

Sketch by Senior Center member John Iavarone.

March 2010

Senior Moments

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EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST

Membership cards will be checked as you enter the Senior Center.

Please carry your membership card with you at all times.

Senior Center Executive Board meets at 8 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Center. ALL Senior Center Members Welcome.



Saint Patrick's Day is Wednesday, March 17th. Please join us for our pre-lunch party starting at 11am. Be sure to make your reservations to stay and enjoy corned beef and cabbage lunch.

LUNCH SERVED DAILY

RESERVATIONS REQ'D:

(401) 567-4557



**TOWN SENIOR
VAN**

The town of Gloucester has transportation available for our residents to and from Doctors appointments.

On Fridays the van takes seniors shopping. Reservation requests must be made a week in advance by calling Virginia Peters at 568-6206 ext. 222

**WHEN YOU NEED HELP IN
GLOCESTER**

Director of Human Services

Virginia Peters 568-6206 Extension 222

Gloucester Housing Authority

Ruth Cole 568-5100

Western RI Home Repair

Eleanor Tetreault568-6206 Extension 6

FOOD PANTRY

The Gloucester Food Pantry is open

8:30am to 12:30pm

every Wednesday in the Town Hall, Room 5

You must be a Gloucester Resident

STARS AND STRIPES CORNER

Submitted by Beverly Bedard

A request was made to CVS for a donation of Christmas cards for our "Operation Holiday Cheer" committee. They generously donated a gift card totaling \$50.00. Betty and I took the gift card to Mark Stevens where we were able to get 14 boxes of Christmas cards, 6 containers of sun block and 4 puzzle books.

We have set a goal of 1000 cards for our Christmas card donation. Our present total is 868. The donation box will remain in the lobby of the Center for your continuous generous donations.

Requests have been made that the complete list of items needed for the service men and women be available. The list will be compiled and located in the lobby of the Center. Items may be donated at any time.

Playing cards are one of the items requested for the military. Ruth from our HI-LO Jack group has agreed to donate their used cards. We may also be able to get Smithfield's and Pascoag's playing cards.

Plans are being made for a fundraiser to support "Operation Holiday Cheer"....details to follow.

Keep in mind the need by the local vets for winter coats and jackets. They may be brought to the Center.

**RESERVED
FOR SPONSORS**

SAVE THIS DATE

Tuesday, March 2

10:30 am

Trip Meeting

Friday, March 5

10:00 am

Fashion Show Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

10:00 am there will be a meeting for the selection of volunteer Activity Coordinators. Open to all members, your input is **NEEDED**

Wednesday, March 10

8am -Board Meeting

10:15 am - Perennial Beds Planning meeting

11:00 am—Perennial Swap Committee meeting

Deduct Certain State and local Real Estate taxes on your Federal Return

For the 2010 tax year, taxpayers who use the standard deduction on their Federal Tax Return will be entitled to an additional standard deduction for paying certain state and local real estate property taxes that would be deductible on Schedule A, line 6, if itemizing deductions. Single taxpayers will be entitled to a maximum of \$500 and joint taxpayers will be entitled to a maximum of \$1000. The amount will be added to your standard deduction so be sure to bring your Real Estate Tax information with you when you have your return prepared. Also if you bought a new car, light truck, motorcycle, or motor home you might be able to deduct sales tax on for return.

Senior Center Cookbooks

Are still available for sale at a cost of \$10.00



NEED A NOTARY???

Notary Public services are available free of charge

From 9:00 to 4:00

Monday to Friday

THE ATHENA'S CUP

Help Athena break the Guinness Book of World Records for the most bras hooked together — 168,000.

Athena's goal is 169,000.

Collecting old/new bras until September, 2010.

Please leave your bras with Fran in the office.

Also, help Athena's reach its goal of raising \$500,000 for breast cancer awareness. Donations can be made online at athenascup.com.

Thank you for your support.

Cindy Cooper

The Athena's Cup Fight Against Cancer

There will be a tax volunteer at the Senior Center on Saturday, March 20, 2010 to help with

Your 2009 taxes.

You must call Fran at the Center (567-4557) to make an appointment.

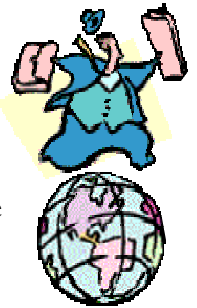
GET OUT YOUR EASTER BONNET FOR OUR- EASTER BONNET- CONTEST

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

PROPOSED TRIPS 2010



“OLDIES” CRUISE TO BERMUDA—with Harvey Robbins’ Royalty of Rock ‘n Roll All Stars- from Boston - May 21 to 28, 2010- 7 Day Cruise starting at \$899 per person (inside), \$1109 and \$1119 per person (outside). All rates are still available and are all inclusive - port taxes, departure fees, and transportation to Boston round trip from Gloucester Senior Center.

Pennsylvania Show tour- “JOSEPH” - July 12-13, 2010- \$249.00 per person Enjoy Amish country!!!!

DAY TRIPS

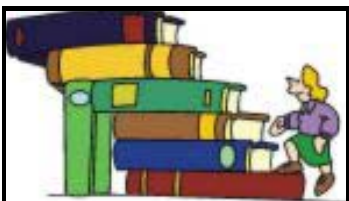
SHAM-ROCKED — Mohegan Sun Casino— Monday, March 14 - \$ 55.00 per person -Includes show at Cornerstone Playhouse, Mohegan Buffet voucher or food credit and an unforgettable St. Paddy’s Day Party filled with Irish ballads and high stepping jigs and comedy sketches.

Foxwoods Casino — Tuesday, March 30 — \$20.00 per person—Includes transportation, Buffet and Tickets for Kenos.

Newport Playhouse — Sunday, May 2 — \$72.00 per person — Happy Birthday at the Newport Playhouse - Includes Deluxe Motorcoach and Escort Lunch, Show and Cabaret, Driver and Escort gratuities.

All 2010 trips will be finalized in March.

Contact Nancy Blessing at 996-3517



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays at 1:15 pm
 March 18
Loving Frank
 By Nancy Horan
 April 15
Mudbound
 By Hillary Jordan

Computer Classes

Classes have been suspended for the month of March.
 Classes will resume in April and will be included in next month’s schedule.

ATTENTION

Scrapbooking Class has been moved to every Tuesday at 1:00pm from Monday at 10:00am.

ART SHOW will be held April 5th to April 9th
 Featuring water color and acrylic paintings from our classes.



MEN’S COOKING CLASS

2nd Monday of the Month
Menu: Baked Fish or Broiled Fish

“ACTIVITY ACTION”

- The Activity Committee meets each month at 10am, please check the activity board and newsletter for day and time.
- Sub-committees are forming and organizing activities. We need more **VOLUNTEERS** and
- **CHAIRPERSONS** for our activities.

ALWAYS CHECK the monthly calendar, Bulletin Boards for upcoming events and meeting. Sign-Up Sheets are now behind the reception desk for the upcoming events.

WHAT’S NEW DEPT

MUST SIGN UP FOR ALL FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

Thursday: March 4 10:00 am-Rubber stamping workshop- for make it and take it - there is no charge for the class.

Thursday: March 11 - Rubber Stamping for the Bazaar

Thursday: March 18 - 10:00 am –Wine Bottle Lights - \$2.50 charge for the make it and take it class

Thursday: March 25 and April 1st - Crochet Thread, Egg Centerpiece-no charge -

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, April 18- Spring Fashion Show 2pm to 4pm

Friday, May 7- Perennial Swap - 2pm to 4pm

Saturday, May 15– Ham and Bean Supper to “Support the Troops”

Friday, August 13– Luau

Saturday, September 25– Yard Sale

Saturday and Sunday, November 6 & 7—Bazaar

The Senior Center now has a new “**YOUNG AT HEART GIFT SHOPPE**”. Come and check out the credenzas and the curio case in the front lobby. We will have seasonal and handmade items for sale through out the year.

REMINDER

There are many activities and workshops available to all members of the Gloucester Senior Center.

Look for the following sign-up sheets at the front desk,— tea lovers, beginning country line dancing, ceramic classes, walking club, perennial swap and the perennial beds, and our fashion show.

Sign up for one or all activities or workshops that you plan to attend as space in some classes is limited and we must accommodate those people who sign-up first. If you are not on the sign-up sheet, you may not be able to attend the workshop or class.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Center a busy and hopefully “fun” place to visit.