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### JANUARY 2018

Mon. 1 **Closed....HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Tue. 2 Line Dance Class, 3 p.m.  
Dance, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 3 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 4 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
Euchre, 1 p.m.  
**Community Meal, 6 p.m. by  
St.Mary's Catholic Church**

Fri. 5 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 8 **Monthly Dinner Meeting, 12 NOON**  
**Potluck**  
**NO Exercise Class!!!**

Tue. 9 Dance, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 10 Quilting, Crafts  
**OVAL Class at Maple Crest, 10 am**  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
**Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 11 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
**OVAL, 9:30 a.m.**  
Euchre, 1 p.m.

Fri. 12 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 15 **OVAL, 9:30 a.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Bingo w/Brookdale, 2:30 p.m.**

Tue. 16 Line Dance Class, 3 p.m.  
Dance, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 17 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 18 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
Euchre, 1 p.m.

### JANUARY 2018

Thurs. 18 **Community Meal, 6 p.m.**  
**By SHANNON CLUB**

Fri. 19 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 22 **Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Bingo w /Good Samaritan, 2:30 p.m.**  
Western Square Dance, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 23 Dance, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 24 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

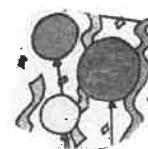
Thurs. 25 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
**OVAL, 10 a.m.**  
Euchre, 1 p.m.

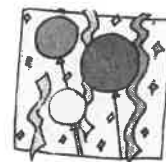
Fri. 26 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 29 **OVAL, 10 a.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 30 Line Dance Class, 3 p.m.  
Dance, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed. 31 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1 p.m.





**TIME:** Monday, January 8th, 12 noon

**PLACE:** Bluffton Senior Center

**WHAT:** Potluck. The Senior Center will provide sloppy joes. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting.

**HOSTESS:**

**MC:** Bill Pebbles

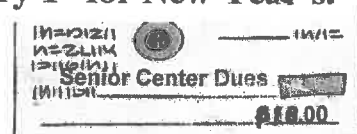
**PROGRAM:** Photos of our trip to the Grand Canyon and Red Rocks



## CLOSINGS

The Bluffton Senior Center will be closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's.

## DUES



January is dues month!! **2018 dues are now due.** Dues are still **\$18.00 per person per year.** They can be paid in person or by mail: 132 N. main St., Bluffton, OH 45817. Don't forget, you can opt to receive your monthly newsletter by email. Just email your request to [srcenter@wcoil.com](mailto:srcenter@wcoil.com). Please remember to give us any change of address or let us know when you head south for the winter so we can keep our records up to date.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Board of Directors have chosen to give the Volunteer of the Year award to **Louise Hampton**. For more than five years, **Louise** has been our librarian, keeping our library books in order. Congratulations, **Louise**!



## DANCES

**Line Dance** classes in January will be **Tuesday, January 2, 16, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** Cost is \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non-members. **Western Square Dance** is **Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.** Cost is \$2.00 for members and \$ 3.00 for non-members. **Tuesday Night Dance** is every **Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Cost is FREE to members, \$1.00 for non-members.

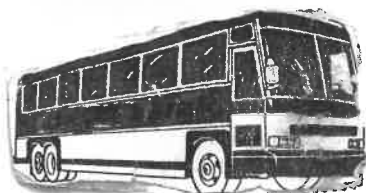


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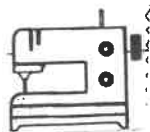
**Shirley Sommer's** nativities brought the reason for the season to the Senior Center. Thank you for sharing, **Shirley**. In January, **Mary Ann Moser** will share her collection of wooden puzzles. If you have a collection, hobby or artwork you would be willing to share, please let **Tonya** know.





## COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

**Scotland, England and Wales Sept. 10-20, 2018.** Join us for a great trip to Great Britain. We will fly to Scotland and see where Golf was started. We will visit Stonehenge, Rosslyn Chapel, Tower of London and the birthplace of the Beatles. Brochures are in the office for more details. Tour cost includes air fare and starts at \$4600.00. **\$200.00 DISCOUNT IF SIGNED UP BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>.**



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### DEB'S WORKSHOP Wednesday, January 10th



I have always been careful to call my monthly gatherings a Workshop rather than a class, but **January** is an exception. I will offer a class on machine applique. Our new sewing machines have the capability of sewing in 99 different patterns including the blanket stitch which is perfect for machine applique. The class is at 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will learn how to iron on a simple fabric shape and machine stitch around the edges. Please sign up in advance.



### WINTER WEATHER

Winter is coming if we are ready or not! If Bluffton Schools are closed due to winter weather, **All Activities at the Bluffton Senior Center will be cancelled.** If the weather turns bad in the middle of the day, please call ahead to check on activities. We use **WLIO Hometown Stations, Lima** to announce closings and cancellations. If in doubt, don't hesitate to call the Senior Center, **419-358-8971.**



### Income Tax



The volunteers from AARP will once again be fill out taxes for people at the Senior Center starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will start taking appointments beginning Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be asked for your name, phone number and health insurance info at the time you make your appointment. Appointments are on Tue and Thur thru April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Pennsylvania Amishlands**

April 24-27 includes Sight and Sound's Millennium Theater featuring "Jesus".  
Also, "Show Boat" at Dutch Apple Theater, Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

Tour Cost **\$510.00** due February 21st

**ShowTime presents Michael Carluccio**

A man of a Thousand Voices at the DerDutchman **May 2nd**

**Cost \$75.00** due March 1st

**ShowTime presents "A Tribute to the Legendary Patsy Cline".**

**July 10th** at the DerDutchman, Plan City

**Cost. \$75.00** due June 1st.

**Chattanooga Choo Choo, 4 days 3 nights, July 30 to August 2nd.**

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**ShowTime presents The Ron Retzer Trio, "Sounds of the Sixties" October 4th**  
at DerDutchman, Plain City **Cost \$75.00, due Sept. 10th**

**ShowTime presents The Taylor Family Trio and Harpist**

**December 4th at DerDutchman Cost \$75.00** due Nov. 4th.

**The Spirit of Christmas**

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**December Dinner Meeting**

The tables were done beautifully with Christmas greens as fifty-five people gathered early for the dinner meeting. After a short prayer, we enjoyed a simple meal of soup and sandwiches. Some announcements were given followed by wonderful music by the **rainbow Dulcimers**. It was a "Merry" party.



### TOENAIL CLINIC

Our next Toenail Clinic with **Dr. Kirk** will be January 22 at 10 a.m. Appointments can be made by calling **419-358-8971**. Cost is **\$10.00**.

### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Judy Evans, Bluffton

Jeff & Darlene Hancock, Findlay



### SENT CARDS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL...

Bev Armstrong

Delores Moyer

Mary Amstutz

Melinda Taylor



### WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF...

- LaVonne Woodward on the death of her sister;
- Marjorie Moyer;
- Dean Davis on the death of his brother.



-----~~New England trip (continues from Dec. letter)~~-----

large gift shop with another chance to SHOP!!! On the bus and continued to the **Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad** for a two hour trip on the train enjoying a turkey dinner. Back then to the **Fireside Inn** for the evening.



Day 5 after breakfast, we loaded up on the bus to head for **Kennebunk, Maine**. A guide joined us for a tour of **Kennebunkport**. Saw many famous homes and buildings. Toured a **Franiscan Monastery** where **three monks** live. Many beautiful things to see on the surroundings and listen to the story of the monastery. Lunch was next and on our own and I had crab cakes and lobster rolls. Yum!! Next we were off to **Portland** for a cruise in the **Casco Bay**. Saw many lighthouses, learned the history of the area and of the lighthouses from the crew. After 90 minutes or so, back on shore and to the hotel where for supper we had a "Lobster Bake" waiting for us. Great lobster and a lot of laughing and conversation followed.



The 6<sup>th</sup> day, after breakfast, picked up a tour guide that told us adventures of **Portland**. Saw very "elite" homes belonging to prominent people, lots of history, and more lighthouses. At noon, more shopping (if needed), or lunch in downtown **Portland**. Left our guide and headed to an outlet mall: **LL Bean** and many others. Back to the hotel and freshen up, and then on our own for supper. Some choose to go to bed early; others played cards; or visited; took walks; or swam in the pool.

Day 7 everyone had to be up early for breakfast and had a big day traveling through the country side thru **Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and into Pennsylvania**. Beautiful color on the trees, and stopped for breaks and enjoyed homemade cookies by **Bev**. Stayed at **Wilkes-Barre, PA** overnight at **Genetti Hotel & Conference Center**.

Our last day, the 8<sup>th</sup>, back on the bus and heading west to **Bluffton**. The color was getting less in **New York & Pennsylvania** but still had a pleasant trip. Enjoyed the contests, prizes, songs, and treats that **Bob and Bev** provided for us. Thank you both for a very pleasant trip.

Elaine Harris

## CLIFTON MILL – December 8, 2017



Friday afternoon, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 32 Senior Citizens left Bluffton for Clifton, Ohio to see the light display at Clifton Mill. Tim, our bus driver, headed south thru Ada, Kenton, Bellefontaine on route 68. About 4 p.m., we stopped at Young's Dairy Farm Restaurant for supper. Had a choice of a pork chop or chicken for supper plus the trimmings. Was very delicious and after an hour or so, we boarded the bus and just a few miles down the road we were in Clifton. We got off the bus and were able to walk around the Mill site area: animated miniature village with over 100 mowing miniatures including a tiny OSU Marching band performing the 'Script Ohio' along with a football game; largest Santa Claus collection in the country; toys in Santa's workshop; a beautiful covered bridge; and last a nice gift shop with a variety of Pancake mixes ground from the mill. At 6 p.m. the lights are switched on and a musical display of lights are flashing on and off on the covered bridge to the music from Mannheim Steamrollers. It is truly unbelievable how it all goes together. You just can't figure out what to look at first or where!

A little history: lights first seen in 1988 using 100,000 lights and 1,000 Santa Clauses. Now it has grown to 3.6 million lights and more than 3,000 Santa's and takes 8 men all year to install and maintain. Owner, Anthony Satariano Sr., started the Santa collection 47 years ago and the family is still welcoming different Santa's if people want to give them away. Animated miniature village replicates Clifton including 800 ft of train tracks with a couple of little trains going on them plus more than 100 mechanical wonders it goes by. Around town, you can also see some historical buildings.

Mill is open 7 days a week, year round with the restaurant and gift shop. Light display only from Friday, after Thanksgiving thru December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Even with cold weather, I believe everyone seemed to have a good time plus enjoyed the ice cream treat on the way home back at Young's Dairy Ice Cream Shop. Thanks again to Bev for her tasty cookies and to Bob for planning a nice trip for the Christmas season. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Shirley Sommer

November 30, 2017

Men's High Score:

Jack Wickham	186
Dick Marquart	155
Dale Huber	155
Mike Bastian	151

Women's High Score:

Marilyn Lenhart	177
Susan Thomas	129
Marcia McCafferty	128
Sue Mawhorrr	122

Men's High Series:

Jack Wickham	332
Russell Koontz	294
Dwight Baumgartner	293
Dick Marquart	289

Women's High Series:

Marilyn Lenhart	298
Marcia McCafferty	252
Susan Thomas	243
Sue Mawhorrr	224

December 7, 2017

Men's High Score:

Basil Meyer	193
Dick Marquart	177
Rick Mawhorrr	177
Jack Wickham	174

Women's High Score:

Marilyn Lenhart	184
Wanda Smith	145
Tonya Meyer	128
Sue Mawhorrr	125

Men's High Series:

Dick Marquart	339
Jack Wickham	336
Basil Meyer	329
Rick Mawhorrr	314

Women's High Series:

Marilyn Lenhart	334
Tonya Meyer	235
Sue Mawhorrr	225
Nancy Buettner	223

December 14, 2017

Men's High Score:

Mike Bastian	171
Rick Mawhorrr	169
Dale Huber	163
Allan Eversole	160

Women's High Score:

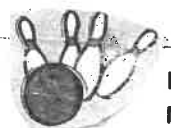
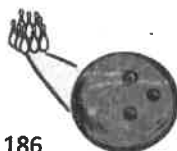
Nancy Buettner	144
Susan Thomas	127
Marcia McCafferty	122
Sue Mawhorrr	114

Men's High Series:

Rick Mawhorrr	324
Allan Eversole	311
Jack Wickham	310
Basil Meyer	296

Women's High Series:

Susan Thomas	249
Nancy Buettner	244
Marcia McCafferty	226
Sue Mawhorrr	214



## OVAL CLASSES

Our Version of Adult Learning classes will be held in two places this winter. One class will be at Maple Crest. Two classes require preregistration. Please register at the Senior Center office or by calling 419-358-8971. Note that times are different on different days. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Maple Crest

Wednesdays at Maple Crest starting January 10<sup>th</sup> thru February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., **How They Do It: A Comparison of Life Cycles within the Animal Kingdom.** Fran Core will present an eight week course using films from David Attenborough to explore the many variations of mating behaviors, parenting (if any, and which sex is parenting), different life forms of a given animal within its entire life cycle. The class includes some previous materials already given but finishes the kingdom with the mammals. The class is also in preparation for future classes that compare similarities and differences in the life cycles of members of the other four kingdoms. Registration is required and there will be an \$8 charge for the course due the day of the first class. The class will be held in the patio room of Maple Crest. Please call the Senior Center with any questions or to register.

All other classes will be at the Senior Center.

Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., Bob Gordon-Hancock will present **"How the Credit Card Banking Industry Works."** Come and learn all the ins and outs and banking secrets of credit cards. Who is really making the money and how. No registration required. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., Fred Steiner will present **"The Bluffton We Never Knew."** Fred's new book is a history of Bluffton in old photos. Come and learn a little local history. No registration required. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Beth Theisen from the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District will present **The Healing Power of Nature.** Most of us enjoy a nice day by getting outside to sit in the sun or go for a walk, but did you ever stop to think you were improving your health by spending time in nature? Come and learn about the benefits of the walk in the woods. No registration required. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

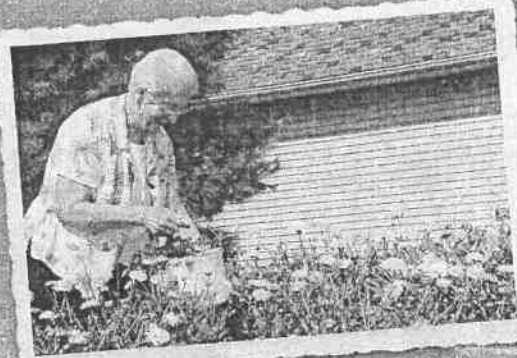
Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., staff members from Elmcroft will present health topics. At this point, they have not decided which health topics. No registration required. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., Jonah Agner from the Food Store will do a cooking demonstration. The theme will be **Mediterranean Cooking.** Registration is required as this class is limited to 35 people and the cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. You get to eat whatever Jonah cooks.

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m., Jason Mikell, meteorologist from WLIO, will talk about the **Changing Weather Patterns.** Does it feel colder or warmer than when you were a child? Come and ask lots of questions. No registration required. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

Monday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m., Amanda Wischmeyer will present **Organic Farming, why and how.** What does it take to be an organic farmer? What are the rules to be certified organic and does it pay? Amanda and her husband own an organic farm outside of Bluffton and she will tell you all about it. No registration required. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

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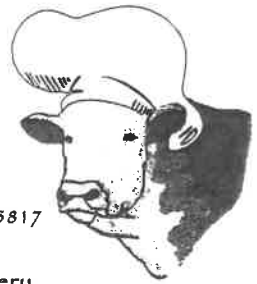
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