

# Northview Senior Citizens Newsletter

## June ~ July ~ August 2009

### *Father's Day ~ June 21<sup>st</sup>*

The American tradition of celebrating Father's Day was the idea of Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, WA. She got it while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at her church in May 1910. She thought about her widowed father, a Civil War veteran, who raised her and her five brothers alone and other fathers everywhere for their unsung feats.

Dodd proposed to Spokane city officials that the first Father's Day be observed on June 5, 1910, which was her father's birthday. Local ministers didn't think three weeks was enough time to prepare sermons so the date was pushed back to June 19. Newspapers across the country, already encouraging a celebration of Mother's Day, carried stories about the Spokane observance. However, Father's Day was not accepted as quickly as Mother's Day. Members of the all-male Congress felt a move to proclaim an official Father's Day might be interpreted as a pat on the back. For many years though, Father's Day was celebrated in various areas of the U.S. Although President Johnson signed a Presidential proclamation in 1966 to celebrate it that year, the official recognition took place on April 24, 1972, more than 62 years after it was proposed. President Nixon signed a Congressional resolution declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

### Reservations and sending payments

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4365 Hunsberger N.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
616-365-6150 [cfriedt@nvps.net](mailto:cfriedt@nvps.net)

### Site of Program

Plainfield Senior Center  
5255 Grand River Dr. N.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

### Weekly Class Schedule

#### Mondays

“Steps to Healthy Aging”

Last class: May 18<sup>th</sup>

Resumes: September 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Tuesdays

Holly Harvest Bazaar Workshop

9:30 ~ 11:30 am

#### Wednesdays

Bridge/Card Games

12:00 ~ 3:00 pm

**Social Sewing Circle**

**1:00 ~ 4:00 pm**

Shuffleboard

9:00 ~ 11:00

#### Thursdays

AFEP Exercise Class (Formerly PACE)

Last class: June 11<sup>th</sup>

Resumes: September 10<sup>th</sup>

Line Dancing

Last class: June 11<sup>th</sup>

Resumes: September 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Fridays

Choir meets until May 29<sup>th</sup>

Resumes: September 11<sup>th</sup>

## New Programs

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### ***Bluebird of Happiness Potluck Salad Luncheon***

Followed by Social Aires Dance Band and Bingo

**NOTE TIME OF LUNCHEON: 11:30 A.M.**

*Menu will feature a variety of salads. Make or buy your favorite salad to feed eight (8) people. Salad suggestions: potato, spinach, melon, macaroni, fruit, German potato, chicken salad etc.*

*Northview Seniors will furnish meatballs, rolls, beverages and place settings.*

*~ Reservations are requested by May 27<sup>th</sup> ~*

Contact Christine at 365-6150 or [cfriedt@nvps.net](mailto:cfriedt@nvps.net)

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to attend just the Bingo or dance, please arrive @ 12:50 p.m.

*Donation is \$1.00 at the door*

*Dress is casual and bring a neighbor!*

*This will be our last bingo/ dance until September*

## **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** ***Shuffleboard Begins!***

Join this fun group every Wednesday for shuffleboard! The courts are located adjacent to the parking lot at Plainfield Senior Center.

Chairman: Willie Schrier Co-Chair: Lillian Irish  
~**Weather permitting** ~

Contact Willie to sign up ~ or if you have any questions at 785-9313 or [wilmswitt@charter.net](mailto:wilmswitt@charter.net)

**Starts Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00**

**Runs weekly through August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Except center shut down week ~ August 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Father's Day Luncheon**

Join us for our June luncheon honoring those that have raised us and those that are fathers themselves.

*Menu: BBQ chicken leg quarters, baked beans, potato salad, roll, banana and ice cream with fixings for dessert! Provided by Senior Meals*

**Reservations due by June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 365-6150 or**  
[cfriedt@nvps.net](mailto:cfriedt@nvps.net) **Cost: \$4.00 paid in advance**

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Day trip** to Warsaw Indiana to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Wagon Wheel Theatre with dinner at Blue Gate Restaurant

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**See last page of newsletter for details!**

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Craft Workshop** ~ Many hands make light work! We are trying a new way to get more items made for our Holly Harvest Bazaar. Join us at the center for a one-day craft workshop. Look for a sample of the items we will be making at our June luncheon. Sign up and we will have things prepped, materials purchased and ready to be made! If you are a little bit "crafty" ~ or a lot ~ come join the fun and help out the Holly Harvest Bazaar too!

**Class fee: FREE**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Summer Friendship Luncheon**  
**with Bingo**  
**at Boulder Creek Golf Club**  
**11:30 a.m. doors open ~ punch served**  
**Noon ~ lunch is served**

*Northview and Rockford Seniors combine to enjoy this summer tradition at Boulder Creek Golf Club. It is sponsored by the Plainfield Charter Township Senior Citizen Advisory Board.*

**Punch, snacks, bingo, 50/50 raffle . . . lots of fun!**

*Bingo will be played immediately following the lunch.*

**Menu choice:** Homemade chicken salad served on a bed of lettuce with fresh fruit **OR** Napa Salad with grilled chicken breast strips. All luncheons include a fresh baked breadstick, beverage and dessert. **Indicate choice at time of reservation.**

**Location:** Boulder Creek Restaurant @ 5750 Brewer in Belmont (go East on Cannonsburg Road, turn left on Brewer ~ just minutes away from our senior center).

**Reservations due by June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cost: \$12.00 ~ includes tax and tip**

**Thank You's:**

April and May Luncheon chairman's ~ **Judy Heidenreich, Betty Muma, Gayle Gooslin and Dorothy Brochu and all the many luncheon workers ~**

For the **Northview Advisory Board Members: Mike Bolhuis, Betty Brown, Bev Brumley, Gayle Gooslin, Judy Heidenreich and Willie Schrier** for all their guidance, support, advice and patience during my first year on the job!

A special thank you to **Joan Doyle** for her support and patience with all my many questions. You truly made this transition for me go smoothly ~ thanks!

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**~All Games Day ~**

Join others who love to pass the afternoon playing games! Cribbage, cards, Scrabble, Set Back . . . the choice is yours! Snack & beverages will be served.

**Cost: \$1.00**

**Tuesday, July 14th**

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Tour of Home for Veterans & Lunch at Robinettes Apple Barn**

Enjoy an informative talk and short walking tour of this historic building and grounds including the Grotto Healing Park that was recently completed by the Comstock Park Rotary. We will stop off at Robinette's Apple Barn for lunch (on your own).

Bus leaves the center at 9:30 a.m.

**Cost: \$3.00 (plus the cost of your lunch)**

**Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**"Purple Cow" Ice Cream Social**  
**And live music!**

**What better way to spend a hot July afternoon!**  
**~ All you can eat ice cream sundaes ~**

**Wear a little purple and enjoy the entertainment of "The Old Tyme Music Makers" featuring Mitzi and Henry Berkhout playing a variety of old time songs and sing-a-longs . . . music begins at 12:45.**

**Free Event!**

***However, reservations are necessary***

Contact Christine 365-6150

cfriedt@nvps.net

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
ROAD TRIP!  
Brown Bag Tour of  
Indiana Amish Country**

Northview and Rockford Seniors will enjoy this opportunity to sit back, relax and observe the Amish lifestyle as we travel picturesque back roads of Northern Indiana. Step back in time and learn about these "plain people". With a knowledgeable guide hear about the history of the area, the traditions, and customs of the Amish. **"Bag" some fun by adding a twist to your tour.** Each guest will receive a big *Brown Bag*. As we visit unique, locally owned Amish shops along the scenic countryside, we will receive a special treat to fill our "Brown Bag". We will have time to shop and have lunch in downtown Shipshewana. After lunch, we and our guide will board the coach for an afternoon of exploring the back roads of Shipshewana. We will enjoy a Thrasher dinner at an Amish home.

Please make plans to enjoy this great day with our friends from Rockford Seniors.

**Cost: \$82.00 per guest**

~includes very comfortable Cardinal coach ride, breakfast stop at McDonalds, driver and guide gratuity and a Thrasher Dinner at an Amish home

**Bus pick ups:**

- 6:30 a.m. ~ Rockford Administration Building
- 6:45 a.m. ~ Plainfield/Northview Senior Center
- 9:00 p.m. ~ approximate return

For reservations: Contact Christine at 365-6150 or [cfriedt@nvps.net](mailto:cfriedt@nvps.net) or Marcia at 863-6322 (Rockford Seniors Unlimited)

We have a few members who have expressed an interest in the following areas:

**~ Card playing during Wednesday afternoons (other than Bridge)**

If you are interested, please contact Christine at 365- 6150 and she will help connect people with similar interests!

**Week of August 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>  
Plainfield Senior Center is closed for  
a Maintenance Week  
NO ACTIVITIES**

*Thank you!*

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Summer Picnic Potluck  
and Cash Bingo**

- 11:00 a.m. ~ Registration and cold lemonade
- 11:30 a.m. ~ Potluck Luncheon  
Bingo immediately following lunch
- 2:30 p.m. ~ Watermelon treat
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Activities conclude

**You are asked to bring a dish to pass:**

- A ~ E Casseroles, potatoes, vegetables or beans
- F ~ N Salads – potato, cole slaw, fruit, taco etc
- 0 ~ Z Desserts – cakes, pies, fruit, cookies etc.

Northview Seniors will furnish: grilled hot dogs with all the trimmings, watermelon, place settings and beverage.

*Hosted by your  
Advisory Board Members*

**~Attention Civic Minded Residents ~**

Plainfield Township is looking for volunteers for the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee. This committee is a major vehicle for planning & implementing local, targeted efforts that will uniquely address the special characteristics of our community. The role of this committee will be to plan and implement local outreach efforts to publicize the importance of the 2010 Census. Please contact township Clerk, Scott Harvey, if interested - 364-8466

## June Activities

- 2 Bluebird of Happiness lunch & bingo
- 3 Shuffleboard begins & meets weekly
- 4 Advisory Board Meeting at 10 a.m.
- 16 Father's Day Luncheon at Noon  
Chaired by: Jane Barber,  
Doris Johnson and Margaret Olson  
RSVP by June 10<sup>th</sup>
- 18 Day trip to Warsaw, Indiana
- 25 Craft Workshop
- 30 Friendship Luncheon/Bingo at  
Boulder Creek RSVP by June 23<sup>rd</sup>

## July Activities

- 2 Advisory Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 14 All Games Day at 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Home for Veterans Tour and  
Robinettes lunch leaving at 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Purple Cow" Ice Cream Social with  
entertainment at 12:30 p.m.

## August Activities

- 6 Advisory Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> SHUT DOWN WEEK  
MAINTENANCE WEEK ~ NO  
PROGRAMS**

- 12 Brown Bag Road Trip
- 25 Summer Picnic Pot Luck w/ Bingo

## Looking Ahead

September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bunco  
Sept. 23-25 Stratford/Toronto Trip  
October 20<sup>th</sup>: Fall Color Day trip

## Prayers and Concerns

**Millie Billin, Mike Bolhuis, Gil Clark,  
Thalia Eads, Ken Pountain, Emily  
Rosendall, Bill Schumacher, Angelo  
Tiberio, Charlie Traxler, Lorraine Walsh.**  
Condolences are extended to the friends and  
family of **Stan Faski, Esther Clark and  
Paul Gillesse.**

### Nursing Homes

**Vivian Hood** - Porter Hills, **Basil &  
Maxine Melinn** and **Dorothy Doyle** all at  
St. Mary's Living Center, **Betty Lunger** -  
Clark Retirement, **Joan Martin** - Pilgrim  
Manor, **Doris Osburn** - 8305 Cowen Lake  
Rockford 49341, **Bill Paul** - Bishop Hills.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!!**

### June

- 2 Alice Hahn
- 3 Bernice Hanrahan
- 4 Julia Meneghini
- 9 Thelma Innis
- 11 Bernice Breen, Gladys Spangler
- 11 Thelma Vis, Juanita Fabian
- 13 Willie Schrier
- 24 Charlie Traxler
- 29 Edna Reno

### July

- 3 Rank Budnick, Geraldine Jackson
- 7 Joan Martin
- 8 Betty Brown
- 15 Margaret Wellman
- 16 Joyce Dwyer
- 19 Beverly Belluomini
- 20 Margaret Olson
- 26 Dorothea VanOort
- 27 Beverly Brumley

Liz Alicki, Darline Kaplanowski and Dee Jones

### August

- 2 Lynette Hafer
- 6 Genevieve Faski
- 8 Mary Fisher
- 18 Bernice Ambrose