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VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Parties come and parties go. Some we remember and some we don't. Get ready to attend one that you won't forget for a long time to come. Join us on Tuesday, **February 14th** for a **Valentine's Day Party**. Festivities begin at 12:00pm with a special luncheon. Menu will include: Chicken Florentine, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn with Diced Red Peppers, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Cream Pie, Milk and Coffee/Tea. Following lunch, we will enjoy a special treat to celebrate this day of love and friendship. If you have a spouse or friend that you would like to bring they are welcome too! This promises to be a memorable fun filled day of good food, fellowship and entertainment. Please sign-up in the dining room by Friday, February 10th if you will be joining us. The cost is \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.00 for those under. Get ready for a great time!!!

THE HERMITS

Everyone is invited to join the **HERMITS (Happily Eating Regular Meals In Town Somewhere)** on **Thursday, February 9th** for lunch at the **Saratoga Diner** in Saratoga Springs. Van for this trip will leave at **11:30am**. Your \$5.00 refundable deposit (due at sign-up), will hold your reservation on the van. You may also drive yourself. Lunch is on your own.



CENTER CLOSING FOR OBSERVANCE

The Center will be closed on **Monday, February 20th** to observe **Presidents' Day**.

All activities are held at the Center unless otherwise specified. The Center is located on Lower Newtown Road and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00 pm.

SPECIAL DAYS TO REMEMBER (Mark Your Calendar)

Feb 1 Advisory Council Meeting	11:00AM
Feb 1 Business Meeting	1:00PM
Feb 6 "New" Poker Begins	12:30PM
Feb 8 Bingo	1:00PM
Feb 9 Hermits – Saratoga Diner	11:30AM
Feb 10 Card Stamping	10AM & 12:30PM
Feb 14 Valentine Luncheon Party	12:00PM
Feb 15 STAR Seminar	10:00AM
Feb 15 Bingo	1:00PM
Feb 16 Alzheimer's Support Group	12:00PM
Feb 17 Shuffle Board	12:30PM
Feb 20 Closed for Presidents Day	
Feb 21 Informal Jewelry Class	12:30PM
Feb 22 Movie: "The Help"	12:30PM
Feb 23 Bowling Party	10:30AM
Feb 24 Afternoon of Games	12:30PM
Feb 29 Leaping Bingo Party Lunch	12:00PM



IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Did you know that **AARP** provides **free tax preparation** for seniors 55 and over? No need to worry about a thing this year, just get your papers together, make an appointment and come to the Center to have your taxes done. Taxes will be prepared every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** starting **February 2nd** till **April 12th** from **9:30am to 2:00pm**. You must call to make an appointment, as drop-ins cannot be accommodated. Be sure to bring with you last year's return, this year's documentation. Returns are filed electronically.



CARD STAMPING WORKSHOP

Our **Card Stamping Workshops** have been a huge success as no experience is needed. Our next class is on **Friday, February 10th** at **10:00am** or **12:30pm**. All supplies are provided. The cost is just \$2.00, due at time of sign-up. Informal Card Stamping classes are held every Friday afternoon at 12:30pm. Stamping supplies are available. There is no fee for these classes.

SENIOR EXEMPTION AND STAR SEMINAR

This seminar is a must for all seniors who live in the Town of Halfmoon and own their own home (mobile homes included). Seminar will be held on **Wednesday, February 15th** at **10:00am** and will start with a description of the program. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers by Halfmoon Town Assessor, Jo-Ann Smith. For those wishing to apply or re-certify for the program, you may do so after the seminar. If you plan to apply or re-certify at this seminar and are unsure of the documentation needed, please call the Assessors office at 371-7410 Ext.2349. Remember, the **deadline** to file for this benefit is **March 1st**. Members and non-members are welcome.



SHUFFLEBOARD GAMES

Join us on the third Friday of every month at **12:30pm** to learn the game of **Shuffleboard** and have some fun. Our next game day is **February 17th**. No experience necessary!

TURNING UP THE HEAT

The heat is on but our internal thermostats might not be at the same setting. Please bring a sweater with you to the Center just in case!

NEW POKER GAMES TO BEGIN

With so many new members looking to join in on the game, we have re-organized the game plan. Starting **February 6th** at **12:30pm** and continuing every



Monday thereafter, the Center will offer a new game plan in which anyone wishing to play will be able to do so. A new table has been purchased so there will be plenty of room for everyone. New games, new rules and new friends are what you can expect once our new Poker games begin. If you were unable to get in on the game before, here's your chance to play as no one will be turned away. Start practicing your poker face and let the games begin! If you would like more information, please call the Center and ask for Eileen.

SCRAP BOOKING CLASS

Our **Scrap booking class** meets **every Friday** at **12:30pm** to work informally on our individual books. Periodically, a formal class will be held to review techniques and products. Come swap ideas with fellow scrap bookers. The Center offers tools and some materials for your scrap booking needs. This is a wonderfully motivating class for those of us who never seem to find time to work on our books at home.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Cold weather got you stuck in the house? Want to get out for some fun and fellowship? Then join us on **Friday, February 24th** at **12:30pm** for **Games**, games and more games!!! Bring your favorite game or come and join in on one. Bring your friends with you or meet them here. Refreshments will be available. Get out for a day of fun and laughs!



ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Our **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the third Thursday of every month at 12:00pm with facilitator Michele Webber. Our group enjoys a complimentary lunch together while discussing various issues faced by caregivers and those they care for. Our next meeting will be held on **February 16th**. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please call the Center to sign-up. Members and non-members are welcome.

BOWLING PARTY

Our monthly **Bowling Party** will be held on **Thursday, February 23rd** at **10:30am** at Spare Time Bowl on Route 9. The cost for bowlers is \$5.00 for 2 games, shoes, pizza, and soda. Cost for non-bowlers is \$2.00 for pizza and soda. Non-members are welcome for the unsubsidized cost of \$8.50 for bowlers and \$3.00 for non-bowlers. See you there.



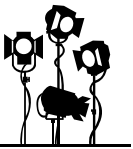
LET'S SAY "HELLO"



Word on the street has it that the Halfmoon Senior Center is the place to be. There must be some truth to that as our membership continues to grow. This month we welcomed the following new members to the hottest place in town: **Salam Arain, Ellen Rourke, Roger and Lynn Hordines, Peter Kullberg, Greg and Cindy Ferjanec, Joan Starks, June Grisch, Robert Lennox Sr., John and Sarah Puthuparampil, and Ann Fiore.** Our sizzling Center sends a warm welcome out to each one of you! A reception will be held for all members following the **February 1st Business Meeting.**

MOVIE THEATRE PRESENTS

If the cold weather has you down and you need a pick-me-up, then why don't you join us at the Center and enjoy a movie. On **February 22nd,** we present **"The Help"**. Show starts at 12:30pm. As always, the show and popcorn are free. Come join us!



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABY

Who is that baby? Join your fellow members in guessing who the babies are. Each month the back bulletin board will have pictures of five members in their younger years. All you need to do is put the right name to each picture from the list provided and you could win yourself a prize. Each month, winners will be announced at the Business Meetings. This will give you plenty of time throughout the month to stop by and play. Come in and see if time really does change a person or not. In order for this game to be successful, we are asking members to submit a "baby/child" picture of them self (which will be copied and immediately given back), and a current picture will be taken as well. Here's looking at you kid!!!



LEAP DAY LUNCHEON AND BINGO PARTY

It's a first here at the Center – Leap Day falls on the fifth Wednesday of the month making it an extra special day for a **Leap Day Luncheon and Bingo Party!** Join us on Wednesday, **February 29th** at noon for this special celebration. Luncheon menu is your choice of sub, soda and chips. The cost is just \$3.00 which is due at time of sign-up. Please indicate your choice of sub: Turkey, Italian, Ham or Roast Beef.



A NIGHT OF LINE DANCING

The Center will host a community evening **Line Dance** on **Friday, March 2nd** from 6:00 to 9:30pm with **Kevin Richards.** Admission for those wishing to dance is \$7.00. Non-dancers are

free. Doors open at 6:00pm for dinner with dancing starting at 6:30pm. **Hotdogs, hamburgers, fries, beverages and desserts will be available, so come hungry and support the Center.**

LET'S HIT THE ROAD

Our first trip on **March 15th** to the **Culinary Institute of America** in Hyde Park for a **St. Patrick's Day** feast is now full with a waiting list. Our schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: **July 26th** we will cruise the **Erie Canal,** enjoy lunch at the Waterfront Grille, shop the quant little stores and tour the historic Herkimer House. This trip is \$53.00 for members and \$63.00 for non-members. Sign-up begins April 4th. On **August 6th** we head east to **Boston** where we will tour the JFK Museum, shop and have lunch at Quincy market, and tour the USS Constitution. This trip is \$40.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members. Sign-up begins May 2nd. Our overnight trip is set for **September 10th thru the 12th** in **Cape May, New Jersey.** Sign-up has begun. This trip is \$305.00 for members and \$335.00 for non-members. Your \$50.00 deposit will reserve your seat. **Octoberfest** at the **Platzl Brauhaus** in the Catskills will be held on **October 10th.** The cost is \$55.00 for members and \$65.00 for non-members. Sign-up begins July 5th. We end our year with a trip to the **Yankee Candle Outlet** in Holyoke Mall on **December 3rd.** Cost is \$23.00 for members and \$27.00 for non-members. Sign-ups for this trip begin on September 5th. Details are available on the bulletin board. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a trip, please let us know. **Happy traveling!**