



LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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AUGUST 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August: - well into the Dog Says of Summer. The phrase spans the days from July 3 to August 11 each year. The phrase comes from ancient Rome and Greece. People looked at the star Sirius, known as the "Dog Star" because it is the brightest star in the constellation *Canis Major*. In mid-summer, Sirius rises right next to the sun. Ancient Romans thought the combined light of the sun and the bright Dog Star added extra heat to the earth, causing the heavy summer swelter. They connected this astronomical observation with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck.

Today, the phrase has nothing to do with actual stars heating the planet. People just use it to describe the stretch of mid-summer with the hottest, most humid days and lazy days when it feels too hot to do much work.

I am leaning towards the Ancients way of thinking, as we have had heat, thunderstorms, and drought (just look at my brown lawn); my neighbor has a mad dog (it doesn't like anyone); and I am lethargic when it comes to working outdoors.

As an organization we have also had some bad luck: Two of our members, Jim Rothenberg and Harriet Lieb have passed away during the Dog Days. A few members have been spoofed into opening malicious emails that appear to be from members of our organization, resulting in their email contact list has been hijacked. Please see further information in the newsletter about how to identify malicious emails and what to do if you have been scammed.

The slower pace of the summer months is apparent as attendance at many of our activities is reduced or have been cancelled as members are away on vacation or do not venture outdoors during the heat – but September is not far off.

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President – Dave Burkhardt 267-767-6164

Vice President – Meryle Borochaner 215-920-5558

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Treasurer – Mary Ann O'Connor

Directors – Alan Handler, Doreene Kaplan, Andrea Lamantia, Gloria Porcaro, Eric Suber, Bob Terc

Newsletter Editor: Andrea Lamantia

President's Message...

I am looking forward to the start of our Fall schedule: increasing attendance at events; the resumption of our Tuesday Meet and Greet Luncheons; and the second of our Thursday Lunch and Learn Seminars on September 17th. The topic of the Seminar is "Leaving a Blessing, NOT a Burden", presented by Scott Mitchell - Advanced Planning Counselor with Life Celebration by Givnish. Miriam and I attended the seminar presented by Scott, which outlined several items we had not considered for our advanced and end of life planning – and the lunch that was provided was very good! Additional information about this event will follow.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and activities! Thank you for your continued support!

Dave Burkhardt
267-767-6164

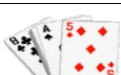
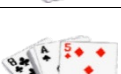
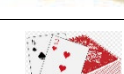
LM SENIORS - COMMITTEES

	Finance Committee Mary Ann O'Connor – 202-320-4025 (call or text)
	Fundraising Committee Bob Terc – 215-499-2734 (call or text)
	Meet & Greet – Program and Light Lunch – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Second Tuesday of the month (No M&G in July & August) Gloria Porcaro 215-208-1170 (call or text)
	Membership Committee Eric Suber – 267-473-0241 (call or text)
	Newsletter – Information for inclusion in the newsletter must be emailed for review by 20th of month to: Editor: Andrea Lamantia: aplamantia@comcast.net President: Dave Burkhardt: daveburkhardt74@gmail.com
	Program Committee Alan Handler – 917-846-6540 (call or text)
	Publicity & Marketing Meryle Borocharner – mimmie121@yahoo.com
	Sunshine and New Member “Welcome” Joanne Westall – 267-274-6764 (call or text)
	Trip Committee Doreene Kaplan – 215-816-1448 (call or text)

Can you help? Contact Dave Burkhardt at 267-767-6164 or daveburkhardt74@gmail.com

Most activities take place at the Lower Makefield Community Center unless noted otherwise. It is important for this list to be current. Any activity changes should be sent to Alan Handler – (917-846-6540 – call or text)

LM SENIORS – ACTIVITIES & COORDINATORS

	Art Class – Fridays @ 10 AM – Noon (no classes in August) Ann Goren - 215-962-1099
	Book Club Discussion – 2 nd Wednesday each month, 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Ellie Hammill – 215-321-1763 (no meetings July & August)
	Bridge for Beginners – Mondays @ 9 AM – Noon Dave Burkhardt – 267-767-6164 (call or text)
	Bridge – Instructional - Mondays @ 9 AM – Noon Eric Suber – 267-473-0241 (call or text)
	Bridge – Open Seating – Tuesdays @ 12 PM – 3 PM Thursdays @ 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (at Sunrise Senior Living, Yardley PA) Alan Handler – 917-846-6540 (call or text)
	Bridge - Duplicate – Wednesdays @ 9 AM – Noon {Partner Required} John LaBar – 267-789-3993
	Bridge – Duplicate – Fridays @ 11:30 AM – 3 PM {Partner Required} Paulette LaBar 267-789-3993 / Martha Zintl 973-715-6172
	Chair Yoga – Thursdays @ 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Gloria Porcaro 215-208-1170 (call or text)
	GAMES DAY – (Assorted Board & Card Games) – Wednesdays @ 9 AM - Noon (Rummikub for 6 / Uno / Five Crowns / Mexican Train & more) Beverly Carter – 215-520-7237 (call or text)
	Hearts / Spades – Fridays @ 1 PM – 3 PM (at Sunrise Senior Living, Yardley PA) Ed Stack – 215-776-0019
	Line Dancing – Saturdays @ 10 AM – 11:30 AM Mary Ellen Eckman – 215-493-8854
	Mah Jongg – Mondays @ Noon – 3 PM Meryle Borocharner – 215-920-5558 or Judy Henderson – 215-208-1433 (call or text)
	Mah Jongg – Practice for Beginners – Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Meryle Borocharner – 215-920-5558 or Pauline Reppert 215-431-4572 (call or text)
	Mah Jongg – Fridays @ 12:30 PM – 3 PM Meryle Borocharner – 215-920-5558 or Judy Henderson – 215-208-1433 (call or text)
	Movies – 3 rd Saturday each month at @ 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM (No movies July & August) Russell Bukwa – 267-573-4009
	Pinochle – Tuesdays @ Noon – 3 PM Anthony Cardone – 215-493-6019 / Nathan Bass – 267-259-4843
	Pinochle – Wednesdays @ Noon – 3 PM (Intro to Pinochle @ 1 PM) Anthony Cardone – 215-493-6019 / Nathan Bass – 267-259-4843
	Pinochle – Fridays @ Noon – 3 PM Anthony Cardone – 215-493-6019 / Nathan Bass – 267-259-4843
	Stitch & Chat – Wednesdays @ 10 AM – Noon (at Lower Makefield Township Building) Peg Boysen – 215-321-1688

NEW MEMBERS

Lower Makefield Seniors warmly welcome...

- * Barbara Costabile
- * Reinhard Heinisch
- * Amy Michaels
- * Magdalena Sokolowski



Please introduce yourself to our new members at the next Meet & Greet and invite them to take part in our many activities.

MOVIE MATINEE



Movie Matinee is taking a summer vacation – back in September.

MEET & GREET

Our monthly Meet & Greet is also suspended for the summer, but will be back on **Tuesday, September 8th** to kick off the next season of interesting programs.

IN MEMORIAM

LMS recently learned of the loss of two members:



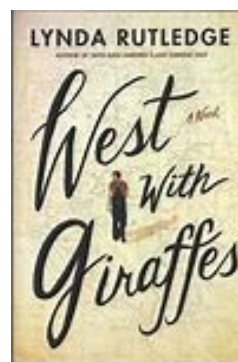
Harriet Leib (93) was a retired educator and civic activist. A lifelong bridge enthusiast, she earned the distinction of "Lifetime Master". Though only with LMS for about a year, she attended M&G events and Wednesday bridge.

James Rothenberg was an attorney and Holland PA resident. Jim enjoyed participating in the duplicate bridge sessions.

BOOK CLUB

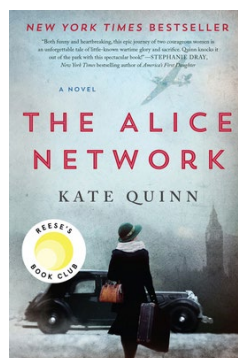
Book Club does not meet in July and August, but plan to join us next on **Wednesday, September 9th** at 12:30PM for interesting and lively discussion. All are welcome!

September's choice:



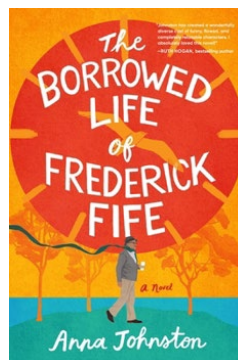
In 1938, Dust Bowl drifter Woody Nickel seizes a chance to drive two hurricane-scarred giraffes cross-country to the San Diego Zoo. As miles pass with a gruff keeper and an ambitious photographer, the trek becomes a test of grit, trust, and the quiet magic animals spark in people.

October's choice:



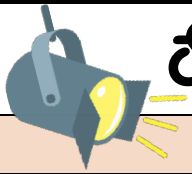
The story follows Eve, a former spy who seeks revenge against a WW1 profiteer responsible for her best friend's death, and Lili, who leads a network of female spies gathering intelligence against the Germans. Their paths cross as they navigate the brutal realities of war, betrayal, and the quest for justice.

November's choice:



In a twist of fate, Fred Fife, an 82-year-old widower, recently evicted and penniless, is mistaken for the dead Bernard Greer and taken to a nursing home. Fred must live as Bernard, who had dementia. He tries to escape but finds himself drawn into the facility's warmth and the kindness of its staff.

Questions? Contact Ellie Hammil (215-321-1763).



Spotlight on...

GAMES DAY

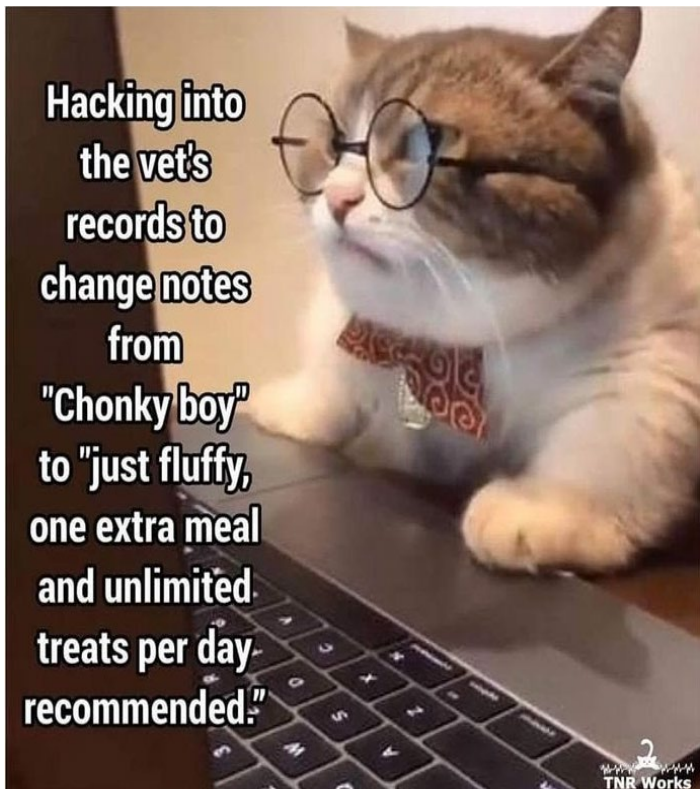
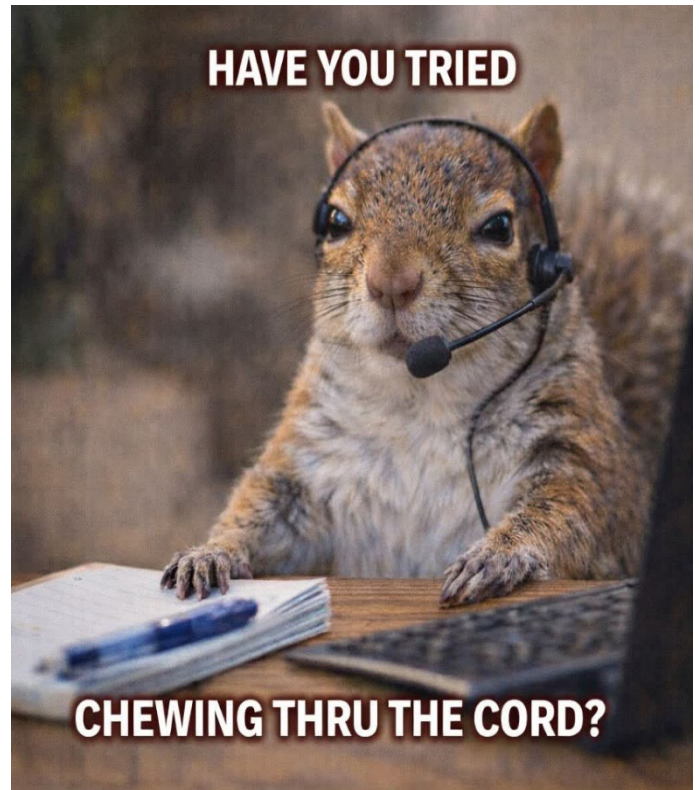
Looking to get out, make some new friends, and have fun in a relaxed setting? Come and join us at the Community Center at 9AM on Wednesdays for "Games Day". We're a laid-back group who usually start our morning with coffee and chatting. After socializing for a bit, we decide what game or games we'd like to play. We play games like Rummikub, Uno, Five Crowns, Phase 10, and Mexican Train. All are easy games to learn, and if they don't sound familiar to you, that's no problem. Come join us and we'll have you playing in no time. We enjoy playing games, but most of all, we enjoy having fun time with friends.

If this activity sounds like something you might enjoy, we invite you to join us any Wednesday morning and see how it goes! If you have any questions, or want more information, please feel free to give me a call.

-Beverly Carter
Games Day Coordinator
215-520-7237



COMEDY CORNER



LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE!

If you're looking for some brain stimulation, the game of bridge is a wonderful activity. It is a challenging game to play well, but well worth the effort to learn. It's also another way to get to know some of your fellow Lower Makefield Seniors members.

For those who have played spades or pinochle – bidding, a trump suit, and tricks are familiar concepts also common to bridge. Novices and experts can happily co-exist at the bridge table, as exposure (as a partner or opponent) to good players is how you improve.

For those unfamiliar with the game, Dave Burkhardt offers instruction from 9:00AM to noon every Monday to get you started. Concurrently, Eric Suber works with those who understand the basics to improve their game. See the activities listing for other times bridge is offered.

LUNCH & LEARN

Starting in September, LMS will be offering monthly "Lunch & Learn" events on a variety of interesting and informative subjects. These sessions will run begin at 11:30AM, and as the name suggests, lunch will be provided.

Membership in LMS is not required to attend the Lunch & Learns – they are open to the public. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

Our first event will be held on Thursday, September 17th. See the registration form included with the newsletter for more information.

Hope to see you there!

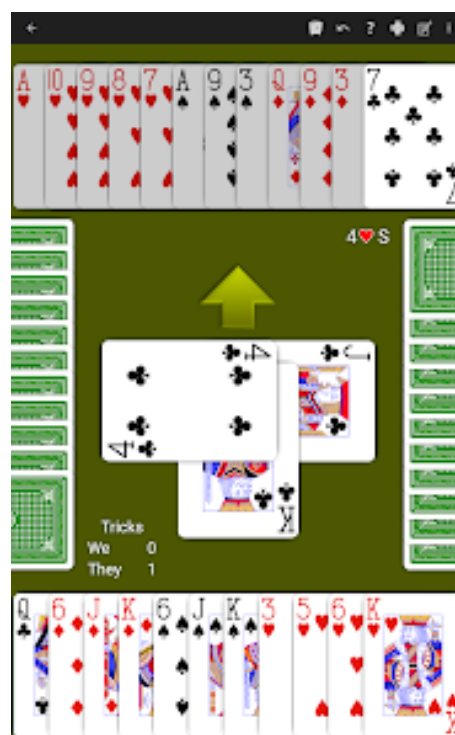
BRIDGE SCORES

Wednesday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

6/3/26	N/S E/W	Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber Susan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer
6/10/26	N/S E/W	John LaBar/Paulette LaBar Kathy Klausner/Sally Haulman
6/17/26	N/S E/W	John LaBar/Paulette LaBar Kathy Klausner/Sally Haulman
6/24/26	N/S E/W	Alan Handler/Eric Suber Susan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer

Friday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

6/5/26	N/S E/W	Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber Jim Rothenberg/VJ Patel
6/12/26	N/S E/W	Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber Al DiMari/Eric Wiener
6/19/26	N/S E/W	Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber Al DiMari/Eric Wiener
6/26/26	N/S E/W	Steve Stein/Darius Rogers Al DiMari/Eric Wiener



A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Dear Members,

Over the past few months, the Lower Makefield Seniors mailbox has been targeted by several spam emails that appear to have been sent by a fellow member. We do not know how our mailing list was compromised—frankly, that's above my pay scale. What we do know is that these emails (to date) have all taken the form of *Invitations*.

To protect yourself and the group, we strongly advise that if you receive or have received any invitational email (or one that is asking you to verify your information), **DO NOT open it or click on any links inside**. If the invitation seems to come from someone you know, please call that person directly to verify whether they actually sent it. **VERIFY. VERIFY.**

For your safety, below are steps that outline the recommended procedure to keep your information secure.

Alternatively, ask AI "**what should I do if I've opened a phishing email**" [<https://duck.ai/chat>]

We thank you for your attention and caution.

All my best,

Meryle Borochaner (LMS-Vice President)

If you opened a phishing email, do this right away

1. *Do not click anything else.*
2. *Avoid links, attachments, and "confirm" buttons. Don't log in anywhere from the email.*
3. *Unplug / disconnect if you can (optional but safest).*
4. *If you're worried you clicked something or entered credentials, disconnect the device from Wi-Fi/Ethernet to limit spread.*
5. *Report it.*
6. *Use your email provider's Report phishing feature.*
7. *If you're at work/school, also report it to your IT/security team.*
8. *Check whether you entered credentials.*
9. ***If you typed a password (even once), change the password immediately for that account from a trusted device/browser (type the site address manually, don't use the email link).***
10. *Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA) if available.*
11. *Scan the device.*
12. *Run a full scan with your antivirus/anti-malware.*
13. *Check for suspicious new apps, browser extensions, or startup items.*
14. *Look for other compromise.*
15. *Review your email, cloud, and bank accounts for unusual activity (new logins, password resets you didn't do, sent messages you didn't send).*
16. *If you reused passwords, change them on other important accounts too.*
17. *If money or sensitive info was provided.*
18. *Contact your bank/card issuer immediately.*
19. *Consider placing fraud alerts or freezes if appropriate.*
20. *If identity documents were involved, follow local identity-theft guidance.*

TRIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

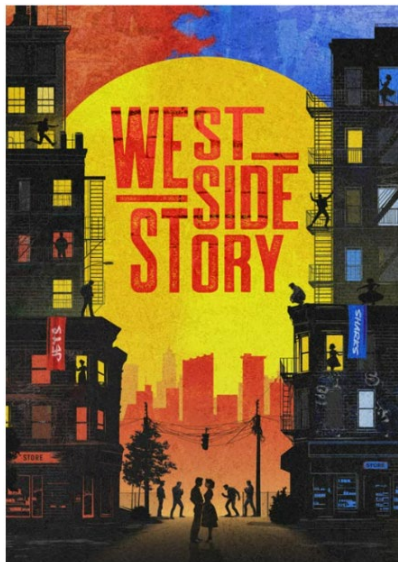
The trip to the Fulton Theatre to see “**West Side Story**” with a buffet lunch at Shady Maple was enjoyed by all who attended. *(see next pages)*

The sign-up period for the Monmouth Park Racetrack trip is over. Included with this newsletter is the flyer for the October 22nd Jim Thorpe trip. There’s been a lot of interest expressed in this outing, so don’t delay submitting your registration form and check.

<u>Friday,</u> August 28, 2026	Monmouth Park Racetrack: Horse races viewed in private room with lunch buffet	\$130pp
<u>Thursday,</u> October 22, 2026	Jim Thorpe, PA: Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway Autumn Foliage Train Ride, with lunch at The Broadway Grille, and Trolley Tour	\$140pp
<u>Thursday,</u> December 3, 2026	American Music Theatre: “Winter Wonderland” with lunch at Hershey Farms	\$138pp



TRIP COMMITTEE UPDATE – FULTON THEATRE OUTING



On July 9th, Lower Makefield Seniors and friends enjoyed a wonderful outing to Lancaster. After dining at Shady Maple Smorgasbord (always a favorite luncheon destination), we moved on to the historic, resplendent Fulton Theatre.

From the first notes of Leonard Bernstein's legendary score – and the instantly-recognizable finger-snapping – the audience was transported to the 1950s on Manhattan's Upper West Side. The incredibly talented company treated us all to an amazing – almost magical – experience. The quality of the singing, dancing, and acting were equal to any Broadway production, not to mention the rich sounds of a live orchestra. What a fantastic day!



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WHAT'S GOING ON – COMMUNITY EVENTS

MUSIC OFF MAIN

Wednesday, August 5th - 6:00PM-8:00PM

Featuring: The Skyla Burrell Band

Set against the picturesque backdrop of Buttonwood Park, all are welcome to come out and enjoy the sounds of this high-energy blues band. BYO chair and beverages.

Buttonwood Park

Buttonwood Drive, Yardley PA

SUMMER COFFEE HOUSE – LIVE MUSIC

Friday, August 7th – 7:30PM-10:30PM

Come prepared to sing and clap along at this free event as Woodside's own Coffeehouse Band performs classic rock and pop favorites with themes of hope, friendship, and love. Please bring a dessert to share and invite someone to join you.

Woodside Church – The Vineyard

1667 Edgewood Road, Yardley

www.woodside-church.org

MUSIC BINGO

Friday, August 21st – 7:00PM

Come out for Music Bingo Night, where your favorite songs replace the numbers and every round is a throwback (or sing-along) waiting to happen.

Grab a glass and get ready for a night of great tunes, good wine, and a little friendly competition. Free reservations available.

Crossing Vineyards and Winery

1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing
(215-493-6500)

PARTY ON THE PATIO

Saturdays and Sundays in August – 12:30PM-4:00PM

Soak up the laid-back vibes and enjoy live acoustic music at The Patio. Food and drink available. It's the perfect spot to relax with family and friends.

Shady Brook Farm

931 Stony Hill Road, Yardley (215-968-1670)

NEWTOWN CELEBRATES AMERICA 250

Saturday, August 8th – 9:30AM-4:00PM

Free community celebration features Revolutionary War reenactments, living historians, military drills for children, colonial crafts, historic site tours, museum exhibits, demonstrations, and family activities throughout Newtown's historical district.

Visitors are invited to enjoy a Great American Cookout in the Boone Garden, featuring hot dogs, chips, water, and ice cream courtesy of Penn Community Bank and the Newtown Rotary Club.

Newtown Historic Association

info@newtownhistoric.org

(215-968-4004)

PICNIC IN THE PARK FINALE

Tuesday, August 21st – 6:00PM-8:00PM

Say farewell to summer 2026 with beautiful sunset views along the Delaware River and live music from Parlour Noir Swing Band along with crafts and games. (Free admission - Registration not required.)

Grundy Museum

610 Radcliffe Street, Bristol (215-788-9432)