

BSC News

BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER SPRING 2013 ISSUE



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EDITOR

The BSC wish list which is printed in the Racine Journal Times and the BSC NEWS continues to be a very welcomed success. Thank you to all our current and future donors. In particular I would like to thank Dave and Barbara Lovett of Waukesha for the donation of a 43 inch Hitachi television. I am grateful to D Gary Brensinger for locating, delivering and setting up the TV to BSC on Saturday afternoon.

The BSC board of directors has given final approval to have a new carpet installed at BSC. The vendor, installer and color has been chosen. The new carpet should be ready for all to see and use by June 1. Thank you to the generous financial donors who made our new BSC carpeting possible.

I am pleased to announce that attendance at BSC continues to grow. We are proud of all our many volunteers who put in countless hours to make BSC great. The BSC NEWS continues to evolve into a fine print media that allows me to shorten my letters by devoting time to articles pertinent to our area seniors.

To all: Enjoy the warmer sunny weather.

Burlington Senior Center Officers
President: John Brensinger
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Secretary: Sandy Colvin
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BSC BOARD MEETINGS

The Burlington Senior Center Board of Directors meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Informal talks begin at 8:15 and the formal board meeting starts at 8:45. Call 262-767-9880, if you plan to attend as an observer.

PINK PIG

Judy Bratz from Talmer Bank has provided us with a PINK PIG. The PINK PIG will be on the main table during normal open hours at BSC. The PINK PIG will accept your generous donations to help support the activities, events and operation of your Burlington Senior Center.

OVER 55 CO-ED SOFTBALL BEGINS MAY 22

Senior softball is back for another season in Burlington. Over 55 Softball will start the season on May 22nd 6:00PM at Congress St Field. Players should come around 5:30 PM for fielding and batting practice. This is a co-ed 12 inch slow pitch softball league. The rules have been modified to reduce injuries. Come and join the fun and feel young again. Anyone

interested in joining should contact Kathy Baumeister at 763-3441 or kathybaumeister@gmail.com.

TRI-COOL PROGRAM

The Triad West has organized the TRI-COOL program in an effort to help seniors who may have health issues and need to be kept cool during the summer months. Air Conditioners and fans will be provided to those in need. For more information please contact Bill at Love Inc. 262-763-6226

HOPE WALK

The Hope walk is May 18th from 4 pm- 10 pm at the High School we will be having different health related vendors there like blood pressure screening which will be free. We are having the Spaghetti dinner also to raise money for the Hope Walk on April 27th at the high school from 4-7 there will be a silent auction, dessert auction and a 50/50 raffle the spaghetti is catered by Napoli's. Contact Judy Bratz @ 262-208-2379.

BSC AWARD WINNER

Burlington Senior Center board member Judy Bratz received the Volunteer of the Year award at the annual Burlington Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Judy is a valuable asset to BSC. She helps staff members with projects, donates her time as a board member, newly elected as Board Secretary, assists with fund raising and heads up teaching programs at BSC. Thank you Judy from all of us at BSC.

★ PLACE AN AD ★

If you, your group or business would like to place an ad or publish senior news in the BSC News, contact editor John Brensinger at 262-763-2854.

LUNCH AT BSC

A delicious, nutritious lunch is served at the Burlington Senior Center, Monday through Friday at noon. Seniors must be sixty years of age or older, although a spouse may be younger. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 1-877-637-0327 by 3:00 PM the preceding business day. A "donation" of only \$3.50 is requested. The lunch program is managed by Judy.

BUNCO

Bunco is a fun dice game played at the Burlington Senior Center. Seniors share good times, treats and coffee. Bunco play begins at 1PM on the second Friday of each month. Come early to chat with friends. Or come even earlier to enjoy lunch at BSC. Whatever your plans are, BUNCO at BSC is fun sociable game. All community members are invited to play. Call Co-chairs Elna Mahoney @ 763-7658 or Janice Brensinger @ 767-9490 for more information on BUNCO.



COME TO THE JAM SESSIONS

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Every 3rd Wednesday of the month April 17th, May 15th, June 19th & July 17th.
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MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Janice Brensinger and Elna Mahoney lead an energetic group of domino players at BSC Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Mexican Train Domino players meet to have a fun filled morning playing dominoes. There is always room to join this friendly

group of players. Players will help you to learn the few rules like getting started, scoring and playing the extra Mexican train. Some players stay over for lunch at BSC. For more information, call Janice Brensinger @ 767-9490 or Elna Mahoney @ 763-7658

JOLLY SENIOR BOWLING

The Fall-Winter league season for the Jolly Senior bowlers ended on Friday April 5. Your editor had a great time bowling with this youthful co-ed group of seniors. The skill level of these senior bowlers amazes me every year and I always have a lot of fun. Join the Jolly Seniors bowling league by calling Ruth Richmond at 262-210-7488.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Speaker Robin Vos
Beware of the "Grandparent Scam" Spring has finally arrived and that means college students and families take their annual Spring Break vacations. What's thought of as a time of relaxation can sometimes turn into financial scams for grandparents and elderly citizens all over the country. They're known as "grandparent scams." I want you to know about them and take the necessary precautions to avoid one.

A "grandparent scam" is when someone posing as a grandchild calls their 'grandparent' in need of help. These situations can be something like paying for tuition or textbooks, fix a car, or getting out of a foreign country. Then your 'grandchild' will either ask for a wire transfer of money and want you to keep their

secret by not tell other family members. To all grandparents and elderly citizens: **DO NOT FALL FOR THIS!** According the Division Administrator for Department of Trade and Consumer Protection, grandparents all over Wisconsin have lost up to thousands of dollars every year due to "grandparent scams". There are ways to avoid it from happening to you.

Here are important tips from the Department of Trade and Consumer Protection:

- The best way to avoid being scammed is to remain updated with family members' plans during the Spring Break season so you can know instantly if you are being scammed.
- If you feel like you are being scammed, make sure you do not act immediately by wiring the money or giving out bank account numbers, no matter the circumstances.
- You should try to verify the identity of the caller by asking personal questions that no stranger could answer, keep in mind that often the scammer will research the 'grandchild'.
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GRANDPARENTS' ANSWERING MACHINE

Good morning . . . At present we are not at home, but please Leave your message after you hear the beep. beeeeeeppp

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "birth arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

If you want to borrow the car, press 3

If you want us to wash your clothes and do ironing, press 4

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7

If you want to come to eat here, press 8

If you need money, press 9

If you are going to invite us to dinner, or, taking us to the theater, start talking we are listening !!!!!!!!!!"

CHOCOLATE CITY CARD CLUB TEACHERS

CCCC meets every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 to 4 PMish to play cards. The card players invite anyone interested in playing cards to come to our open sessions every Tuesday afternoon. There is no age limit. Bring your friends. Bring your relatives. If you don't play Euchre, Hand & Foot, Pinochle or Sheepshead/Schafkopf, no problem, we will teach you how to play. At many of the



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Tuesday afternoon sessions, treats, brownies or cookies are brought in and served by CCCC members. Our special angel Elna Mahoney brews fresh coffee for the card players.

WANTED: JAM SESSION MUSICIANS

The 3rd Wednesday of each month musicians come to the Burlington Senior Center to play music before a crowd of music loving, song singing and dancing seniors. Come and play your instrument from 1-3:30 PM. Call Nancy Quade for more information at 262-534-6138.

BSC 201 N MAIN ST

A tad bit of information on the evolution of BSC from our historian Gladys Bublitz: On February 12, 1996, former Burlington mayor Hefty signed a contract along with Lincoln Lutheran to use the portion of the Racine County building facing the Fox River as the Burlington Senior Center. Seventeen years later, the city and town of Burlington plus Lincoln Lutheran have an active roles in the activities at BSC.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels offers lunch Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center. The Burlington Senior Center is looking for a few good drivers to help keep the meal program rolling. Call Becky Marston at 262-898-2562 if you are interested in volunteering.

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May 23 – WICKED...the untold story of the witches of Oz. Orchestra seating at the Overture Theater in Madison and including a sumptuous lunch at Francescas. \$149.00

June 2-6 – CAPE COD WISCONSIN-STYLE- 5 day tour to Green Bay and Door County with the Packer Heritage Trail including tours of Lambeau Field, Hall of Fame, Neville Public Museum, Botanical Gardens and National Railway Museum, Dinner cruise with entertainment. 2 nights in Fish Creek including Trolley Tour, White Gull Inn candlelight dinner, fish boil, ferry to Washington Island with tour, and last day stop in Kohler. 11 meals, taxes, gratuities and cancellation insurance included. \$764.00 pp based on double occupancy. Single/triple rates available.

July 18-19 – CELEBRATION BELLE Big Band Luncheon Cruise on the Mississippi River with overnight at the Isle Casino Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa and stop at the Rhythm City Casino. 3 meals: 1 breakfast and 2 lunches. \$20.00 in promo cash for the casinos and includes all taxes and gratuities. \$199.00 based on double occupancy.

August 27 – TOM JONES tribute with buffet lunch at Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL. \$99.00

September 20-28 – NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY deluxe motor coach tour. Tour Graceland in Memphis, swamp tour, city tour of New Orleans, Jazz Dinner Cruise, Mardi Gras World, Oak Alley & Laura Plantations, Birmingham City Tour, Underground Cave Boat Tour, Tour of Church Hill Downs, and so much more. \$1579.00 includes 8

night's hotel, 20 meals, taxes, gratuities and cancellation insurance.

October 8-18 – WINE COUNTRY OF FRANCE River cruise with Mayflower Tours. Paris overnight and 7 nights cruising the south of France on the Rhone and Saone Rivers. Starting at \$3099.00 per person plus air from O'Hare and cancellation insurance.

November 1-9 – Mayflower's 9 day HISTORIC POLAND AND PRAGUE escorted tour with home/local pick up to O'Hare, all transfers, 11 meals, and several included excursions. Prices start at \$2874.00 per person including round trip air from Chicago and all taxes and transfers.

November 14 & 15 – POPPIN' FOR POPPINS. Tour of the Sanfilippo Estate, Popcorn Factory Store, lunch in a train car, overnight at the Marriott Resort with dinner and evening performance of Mary Poppins. Breakfast included and lunch and shopping in Long Grove. \$264.00

December 8 – Musical production of HELLO DOLLY and Champagne Brunch at the Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. \$110.00

COUPONS, CELL PHONES & YARN

Annette Berndt processes coupons, cell phones and yarn for veterans. Please bring your clipped or cut out manufacturer coupons to BSC. These coupons may be up to 6 months after expiration date. BSC has a veteran's basket located on the BSC Information Center's table for your coupons, cell phones and yarn.

FOOT CARE 2013

The Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association will be providing foot care at the Burlington Senior Center on the following Fridays 9-11AM.

Apr.5 June 7 Aug 2 Oct 4 & Dec 6. Sign up with Peter @ 262-767-9880. The fee of \$25 is payable at the time of care.

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If you are no longer interested in receiving the BSC NEWS or if you know of someone that would like to receive the BSC NEWS, please let us know. Call 262-767-9880 or send a note to Burlington Senior Center, 201 N Main St. Burlington WI 53105.



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This fine newsletter will always accept and consider for publication any submissions received by the editor. Send your articles, stories, jokes, suggestions or letters to the editor to EDITOR BSC NEWS, Burlington Senior Center, 201 N Main St, Burlington, WI 53105

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BSC NEWS is looking for seniors or people who make a difference for seniors. If you know of anyone doing great things for seniors. Help us to recognize them. Send a brief description of who they are and what they are doing to the BSC NEWS, 201 N Main St Burlington, WI 53105.

MOVIES ARE BACK

With the arrival of a very good donated 43 inch television, Dean Fleming has re-started his "Movies with Dean" program at BSC. As before, Dean will show movies the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM. As the movies will end shortly before lunch, you may wish to stay at BSC for our lunch program. Call BSC @ 767-9880 to see what movie is scheduled for the date you have in mind.



SAVE YOUR SENTRY RECEIPTS

BSC receives a donation for every Sentry receipt we receive. Ask your Sentry clerk to put a green "Funds for Friends" sticker on the back of your receipt. Drop off or mail your Sentry receipts to Gladys Bublit, Burlington Senior Center, 201 N Main St. Burlington WI 53105.

Gladys enthusiastically processes your receipts. Gladys reminds us that the receipts are good up to one year post date. Remember to receive credit we must receive the receipts and submit them prior to their one year expiration

date. Thank you to everyone who saves their Sentry receipts for the betterment of BSC.

PLAY CHESS AT BSC

There is some interest in playing chess at BSC. There are several dates and times open for the playing of chess at BSC. If you are interested in playing chess, call John at 262-763-2854 to discuss the possibility of setting up a play date.



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE

Amber Caruso from Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation of Burlington comes to the Burlington Senior Center noon to 2 PM the 3rd Wednesday of each month to take blood pressure readings. The BSC Jam Session starts at 1PM. Come for a blood pressure reading and stay for the Jam Session.

FARMER'S MARKET OPENS

The Burlington Farmers market will be starting this selling season on Thursday May 2, 2013. The farmer's market will be open every Thursday in May through October from 3pm to 7pm at Wehmhoff Square. For more information on the Burlington Farmer's Market call 262-210-6360 or visit the website at www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.com.

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- Offset the cost to mail my free subscription to the BSC NEWS.
- General supplies for seniors that use the BSC facilities.
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The Burlington Senior Center receives yearly grants from the City of Burlington, the Town of Burlington and the United Way.

BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER WISH LIST

Burlington Senior Center was established as an activity center for seniors. People come from Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth and Waukesha counties to participate in events at BSC. We offer the following activities: Bridge, Bowling, Bunco, Euchre, Foot Care, Hand & Foot, Lunch program, Mexican Train Dominoes, Pinochle, Sheepshead, Over 55 Co-ed softball, Volleyball and more.

BSC Is in need of the following items.

Volunteer Assistant Manager

Volunteer to start new activities like bean Bag or Chess

Cleaning supplies (Lysol)

Pinochle cards

Playing cards

Party supplies: plates, napkins and utensils

Ground Decaf coffee

Toilet paper

Sponsor for Softball T-shirts.

Standard copier paper and toner.

Dish washing soap

Forever stamps.

To donate items, contact BSC, 201 N Main St Burlington, WI 53105 @ 767-9880 or John Brensinger @763-2854.

BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER IS AVAILABLE TO RENT!

Consider the Burlington Senior Center when it is time to rent a space for your group meeting, a special function, party or celebration. BSC has considerable space, a kitchen and counter space for your event. For open day time, evening or weekend time slots, the nominal fee structure or more information, call the Burlington Senior Center's manager Peter Girolamo at 262-767-9880.

SENIOR DISCOUNTS FROM BURLINGTON AREA BUSINESSES

This list will grow as the BSC NEWS staff finds more businesses to add to this list. If you know of any business that is not on the BSC discount list, please send us documentation to assist BSC NEWS in expanding our senior discount list.

Burlington Footwear 10 % off (age 60+)

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KFC Free drink with any meal. (age 55+)

McDonald's Discount Coffee (age 55+),

Pine Street Cafe Senior Menu (age 62+),

Salvation Army Store up to 50% on Wednesday (age 55+)

Subway 10% off (age 60+),

Taco Bell free beverage +5% off (age 65+),

White Fox II Senior Menu (age 60+)

SENIORS MAKE COPIES

The Burlington Senior Center is open Monday-Friday from 9-11AM. Seniors are invited to come in to BSC to make copies of their documents for only 5 cents per copy. Bring your birth certificates, financial forms, tax information or other documents to BSC. Our friendly staff will assist you in using the BSC copy machine.

MEET THE MAYOR

Stop by City Hall, 300 North Pine Street on the first Saturday of each month from 9-11 AM. During his open office hours talk to Mayor Miller about your concerns, ideas or suggestions for the Burlington area. Of course, the Burlington Senior Center encourages you to talk up any activities that you think would benefit you and your senior neighbors.

FREE SEMINAR AT THE BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER ON APRIL 24TH FROM 1PM-3PM:

Judy Bratz of Talmer Bank will discuss the benefits and use of Reverse Mortgages. Attorney Melissa Robe, along with Financial Advisor Peggy Smithson will discuss Estate Planning laws including the Effect of the American Taxpayer Relief Act on current estate plans, use of Durable Powers of Attorney for Finances, Property and Health Care, Living Wills, use of Revocable Trusts, and Transfer on Death Deeds to avoid probate. Plus information on Life Insurance and Final Expense plans to use in your estate planning will be presented

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To register call Peggy Smithson at 262-716-4301 or Judy Bratz at 262-763-5319.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS GAME

Sixty members and family of Seniors Sports and 50 plus softball attended the our 2nd annual Milwaukee Brewers game on Wednesday, April 17th. This article was in print prior to the game. Win or lose, I'm sure this vibrant group had a great time at Miller Park watching the Brewers battle the San Francisco Giants. We carpoled to Milwaukee and had a fun time tailgating weather permitting, of course.

HAND AND FOOT

The Chocolate City Card Club announces the playing of the card game Hand and Foot on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. New players are welcome at BSC, 201 N Main St. Burlington. Hand and Foot is a great card game, a variation on Canasta. The object is to build a seven card set of any one suit (7 Kings, or 7 fives or 7

Jacks, etc.), which is called a Book. A natural set has no wild cards and is called a Red Book. You can use wild cards to make a Black Book. Get the required number of Red and Black Books and get rid of all your cards fist. You win that hand.

Four hands make a game. The person (team) with the most points at the end is the winner. A score sheet tracks the scoring, and acts as reminder of the game structure.

SOFTBALL SIGNS

Over 55 Co-ed softball signs will be back. Past sponsors Burlington Footwear, Daniels Family Funeral Homes, Fox River State Bank, Ides Jewelry, Minute Man Press and Wanderlust Tours had their sponsor signs displayed all off season on the walls of BSC. This season the signs will be once again hung at the Congress St field

during game time and then back to the wall of fame at BSC

Any one or any business may contact John Brensinger 763-2854 to find out how to participate in our fan support sign program.

BSC WEBSITE

Check out the Burlington Senior Center website at: www.burlington-seniorcenter.com. Your comments on the website content are appreciated. Thank you for all past and future suggestions for improvement for the BSC NEWS and the BSC website.

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 & Friday 9:11 am

CARDS: Chocolate City Card Club
 Tuesday 12:30 Pinochle
 Euchre and Sheepshead/Schafkopf 1:00 pm
 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm

DOMINOES: 2nd & 4th Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 am
 Contact: Janice Brensinger 262-767-9490

HARMONY CLUB: 1st & 3rd Wednesday
 Contact: Dawn at 262-898-8900

JAM SESSION: 3rd Wednesday 1 pm
 Contact Nancy Quade 262-534-6138

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 cassette tapes, VHS video or CD's.

SENIOR SPORTS (50 and over) October-April Volleyball
 & more. Contact Katie Mawhinney: 262-939-3181

55 PLUS CO-ED SOFTBALL May-September at Congress
 St field in Burlington. New players and fans welcome.
 Contact Kathy Baumeister: 262-763-3441

HARMONY CLUB

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd
 Wednesdays. A unique social
 program that provides respite for
 caregivers and socialization for the
 care recipient. Activities, lunch,
 snacks. Information: Contact Dawn
 at 262-898-8900



JAM SESSION 1-3:30 PM, 3rd Wednesday of
 each month. Local musicians come to the Burling-
 ton Senior Center to play before a large audience.
 Attendees request songs, sing along and may dance.
 Refreshments are served. For more information:
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