

Hamilton House Courier

November/December 2025



Bid & Benefit
NOV. 15TH | 5 - 7 PM
SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER
for HAMILTON HOUSE
Adult Learning Exchange
Free & Open to the Public

We're having a fundraiser! Please save the date of November 15, 2025, 5-7 pm to join us for a silent auction for Hamilton House!

This event is FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Members, friends, family, neighbors and the wider community are cordially invited to Hamilton House for an evening to enjoy our historic home and bid on some incredible items and opportunities in support of Hamilton House operations and programs. You don't want to miss it!

Live Music. Complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres served. No tickets required.

ANNUAL MEETING 2025 | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025, 10 AM



All members are invited to join us for our 2025 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for our membership to collectively celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, and imagine together the ways that Hamilton House can continue to uphold our mission to *inspire and enhance members' lives through stimulating interaction with ideas and friends...and to connect them with opportunities to serve the community.*

Members new and old are encouraged to participate. Attending the Annual Meeting is essential for staying connected to the mission and progress of Hamilton House, and serves to ensure that members are informed about the organization's direction, and can contribute ideas or feedback, including voting on changes to our by-laws and the slate of officers and directors of our Board. As a

member-based non-profit we seek to foster transparency, accountability, and community involvement through this process, and encourage our members to play an active role in shaping Hamilton House's future!

Programs & Special Events

Please note any sign up or payment requirements. Please consider whether you will be able to attend most sessions before signing up for limited space activities.

Medicare Information Clinic

Counselor: Jackie Baddeley

Friday, November 7 at 9 am - 2 pm (Oak)

Friday, November 14 at 9 am - 3:30 pm (Oak)

Limited to six appointments per day. In-person and phone appointments are available. **Sign up at bulletin board in Reception Area.** Bring Medicare card and list of medications to the appointment.

This information clinic is provided by United Way of Rhode Island.

– SPECIAL EVENTS –

The Membership and Special Events Committees

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thursday, November 13 at 12 pm - 2 pm

Cost: \$15 pp. Sign up and pay at Front Desk.

Sign up deadline: November 7

Enjoy a classic Thanksgiving dinner, prepared by Chef Sandra Gifford.

Annual Holiday Party & Yankee Swap

Thursday, December 17 at 2 pm-4 pm

Partake in holiday cheer at the annual holiday party. Enjoy savory and sweet hors d'oeuvres and beverages, holiday music and a Yankee swap. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 value max.) if you want to participate in the Yankee swap gift exchange!

Please bring a nonperishable food item to these events to support the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

Coffee, Tea & Conversation

2nd Wednesday of each month, held in the Dining Room
November 12 & December 10 at 10 am (DR)

Enjoy socializing with other members at this informal social gathering over tea and coffee. All members are invited.

Monthly Friday Social

This activity will not be held in November/December due to the Holidays.

– LUNCH & LEARN –

Talking About Art: Taos Art Colony

Suzanne Lewis

Wednesday, November 5 at 12:30 (DR)

Starting in the early 20th century, artists were drawn to the Pueblos surrounding Taos, New Mexico. Artists such as Georgia O'Keefe, Ernest Blumenschein and Henry Sharpe were inspired by Native American and Hispanic culture and handicrafts as well as the desert landscape. Get immersed in the fascinating history of the Taos Art Colony!

Talking About Art is a discussion group for those who want to learn more about Art and Artists.

– PRESENTATIONS –

New Series! Fighting for Civil Rights in the Rhode Island General Assembly

Member Linda Kushner

Mondays at 12:30 pm

Linda, a retired attorney, represented the East Side of Providence as a state legislator for 12 years, from 1982 to 1994. Her three-week series offers an insider's look at the state level legislative process.

Monday, November 3: How Bills Really Get Passed.

November 10: A Case Study: 11 years to pass the state's first Gay Rights bill.

November 17: Civil Rights in the 21st century: Passing Gay Marriage and Protecting Choice in Rhode Island. Guest Speaker: State Representative Edith Ajello (District 1/East Side of Providence)

Local politics – where the *real* action is!

Conversations in Science Series

12:30 pm (DR)

Wednesday, November 12: Why Does the Moon Continue to be Explored and How Does This Help Us Here on Earth - A Half-Century Since the Apollo Lunar Exploration Program? *Dr. Jim Head, The Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences (DEEPS)*

Fifty-six years ago Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, followed by other Apollo flights' astronauts, and Dr. Head was one of the key people who selected their landing sites and trained them in geology for expeditions. There hasn't been a 'moon shot' in 50 years, but one is planned for April 2026. Dr. Head will discuss why we continue to travel to the moon, his experience at NASA and his work at Brown.

Monday, November 24: Participatory Planning on the Global Floodline: Democratic Design for Climate Resilience in Jakarta, Indonesia and Warren, RI. (IBES) *Rafael Ash.* Rafael studies coastal resilience and participatory urban planning in communities facing dramatic sea level rise and flooding.

This series is in partnership with Brown University, and The the Voss Fellows Program at the Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES) and The Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences (DEEPS)

Death Cafe: How Various Faiths & Cultures Experience Death-Related Rituals

Moderator: Member Pam Elizabeth
Friday, November 7 at 1 pm -2:30 pm (DR)

Learn about the traditions and philosophies of different faiths and cultures around death, from fellow members, and join in the discussion.

- *Sue Pandit:* Indian; based upon Hindu traditions.
- *Carol Hoppe:* former peace corps volunteer in West Africa and humanitarian worker in Indonesia: Indigenous and Islamic.
- *Elissa Arffa:* Jewish; derived from Judaic traditions.
- *Patty Tanalski:* Irish Catholic; within the larger Christian traditions.

It Takes A Village! Meet The Village Common

Wendy Oliver, Suzanne Francis, Anne Connor
Wednesday, November 19 at 12:30 pm (DR)

The Village Common of Rhode Island is a non-profit, volunteer-driven membership organization that

aims to support older adults who wish to age in their home via a network of local villages.

Join these speakers, from the Providence Village, as they describe the services provided, how to become a volunteer, and how to request assistance.

The Etiquette of Engaging with People Who Have Disabilities

Presenters: Members Peter Croke and Jennifer Rosen
Friday, November 21 at 10 am (DR)

The presenters will show a short video on disability etiquette, as well as co-facilitate a discussion defining the meaning of a disability, and provide suggested ways to offer assistance to a person with a disability, including what not to do. They will also discuss other facts to be aware of when interacting with persons living with a disability.

Both Peter and Jennifer are persons living with disabilities. Peter earned a bachelor of science in nursing and worked in cardiac and hospice units in Rhode Island and California. Jennifer earned a master's degree in social work and is a licensed clinical social worker in Rhode Island. Prior to retirement she specialized in geriatrics.

– CONCERTS –

Harmony Heritage Chorus

Directed by Bob O'Connell
Wednesday, December 10 at 12:45 pm
(Fireplace Room at CCC)

This 14-person women's four-part a capella group will entertain with new and traditional carols, and other seasonal songs.

VoX Singers (The Voices of Christmas)

Directed by David Moss
Wednesday, December 17
(Holiday Party Entertainment)

VoX (The Voices of Christmas) is a group of a capella singers who gather each year to sing a mix of traditional and modern Christmas Carols. The singers will stroll about the festivities caroling attired in Victorian finery.

Thank you to member Marilyn Edwards for coordinating this group. She is a former singer with VoX.

– TRAVEL –

Sign up is required at the Front Desk for Trips. Any payment due must be made when signing up. Trip details will be posted on the bulletin board in the Reception Area.

Newport Playhouse

A Twisted Christmas Carol (Cabaret, buffet with dessert)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025. Cost: \$75 pp

This trip is now full

Christmas at Blithewold: Decorated House Tour and Afternoon Tea

Friday, December 19, 2025, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Group size limited to 14 | Cost: \$65 pp | Sign up at Front Desk | City van transportation - Meet at HH parking lot at 9:45 am.

Deadline to sign-up: Wednesday, November 26

The Travel Committee is looking for a new Chairperson.
Contact member Gail R. if interested:
romanovich.gail@gmail.com

– LITERATURE –

New Trilogy: Creative Thinking & Writing

Instructor: Member Maggie Miles

Mondays: December 1, 8 & 15 at 1 pm-2 pm

Class Size: 15 max | Sign up at Front Desk

This class is “round three” of the series, but with new exercises. Similar to the previous Trilogy Classes, each week students will participate in creative thinking and writing exercises, and share the short writing pieces.

No prior writing experience necessary.

– VISUAL ARTS & HANDICRAFTS –

Free Holiday Wreaths Workshops

Instructor: Stephanie Castano

Thursday, November 6 at 10 am - 12 pm (DR)

Wednesday, December 3 at 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm (Art Studio)

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Limited to 10. Sign up at Front Desk by October 31 & November 25.

Stephanie is a crafter and manages various events in her role as business development director. She has put together two lovely designs with colorful fabric, ribbons and accents, just in time for the holidays!

These two workshops are sponsored by Pawtucket Falls Healthcare Center.

The Joy of Acrylic Painting

Robert Ramspott

Fridays, Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, 12 at 9:30 am - 11 am (Art Studio)

This beginner friendly class welcomes all levels and will cover the basics: Color mixing, brush techniques, layering and tinting, as well as types of canvas and brushes. Students will also learn how to prepare surfaces, use tools, and create simple compositions using line, color, shape and form. The class will end with a portfolio of still life, landscape, abstraction and more.

Please bring the following materials to class. Items can be purchased at craft and discount stores, or online.

- A complete acrylic paint set
- Canvas board, pad or stretched 11”x14”
- Acrylic brushes
- Water jar, paper towels

– HISTORY & CULTURE –

Professor Charlotte Carrington-Farmer

Lectures. Dr. Carrington-Farmer is a Professor of History, specialising in early American History.

Thanksgiving: A National Day of Mourning

Friday, November 7 at 11 am (DR)

Thanksgiving is a national holiday for Americans, but for many Wampanoag communities it is a National Day of Mourning. This talk will explore the myth and reality of the “first” Thanksgiving in 1621 using primary sources. It will then examine the history of the holiday, and how its contentious legacy continues today with Wampanoag communities in Plymouth/Patuxet and beyond.

Ongoing Activities

Please note any RSVP requirements or payment details

– LANGUAGE –

Beginner French

Instructor: Member Susan Rubin

Mondays at 9:45 am (Mural)

Limited to nine students. [Sign up at Front Desk](#)

Students will be introduced to grammar, vocabulary, and basic conversation, including simple expressions for practical situations. The class will practice language skills through activities with one another and the instructor. Beginner French will enhance students' ability to understand and communicate in the language in a comfortably-paced and welcoming environment.

French: Conversation and Culture

Instructor: Member Sheila Zompa

Mondays at 9:50 am (DR)

Designed for intermediate French learners who have a basic knowledge of French grammar. Emphasis will be on speaking. French culture will often enhance the conversational experience.

German: Intermediate Study Group

Mondays at 10:45 am (Mirror)

Join a self-directed gathering of studious German language students.

Spanish I & II

Instructor: Member Alicia Elwin

Tuesdays (Mural)

Class size for I & II: 10 max

[Sign up for both classes at Front Desk](#)

– Spanish I: 10 am

This is a class for beginners and continuing students. Grammatical concepts will be explained in both English and Spanish. In addition, students will begin reading Spanish Short Stories that increase in difficulty.

– Spanish II: 11:30 am

A comfortable knowledge of Spanish grammar and verb usage is advisable. This is an advanced Spanish conversation class. Reading material for discussion may include novels, short stories or articles written in Spanish.

– LITERATURE/POETRY/WRITING –

Book Club

Coordinator: Member Sylvia Danforth

Last Monday of the month at 1 pm (DR)

Monday, November 24 *Time changed to 1:30 today*

“The Life Impossible” by Matt Haig

When a retired teacher is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed. But to dive into this impossible truth, she must first come to terms with her past.

Monday, December 22

Holiday Potpourri

Bring a book you enjoyed and would like to tell other book club members about. This is a great way to share a book you enjoyed but the book club hasn't read.

You are welcome to bring a holiday treat to share in the festive holiday spirit.

Poetry Writers' Workshop

Coordinator: Member Nancy Cherico

Second and fourth Mondays at 11 am to 12:30 pm

November 10 & 24. December 8 & 22

(Mural—subject to change)

These sessions will provide a supportive space to get feedback from other writers about how to enhance the work—the high points, what works, what leaves questions for the reader, and what might work better. Bring a poem (or 2) to be work-shopped. This workshop is now closed.

Poetry Group

Instructor: Member John Lord

Tuesdays at 10:30 am (Oak)

Each month focuses on a poet's works and influence on the genre.

Classic Novels

Instructor: Member Joan Scheer

Thursdays at 11 am (Mural)

[There are three seats open.](#) Classic Novels takes an in-depth look at a variety of novels that have stood the test of time, and explores novels and authors who may be en route to this distinction.

– DISCUSSION FORUMS –

Readings & Discussion

Coordinator: Member John Stevenson
Wednesdays at 11 am (DR)

Join a lively, weekly discussion group about a stimulating essay or short article. Titles and links to the readings are listed in the weekly ebuletin.

Current Topics

Facilitator: Member Rick Tropper
Alternating Fridays at 12:30 pm (DR)

This is an opportunity for those who enjoy a good discussion to share their opinions about what they've been reading and hearing in the news. Bring a topic suggestion.

– ART/FILM/MUSIC –

Friday Flicks

Alternating Fridays | 10 am – 12 pm (Mirror)
Members gather for a movie and popcorn!

November 14: A House of Dynamite
No film November 28
December 5: Are You There God? It's Me Margaret
December 19: Nouvelle Vague

Note: Films are scheduled at the time they are available on Netflix. Substitutions may occur.

– VISUAL ARTS –

Watercolor Studies

Instructor: Anne Wert
Tuesdays at 1 pm – 3:30 pm (DR)
(November 4, 18, 25. December 2, 9, 16)

The class will learn various watercolor techniques and touch on the basics of painting, including color, value, and composition. Each class will start with a demo or lesson and end with a group critique. Artists should bring their own reference images. Some watercolor experience is recommended.

NOTE: This class is now at capacity for this session. There is a waiting list at the Front Desk.

Hand-Building Pottery

Instructor: Kate Champa
Wednesdays at 1pm-3 pm
(Pottery Studio)

Holiday gift making time in the studio! Create ornaments, bowls and plates.

Contact Kate to discuss your gift list at kchampa@cox.net

Materials Fee: \$20 to be paid directly to the instructor at the **first** class of the new session. This fee covers the cost of clay and firing the electric kiln.

Art Studio Group

Self-directed (assistance is available)
Thursdays at 10 am

This time is available for members who want to work on a project, but not necessarily be alone.

An artist volunteer will be in the studio to offer feedback or assistance if requested. A still life will be set up for inspiration. A few art materials will be available for anyone to use.

Intermediate Watercolor

Instructor: Anne Rourke
Thursdays 1:00 pm–3:30 pm (DR)
(No class Nov. 13. Dec. 25 (Jan. 1)

This is a class for students with previous training or experience in watercolor. Students will be able to explore a variety of techniques.

Open Art Studio

All members are welcome to use the studio to explore their creativity in this quiet space. The studio is available when art classes are not in session. Please check the schedule. Please leave the studio in good order.

The Art Studio is located in the basement. An automated 'stair chair' is available.

– HANDICRAFTS –

Card Making Workshops

Instructor: Member Ann Thomas
First Monday of every month at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
(Art Studio) November 3 & December 1

Class size: 10. Contact Ann directly the Friday before class to join.

\$10 materials fee to be paid directly to instructor at workshop. BYO glue and scissors. All other materials/envelopes will be provided. Contact Ann to join: annthomas8432@yahoo.com, 303-619-7622.

– HEALTH, WELLNESS & COMMUNITY –

NOTE: Non-member adults 55+ are welcome to attend as a 'drop-in' at **Tai Chi & Yoga**. The fee is \$5 to be paid at Hamilton House Front Desk before class. A liability waiver is required.

Yoga

Instructor: Sara Davidson Flanders

Mondays at 11 am (Chapel Hall & Zoom)

These weekly sessions of Anusara Yoga bring attention to specific actions to hone awareness and open subtle channels of energy. Actively moving energy through the body cultivates steadiness, strength, and freedom. Classes are in-person and on Zoom; the link is sent in the weekly ebulletin.

Zoom Exercise Class

Instructor: Jodie Thompson-Piccerelli

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 am (Zoom)

Link is in the weekly ebulletin. This is a low impact class with upper and lower body exercises for active older adults. The class helps with balance, strength, preserving bone density, vitality, and mobility. **Zoom link is provided in the weekly eBulletin.**

Tai Chi

Instructor: Bob McManus

Tuesdays at 1 pm (Chapel Hall)

This ancient Chinese martial art is known for its slow, intentional movements, gentle exercise, and active meditation.

Meditation Circle

Facilitator: Lee Clasper-Torch

Wednesdays at 9:30 am (Oak)

***NO CLASS Wednesday, Nov 12th.**

Breathe. Center. Relax. Enjoy sharing quality time of sitting silence, and meditating on various poems and passages to inspire open and mindful conversations with one another. This ongoing group welcomes all members.

Women's Circle

Coordinator: Member Janice Arsenault

Alternating Thursdays at 1 pm (Mirror)

schedule changes due to holidays

Women will meet and share what is on their minds in a safe, supportive environment, without judgement, allowing bonds of friendship to form.

Women's Health & Wellness Group

Facilitator: Member Pat Donovan

Alternating Thursdays at 1 pm (Mirror)

schedule changes due to holidays

The Women's Health and Wellness Group is an opportunity for women to explore life issues to share, discuss and problem-solve. The group decides the topics. Consistent attendance is expected and essential to ensure commitment and confidentiality.

Please contact Pat Donovan directly to inquire about joining: elmgroveavenue25@gmail.com
Group limit: 11.

Men's Group

Coordinator: Member John Stevenson

Alternating Fridays at 12:30 pm-2 pm (Mural)

(November 7 & 21. December 5 & 19)

All male members are welcome. Conversations explore ways in which men are dealing with aging and life choices, reflecting on things learned over the years about what makes life interesting, and gaining perspective on barriers and struggles (including some continuing), all from a perspective of being "men" in today's society. Please contact John with any questions: jstevenson@uri.edu

Horticulture Therapy At-Home Kits

Certified Horticulture Therapist: Sally Gruber

November: A Harvest Quilt

To be delivered: Tuesday, November 11

Cost: \$25.00 per participant

Order by: Tuesday, November 4

December: Enchanted Boxwoods

To be delivered: Tuesday, December 16

Cost: \$28.00 per participant

Order by: Tuesday, December 9

Members order the kits to construct at home. Each personally-delivered kit includes instructions, fresh flowers and greens, accents, container, thematic poetry or music, and an edible treat!

Call or email Sally directly to order: 401-823-8077
or flowersforeveryone@msn.com

The American Horticultural Association notes that horticultural therapy in its various forms helps improve memory, cognitive abilities, task initiation, language skills, and socialization.

Wingate Water Aerobics

Instructor: Jodie Thompson-Piccerelli

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 am

Wednesdays & Fridays at 11:00 am

Wingate East Side, 1 Butler Ave, Providence, RI 02906

A waiver will be required. Members must sign in and out at the Wingate East Side Front Desk.

Aquatic exercise is considered an "effective, joint-friendly way to strengthen the cardiovascular system and muscles," and burn calories. The exercises will be similar to Jodie's Zoom class.

Locker and changing room available. Bring whatever personal items needed (i.e. bathing suit and towel)

This activity is generously provided for free by Wingate Residences on the East Side!

Transportation is not provided to Wingate Residences on the East Side. It is located at 1 Butler Ave, a 6 min (0.9 mile) drive from Hamilton House. Members are encouraged to carpool.

– GAMES –

Scrabble

Mondays at 12:30 pm (Mural)

All player levels are welcome.

Contact member Charlene Kneath with questions:

chark46@aol.com, 401-339-6922

Contract Bridge

Thursdays at 1 pm-3 pm (Mural)

All levels welcome.

Bridge is looking for new players! If you're interested, or would like more information, contact member Joan Breen: jjj606@verizon.net or 401-521-0276

Backgammon

Fridays at 11 am (Mural) * New time*

All player levels are welcome.

Pool Table

The pool table is located in the basement and available for members to use at their leisure during the day. Please remember to leave the room as you have found it.

Technology Help-Desk Hours

Tech Volunteer: JD Stettin

Thursdays at 11 am - 12:15 pm

By appointment only. Sign up at the Front Desk.

Genealogy & Family History Explorations

Researcher: Member Helen Litterst

Appointments required (Drop-ins accommodated if possible) Please email: helenlitterst@gmail.com

Helen assists members in their searches and also provides information about the myriad resources available to research family history.

September & October Highlights!



Hamilton House members took a trip to the RISD Museum for a special tour with artist Liz Collins, of her current show *Motherlode* on exhibit through January 2026 (daughter of member, Marcia).



Members enjoyed a night of fun games, great food and entertainment during this year's Oktoberfest!

Staff Messages

- Executive Director's Note -



Dear Members,

Among the abundance of offerings in store for you all during November & December, I'd like to highlight two important events. The first is our **Silent Auction Fundraiser**, to be held **Saturday, November 15 from 5-7 pm**. This is a significant opportunity for Hamilton House to kick off our new fiscal year by raising funds for our programs and services, and we hope you join us. As a public event, this evening is about outreach and engagement, as much as it is about raising funds. *If each of our members commit to invite or bring just one new friend, family member, or neighbor, this would have an incredible impact!* The evening will be a great

way to showcase the unique nature of Hamilton House and our programs, and to encourage broad support. We are so grateful to everyone who has already supported the auction through their generous donations of fantastic items, experiences, and more – *this night is not to be missed!*

The second event of note is our **Annual Meeting**, to be held **Thursday, November 20th**. As a member organization, your voice matters. Your participation in our September member survey provided valuable feedback that will be shared at the Meeting, along with our regular agenda. These insights help shape our goals and direction at the Board, Staff, and Member levels as we enter another year.

I'm thankful for each of you and the many ways you help make Hamilton House a welcoming, thriving community of learning and friendship.

With gratitude, Chloe Clasper-Torch

- Program Manager/Editor's Note -

It's always a surprise to note another year has passed by with births, deaths and everything in between. We never know what each new year will bring. The days spin by with a mix of fun activities and pesky obligations, and the holidays can seem like one more hectic time of things to do. But don't let that happen! Hamilton House is here to slow you down and lift your spirits. Sign up for one of the crafts classes to make cards and wreaths, breathe deep in meditation and yoga to feel centered, listen to the joyful holiday concerts here – and seasonal music all around the state, enjoy the annual Thanksgiving lunch and holiday party, share a book with friends, learn from the various presentations and speakers, participate in interesting discussions, have some popcorn and catch a movie, walk around the neighborhood to look at sparkling lights, watch the leaves and snow fall, observe the clear night sky for shooting stars – and make a wish! Happy Holidays and a Peaceful New Year.

See you soon, Liz Kelley

House Information & Announcements

Hamilton House Café

Soup | Sandwiches | Dessert | Snacks | Coffee | Tea

Open weekdays 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Cash and checks are accepted at this time.

Non-member guests are welcome! The cafe menu is emailed to members every Monday. *Please note that items are subject to change based on popularity!*

If you would like to volunteer to serve during a lunch shift, contact Chloe to learn more or sign-up.

House Closure Dates

- Tuesday, November 11 – *Veteran's Day*
- Wednesday, November 26 – **Close at 12 pm**
- Thursday, November 27 – *Thanksgiving*
- Friday, November 28
- December 24 – January 1. Open January 2, 2026

Closure Policy: Hamilton House is closed on all Federal Holidays, when the Providence Public Schools are closed for weather-related events, or if there is a city-wide parking ban. A notice will go out via email, social media and on our website when the building is closed.

Parking Lot Reminders

Please do not park in the space that has the 'Reserved Parking' sign. This space is for our 2nd floor office tenant.

Cars entering the driveway have the right of way. Cars leaving the driveway, **MUST** back up—even with cars behind yours.

We ask that members who do not require accessible parking, please park on the street. Parking decals are available at the Front Desk for *members only*.

Donations for Rhode Island Community Food Bank

The Special Events Committee is encouraging donations for RI Community Food Bank at all special events. The donation box is located in the main entrance near the door.

Canned and boxed goods only. Please do not donate open, expired, or damaged items, nor include glass packaging, perishable, or prepared foods.

The collection of items will be ongoing with special events. For any questions, please contact Special Events Chairs

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Patty Tanalski, Kitchen Assistant

Hamilton House Committees & Chairs

Interested in becoming involved with one of our active standing committees? Members are welcome to reach out to committee chairs with questions and interest. Please find their contact information listed below

Development Committee

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Room Abbreviations KEY:
Dining Room - DR
Mural Room – Mural
Mirror Room - Mirror
Oak Room – Oak
Central Congregational Church – CCC
located next door (entrance on Diman Pl.)

November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 9:45 am – Beginner French (Mural) 9:50 am - French Conversation (DR) 10:45 am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (CCC) 12:30 pm - Scrabble (Mural) 12:30 pm-SPEAKER: How Bills Really Get Passed (DR) 1pm-Cardmaking Workshop (Art Studio)	4 Deadline to order therapy floral kit 10 am-Wingate Water Aerobics -Wingate Residences on East Side 10 am-Spanish I (Mural) 10:30am-Poetry Group (Oak) 11am-Exercise (Zoom) 11:30am-Spanish II (Mural) 1pm-Watercolor Studies (DR) 1 pm-Tai Chi (Chapel Hall)	5 9:30 am Meditation Circle (Oak) 11 am-Wingate Water Aerobics -Wingate Residences on East Side 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 12:30 pm– Talking About Art – Taos, NM (DR) 1 pm Pottery – Time to create holiday gifts (Pottery Studio)	6 10 am-Thanksgiving Wreath Workshop(DR) 10 am-Wingate Water Aerobics-Wingate Residences on East Side 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) Exercise (Zoom) Genealogy Drop-in (Library) Tech Help. (By Appt.) 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) Watercolor: Intermediate (DR) Women’s Circle (Mirror)	7 9 am- Medicare Information Clinic (Oak) 9:30 am-Joy of Acrylic Painting(Art Studio) 11 am - Backgammon (Mural) *New time* 11 am-Wingate Water Aerobics (Wingate Residences on the East Side) 11 am-Speaker: Prof. Charlotte- Thanksgiving A National Day of Mourning (DR) 12:30 pm Men’s Group (Mural) 1 pm Death Café- How Various Faiths & Cultures Experience Death-Related Rituals
10 9:45 am – Beginner French (Mural) 9:50 am - French Conversation (DR) 10:45 am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11 am -Poetry Writers’ Workshop (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (CCC) 12:30 pm - Scrabble (Mural) 12:30 pm-SPEAKER: A Case Study- 11 Years To Pass Gay Rights (DR)	11 Delivery of therapy floral kit Closed for Veterans’ Day	12 8 am – APTI Conference 9:30 am -No Meditation Circle 10 am- Coffee, Tea & Conversation (DR) 11 am-Wingate Water Aerobics -Wingate Residences on East Side 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 12:30 pm– Conversations in Science (DR) 1 pm Pottery – Time to create holiday gifts (Pottery Studio)	13 10 am-Wingate Water Aerobics-Wingate Residences on East Side 10am - Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) Exercise (Zoom) Genealogy Drop-in (Library) Tech Help. (By Appt.) 12 pm -2pm ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCH No other activities are taking place this afternoon	14 9 am- Medicare Information Clinic (Oak) 9:30 am-Joy of Acrylic Painting (Art Studio) 11 am - Backgammon (Mural) 11 am-Wingate Water Aerobics (Wingate Residences on the East Side) 10 am Friday Flicks “A House of Dynamite” (Mirror) 12:30 pm Current Topics (DR)
17 9:45 am – Beginner French (Mural) 9:50am - French Conversation (DR) 10:45 am - German - Intermediate (Mirror) 11am - Yoga (CCC) 12:30 pm - Scrabble (Mural) 12:30 pm-SPEAKER: Civil Rights in the 21st Century (DR)	18 9:30 am- DAY TRIP: Newport Playhouse 10am-Wingate Water Aerobics -Wingate Residences on East Side 10am-Spanish I (Mural) 10:30am-Poetry Group (Oak) 11am-Exercise (Zoom) 11:30am-Spanish II (Mural) 1pm-Watercolor Studies (DR) 1pm-Tai Chi (Chapel Hall)	19 9:30 am Meditation Circle (Oak) 11am - Readings & Discussion (DR) 11 am-Wingate Water Aerobics -Wingate Residences on East Side 12:30 pm– Speakers – Meet Providence Village Common (DR) 1 pm Pottery – Time to create holiday gifts (Pottery Studio)	20 9:30 am ANNUAL MEETING 10 am-Wingate Water Aerobics-Wingate Residences on East Side 10am – NO Art Studio Group (Art Studio) 11am - Classic Novels (Mural) Exercise (Zoom) Genealogy Drop-in (Library) Tech Help. (By Appt.) 1pm - Bridge Club (Mural) Watercolor: Intermediate (DR) Women’s Health & Wellness (Mirror)	21 9:30 am-Joy of Acrylic Painting(Art Studio) 11 am - Backgammon (Mural) 11 am-Wingate Water Aerobics (Wingate Residences on the East Side) 10 am Speakers: The Etiquette of Engaging With People Who have Disabilities (DR) 12:30 pm Men’s Group (Mural)
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