haulman, Eric Huber, Joyce Linder

> Newsletter: mhuret@mindspring.com (No text please)

We Welcome New Members

Alfred DiMari Debbie and Frank Greco Jennifer Hoener Susan Schlieben

MEET & GREET

A monthly event—2nd Tuesday of most months. Attire is casual.

Our February M & G had to be cancelled since the Lower Makefield Community Center was closed due to snow.

Upcoming presentations are as follows:

On **Tuesday, March 12**, Jence Mussallen, a certified Nutrition and Wellnesss Coach from Shop Rite of Yardley will speak to us about good nutrition and meal planning for seniors. Bring your questions.

On **Tuesday, April 9** we will hear from Helen Heinz, PH.D, Temple University and Philadelphia University. Her presentation is tri-Centennial History of Lower Makefield Township and historic landmarks including local geography, anthropology, ancient history, the colonial period, civil war, and up to modern America as time allows.

On **Tuesday, May 14** representatives from Shady Brook Farms will supply helpful information about container plants, raised gardens, deer resistant plants and general garden care. Questions are welcome.

The Meet & Greet will now start at 10:30 am Commencing with a summary brief of business meeting for all-At the Township Building, followed by our speaker and then a free light lunch.

I want to especially encourage newer members to come out and make new acquaintances

Joyce Linder, Coordinator, questions 215-499-8232



Duplicate Bridge Winners Wednesday Duplicate Bridge:

12/27/23

N/S John LaBar/Paulette LaBar E/W Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber 1/3/24N/S Vic Ameye/Joe Mandarano E/W Tie: Susan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer Tie: Barbara Hermann/Margaret McLaughlin 1/10/24 N/S John LaBar/Paulette LaBar E/W Diane GrifNith/Joe Mandarano 1/17/24 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/W Diane GrifNith/Joe Mandarano 1/24/24 N/S John LaBar/Diane GrifNith E/W Ann Paice/Roseann Clark 1/31/24 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/W Alan Handler/Fran Kaiser 2/7/24 N/S Steve Stein/Darius Rogers E/W Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber

Friday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

12/22/23

No Scores (Center closed for Christmas) 1/5/24N/S VJ Patel/Janet Cohen E/W Barbara Hermann/Susan Cridge 1/12/24 N/S VJ Patel/Janet Cohen E/W Eric Wiener/Joe Mandarano 1/19/24 No Scores - Snow Day 1/26/24 N/S Mike Agin/Al Levin E/W Tom Salmon/Alan Handler 2/2/24 N/S Mike Agin/Al Levin E/W Eric Wiener/Joe Mandarano 2/9/24 N/S Jerry Najarian/Kathleen Najarian E/W John VanEerden/Ann VanEerden

At the Movies with: Russ Bukwa



Saturday, March 16, 2024 – 1:30 PM

"ABOUT MY FATHER" Comedy - PG-13 (1h 30m) Cast: Robert De Niro, Sebastian Maniscalco, etc.

When Sebastian tells his old-school Italian immigrant father Salvo that he is going to propose to his all-American girlfriend, Salvo insists on crashing a weekend with her parents.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – 1:30 PM

"PLEASE STAND BY"

Comedy/Drama - PG-13 (1h 33m) Cast: Dakota Fanning, Toni Collette, etc.

You are urged to research the movies for ratings

A young autistic woman runs away from her caregiver in an attempt to submit her 500-page manuscript to a "Star Trek" writing competition at Paramount Pictures.

We supply the popcorn and soda all for the amazing price of \$1.00

BCPB

Check out the offerings at the Bucks County Public Library. In addition to books and movies, they also offer many programs of interest each month from yoga to computer tips and tricks..

Call them at 215-493-9020 for their latest programs



Each issue we will spotlight a member of our group. This month we highlight the president:

Dave Burkhardt

After 48 years working as an industrial hygienist and safety engineer Dave retired from full time employment in 2022. He still works part time as an environmental, safety, and occupational health consultant and expert witness for Eagle Industrial Hygiene Associates in Willow Grove. "It's nice to work from the comfort of my home and not need to travel all over the country to various job sites." When he is not singing with the Men of Harmony or camping with the Boy Scouts, he enjoys making furniture and other woodworking activities. "Our cars have not seen the inside of our garage for twenty years because of all of the tools I have accumulated."

Book Club

Thanks to Ellie Hammill for organizing a Book Club. The March 13 selection is **"Hello Beautiful"**

It begins in 1960 with the birth of a boy — though with an immediately tragic twist that is also a negation: "For the first six days of William Waters's life, he was not an only child."

For more information and the April title, please call her at 215-321-1763



ACTIVITIES

Art Class: Friday 10:00 Coordinator: Ann Goren (215-962-1099).



Book Club: March 13 at 12:45. April date TBD Call Ellie Hammill (215-321-1763) for book information.

Bridge:

Tuesday 12:00 Open Seating

- Coordinator: Eric Suber (215-321-7815) Wednesday 9:00 Duplicate - A partner is required. Coordinator: John LaBar (267-789-3993).
- Thursday 9:00 Open Seating (Instructional) Charm Crawford (215-736-1633) & Eric Suber (215-321-7815) coordinators/instructors
- Friday 11:30 Duplicate A partner is required. Coordinator Paulette LaBar (267-789-3993)
- **Duplicate Bridge Players**: Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. If you need a partner call Mary Lou Haid (215-968-0176)
- **Games Day: -** Canasta, Hand & Foot and other games of your choice - Wednesday 9:00 Coordinator: Norma Grauwiler – 215-497-9819

Hearts: Friday 1:00 Coordinator: Ed Stack (216-776-0019)

Line Dancing: Saturday 10:00 Coordinator: Mary Ellen Eckman (215-493-8854).

Mahjongg:

Monday 12:00 and Friday 12:30 Coordinator: Meryle Borochaner (215-736-3184).

Pinochle:

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 12:30 Coordinator: Anthony Cardone (215-493-6019)

Stitch, Knit & Chat: Wednesday 10:00

Coordinator: Peg Boyson (215-321-1688)

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TRIP NEWS – UPDATE

Our first trip for 2024 will be on April 11th, to see **"Beehive"** at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. This is a musical celebration of the women of the 60s (Diana Ross, The Supremes, Tina Turner and more). (Lunch included.) Responses have been wonderful. We look forward to an enjoyable full day.

Attached are the reservation forms for our next (2) day trips:

May 16, 2024: **"South Pacific"** @ Fulton Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. A timeless classic that will sweep you away, plus lunch at Shady Maple Buffet.

June 13, 2024: **Harrisburg/Middletown** train ride; lunch at The River House; and a paddleboat ride on the Susquehanna.

We are looking into doing a multi-day trip in the Fall. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Also scheduled: November 21, 2024 - Holiday show at the American Music Theater and lunch at Millers Smorgasbord

We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible for our trips. Tour companies are very strict about cut-off dates for cancelling trips and returning deposit money. If we do not have the minimum required reservations 2 months prior to the trip date, we may need to cancel the event. Please note, your payment check is held and not deposited before the "payment in full" due date noted on the reservation form. We thank you for your support and look forward to your joining us.

On behalf of the Trip Committee Meryle Borochaner

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