

Senior Center

Staying Active, Making Friends, Feeling Welcome

Senior Sentinel

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and Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

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and Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

THE KEENE SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

December 2019

Welcome Friends Exercise **Social Events Volunteer** Meals dvocacy Music Active Connected



Independence with a little help Cheshire Village at Home

Nancy Pollard, Volunteer Profile

Nancy was born, grew up, and went to school in Newport, NH, one of four children in her family. After graduating from HS she attended the University of NH for Music until she could no longer afford tuition.

Nancy then worked at the NH State Hospital in Concord. Wanting to see a different part of the country, she moved to Colorado where she worked at a job in Loveland, CO in Elder Services. She married, had 2 daughters, and eventually earned a degree in Rehabilitation at the University of Northern Colorado.

Nancy returned with her family to NH in 1976 so her children could be closer to their grandparents. She worked for various not for profits healthcare agencies including being a Friendly Bus driver while she earned her LPN. She retired when she turned 72.

Nancy loves being outdoors, being involved with Monadnock Time Exchange, music and animal issues, reading good mysteries, and continuing to learn wherever possible - especially new instruments - the latest being steel drums and ukulele.

Nancy says of her experience with CV@H: "Volunteering with Cheshire Village At Home is a wonderful opportunity [for me] to make new friends, while helping people stay in their homes. It enriches everyone's lives, and I'm confident it will continue to grow and thrive."

Cheshire Village at Home wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

There will be no Social for the month of December.

We resume in January with a presentation by Larry Benaquist on the making of the film, 'Lost Boundaries'.

Cheshire Village Members & Volunteers

Remember that no services will be provided on days when the Senior Center is closed for snow. If the Keene School system is closed, the Senior Center is closed.

Did you know...

As a member of Cheshire Village at Home our volunteers can install computer hardware or software, help bring down boxes of Holiday decorations from the attic or closet shelf, or take you for medical lab tests or day procedures?

Cheshire Village at Home now has 3 membership formats: Trial (3 months); 6-month; and Annual.

We also have a limited number of partial scholarships for those who qualify.

Call for information: 603-903-9680

Check out The Keene Senior Center Facebook page!

We need more people to 'Like' and 'Follow' us. Use this address https://www.facebook.com/The-Keene-Senior-Center-295872914277519/ to find our active fb page and 'Like' us!

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Meet The Keene Senior Center Card-makers

The Keene Senior Center card makers working on holiday cards: (left to right around the table) Jeanett Miller; Janice Bourassa, Group Leader for past several years; Bev Mowbary; Ida Morris; Val Buchan (standing). Not pictured: Dot DuGray, Esther Vermouth and Karen Wilson.

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Many knitted items were provided by our (mostly anonymous) members and distributed by our Quilts R Us group in November!



Blood Donation, December 24

As we spend holidays with family and friends, please consider that many hospital patients who need transfusions are unable to fully enjoy this same luxury.

Please consider giving the gift of life.

On Tuesday, December 24, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, donate blood at The Keene Senior Center.

You can make your blood donation appointment via the organization's site or blood donor app (www.redcrossblood.org) or by telephoning (800) REDCROSS.

Walk-ins are also welcome.

Writers, take note!

The Keene Senior Center Creative Writing Group, which has been ably facilitated by Marylou DiPietro, is searching for a new facilitator as Marylou's play writing career increasingly takes her to New Jersey, New York and Boston. Many will remember that this talented and inspired group published an anthology of poems, stories, and essays titled Four Seasons in 2017. We thank Marylou for her leadership and contributions to the creative writing group and Senior Center, and congratulate her for her professional accomplishments.

If anyone is interested in facilitating the group, please let Cameron know.

Notes from Cam

Dear Members and Friends,

Writing this note for our December newsletter has caused me to "take stock" of all that we have accomplished in 2019, and the flurry of major events that accent the end of the year:

- * The Senior Swinger's Show in September was another smashing success, and last week a group of them were at the State House in Concord to sing for the Governor and Executive Council!
- * The Super Seniors had over 100 runners/ walkers participate in the DeMar Marathon, and the spirited pre-race dinner helped to set the pace.
- * Our "50 and Better Expo" in late October was attended by over 125 people and the vendors, entertainment and break-out sessions made for a very worthwhile and social venue.
- * Our **Holiday Faire** on December 7 is shaping up to be our best yet, with distinctive baskets and quilt raffles, cookies galore, great food and hand-made holiday cards and decorations for sale.

I want to thank all of the volunteers and staff that work so hard to make these events great while raising critical funds for The Senior Center!

Our event statistics through early November show that 414 members have participated in 16,440 activities.

Saturday programs are increasingly popular. These have included:

- * a ballroom dancing presentation
- * a special informational event about the Walldogs mural painting project
- * recognition of members over 90 years old
- * high school musicians, folk music
- showing the film "An American Nurse at War" with a distinguished panel from Keene State
- * a demonstration of canine scent work, and
- * The Mikado as illustrated through a vintage button collection.

Two expansions of services were effective July 1:

- * Adding our **Wednesday lunch** (so that we now have 4 meals/per week: Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat)
- * participation in a **NH DOT transportation grant** through the Monadnock Regional Coordinating Council so that volunteers can provide rides to members who live outside of Keene.

We are committed to serving more older adults, and the senior center is part of collaboration with **Monadnock Family Services** and **ServiceLink** that has received **Monadnock United Way** funding to develop a program to identify socially isolated older adults and offer them meaningful, enriching and accessible programs.

With 38% of our members living in towns other than Keene we are also planning to support satellite locations such as in Winchester to provide more options for socialization, exercise, and nutrition closer to their home. **Cheshire Village at Home**, a major program, continues to grow and expand its services as a dedicated network of volunteers enable its members to be independent and to live in their homes longer.

As an independent non-profit, our funding is a challenge. It is a priority of The Keene Senior Center to keep our memberships affordable. At \$60 a year for an individual, and \$108 for couples, membership fees account for just 15% of what is needed to meet our budget. The rest comes from a variety of sources, including our three fund raising appeals, the Monadnock United Way, and grants from various source such as The City of Keene, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and More Than A Thrift Store, car donations, events such as the Senior Swingers' Show, 50 and Better Expo and the Holiday Faire, and our thrift shop.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and peace. It is an honor and great pleasure to work with you. Please remember that we are here for you.

Cameron Tease Executive Director

KEENE SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISERS



Donate Your Unwanted Car to The Senior Center It's so easy!

Making a donation takes only five minutes. Call 352-5037, and talk with Cam. The Senior Center usually takes your car running or not and does all the paper work including the IRS documentation for your tax deduction. Your donation will make it possible for more people to enjoy The Senior Center.

Thrift Store

The Keene Senior Center's Bargain Box Thrift Store is open Monday-Friday 9 am—4 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am—2:00 pm with a great selection of women's and men's clothing, jewelry and other small decorative items. We are now carrying adult sizes XS—3X. Clothing donations are accepted Monday thru Friday and Saturdays.

Colony Antiques—now located at 48 Emerald Street.

Do you have a collectible object that is 50 years or older? Have an antique piece of furniture, or a work of art? Consider donating it to The Keene Senior Center. These items are consigned at the Colony Antiques, and the majority of the proceeds come back to The Center once the item is sold. Drop off your items at The Senior Center's front desk and we will take care of the rest.

Planet Aid

You will now see a familiar yellow box in the parking lot of the Senior Center. We will be hosting a donation bin for textiles only (clothes and shoes). Planet Aid is a nonprofit organization with a reputation for



empowering disadvantaged peoples around the globe. Planet Aid uses the funds that are generated from selling the clothing we collect to support international aid projects in Africa, Asia and the Americas. The Keene Senior Center will receive \$.03 per pound of clothing collected.

Donate to The Keene Senior Center online!

using a credit card or PayPal

It's easy and it's secure!

Just visit https://thekeeneseniorcenter.org/ and click **Donate** in the top menu bar.

You will be guided through the steps to donate once, or in a monthly fashion.

Help support all of the programs and activities of The Keene Senior Center!

Renew your membership online! *using a credit card or PayPal*

It's easy and it's secure!

Just visit https://thekeeneseniorcenter.org/ and click Membership in the top menu bar. Scroll to the bottom to find the renewal link, and you will be guided through the steps.

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The Prospect-Woodward Health Center at Hillside Village is open! Our beautiful new health center offers private assisted living apartments and memory care to help bring peace of mind for you and your family. Call and schedule a tour!

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Schedule service today!

KEENE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

* Indicates Programs that Require Preregistration

Bolded programs indicate they happen monthly or bi-monthly

		Decemi	December 2019		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
Dec 2 Mon	Dec 3 Tue	Dec 4 Wed	Dec 5 Thurs	Dec 6 Fri	Dec 7 Sat
7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	HOLIDAY
8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	FAIRE
8:45 Kripalu Yoga	9:00 Yoga	9:00 Social Hour!	9:00 Yoga	9:00 Bowling/Yankee	9:00 am—2:00 pm
10:00 Age in Motion 1	10:30 Age in Motion 2	Coffee, tea, and	9:30 Quilts R'Us	Lanes	Santa 11:00 am—1:00 pm
11:00 Pinochle &	12:00 Tuesdays	conversation	9:30 Super Seniors	9:00 Computer Help	Onilt raffle
Hearts	Together*	10:00 Qigong	10:30 Age in Motion 2	w/Norman*	Cookie Walk, 20
12:30 Bowling/Yankee	1:00 Movie/Living	12:00 Welcome	11:00 Creating Your	10:00 Age in Motion 1	raffle baskets of
Lanes	Room 1:00 Bridge	Wednesday*	Family Memoir	11:00 TurnUp Gardeners	goodies, Lunch:
1:00 Chair Yoga	3:00 Learn to Use the	12:30 Cribbage	11:30 Beginner Tai Chi	12:00 Garden Fresh	Corn Chowder,
1:30 Ping Pong	Gym	1:00 Senior Swingers	(self-facilitated)	Birthday Friday*	Holiday greens,
2:30 A Matter of	7:00 pm AA Meeting		12:00 Book Club	12:30 Bingo	Hand-crafted
Balance			12:45 Tai Chi	12:30 Duplicate	items including
			Intermediate	Bridge/Am. House	jewelry, Hand-
			2:00 Billiards	1:00 Movie/Living Room	made cards
			2:00-3:30 Knitting Circle		
Dec 9 Mon	Dec 10 Tues	Dec 11 Wed	Dec 12 Thurs	Dec 13 Fri	Dec 14 Sat
7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	
8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	10:00 am—2:00 pm
8:45 Kripalu Yoga	9:00 Yoga	9:00 Social Hour!	9:00 Yoga	9:00 Bowling/Yankee	Open gym, ping-
10:00 Age in Motion 1	10:30 Age in Motion 2	Coffee, tea, and	9:30 Quilts R'Us	Lanes	pong, pool, games,
11:00 Pinochle &	12:00 Tuesdays	conversation	10:30 Age in Motion 2	9:00 Computer Help	movie
Hearts	Together*	10:00 Qigong	11:00 Creating Your	w/Norman*	Super Saturday
12:30 Bowling/Yankee	1:00 Movie/Living	12:00 Welcome	Family Memoir	10:00 Age in Motion 1	lunch*
Lanes	Room 1:00 Bridge	Wednesday*	11:30 Beginner Tai Chi	11:00 TurnUp Gardeners	thrift shop open.
1:00 Chair Yoga	1:00 NH Alliance	12:30 Cribbage	(self-facilitated)	12:00 Garden Fresh	
1:30 New Member	Healthy Aging	1:00 Senior Swingers	12:00 Book Club	Friday*	
Orientation	3:00 Learn to Use the		12:45 Tai Chi	12:30 Bingo	
1:30 Ping Pong	Gym		Intermediate	12:30 Duplicate	
2:30 A Matter of	7:00 pm AA Meeting		2:00 Billiards	Bridge/Am. House	
Balance			2:00-3:30 Knitting Circle	1:00 Movie/Living Room	
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8:45 Kripalu Yoga	9:00 Yoda	9:00 Social Hour!	9:00 Yoda	9:00 Bowling/Yankee	10:00 am—2:00 pm
10:00 Age in Motion 1	9:30 The Nurse Is In	Coffee, tea, and	9:30 Quilts R'Us	Lanes	Open gym, ping-
11:00 Pinochle &	10:30 Age in Motion 2	conversation	10:30 Age in Motion 2	9:00 Computer Help	pong, pool, games,
Hearts	11:00 TurnUp	10:00 Qigong	11:00 Creating Your	w/Norman*	movie
12:30 Bowling/Yankee	Gardeners	12:00 Welcome	Family Memoir	10:00 Age in Motion 1	Super Saturday
Lanes	12:00 Tuesdays	Wednesday*	11:30 Beginner Tai Chi	11:00 TurnUp Gardeners	lunch*
1:00 Chair Yoga	Together*	12:30 Cribbage	(self-facilitated)	12:00 Garden Fresh	thrift shop open.
1:30 Ping-Pong	1:00 Movie/Living Room	1:00 Senior Swingers	12:45 Tai Chi	Friday*	
2:30 A Matter of	1:00 Bridge		Intermediate	12:30 Bingo	Holiday Party
Balance	3:00 Learn to Use the		2:00 Billiards	12:30 Duplicate	11:00 am-1:00 pm
	Gym		2:00-3:30 Knitting Circle	Bridge/Am. House	Fun and festivities
	7:00 pm AA Meeting		4:00 Board Meeting	1:00 Movie/Living Room	Optional Yankee
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Dec 23 Mon	Dec 24 Tues	Dec 25 Wed	Dec 26 Thurs	Dec 27 Fri	Dec 29 Sat
7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr		7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	
8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	CLOSED	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open	
8:45 Kripalu Yoga	No yoga today		9:00 Yoga	9:00 Bowling/Yankee	10:00 am—2:00 pm
10:00 Age in Motion 1	10:00 Blood Drive	Christmas Day	9:30 Quilts R'Us	Lanes	Open gym, ping-
11:00 Pinochle &	No Age In Motion today		10:30 Age in Motion 2	9:00 Computer Help	pong, pool, games,
Hearts	11:00 TurnUp		11:00 Creating Your	w/Norman*	movie
12:30 Bowling/Yankee	Gardeners	N. A.	Family Memoir	10:00 Age in Motion 1	Super Saturday
Lanes	12:00 Tuesdays		11:30 Beginner Tai Chi	12:00 Garden Fresh	lunch*
1:00 Chair Yoga	Together*		(self-facilitated)	Friday*	thrift shop open.
1:30 New Member	1:00 Movie/Living Room		12:45 Tai Chi	12:30 Bingo	
Orientation	3:00 Learn to Use the		Intermediate	12:30 Duplicate	
1:30 Ping-Pong	Gym		2:00 Billiards	Bridge/Am. House	
2:30 A Matter of	7:00 pm AA Meeting		2:00-3:30 Knitting Circle	1:00 Movie/Living Room	
Balance				1:00 Handmade Cards	
Dec 30 Mon	Dec 31 Tues				
7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr	7:00 Walking/Rec Ctr				
8:30-4:30 Gym Open	8:30-4:30 Gym Open				
8:45 Kripalu Yoga	9:00 Yoga				
10:00 Age in Motion 1	10:30 Age in Motion 2				
11:00 Pinochle &	12:00 Tuesdays				
Hearts	Together*				
12:30 Bowling/Yankee	1:00 Movie/Living Room				
Lanes	1:00 Bridge				
1:00 Chair Yoga	3:00 Learn to Use the				
1:30 Ping-Pong	Gym				
2:30 A Matter of	7:00 pm AA Meeting				
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Craft Corner

YARN WORKERS

Welcome to our wall of yarn, in every color of the rainbow! Please help yourself to yarn, needles, and books, and make hats, scarves, mittens, and blankets of any size. We will accept your knitted items any time. Please label your bag with name, phone, and a list of items.

KNITTING GROUP

A beginner's knitting group. We are making warm items for the needy, so come join us!

(Thurs 2:00 to 3:30PM)

HANDCRAFTED CARDS

Janice Bourassa guides the group in creating beautifully handcrafted cards. Supplies are furnished, and as a member it is free.

(2nd & 4th Fri 1:00 pm)

QUILTS R' US

The Quilts R' Us group meets Thursdays in the Craft Room. The group welcomes any interested members who would like to sew together and share ideas about quilting. There are sewing machines available, if bringing your own is tough. (Thurs 9:30 am)

Social Programs

SOCIAL HOUR-Free coffee, tea, and conversation. (Every Wed. 9:00-10:00 am)

BILLIARDS/POOL—Let's start playing more

billiards/pool! Bring your own cue stick, if you have one. Some are available here. (*Thurs 2:00 pm*)



BINGO—There is a minimal costs to play. (Fri 12:30-3:30 pm)

BRIDGE—This card group meets at The Senior Center and at American House.



(Tues 1:00 pm/Senior Center, Fri 12:30 pm/ American House)

CRIBBAGE—All levels of experience welcomed! (Wed 12:30 pm in the Senior Center Library)



PINOCHLE & HEARTS—All experience levels welcome, even those who have never played before, but are interested in learning. (Mon 11:00 am)

MOVIES IN THE LIVING ROOM



Join us in the living room for a movie! Let us know if you have any specific requests and we will work to fulfill them. (Tues 1:00-3:00 pm—after Tuesdays Together meal. Fri 1:00-3:00 pm—after Garden Fresh Friday meal Saturday 10:15 am)

SENIOR SWINGERS—Senior Swingers is our singing/performing. They sing at many of The Senior Center functions, other senior centers, nursing homes, community events, and present an annual show in September. They are always welcoming new members. Just show up to sing along. There are no auditions. They are a spirited and fun group.

(Wed 1:00-3:00 pm)

PING PONG—The Monday afternoon ping pong players would like to invite anyone interested in playing a fun, competitive game of ping pong on in the gym downstairs. Balls and paddles provided. Contact Charlie Wagar with questions by calling 352-5037 or email chucktheduck99@hotmail.com. (Mon 1:30 pm)

Advocacy Programs

NH ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY AGING

Discuss a wide array of issues concerning aging in NH, including state initiatives, senior citizen advocacy, and legislative policies that effect all of us as we age. The NH AHA is a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals focused on improving the policies and services that support older adults and their families. Led by **Martha McLeod.**

(2nd Tues 1:00 pm)

FITNESS AND HEALTH PROGRAMS

GYM FACILITY OPEN and available for your use. Equipment includes: bikes, treadmills, weights/weight machine and an elliptical. (Mon-Fri 8:30 am-4:30 pm)

LEARN TO USE THE GYM with Tony Guarino, long-time physical education instructor. He will help you learn stretching techniques and safety measures while using the machines. Plan to wear comfortable clothes, and if you have any physical limitations let Tony know so he can accommodate your needs. (Tues 3:00-4:00 pm)

AGE IN MOTION—Exercise programs designed especially for seniors who would like to work on strength, balance and prevention of falls. Sessions consist of warm-ups, lifting weights, exercises for balance and flexibility and a cool down period.

- Age in Motion 2 (group led) recommended intro class. (Tues & Thurs 10:30 am)
- Age in Motion 1 is more advanced. (Mon & Fri 10:00 am)

CHAIR YOGA features gentle movements adapted from traditional yoga poses. The poses are done seated in a chair or using a chair for balance. (Mon 1:00 pm)

QIGONG features slow and simple movements to encourage the smooth flow of Qi (energy) and promotes longevity, decreases pain, alleviates stress and increases balance, strength and flexibility.

(Wed 10:00 am, \$3 instructor fee/class)

YOGA is an exercise program that focuses on breath control, simple meditation and specific body postures while standing or lying on the floor. (Tues & Thurs 9:00 am)

KRIPALU YOGA—can be a challenging approach to yoga emphasizing meditation and breath work, and encouraging inward focus and spiritual attunement. Practicing Kripalu Yoga can initiate a gradual process of physical healing, psychological growth, and spiritual awakening. (Mon 8:45 am)

FITNESS AND HEALTH PROGRAMS continued

BEGINNERS TAI CHI will cover the first 18 postures of the Yang style TaiChi form. Each class will include warm up Chi Kung exercises and two to three TaiChi postures. The movement is slow, flowing and focused. TaiChi can improve balance, flexibility and mental focus. A DVD will be available for new students after the third class. Students may continue to attend class even though they have learned the 18 postures as a weekly practice.

(Thurs 11:30 am)

INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI will continue beyond the first 18 postures to complete the Yang short form of 80 postures. Chi Kung warm up exercises and push hands practice will also be included. This class will be ongoing.

(Thurs 12:45 pm)

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in meeting new, interesting people? Do you like reading things you might not otherwise read? Do you like fun discussions? The Keene Senior Center's book club is the perfect program for you. Led by Laura Stempkowski. (1st Thurs, 12:00 noon)

CREATING YOUR FAMILY MEMOIR

Do you have a story to tell? A life story or family history you'd like to record for your children or friends? If you've wanted to write but never quite got started, or if you would value having an editor to advise and encourage you, this group may be for you. Led by **David Robinson**, who has 25 years of experience with book & magazine publishing.

(Thurs 11:00 am)

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Meets in the Senior Center Library.

Currently looking for a new facilitator.

Volunteer Now!

Saturday Programs

Wood Carving December 14th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Senior Center member Kevin Macauley will show us some of the fish he's carved and offer tips and tricks for anyone interested in learning more about this art.

Have a hobby or interest you'd like to share?

Some of you have enjoyed presentations in the last few weeks on operettas, canine scent work, and Japanese porcelain, all topics that our members and staff are passionate about.

If you are interested in presenting on a topic that's important to you, we'd love to have you!

Contact Jen at jzakrzewski@thekeeneseniorcenter.org or at the Senior Center.

Holiday Party! December 21st, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice...whatever you choose to celebrate, come join us in finding light in this dark season! All are welcome, bring your friends and family!

There will be food, music, and plenty of fun, including an **optional** Yankee Swap at 11:00 am. Price limit is \$10, and homemade gifts are encouraged. Need an idea? How about a candle to share the light!

Feel free to wear your finest festive outfit!

Have a favorite holiday tradition you'd like to share? Email Jen at jzakrzewski@thekeeneseniorcenter.org







Holiday Faire at The Keene Senior Center Saturday, December 7 9:00 am—2:00 pm Santa visits 11:00 am—1:00 pm

You'll find:

- Quilt raffle-3 chances to win
- The Cookie Walk-fill a bag!
- 20 raffle baskets of goodies
- Lunch: Home-made corn chowder, bread, cookies, coffee/tea @ \$3
- Holiday greens for sale
- Hand-crafted items including jewelry for sale
- Hand-made cards for sale





Looking for a holiday gift for family, friends, & neighbors?

The Keene Senior Center is offering 6-month trial membership gift certificates \$25

through Dec. 31, 2019



DECEMBER 2019 MEAL MENUS (Vegetarian choice is available each day)				
TUESDAYS TOGETHER \$3	WELCOME WEDNESDAY \$2	GARDEN FRESH FRIDAY \$3	SUPER SATURDAY \$2	
Dec 3 Calico beans Spinach salad Fruit	Dec 4 Chicken salad sandwich Chips & pickles Lettuce, tomato, hummus Fruit salad	Dec 6 Mediterranean frittata Tossed salad Fruit	Dec 7 Cream cheese & olive or dates sandwich Chips & pickles Lettuce, tomato, hummus Fruit salad	
Dec 10 Chicken cacciatore Tossed salad Fruit	Dec 11 Ham & cheese sandwich Chips & pickles Lettuce, tomato, hummus Fruit salad	Dec 13 Shepard's pie with mixed vegetables Fruit	Dec 14 Chicken salad sandwich Chips & pickles Lettuce, tomato, hummus Fruit salad	
Dec 17 Bacon & spinach quiche Fruit	Dec 18 Cream cheese & olives or dates sandwich Chips & pickles Lettuce, tomato, hummus Fruit salad	Dec 20 Chicken dumplings Cranberry/orange relish Fruit	Dec 21 Christmas hors d'oeuvres Yankee swap \$10	
Dec 24 Beef stroganoff with noodles Broccoli Fruit	Closed for Christmas Day	Dec 27 Tacos with hamburg and vegetables Fruit	Dec 28 Sliced turkey & cheese sandwich Chips & pickles Lettuce, tomato, hummus Fruit salad	
Dec 31 Lemon chicken w/ orzo Green/yellow vegetable Fruit				

PLEASE LET US KNOW AT LEAST TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.
Dessert: We rely on dessert donations each week. If you bring a dessert to share, your lunch is free that week!

Preregistration is required for meals. Fee: Tuesday & Friday: \$3 per person; Wednesday & Saturday: \$2 per person.

Available leftovers can be purchased for \$0.25 cents per item. Menu is subject to change. Keene Senior Center 603-352-5037



Senior Passport Program

Eating well, exercising, and having health-related information is important at any age. Seniors 60 years and older can receive a free passport to better health and information and at the same time, have an opportunity to partake in the Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene's passport meal program. Membership in the Senior Passport Program entitles participants to free nutrition, exercise, and health education lectures, and classes. Members can also enjoy a "Passport Meal" in our dining room. Our passport meals include the following: an entrée with two sides and a beverage (Vitality water, 8oz. milk or a small hot beverage) for \$4.95. Meals are available: Monday through Friday, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Saturdays & Sundays, 11:30AM to 1:30 pm and 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Commodity Supplemental Foods Program

Southwestern Community Services works with the Commodity Supplemental Foods Program (CSF) which provides healthy foods to supplement the food budget of eligible seniors over 60. The value of the food is approx. \$50 per month. To apply call 800-529-0005 x 4234 or 603-719-4240. Distributions are scheduled in Keene, Claremont, Newport, Charlestown, Winchester, Hinsdale and Jaffrey. Eligibility requirement: \$15,678 annually for a single person and \$21,112 for two. Southwestern Community Services (SCS) works with all social service agencies in Cheshire and Sullivan Counties to reach our low income population. It is a non-profit Community Action Agency as well as a United Way Agency. Their mission is to empower low income people and families with dignity and respect. SCS will provide direct assistance, reduce stressors and advocate for such persons and families.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION December 8, 2019 At 1:30 pm

Welcome all new members!!!!
You are invited to join The Keene Senior
Center's Executive Director Cameron Tease
and member Marilyn Robbins to learn all that
your new membership has to offer you, ask
questions, meet fellow new members, and get a
tour of the facility.



Come to lunch with us!

Come to the Center Wednesdays and Saturdays at noon, for a light lunch costing just \$2 per person!



(This is in addition to our regular Tuesday and Friday hot lunches for \$3.)

Enjoy the companionship and conversation with your peers, and cool off in the air-conditioned dining room of the Center.

Please call 352-5037 or stop by to sign up in advance for any of the lunches at the Center.

Need a ride to The Keene Senior Center? We can help!

If you live outside Keene, and you cannot get to The Keene Senior Center, we can help. We have friendly, highly trained drivers who can pick you up, bring you to the Center, and take you home again. Don't miss out! Come enjoy the meals, classes, crafts, or social activities!

To arrange a ride, simply call Cheshire Village at Home 3-5 business days ahead, identify yourself as a Senior Center member, tell us your name and phone number, plus the day and time you wish to come. We will send word to our drivers, and one of them will be in touch!

Call for rides: 603-903-9680

The Keene Senior Center is very happy to have been selected by

Subaru of Keene

as their hometown charity to support during their annual



Share The Love Event.

For every new Subaru that they sell through December 15th, the customer will get to choose to donate \$250 to one of four national charities or to The Keene Senior Center!

Membership Rates

Individual \$60

Couples \$108

Discounted Individual \$48

(income <\$25,000)

Discounted Couples \$84

(income <\$30,000)

Day Passes \$6

Scholarship Please ask for application

Volunteer No Cost (After 50+ hours annually)

The option to pay your annual fee in two consecutive month installments if necessary, is now available.



Facility Rentals

For meetings, parties, & other special functions: our facilities are available for rent by individuals and organizations. All are handicapped accessible, air conditioned, with on-site parking. Maximum capacity is 124 people.

Multi-Purpose Room

For-profit organizations: \$50 per hour Non-profit organizations: \$25 per hour

Dining Room

For-profit organizations: \$50 per hour Non-profit organizations: \$25 per hour

Living Room

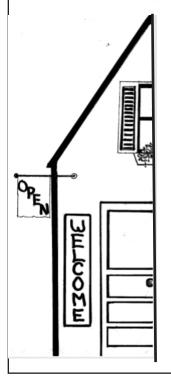
For-profit & non-profit organization: \$25 per hour

Please consider renting our space for your next big gathering.

Call 603-352-5037

Visit The Bargain Box when you are in the neighborhood!

Open Monday thru Friday 9 am—4 pm and Saturdays10 am—2 pm



As always, the Bargain Box is brimming with gently-used clothing, jewelery, yarn, and puzzles.







The Senior Center enjoys celebrations. We especially enjoy celebrating birthdays and want to celebrate yours. At lunch during the **first Friday** (please note this change) of the month, it's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to everyone who had a birthday that month. We celebrate with cake and song. Lunch for birthday celebrants is complimentary—a gift of the Senior Center to you.

The Friendly Bus

Friendly Bus passes are available for Keene Senior Center members who need rides to and from the Senior Center Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

A donation to the Friendly Bus is not necessary as this will be covered by the Senior Center as part of your membership. Please call the folks at the Friendly Bus to register 352-8494. Let them know you are a Senior Center Member!









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> "Act as if what you do makes a difference. TT DOES,"

> > - William James