

Reisterstown Senior Center Council

The Center Hi-Lites

December 2016



Message from the President

Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them. They stay focused on their past successes rather than their past failures, and on the next action steps they need to take to get them closer to the fulfillment of their goals rather than all the other distractions that life presents to them.

Save the Dates:

- December 7th. Annual Holiday Party-Martins Westminster.
- December 15th. Membership Meeting at 11 a.m. Noon Luncheon with Subs catered by Genovas. Cost \$6.00.—sign-up/pay at Welcome Desk. by 12/9. Story of Love musical program at 1 p.m. (no fee)
- December 16th. Song Birds Holiday Concert. (no fee)
- December 19th. Holiday Annual Chinese Exchange and Chinese Lunch. \$6.00.—sign-up/pay at Welcome Desk at least 1 week in advance.
- December 20th. Book Club Meeting.
- December 26th. Center closed.
- December 29th. New Year's Eve Party. Light fare with music By Blandi. \$2.00 pp

As always, you can check the Welcome Desk for more details.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays. Thank you. See you next year. Bernadette Hill, President

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BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Michael Slowe | 14 Rosalie Berger | 24 Marilyn Seiden |
| Helen O'Brien | Linda Lassiter | Erich Hattendorf |
| Sandra Brant | 15 Nina Damashek | Shirley Stratton |
| 2 Patricia Notzka | Brenda Ligons | Bernadette Hill |
| 3 Lan Lee | Jean Bryant | 25 Mary Shipp |
| Henry Levi | 16 Diane Seidel | Mazie Henson |
| Betty Hollenbaugh | Mary Towobola | 26 Evelyn Cox |
| Melody Olivero | Edwin Paul | Dorothy Albin |
| Sharon Johnsson | Maria Schavi | Catherine Klauza |
| 4 Alma Laufert | 17 Eileen Ruffner | Shirley Thrasher |
| 5 Carol Soul | Robert Olivero | 27 Morris Leibman |
| 7 Martin Kinstler | 18 Lois Witherspoon | Sylvia Williams |
| Jean Kelly | Irma Brown | Ena Moncrieffe |
| Robert Harner | 19 Chester Silverman | 28 Mary Lennon |
| Joyce Robinson | Betty Henry | 30 Elaine Kraus |
| 9 Georgie Trudil | 20 Judy Brown | Warren Harding |
| Laurence Henson | Grace Kelly | 31 Estelle Rosenberg |
| Florence Rogow | 21 John Taylor | Henry Fuller |
| 10 Michael Dick | Margaret Owens | |
| Marjorie Gill | 22 Kuzhilethu Kshepakaran | |
| Edward Ellis | Steven Mantegna | |
| Linda Cartzen-Dafner | Audrey Robinson | |
| Rebecca Lynn | Peggy Garret | |
| 11 David Chadwick | 23 Douglas Connah | |
| Wanda Taylor | Dorothy Staten | |
| 12 Delores Mercer | Donna Gosnell | |
| Lucille Spohn | Carmelo Serio | |

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Tis the season to Adopt A Senior



In this season that highlights giving and loving, let's not forget those senior members of our community who are in need.

We recognize this need every year and support the campaign to raise money to purchase gift cards for clients served by the Community Outreach Program.

Even a small donation goes toward making someone feel the warmth of the holiday spirit.

The seniors we help with our donations remain anon-

ymous to us but that feeling of giving stays with us.

Please make a donation as soon as possible so that the money may be turned over to the program and they can distribute gift cards in a timely fashion.

Cash, checks, or gift cards (Walmart or Target in \$5 increments) can be donated at the Welcome Desk and Donors will receive a receipt for their records and a smile for their generosity.



Book Club

On Nov. 15, 11 members enjoyed the inaugural session of our Book Club. They discussed the short story classic "To The Mountains". Everyone was impressed with the author's beautiful nature descriptions and poignant writing style. The story is set around 1800 in what is now the state of New Mexico. Two teenage boys take responsibility for the family's survival. Their personal sacrifices on a hunting trip demonstrate courage and love.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 20 at 10 am. The story will be the timely Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory." Mark your calendar and pay \$1 at the Welcome Desk to join us.

Songbirds



This month we'll be singing our Holiday Program, including Christmas, Chanukah and seasonal songs. Dates & locations are below.

Dec. 8th—Broadmead Retirement Community, Hunt Valley

Dec. 14th—Augsberg New Chapel, Lochearn

Dec. 16th—Our own Reisterstown Senior Center at 1pm. Come and enjoy!

Dec. 19th—Weinberg Village Apts. Bldg 5, Pikesville

Dec. 30th—Fairhaven retirement Community, Sykesville

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL

Everyone 60 years or over is welcome at Reisterstown Senior Center and membership is free. Please stop in for a visit and let us get to know you!



Our Generation's Legacy...

Every generation throughout history has left its mark or legacy for the generations to come. What is a legacy? By definition, a legacy is something handed down from one person to another or one generation to the next. What's our legacy? As the months go by, we will highlight the legacies we are passing along.

Not just for winning 39 Grand Slam singles, doubles and mixed-doubles titles, and for being ranked No.1

in the world for five years, Billie Jean King was famous for breaking through the glass ceiling of sports. It's hard to believe that in 1973 50 million people watched world-wide to see Billie Jean King trample Bobby Rigs in the historic Battle of the Sexes. "Most important perhaps for women everywhere, she convinced skeptics that a female athlete can survive pressure-filled situations and that men are as susceptible to nerves as women," Neil Amdur wrote in The New York Times.

Born in 1943 and beginning her love for tennis early, she won match after match, title after title, as her career soared. It wasn't just the phenomenal tennis skills that made Billie Jean a driving force in our society. Champion Martina Navratilova stated, "She was a crusader fighting a battle for all of us. She was carrying the flag; it was all right to be a jock."

Her game-changing accomplishments:

-Named one of the 100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century in 1990. She was the only female on the list and one of only four athletes. The other

three athletes were Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, and Muhammad Ali.



-To receive equality in pay with men, Billie Jean started the "Virginia Slims Tour" using the slogan, "You've Come A Long Way, Baby" and worked hard to achieve that goal.

-She was instrumental in forming a players' union, The Women's Tennis Association. She served as its first president in 1972. In 1973, the U.S. Open became the first major tourna-

ment to offer equal prize money regardless of gender.

-In 1974, she founded WomenSports magazine and started the Women's Sports Foundation as well as the World Team Tennis organization.

-In 1975, Seventeen magazine named Billie Jean as the most admired woman in the world with Golda Meir, Israel's former Prime Minister, finishing second.

Billie Jean has been adamant that she was born to work for gender equality in sports and toward gender equality in all walks of life. She is a true pioneer of our generation helping to make the world better for the generations to come.

Information provided by ESPN

We're on the Web! The monthly Hi-Lites and Senior Center newsletter are available at www/baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers/reisterstown.html



Think about it...

Exciting news...Email reminders, notifications and copies of the monthly newsletter are coming soon! Printed copies of Hi-Lites will still be available at the center. If you would like to be included, please email us at centerhi.lites@gmail.com. And we'll add you to the mailing list. Also, if you would like to put in reminders, notices, etc., please send the information to centerhi-lites@gmail.com. We're shooting to get this program started in January, so let us know soon.



Clues for December Daze Crossword

Across

3. A favorite game we play
8. One of the senior generations
10. Traditional good luck dish for New Year's
13. Yearly tradition in Center's lobby
14. _____ on Earth
16. Love 'em or hate 'em, they're yours
17. Countdown legend
19. Little helpers
20. Holiday songs
22. Shortest day of the year
25. And _____ to men
26. Keep the _____ calendar
27. The night before
28. Non-stop pre-activity
31. Four-legged creature with prominent red proboscis
32. Santa's ride is 8 _____ power
33. Midnight's song
34. Singer of all-time #1 Christmas song
36. Warm apple drink
38. Chocolate money
39. Famous Spot for New Year Celebration

Down

1. Reading stories together
2. Traditional dessert with a bad reputation
4. Famous December movie
5. Three guys on a quest
6. Potato pancakes
7. A Christmas Carol author
9. Evil white precipitation
11. A time of celebration of culture, family and community
12. Financial condition after the holiday
15. Traditional holiday toast
18. What you leave for Santa
21. Dinner and _____
22. Favorite Center performers
23. Another name for Santa
24. Adam Sandler calls it "Eight Crazy Nights"
29. Traditional New Year Celebration
30. Door decoration
35. Bell-ringing donation collectors
36. Our center is a _____
37. When you give something you got



...and just to say *Thank You* for all you do, a Volunteer meeting & lunch was held on November 7th. We'll still have our annual Volunteer Luncheon to celebrate our volunteers and National Volunteer Week in April of 2017, but we couldn't let this year slip away without saying "Thanks!" one more time. By the way, fun was had by all.



Watch
for Things
To Come

- ✓ Fantastic trips in February and April, plus more to be announced.
- ✓ Bingo games, fun parties, discussions, fitness and classes.

We need you

or someone
you know to
Volunteer!



Can you help? Please attend the Program Committee for volunteer opportunities. The meeting is the first Tuesday each month at 10:30!

Expo Winners Announced

Congratulations to our own Ann Houchins for winning County-wide Best in Show for Painting at the 2016 Senior Expo (pictured on the right of page below)! Center members also brought home 4 Honorable Mention awards (pictured on the left side below, top to bottom): Roxanne Johnson for Ceramics, Pat Burd for Clay Sculpture, Dru Wollman for Jewelry, and John Dotson for Photography.





Holiday Party—December 7th. Sign-up deadline was Nov. 30th. Hope you got your name in. Bus to Martin's Westminster is first come, first serve and is free. You must be at the Center by 10:15. See Joyce Gilfoxy or Joyce Magnum to sign up for the bus.

Membership Meeting at 11 a.m. and Noon Lunch—December 15th. Subs for lunch from Genovas—\$66 pp. Pick your sub and pay to sign up by December 9 at the Welcome Desk.

Annual Holiday Chinese Exchange and Lunch—December 19th. See Desk for details.

New Year's Eve Party—December 29th. Music by Blandi, and lite fare served, \$2.00 pp

Clearing out the clutter ...

A doctor on TV said that in order to have inner peace in our lives during this holiday season, we should always finish things that we start. Since we all could use more calm in our lives, I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished.

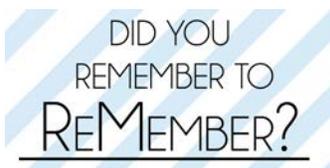
I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiumunscriptins, and a box of choclutz. You have no idea how fabulous I feel right now.

Did You Know...

Notes from our members



...that about half our members still need to re-register for the year? So the question is



Our goals are 750 members and \$5,000 in Enhancement donations and we are only about halfway on each! Please go to the Welcome Desk today if you haven't registered yet!

...our prize for winning the most participants in the Ready, Set, Fit annual 5k/1mile Walk/Run was \$750.

...we'll be starting our email updates in January. Read the "Think About It" and sign up.

Hi, I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy and Wonderful Holiday. And to my Country Bingo helpers and those that donate prizes, a special "Thank You!" for all your hard work this year. Charlotte Levin, Chairperson

The End of Month (EOM) Dance Committee would like to thank the members who attended the November Dance. The winner of the door prize was Mel Serio, who received 2 free passes to any EOM dance. There will be a door prize drawn at each monthly dance. Make sure you are given a ticket when you pay your entrance fee. Brenda Ligons, Chairperson



Natalie Messer

Natalie started her life’s journey at Mercy Hospital in the Heart of Baltimore and has been in Baltimore ever since.

Natalie worked at USF&G and the Social Security Administration. After she married, she quit work when the first of her 3 sons was born.

She now has 3 daughters-in-law, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Two of her children live here and one is in Boston.

After her husband passed away in 1992, she closed their jewelry store and began volunteering at Northwest Hospital in the gift shop. In addition, she began



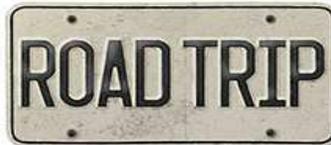
singing in a group and stayed in the group for 15 years.

She remarried in 1995 but sadly, he too passed after 14 years.

During these years she was introduced to the Songbirds by Doris Sugar and has been singing with them for 24 years.

About 8 years ago she began volunteering at the Welcome Desk. Between volunteering and singing with the Songbirds, as Natalie says, “This placed saved my life.”

Natalie is a happy people-person who lives by the mantra, “No matter what, go on with your life.”



Plans are already being made for the 2017 Travel program. Here are just two coming up. It’s never too early to plan. See the Travel Desk for more details on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, or call them directly (leave a message) at 410-887-6958.

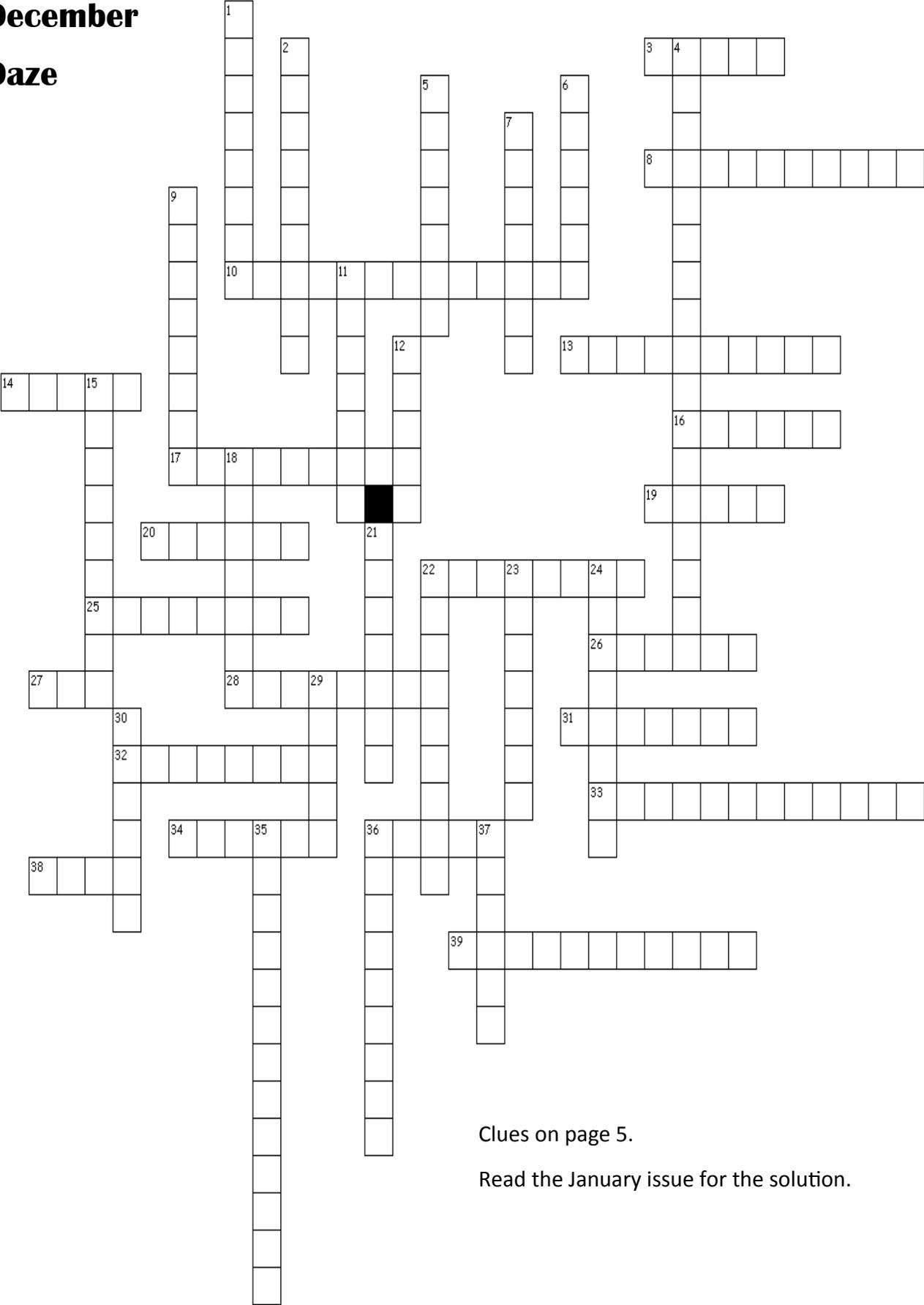


**Charlestown
February 23, 2017
\$40 with \$15 rebate for Slot play.**



*Cherry Blossoms
Cruise and
Luncheon
April 6, 2017
On the Nina’s Dandy
\$100 all inclusive. Minimum sign-
up for the trip is 30 people.*

December Daze



Clues on page 5.
Read the January issue for the solution.