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AUGUST 2020



Diane Weinzier

President's Message

It's hard to believe that we're in the middle of summer and that we've been closed now for over 4 months. Certainly when all this began, none of us thought we would be closed this long. As of right now, there are no plans to reopen the Center during the month of August. Your board will meet again on Monday, August 10 at 9:30 am to discuss the feasibility of reopening for any programs during the month of September. Let's all pray that our country, and our state, will find a way to contain this virus and allow us to start gathering in groups again.

I'm sure you miss being at the Center as much as I do, even though I am usually here twice a week. Someone else misses you too - our resident gopher turtle who lives under the building. Lately he's been sticking his head out of the hole looking for some company, wondering where everyone is. Since he's a permanent resident, I'm thinking we should have a contest to give him a name when we get back to the Center.



I'd also like to offer a special thanks to our Duplicate Bridge programming team who has not only found a way to continue playing bridge, but to generate revenue for the Senior Center. Last month they generated \$1,100 with their online games. As you can imagine, with no other revenue coming into the Center, this is a huge help toward helping us keep our Center operating during this difficult time. Be sure to check out the Bridge article on page 5 of this newsletter to see all of the activities they have put together to support the Center including daily online games and bridge classes that will start on August 3. If you've always wanted to learn to play bridge, this is a good time to start.

Thanks for your continued support and we hope to see everyone soon. Stay safe and don't forget to wear your mask.

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to provide a congenial and happy environment for seniors to enjoy activities, meet new friends, and attend educational programs. Furthermore, to provide a resource for obtaining assistance and guidance in times of need.

"There are no strangers here, only friends you have yet to meet!"

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Board Spotlight

Introducing Your WPSC Scheduler William "Gary" McGuire

Some of you might know Gary as the program scheduler and member of the WPSC Board of Directors. Gary comes to Brevard County by

way of a military assignment from Fort Benning, Georgia to Patrick Air Force Base in 1992. Gary and his wife Nancy have 6 grown children, 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.



Gary spent 30 years in the U.S. Army, 12 years as Enlisted (E7) and retiring as a Major in 1996. During his four-year break from military retirement, he was employed as an elementary teacher at Dr. WJ Creel teaching First and Fifth Grade students in all subjects. He was employed with the Federal Government (Department of Defense) and spent another 25 years with the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) before retiring again in 2019.

Gary is a member of the Pinochle Players Team and has been a member of WPSC for three years. He volunteered to become a board member to help with the leadership of this great group of people at the WPSC. Gary looks forward to staying active with the board of directors and helping our membership throughout the many days he spends at the WPSC. He enjoys reading (mysteries), surf-cast fishing out on the Atlantic Beach, and writing about his experiences with Agent Orange used in South Vietnam and South Korea during the mid-1960's. Gary is also the co-author of a book titled "Last Three Soldiers Standing" which can be viewed at Amazon Books.

If you don't know Gary, just walk up to him and say hello.... he'll probably remember you better from a quick introduction.

Volunteer Spotlight

As you are already aware, the Senior Center is 100% run by volunteers. Even though we're not open yet, we thought we'd take this time to highlight some of those volunteers who are anxiously waiting to get back to the Center. This

month we're spotlighting our two volunteers who run the BINGO program at the Center. They are responsible for everything Bingo, including ordering all materials.



collecting and accounting for bingo monies, recruiting and managing a larger group of Bingo volunteers, as well as setting up and tearing down the tables for each session.

Volunteer Brenda Clarson

Brenda was born in Granite City, IL, the daughter of a construction worker and homemaker. They left Illinois when she was 3 years old and afterward moved every 2 years because her dad was a site Superintendent, building cooling towers for conventional and nuclear power plants. She joined the U.S. Air Force in 1968 where she met her husband, John, while stationed in Taipei, Taiwan. They spent the next 22 years going to England, Japan, Hawaii, Colorado, Greece, Turkey, Alabama and then onto Florida. In 2000 she met Pat Snyder while working for the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB. She retired from there after spending more than 30 years with the Federal Government. Brenda has also volunteered at the King Center for 5 years. She and Pat have been managing Bingo for many years now and has even recruited her daughter, Heather, to help out.

Volunteer Pat Snyder

Pat is a Nebraska native (farm girl) who started her civil service career at Offutt AFT in 1974. In 1977 she transferred to Ramstein AB in German where she met her husband ho she married in 1980. After 5 years in Germany she returned to Scott AFB in Illinois, the went to Kirtland AFB in New Mexico and then onto Patrick AFB in 1990 where she retired from in 2010. Pat and Brenda worked together at Patrick AFB and when she retired, they started playing bingo at the Senior Center and eventually took over managing the program. Pat's son and daughter-in-law are pharmacists in Palm Beach and she has a 3-year old granddaughter.

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Our "STARS" Sponsors

The Officers and Membership of Wickham Park Senior Center appreciate the continued support of our many Sponsors. As an all volunteer run organization the continued financial support allows us to offer Activities and Social events for our members.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WICKHAM PARK SENIOR CENTER 2785 Leisure Way

Melbourne, FL 32935

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ACTIVITY	NOT RESUMING IN AUGUST	SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST
Ballroom Dancing	₹	
Bingo	 ✓	
Bone Makers Plus	♂	
Blood Pressure		
Bridge: Duplicate		Meets Virtually Mon, Wed, and Fridays @ 12:30P (Listing of additional games on page 5)
Chat	✓	
Rogue	✓	
Rubber	♂	
Bunco	♂	
Chair Yoga	♂	
China Painting	♂	
Euchre	▽	
Financial Lunch & Learn	⋖	
Games: Hands & Foot		
Games Galore	⊡	
Greeting Cards	 ✓	
Jazzercise Light	 ✓	
Line Dancing: Beginners	 ✓	
Intermediate	✓	
MahJongg: American		
Chinese	₹	
Mexican Train	✓	
Pinochle	 ✓	
Poker: Dealers Choice	 The state of the state</td <td></td>	
Friendly	▼	
Pool (Billiards)	✓	
Senior Law	₫	
Shuffleboard: League Play	⋖	
League Practice	✓	
Open Play		Thurs @ 6:30P & Sat @ 9:00A (Following COVID-19 Guidelines)
Social Scrabble		
Strength / Flexibility	✓	
TaiChi Class	✓	
Watercolor Instruction	♂	
Zumba Gold		

ACTIVITIES & GAMES

Bridge—**Duplicate** (VIRTUAL)

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 12:30 pm

Our virtual bridge club is working hard to provide quality bridge games and educational opportunities. The pandemic has changed the way we operate and with the help of a lot of WPSC Duplicate Bridge volunteers, we have adjusted. Bridge Base Online (BBO) will host the virtual games. We are also offering:

- Competitive Bidding Class: Mondays @ 10:00 am—Noon. Beginner Lessons using Zoom and Bridgebase.com
- Popular Conventions Class: Wednesdays @ 10:45 am—11:45 am. Free beginner lessons using Zoom
- Declarer Play II Class Zoom Meeting: Wednesdays 3:00—4:00 pm. The class also includes an instructional video that students can watch on their own schedule. Uses Zoom and Bridgebase.com
- Chat Bridge: Fridays @ 9:30—11:00 am.
 Guided bridge play with experienced players available to answer questions Starting 7/17/2020. Uses Zoom and Bridgebase.com
- Zoom to Happy Hour: Fridays @ 3:00—3:30 pm. After game hand discussion and social meeting. A great way to see your bridge friends
- Bridge Basic 1: Mondays 10:00 am—Noon.
 Learn how to play bridge in the comfort of your living room! <u>Starting 8/3/2020!</u>
- Limited Game with a Mentor: Thursdays @ 12:15—2:40 pm. Hoping to start soon, we need more bridge players to get it going.

If you love the game of bridge and want to continue playing, please contact **Pam Page** at 321-537-0907. She will gladly help you through the registration process and get you into one of the games. The games cost \$5.00 per session.

The Space Coast Symphony Orchestra is offering Drive-up Outdoor Summer Series Events

Sweet Land of Liberty Event Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:00 PM at the Avenue, Viera

This red, white and blue concert will honor all those who have worn our nation's uniform as well as our Space Coast defense workers. This patriotic program will showcase our national heritage, as conductor Aaron T. Collins directs the wind orchestra with music by Lee Greenwood, Richard Rodgers, Morton Gould, Adam Gorb, Eric Whitacre, and marches from "The March King," John Philip Sousa.

The concerts in the Treasure Coast
Strong and Space Coast Strong Summer Series
will all be "drive-up" outdoor events, to provide for
healthful air flow and adequate room for social
distancing. Musicians will play their instruments
safely separated from each other by acrylic
barriers, while concert attendees can remain in
their cars (connect your radio to our live feed) or
set up their own seating next to their vehicles.

All Space Coast drive-up concerts will be performed on Saturdays at 7:00 PM at The Avenue Viera, 2261 Town Center Avenue in Melbourne

The concert will take place on the most Eastern side of The Avenue Viera (behind Books-A-Million and AMC Avenue 16).

Tickets for the drive-up concerts are \$10 per person or \$25 per carload of adults. Admission is free for ages 18 and under or with a student ID. Advance online ticket sales are encouraged, to help limit social interaction with parking attendants. Snacks and water will be available.

For more information or to purchase your ticket, visit https://spacecoastsymphony.org/event/sweet -land-of-liberty/ or call 855-252-7276.

TRAVEL NEWS

The Travel Office is Closed until WPSC reopens. Please refer questions and reservation requests to Cindy/Footprints Travel 321-514-1576.

Mt. Dora Craft Fair

Date: Saturday, October 24

Cost: \$73 Per Person

Featuring over 400 of the best crafters in

the country, lunch included.

Jungle Queen, Ft. Lauderdale

Date: Wednesday, November 11

Cost: \$125 Per Person

Lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., then cruise the historic New River with a tropical isle visit to view lemurs, monkeys, exotic birds & alligators.

Ireland (NEW DATE)

Date: June 17-29, 2021

Cost: \$4,799 Per Person Double, Inc.

Airfare

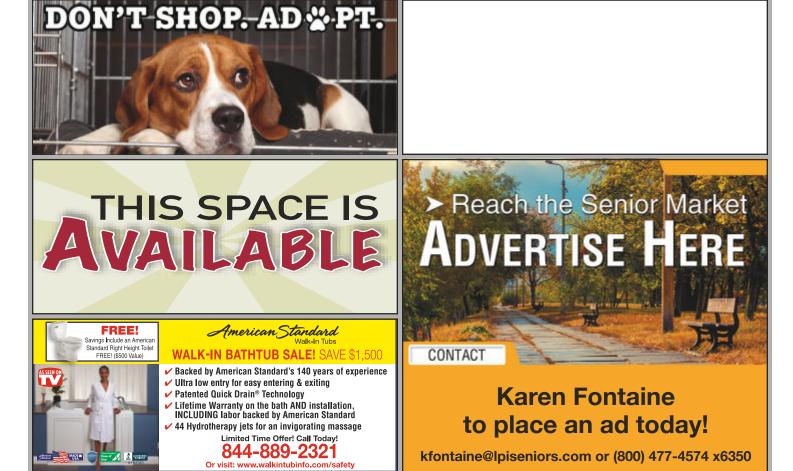
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Front Desk Volunteers Needed

For: 8:30 am—12:30 pm OR 12:30 -4:30 pm Volunteers are the backbone of the WPSC operation. If you are interested in volunteering, applications are available at the front desk.

Senior Center Holiday Closures

The Center will be closed on:
Christmas Day, New Years Day,
Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.
The center will be closed at
NOON on Christmas Eve.







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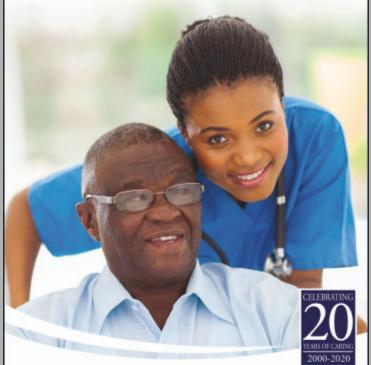


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