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for Active Generations

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Our mission is to enrich the quality of life and support independence and vitality for our members.

Siouxland Center for Active Generations strives to be the foremost provider of diversified and affordable programs and services to help adults stay active, informed, and involved. This is done by meeting the recreational, educational, and social needs of our members in an environment which is fun, safe, inclusive, and courteous for all.

### **Supply Chain Crisis - Blessing in Disguise**

The other day, Don, a member at our lunch table remarked that he was having difficulty buying the new PlayStation 5 game console for his thirteen-year-old great-grandson for Christmas. He said the store manager gave him a run-around story. The manager stated that all these specialized parts often made in different countries are experiencing synchronization and coordination problems in manufactory and shipping concerns. Whether it is shutting down factories due to COVID, aging seaports, or labor shortages, many of us are experiencing shortages this Holiday season. From empty food shelves, shortages to all the gadgets we give as gifts. We all can see the challenges this year of giving that perfect gift. It made us think that maybe this is the year, we reflect on Pearl Buck's Christmas Day in the Morning Story.

In Peals Buck's famous Story. The 15-year-old son wants to give a special gift to his Father, awakes himself up to do milking



### **CENTER HOURS**

The hours for the center are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dance Fridays 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Closed December 24th ,27th and 31st for Christmas and New Years

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chores for his Father on Christmas day without being asked. Later that morning his Father called up to the Son. Get up even if it is Christmas the cows need milking. The son pulled down his covers as his Father big smile and grin as he embraced the son with a big hug. His Father says "No one has ever done a nicer thing". Later the Father told his Mother that that was the best Christmas gift he had ever gotten. The story read in its entirety brings tears and enlarges our hearts.

A simple act of helping someone without being asked can enlarge both hearts. We see this each and every day around our Center. Simple gestures of kindness, inclusiveness, and positivity can be some of the greatest gifts we can give each other this Christmas season. No supply chain crisis in an organization as lucky as our Center.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**



December 15th 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
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# the Sunshine News

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### **OUR CENTER THANKS VETERANS**

The Center thanked Veterans for their service this past Veterans day by treating all Veterans to biscuits and gravy. "Veterans comprise a large percentage of our membership" stated our membership coordinator. This was a small way to say thank you! At one of the morning tables, stories could be heard of our Veterans service. Many of our members served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam war. Service above self was the underlining discussion. Whether drafted or volunteering for service the motto all gave some some gave all One Vietnam veteran was especially thankful for the 1/2 scale South Sioux



City Vietnam wall at Freedom Park. "I am fortunate to be able to go over and pay tribute to my friends, friends I made in the service but did not come home. It's a monthly ritual to these five friends -I owe it to them."

# Breaking Bread together at our Thanksgiving Dinner

One local minister recently stated that one of his greatest joys was being able to "break bread with his parishioners". "It is the sharing of a meal that brings people together." He stated. This was truly evident at our Center's Thanksgiving Dinner on



November 17th. A great crowd was treated to a full dinner, some music and plenty of laughter as members gathered together to share a meal.

We were thankful for the many volunteers that made this event happen. A big shout out to Pam Dillon and Kirk Frank who effort brought the meal to life. Members enjoyed the fruits of our volunteers' work. They were busy planning, shopping and finally preparing the dinner. The kitchen was bustling with pans a clatter, the turkey was prepared with sage and thyme without splatter, potatoes peeled, and pies baked but we served no cake. We want to thank all of our sponsors who helped make this event a special time for all our members. **Hy Vee & Pam Stephan** for donating turkeys, **Sugar Shack**- our cookies, **Perkins** with their pies, Chesterman for the drinks. All wonderful businesses that shared their products this season with our members.

### December Birthday Party

Our December monthly birthday party will be held **Monday December 13 at** 

1:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room. We Would like to thank Countryside Health Care Center for providing cookies. Also, Thank you to Jim Brehm and Continental Springs Nursing Rehab & Senior Living for the great cakes!.

Last but not least, we would like to thank the **Belly Dancers** for the wonderful entertainment for October's birthday party! We appreciate all your support!



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### Crafts with Diana

In November the ladies enjoyed their time with Diana as they painted holiday door hangers and decorated clear Christmas ornaments. Her December classes are listed below. You don't need to bring anything but yourself. However, you do need to sign up, and please pay the \$4.00 fee for the class (Limit – 10)

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 7: Santa pant brush craft

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21: Thumb tack craft



### Activity with B.A.M.

Our Friends from Bickford Assisted Living and Memory Care put on a monthly activity here at the center. Diane and Deb will be doing Christmas Carols and a present game on Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. It will surely be a blast! If you would like to participate, please sign up at the activities table (limit 15)

### Lions Club seeks new members

The local Lion's Club chapter is seeking new members. Their mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. The International organization was developed to assist and organize, charters, and supervise community service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs. Our community is fortunate to have an active club. The Lions Club exists to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship. Clubs take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community. A great service organization doing good works throughout our Siouxland community. Join today- for more information see Lee Chamberlain or Roger Friessen.

### Welcome to the Library

Please join us in putting a puzzle together. Our book club choice for December is "The only Woman in the Room" By: Marie Bennedict. We meet December 2nd at 10:00 AM in the library we will not meet in January. We still have books for sale and are adding new books to the table daily. Some new authors added are Jaimes Patterson, Michael Connoley, and Lee Child. See you in the library!

-Helen Eriksen

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# Gifts & Donations

So many individuals generously donate each month to various parts of the Siouxland Center for Active Generations. Following is a list of those who donated recently.

We thank them for their thoughtfulness.

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### **BRIDGE NEWS**

Here we are at the end of the year and life as we knew it is still on hold. Hopefully, there will be no COVID surges from holiday visiting and travel. We continue to play bridge both in person at the Center and online on Monday afternoons. Diane Howard turned snowbird, but her Monday morning online class will continue. Audrey Ercolini's Thursday morning online class continues too. If nothing new happens with CDC, Leon Koster will start his in-person classes at the center Thursday December 2 at 9 AM.. Our computer is showing its age and is needing replacement soon. It's such a time saver and always accurate. Our bridge group lost Nick Zarkos in October. He was always a gentleman both at the table and away. Arlene White, one of our longtime players who retired to Northern Hills, also died in October. It's good that we have so many younger players starting to enjoy the game.

### See you in the Gift Shop!

Here's what's new for the upcoming winter in the gift shop... We have many Christmas-themed items, baskets, and other collectables, and much more. Just stop in and take a minute to look around. You will always find something new and different. Visit our Gift Shop to donate, shop, or just stop by and visit for a bit. We love your company!

Our shelves have space for any treasures you may no longer need, we are happy to take them off your hands, (No TVs, large appliances, or clothing items please.) We are currently in need of PUZZLES so please drop off any you no longer want or need. Remember the gift shop is open to members and non-members alike.

Our Gift Shop depends upon your support so please keep donating and purchasing, Save your extra pocket change and shop, shop, shop! We look forward to seeing you. have recently donated to the
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### **BUNCO FOR ALL**

Wagner Ear, Nose & Throat

The inaugural BUNCO games started last month. You too can join the fun this month. This new program is scheduled on the 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00 pm. This month it lands on December 17th.

Bunco is a dice game generally played with 12 or more players, divided into groups of 4, trying to score points while taking turns rolling 3 dice in a series of 6 rounds. A bunco is achieved when a person rolls three-of-a-kind and all 3 numbers match the round number.

There is a \$5 fee each month per member for the 4 prizes given: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and booby prize (least amount of buncos) If you would like to participate, please sign up at the activities table.



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### **Unlucky 7 Dice Game**

We have a new program taking place in the center.

Rules of the unlucky 7 dice game are as follows: Each player in sequence rolls the dice and places a penny on the playing card corresponding to the value displayed on the rolled dice. If the Player had previously rolled this number, the number may be used by

the next payer in sequence who needs the number first. If a player rolls a 7, he or she forfeits their turn and must remove a penny on the playing card. The first person to have all numbers on the playing card covered wins the game and the contents of the winners pot. Shirley invites you to join in on the fabulously fun Dice Game on Tuesdays 11:30-1:30 p.m. We meet in the classroom. Hope to see you here!



### **Center Stage Tappers**

Have you ever thought about trying tap dancing? We would love to have you be part of our Tap group. Even if you have never tap danced before, if you are interested, please stop by. Our Tappers are offering beginners a chance at trying tap-dancing starting



at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. Come give it a try. Tap dancing is a great cardio workout: According to an article by silver sneakers, "An hour of tap dancing is thought to burn anywhere between 200-600 calories depending on your pace, the steps sequence, and the effort used in the hour." Tap dancing tones the major muscle groups in the legs and core and there are many more benefits.

### Woodcarvers

The friendly woodcarvers challenge you to test your artistic talents with carving. WE look forward to helping you, starting you on a project, and seeing you through completion. Don't be shy. We welcome new members to come join us on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the craft room. Pretty much any one can carve if they try! Both men and women are welcome. Stop in and check out the show case and see what we are making. We look forward to seeing you!

### Penny Bingo

We play from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, One cent per card up to 6 cards. We have paper BINGO cards, 1 morning and 1 afternoon. With a nice payout- A special one on Tuesday, See you here!





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### **December Yearly Membership Anniversaries**

Just a reminder that these awesome members are celebrating another year of membership here at the center in the month of November with possible dues due this month. Please stop in my office and we can check your due date. This is not a naughty list! To those of you on the list that have already paid, my apologies!! Thanks! Jan Green, Membership Coordinator

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### **Friday Dances**

Beginning in September, our dances are scheduled on **every Friday of the month** from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The dances are open to the public. <u>Member's Entry fee</u> is \$3.00. non-member's fee is \$6.00. Meal site spectators \$2.00.

We accept cash only.

- December 3rd Country Brew
- December 10th Charley T
- December 17th Triple Threat

Weather you are just listening to music or dancing to the music, the dances are a fabulous way to have fun. They are also a great way to spend your afternoon.

A big thank you goes to The Heritage at Northern Hills, Country Side Nursing Home and Bickford Assisted Living and Memory Care, for being treat providers for our Friday dances. Also, thank you to all our volunteers for your help with the dances. Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to all the amazing bands that play here for the fabulous entertainment. We appreciate everyone's support!



Did you know that you can sponsor a dance?

If you would like to sponsor a dance, please see Pat to arrange your celebration.

### Grief Support Program

No matter where you are in the grieving process, we will be there to reinforce you, encourage you, and help you during this difficult

- This is a FREE ongoing support group for Active Generations members.
- This is an opportunity to meet other grieving people and share experiences and coping strategies.
- Led by professionals with decades of experience.

### It is held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room

We are here for you. You don't have to go through this alone. Let us, and others who have gone through this, help you through this difficult time by offering support to you and a safe place to talk about your loss and feelings with people who truly care, understand, and can validate your feelings and offer you comfort.

### Take off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)

Real people. Real weight loss. TOPS has been helping millions to take off pounds sensibly since 1948. The decision to lose weight starts in your mind, and the journey to better health starts with you!

If you have been looking for a weight loss support group, we have one here at the center on **Fridays beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Feel free to stop by our TOPS group to see what it is all about. You might decide you want to join. Join before December 31st for best price.

### **Belly Dancing**

Belly Dancing is on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Exercise room. No special clothing or equipment is needed to participate. Individual moves will be taught so each participant can create her own dance form. We have fun learning the moves that improve the core and overall muscle tone. New members are always welcome. Feel free to come and give it a try or if you are not sure, come and watch. It's a great exercise.

-Ibu Nooney



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### Pinochle Fun

The Pinochle card group is looking for additional platers to join in for some Pinochle fun. Please feel free to stop in on **Mondays beginning at 12:00 p.m.** We hope to see you soon!

### Trail Blazer Walking Group

So amazing- the Trail Blazers have crossed Pennsylvania and are more than halfway across Virginia on the Appalachian Trail! Our goal is to be near Ashville, North Carolina before Christmas. Watch for pictures of the beautiful Biltmore Mansion in its Christmas finery on the TV in the center of the hall at the center. To be a part of this group, just walk laps in the hallway at the center (or anywhere), and record our distance on a ticket here at the center

-Judy R. & Judy S.

### Sit and Sip Coffee Shop

December has arrived and brings us closer to the close of another year. December is also a time of giving, something the members of our center are very good at doing all year long. The coffee shop is blessed by your generous donations of food purchased or brought from your gardens, by your stopping in for coffee or a little something to eat, and by those who volunteer their time. We look forward to seeing you when you are in the center. Please stop by and say hello, have a cup of coffee and visit with old friends and maybe make a new one now and then. Happy Holiday!

### Coffee Shop Needs:

Canned chicken and tuna, pickle relish, fresh peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, canned vegetables: especially diced tomatoes & tomato sauce, canned mushrooms, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, small juice bottles, canned pop, bottled water, tomato and V-8 juice, cream of chicken & cream of mushroom soups, crackers – saltines and snack crackers.

We have an abundance of peanut butter, macaroni, canned soup, flour, & sugar. If you have any questions about what we need stop in and ask, we'll gladly let you know what our current needs are.

Thank you for your donations. We appreciate your support



### **Blood Pressure Screenings**

Free blood pressure screenings are available from 10:00-11:30 am on the 2nd and 4th of the month. The screenings will take place across from the Coffee Shop.

### Chair Yoga

Hi, from Kaye! Tis the season for giving and receiving. So, I'd like to recommend you give a gift to yourself of updating your chair yoga routine at home. This is just a review to refine your form during one of our favorite positions-squats.

As always, safety is key. If you have balance problems or injuries, talk to your doctor first about safe exercise.

Standing up from a chair or other surface with out using your hands is a good exercise for older adults. You are welcome to modify this by holding onto a stable surface for more stability. After all, being able to sir down and stand up from a couch, chair, or toilet is often the determining factor in whether some one can live independently or needs full time care.

How to do it: Stand in front of a sturdy chair with your feet shoulder width apart. Your heels should be about 4 inches away from the chair. From here slowly bend your knees and push your hips back to lower your body onto the chair. Pause, then press back through the back two thirds of your feet to stand up again. That is one REP. Aim for two or three sets of 10 reps total per day. Try not to swing your torse for momentum or use your hand to push back up.

If you would like to make it harder; Once you are able to preform two or 3 sets of 10 reps with a good form, try lowering your body to a shorter chair. Eventually work up to removing the chair altogether to preform full body weight squats. With each rep lower your body as far as you can comfortably go while keeping your chest up and heels on the floor.

My challenge for squats is to raise myself from my recliner and not use my hands to push up. The only problem is, I sit on comfy cushions and fall asleep.

MANTRA: How can you make others feel about themselves says a lot about who you are.

### Winter Musical Event

On December 10th a Winter Musical Event will be held at the Center. The highlight of the event features **Charley T** a musician throughout his life playing in Nashville, Las Vegas and with the

likes of Liberace and many bigtime Country Western Stars. The event will feature Nashville Music with Bob Brewer starting the Friday Event off. Dance, Listen and enjoy this special event.



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# Siouxland Center

for Active Generations

Now serving in the Coffee Shop Serving from 11:00–12:30 Carry-out available

# DECEMBER 2021

Center Closed	Vegetable			Roll
Happy New Year	Salisbury Steak  Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Pot Roast with Vegetables	Chicken Pot Pie Salad	Beef Stroganoff Noodles
31	30	29	28	27
cellter closed		Cole slaw of rotato salad		
	Tomato Soup or Salad	Baked Beans	Dinner Roll	Sandwich
Merry Christmas	Ultimate Grilled Cheese	BBQ Ribs	Cabbage Roll Casserole	Minestrone Soup
24	23	22	21	20
		Vegetable		
		Rice	vegerable	
Cornbread		   Moroccan Chicken Breasts	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roll
Ham & Bean Soup	Soup & Sandwich	Winter Vegetable Stew	Baked Ham	Beef Stew
17	16	15	14	13
7		Soup	Vegetable	
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Salad		Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Swiss Steak	Grilled Cheese
Cowboy Casserole	Soup	Meatloaf	Liver & Onions or	Soup
10	9	8	7	6
Soup	•	Vegetable		
	Vegetable	Mashed Potatoes		1 for \$2 or 2 for \$4
Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes	Chicken		Served 8am – 10am
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	Chicken & Noodles	Amish Chicken Corn Soup		Biscuits & Gravy
ω	2	1		Wednesdays:
Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday

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### Witches Ride for the Center

The Siouxland Center for Active Generations has always been great organization. Upon hearing of a desire and need to have additional blood pressure station at the Center – I wanted to help! A Witch Ride for Charity came to mind, but never had the right reason until now.

By October 29th evening – 30 Witches who all wanted to support the cause – gathered at the Siouxland Center for Active Generations to load the Sioux City Trolley Bus and "fly" around Siouxland in effort to accept donations for the BP station! 14 pre-approved establishments allowed us to pile off the bus and fly into their businesses – not only to have fun but to brew up interest in helping us reach our goal of \$2400. Every Witch was offering "Wicked Witch Snack Mix" in exchange for a free will donation. By the end of the evening we were able to raise \$2625!

We had beautiful witches – funny witches – witches with big hair / small hats– bushy hair – witches with big noses – green faces – big warts – funky hats – glitter shoes – a few brooms and a lot of craziness going on – but most importantly every single one had the Center and all of it's members in their hearts. We were 30 witches on a mission. A mission that we completed – together – for all of you!

The Siouxland Center for Active Generations can expect their blood pressure station to be set in the Center soon. Here is to your health...Cheers!

Thanks to Wendy Beavers.

# Putting Together a Puzzle of Your Linear Tree

"This is the worst gift anyone has ever given me" stated grandmother as we had her spit into the vile. All the grandchildren burst out laughing, it was Christmas 2015 and 23 and me was a new company tracing DNA and ancestors, and as a gift the grandchildren gave their grandmother a DNA test. She had always talked about the Swiss heritage this test would help validate the family immigration stories. Turn the page to 2021 and most people are familiar with 23 and me, Ancestry or My Heritage, and searching the internet for where their decedents come from. Hoping these searches for the famous and infamous validate the family lore. Curiosity of the past drives Cheryl Kounas each month to help others start the search linking their families. Cheryl leads the Genealogy Class the 2nd Friday of the Month. "Many times, members don't know where to start and often are lured into paying for genealogy websites promising family trees searches". There are places to start the search without having to spend a lot of money". Stated Cheryl.

### Bench Provides Comfortable Resting Place

Recently Joan Stephen's family donated an outdoor bench in memory of Joan. Joan was an active member of our organization and appreciated the music, bingo and fellowship that the Center offers. This bench will provide those waiting to enjoy the outdoors, a great place to sit and people watch. Thank you!



# Volunteering: A Positive Impact for Individuals and Communities

The Senior Companion volunteers provide visits to elderly people, gaining the bond of a new friendship, while the home-bound individual has something to look forward to on a regular basis. These visits also help an individual to remain independent and in their own homes. Family members of the client(individual) are often given a sense of relief and comfort in the knowledge that there is someone looking out for their loved one. Volunteers can provide respite to caregivers. This time allows the caregiver to run errands, make appointments, and at times just practice self-care. Other types of volunteering include delivering meals and providing transportation to appointments. Without the help of these amazing people giving of their time; the communities, the businesses, organizations, and private individuals would suffer a great loss, and many would no longer function or would struggle to function. Volunteering is as much a necessity to society as air is for breathing. There is always a need for volunteers, and we are always thankful to those who give of their time.

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# December Creative Writing Themes

Do you have a story to tell? Join us every Tuesday at 10 a.m. You may write about a topic of your choice or just come and listen to the stories others share. Our Creative Writing story telling themes for the month are:

Dec. 7th..... Write about your wonderful Christmas memories.

Dec. 14th .... Write about "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men"

Dec. 21st..... Write about the" Christmas Carol Story" and

how Scrooge changed from his past life?

Dec. 28th.... Write about your thoughts of the year 2021?

"Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season, may you know much joy"

# Embers entertain for Oscar Ortiz Benefit at the Center

The Embers played for a benefit dance on November 13th for Oscar Ortiz who died September 16th. Oscar was born on September 6, 1971, in San Antonio, Texas.

Oscar married Karen Derby, and together they made their home in Sioux City.

Oscar was a musician and is being inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The family was his life and music was his game. Ron McKewon who often played with Oscar stated "Our community lost a great musician. Never the front man Oscar musical skills were enjoyed by many members".



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### WISH LIST

- Ice cream cups needed for birthday party.
- Sponsoring Birthday Party treats
- Yoga Balls-Older Nordic Track skiers
- Drum Circle drums/sticks
- You! Our Center needs volunteers to help facilitate events & programs.
- Spread the word to your friends.
   There's still a lot to do at our center or lead a program. If each member asks a friend to join, we will meet our membership goals.
- Donate to the Gift shop it helps keep us going. Clean, small appliances, dishware, home décor.
- Winter Colored Tablecloths, and always red, white, and blue





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### SilverSneakers Classic Fitness Program

SilverSneakers focuses on strengthening muscles and increasing range of movement for daily life activities. Our Participants can use hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a SilverSneakers ball. Sometimes a chair is used for seated exercises or standing support. Our SilverSneakers classic is taught Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Come join the fun and fitness routine millions of Americans are using each and every day. The class is free to SilverSneakers members and \$1.00 for other members that want to join.

# Classes for Computers and Other Electronic Devices

Kristina Yezdimer is once again volunteering her time offering one-on-one computer classes at the Center. (She can also answer your iPad, iPod or cell phone questions.) To schedule a class, call the Center at (712) 255-1729. Thanks to Kristina for her continued support.

She is not charging for her service; however, if you would like to make a free will donation to the Center, they are appreciated.

### **Chorus News**

We are ready to start our chorus back up. We all look forward to being able to SING again in the future. That said, we still need a CHORUS DIRECTOR or ACCOMPANIST. IF YOU KNOW SOME ONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN EITHER POSITION, PLEASE LET THE CENTER KNOW!! Stop in or call and ask for Kayley at 712-255-1729

Also, anyone who would like to join in celebrating music, please let us know... we welcome any new members. Music has power in numbers, for sure. HOPEFUL WE WILL GET TOGETHER SOON.

### Walking Exercise Group

We have a walking exercise group that meets on Monday and Wednesdays at 8:20 a.m.-8:50 a.m.

You are invited to stop in the exercise room and walk with us. You can meet up with your old friends or meet new ones while walking and getting your miles in.

### Siouxland Parkinson's Support Group

We have a Parkinson's support group that meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 1 pm. With the holiday season, one meeting will be held on **December 6th**. It is available for our members and open to the public. All are welcome.

### Rock Steady Boxing

People living with Young Onset Parkinson's disease (YOPD) are often in the prime of their career when diagnosed-typically before age 50. Once diagnosed challenges and questions such as how to continue working and also how to tell family and friends are difficult. Early strategies to address this disease can help empower their life's narrative. One strategy is knowing the facts of the disease and understanding the subtle changes in one's body. Another effective strategy is actively seeking exercise opportunities including cardio, strength training including a great stretching routine, and movement techniques. Noncontacting boxing is a great way to keep functionality and improve one's quality of life. The Center offers Rock Steady Boxing a national affiliate helping those afflicted with Parkinson's. Stop by and talk to us today.





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# Medicare Benefits Available at the Center

Siouxland Center for Active Generations is now participating in the *Renew Active*-UnitedHealthcare fitness benefit. If you are a UnitedHealthcare Advantage Plan or a Medicare supplement subscriber, stop in, and talk to us about how this benefit can help support the center. If you're a *Silver Sneakers* participant, you too can benefit from their program right here at the center. Stop in and chat about how to receive these extra benefits. Ask to speak to Pat, the Executive Director.

### **Medicare Open Enrollment**

Bruce will be here at the Center to assist you with your Medicare questions on:

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### Online Grocery Training is Now Being Offered at the Center

Maybe the good old days are back- Once upon a time, the local grocery carry-out employee would help you carry your groceries out to the car. The COVID 19 pandemic necessitated groceries find alternative ways to attract buyers to their stores and keep them

safe. "The recent trend of online grocery shopping, delivery or pickup is here to stay". stated a local Hy Vee manager. If you haven't tried this new service, you may be missing out. No longer do you ponder which grocery line to select -always picking one where the person in front of you needs a price check-, or managing the icy parking lot you too can order on a computer and drive up and have them place your groceries in your car. Service is back- it's all for the taking. Learn how you too can take advantage of your local favorite store: Fareway, HyVee, Walmart, and Aldi all provide these services. We can help you get started. Training to occur on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:30 pm. Notification and signup are required. Call the front desk today and sign up today.



### **Zoom Training offered**



If you can't gather with your family for the holidays maybe Zoom options are available to visit and see or watch the family festivities. The COVID pandemic caused a spike in Zoom meetings. Many businesses have changed in-person meetings to Zoom options saving money and time. Families usage has increased allowing families to virtually gather and share news, events, and stories. If you have a computer and want to join this activity the Center will be having training session twice a month. Zoom meetings can be free for up to 40 minutes per session. These sessions will be an interactive training program showing the basics of virtual meetings. Sign up today. First and third Mondays at 11:30 am.





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### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Abraham Charlotte Adams Donna Beauchene Delores Bogenrief Pat Bornhoft Maureen Camerer James Chancey Pamela Crabb Linda Craft Ron Cummings Linda Lee Deabler Martha Dirks Jannette Domayer Emily Domayer Kenneth Dvorak Harlen Engeldinger John Fagan Maryann Farrell Vesta Gilbertson Walter Goodwin Sandra Graser Paul Gregory Colleen Guy Grace Hawkins

Iane Henderson Vince Henrichsen Melanie Hickey Mike Hobart Iris Hofling Gary Hoklin Terry Hubert Lyle Dean Hughes Cynthia Hyndman Patricia Isaacson Eric Johansen Wayne Ray Johnson Susan Jones Carolyn Keleher Sally Kimball Christy Kingdom-Knoepfler Karen Koch Shavonne Kopal Elizabeth Mae Kosinski Ruth Koster David

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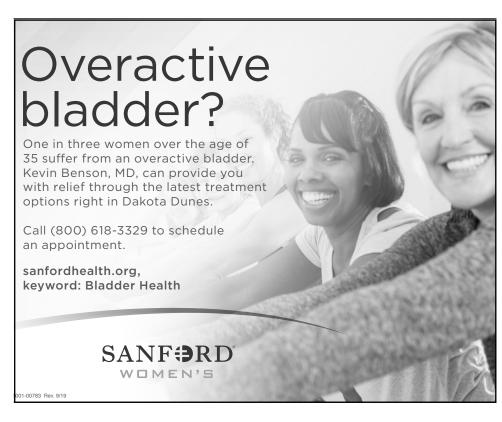
### **NEW MEMBERS**

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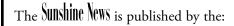
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### **Membership Information**

- Membership at the Siouxland Center for Active Generations is required to participate in Center activities and programs.
- To participate in the Noon Meal Program membership is not required.
- Payment for programs/classes is required at the time of registration; space cannot be held without payment.
- Waiting lists are taken for filled classes and trips. You will be contacted ONLY if someone cancels or another class is added.
- We can accept registrations by phone for FREE classes and activities ONLY.

### **Refund Information**

- If a class, activity or trip is cancelled by a Center staff member, a full refund will be given to those who have registered.
- If a participant cancels a class or activity after it begins, NO refund will be given. Please keep this in mind when registering for classes and activities. If you are unsure if a class is appropriate for you, please contact a Center staff member to answer any questions.
- If a member cancels their registration for a trip, a full refund will only be given if the Center is notified seven business days in advance
- Trips co-sponsored by the Center or booked by other travel organizations may have different refund policies than those listed above. Please check at the time of trip registration.

### DOLLAR A MONTH CLUB

October

These persons offer additional assistance each month for the ongoing operation of the Siouxland Center for Active Generations. We thank them for their extra support.

Miriam Clayton John & Sandy Graser Virginia Gries Sherry Evans

Richard Hayes Donna Johnson Maizie Johnson Sally Kimball Mindy Krause Pamela Mears Russell Movall Jan Nelson Kaye Plantenburg George Polak Don Schultz Harvey Viken Bob Wolf Claryce Welch

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