

# LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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# **President's Message**

The recent storms have caused disruption of our activities and some questions about building closures. Township building closures follow the Pennsbury School District decisions on closure, remote learning, and delayed openings. That information can be found on the school website (pennsburysd.org). Note that if the site says they are doing remote learning, the buildings (Community Center and Township Office) are closed. If a delay is posted, the Community Center will be open for our activities with the same delayed opening (normal opening is 8:00 AM). Meet & Greet has presented information on vacation planning and nutrition. Both meetings were well attended and included useful questions and answer dialogue. The Trip Committee has planned a full schedule of trips for the year. Check out upcoming M&G topics and trip information on the following pages. We have several new activities that have started this year, including classes for learning to play Bridge, Pinochle, and Mahjong. We have also started a chair yoga session. If you are interested in any of these activities, please come out and join us. No advance sign up or previous experience is needed. These sessions are included in the Weekly Activities list on page 2 of the newsletter and the monthly calendars. Other activities that are in the initial planning phase are a Health Fair, a multi-day trip to the Catskills, and another Electronic Device Help session. If you have any suggestions for M&G topics or activity sessions, please let us know.

The Lower Makefield Seniors Board of Directors have recently made decisions that impact our operations. This edition of the newsletter will be the last edition that will be mailed out to our members The newsletter is also posted on the Seniors page of the Township website, and print copies are in the information racks in both vestibules of the Community Center. This change will save us more than \$1,000 a year in postage expenses and will allow for more timely release of event announcements and other news. Additionally, even with the influx of new members this year, our membership numbers are currently significantly less than last year, so that we don't qualify for bulk mail rates.

Speaking of membership, since the fee we pay the Township is based on our membership total, those who have not paid their dues will be dropped from our membership roll, effective March 1st and will not be permitted to participate in Senior activities until their dues have been paid. We are hopeful that those who have not renewed their membership will do so and continue to participate in the worthwhile events and activities our organization offers.

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:

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## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Art Class:**

Friday 10:00

Coordinator: Ann Goren (215-962-1099).

# **Bridge:**

Tuesday 12:00 Open Seating

Coordinator Alan Handler (917-846-6540)

Wednesday 9:00 Duplicate - A partner is required.: Please arrive 15

minutes before start time

Coordinator: John LaBar (267-789-3993).

Thursday 9:00 Open Seating & Instructional: Players with a rudimentary knowledge game and want to improve their skills. Coordinator/Instructor Eric Suber (215-321-7815) Bridge Basics for new players - Instructor Dave Burkhardt (267-767-6164)

Friday 11:30 Duplicate - A partner is required.

Duplicate Bridge Players: Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time. If you need a partner call Mary Lou Haid (215-968-0176) Coordinators

Paulette LaBar (267-789-3993) & Martha Zintl (973-715-6172)

**Book Club**: 12:30 Second Wednesday Call Ellie Hammill (215-321-1763).

Chair Yoga: 9:00 Monday

#### Games Day:

Wednesday 9:00 - Card & Board other games of your choice 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

Instructional (March only) Tuesday 10:00

Coordinator: Meryle Borochaner (215-736-3184).

#### **Movie Matinee**

Third Saturday 1:30

#### **Pinochle**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:30 Wednesday Intro to Pinochle 1:00

Coordinator: Anthony Cardone (215-493-6019)

#### Stitch, & Chat

Wednesday 10:00 - Location (LMT) Coordinator: Peg Boyson (215-321-1688)

# **NEW MEMBERS**

Marian Ackert
Richard Brescia
Ann Marie Brooke
Debbie Brooke
Anne Cassidy
Eileen Devlin
Beth Dickerson
Lynn Glassman
Sandy Marsh
Newton Miller
Christine Richards
Ken Sheaff
Curtis Sheaff
Leonard Spence
Christine Willinger

Christine Wismer

#### MEET AND GREET

Hope you have been enjoying the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Lower Makefield Seniors Meet and Greet events at the Lower Makefield Community Center. As usual, members may bring a guest who hasn't attended previously. Here is what is coming up for March and April.

On Tuesday, March 11, 2025 there will be a representative from the Lower Makefield Police Department to speak to us about scams.

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025 there will be a representative from State Representative Perry Warren's office to speak about programs that are available to seniors.

Speakers are followed by a brief business meeting and light lunch.

Please try to arrive no later than 9:45 am on above dates so you can sign in and find a seat next to someone who is new to you. After all, this is a time to meet and greet a new acquaintance!

Coordinator, Joyce Linder, 215-499-8232

## **BOOK CLUB**



The following are the books selected for February & March

March 12: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

April 9: "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett.

Dates are always "The Second Wednesday of the month" at 12:30 pm unless otherwise notified.

# **MOVIE MATINEE**

Saturday, March 15, 2025 - 1:30 PM

#### "THE FALL GUY"

Action/Romance/Comedy/Drama – PG-13 (2h 6m)

Cast: Ryan Gosling, Emily Blunt, etc.

A down-and-out stuntman must find the missing star of his ex-girlfriend's blockbuster film.

Saturday, April 19, 2025 – 1:30 PM

#### "WORDPLAY"

Documentary – PG (1h 34m)

Cast: Will Shortz, Ken Burns, Jon Stewart and over 600 contestants

An in-depth look at The New York Times' long-time crossword puzzle editor Will Shortz and his loyal fan base.

LOWER MAKEFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER \$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.

## **BRIDGE SCORES**

#### Wednesday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

12/4/24 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/WFloree Petrella/Alan Handler

12/11/24 No Scores

12/18/24 N/S Alan Handler/Eric Suber E/W Susan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer

12/25/24 No Scores

1/01/25 No Scores

1/08/25 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/WFloree Petrella/Alan Handler

1/15/25 N/S John LaBar/Paulette LaBar E/WTom Salmon/Alan Handler

1/22/25 N/S Steve Stein/Darius Rogers E/W Pat Kelly/Roseann Clark

1/29/25 N/S Vic Ameye/Joe Mandarano

 $E/WTie:\ Barbara\ Hermann/Margaret/McLaughlin$ 

Tie: Tom Salmon/Alan Handler

## Friday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

12/6/24 N/STie: Steve Stein/Darius Rogers

Tie: VJ Patel/Jim Rothenberg

E/W Eric Wiener/Joe Mandarano

12/13/24 N/SJohn LaBar/Frank Malfi

E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano

12/20/24 N/SVic Ameye/Jeanne Ameye

E/WEric Wiener/David Morgan

12/27/24 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/WJim Rothenberg/VJ Patel

1/3/25 N/SDave Burkhardt/Eric Suber

E/WVJ Patel/Jim Rothenberg

1/10/25 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/WNancy Dansbury/Barb Browne

1/17/25 N/S ave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/ WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarano

1/24/25 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarino

1/31/25 N/SJerry Najarian/Kathleen Najarian E/WEric Wiener/Joe Mandarino

## YOUR VOICE /YOUR CLUB

Several new classes started last monthor are in the planning stages:

Bridge and Pinochle for people wanting to learn how to play these games, and video instruction Chair Yoga. Check the activity list and calendars for days and times.

Mah Jongg instructional classes began in February on Tuesdays (10AM-12PM) and will run through March 25th.

Dine Around Club: Lunch or dinner?

Check out all the new restaurants that have popped up this year in the area. If you like the idea of joining others to eat out and make new friends in the process, call Meryle Borochaner at 215-736-3184.

If you are interested in learning to play canasta or hand and foot (a variation of canasta) please contact Doreene Kaplan, at 215-816-1448. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. If Wednesday morning does not fit into your schedule, we will look for a different day and time for this activity.

#### TRIP COMMITTEE

#### **Dear Seniors:**

By the time you receive this issue of our newsletter, we will be preparing for our first 2025 trip on March 18th to All Star Productions @ Li Greci's Staaten /Staten Island. We are absolutely thrilled with the overwhelming response.

Our next trip is right around the corner on April 24th: There is a push on this trip as we must have all reservations paid for by March 25th. This has always been one of our most popular venues. We will be seeing "SWING!" (a celebration of the music from the 1930s to 1946) at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. As with all our trips, lunch is included. Cost pp \$133. (Reservation Form attached)

May 23rd-30th: Our first cruising trip. All cabins allotted us are booked. Sailing is on Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas! Departure and return: Cape Liberty, NJ. Stops include Port Canaveral, FL; Nassau, Bahamas, and Coco Cay, Bahamas.

July 10th: We will be seeing CATS @ Fulton Theatre (Lancaster) plus a buffet lunch at Hershey Farms. Cost pp \$146.

August 14th: For the casino and seashore enthusiasts. Atlantic City,NJ Tropicana Casino Trip & Skyline Cruise - includes 1 hr. skyline cruise, \$20 slot play, \$15 food credit - free time. Cost pp \$105.

October 20th-23rd (4 days-3 nights) — We promised a Fall trip and found a wonderful resort in the Catskills, New York called Villa Roma. The week we've selected is a themed week ~ An Italian Festival. There are planned group activities, 3 meals per day, nightly entertainment. The resort has an indoor sport complex, fitness center, indoor swimming pools and jacuzzi. Something for everyone. We are estimating ~\$800-\$850 per person based on double occupancy. Final pricing will be dependent on how many people want to go and sign up on the "Interest Sheet" which will be on the bulletin board in the seniors classroom. If interested, here is the resorts website: www.villaroma.com.

December 11th: Our year end trip is to the American Music Theatre - 2025 show -"Deck the Halls" and buffet lunch at Shady Maple. Cost pp \$137 (same cost as last year).

The Trip Committee is always looking for individuals who want to become involved. We thank you for your support and we look forward to your joining us.

# **SENIOR GAMES 2025**

It's that time of the year again The annual *SENIOR GAMES* will be here soon. If your forte is mind games or physical endeavors, there is an activity for everyone. Check out the list at <a href="http://buckscounty/govseniorgames.">http://buckscounty/govseniorgames</a>. Or you can suggest an activity and bring your own team to compete.. Fill up our trophy cabinet

Do you like fun, friendly competition?

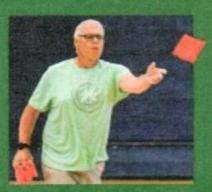
Are you 50+? SAVE THESE DATES!

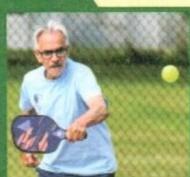


The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bucks County PA

Senior Games
June 5-12, 2025







Registration: March 15-May 15

Kick-off event:

May 28 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

267-880-5700 #6

# Help!

Do you grocery shop at McCaffrey's? If so, please save your receipts and donate them to the Lower Makefield Seniors. McCaffrey's is offering us a 1% rebate on all receipts we return to them. Please bring them to the senior's room at the community center and put them in the white box marked "McCaffrey's." Your help is much appreciated.