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The *SILVER* STREAK

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From the Executive Director...

Dear Friends,

Why don't you try something new? Did you ever want to speak another language? Attend *free* basic, conversational German lessons with Hilde on Friday afternoons. Did you ever want to learn how to play chess or bridge? We have a chess group meeting on Monday mornings with people that are willing to instruct you. On Thursday mornings beginner bridge lessons are given. How about learning how to dance? Join tap and/or jazz dance instruction on Mondays or learn how to line dance on Wednesday mornings. Why not learn how to do some wood work at the scroll saw demo and workshops offered this month? Don't we all want to improve our health and over all well-being? Yoga on Thursdays and Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Thursdays will help you to reduce stress and sooth your spirit. Almost every day an exercise class is offered including Full Body Workout, Sweat & Tone, and Resistance Training. There are so many activities, classes and programs to become involved with...too many to mention in this note. Keep your minds open, continue to read this newsletter, and I am sure there is something that will spark your interest!

After eight years at the CSC, Margaret Grindrod is moving on to greater opportunities in Texas and I wish her all the best. I welcome our new bookkeeper, Tammy Anderson. She is a great new addition to our staff. Stop in the office to meet her.

Lastly, 2009 memberships expire on December 31st and we are taking renewals beginning this month. Please come to the office to renew your membership.

Enjoy your October!

Karla



Welcome New Members...

Kurt & Joan Andreassen, Thurza Capozzi, Patrick & Judith Carroll, Texas Chapin,
Ninetta Cosmano, Burton Dunn, Chester Frackowiak & Edith Rebrovich,
John & Serena Group, Barbara Hehnen, Walter Kaminski, Arlene Krueger,
Maria Martens, Harriet Neitz, Donald Reidell, & Mary Ann Robinson

FIND YOUR NAME "HIDDEN" IN THE SILVER STREAK AND COME TO THE OFFICE TO PICK UP YOUR TWO FREE CSC LUNCH CERTIFICATES

Computer Support



- Dave Schupp is available to provide general computer assistance from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, October 5th & 19th.
- Mary Stefano is available for instruction and questions related to word processing on Tuesdays, October 6th & 20th from 1:00 - 2:30 in the library.
- Ron Butler is available from 10:00 a.m. until noon on Wednesday mornings for general assistance.

Computers for members are located in the CSC library. They are available for use 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday - Friday. The computers are also available on Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. Please note that first-time users must sign the "Rules for the Use of Public Computers" available in the front office.

Thursday, October 1st
9:00 a.m.

Full Body Workout

Bette Smith will lead this muscle toning exercise class. Routines use light weights and are fun and easy to follow. Cost is \$16 for an 8-week session.

Sign-up and pay in the office.

Thursday, October 1st
10:00 a.m.

Beginner Bridge Lessons



Learn to play this popular card game! Beginner lessons will be held Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$4.00, payable to the instructor at each class. No sign-up is necessary.

Friday, October 2nd
1:15 p.m.

German Lessons with Hilde

Sprechen sie Deutsch???

Learning a new language is a great way to keep your mind sharp while having fun! Center member Hilde Smith will help you master the basics of conversational German. A free 8-week session begins today. To fully benefit from these classes, please plan on attending regularly.

Please sign up in the office.

Monday, October 5th
9:30 a.m. – Noon

Scroll Saw Demonstration & Workshop



Experience the world of "scrolling," a creative and rewarding pastime. Center members Don Marinelli & George Roehling are offering this hands on class to introduce members to the scroll saw and safe scrolling practices. No experience is necessary! Each participant will complete a project during class.

This workshop will be repeated on Wednesday, October 7th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. If there is enough interest, we will continue to offer scrolling on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

A special "thank you" to Dick Zimmerman for the donation of a scroll saw to the Center.

Monday, October 5th
1:30 p.m.

Book Group

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer

Writer Juliet Ashton, much like her fellow British citizens, is emerging from the dark days of World War II. As Juliet exchanges a series of letters with her publisher and her best friend, readers are caught in a delightful web of letters and vivid personalities, eager for Juliet to find the inspiration she seeks.

All are welcome to join our discussion.

Tuesday, October 6th
10:00 a.m.

Out & About
Genesee Country Village Museum



Join us for a guided walking tour of the Genesee Country Village Museum in Mumford. This genuine 19th century American community showcases many artifact-laden buildings and authentic era furniture. The tour will include the Davis Opera House, Livingston Backus House, and the George Eastman Boyhood home.

We will leave the Center at 10:00 a.m. and return at approximately 3:00 p.m. A boxed lunch will be provided and there will be time after lunch to enjoy the park-like setting. Cost is \$20, which includes admission fees as well as van transportation. Space is limited to 20.

Sign up and pay in the office .

Wednesday, October 7th
1:15 p.m.

Classic Movie



“On The Town”
(1949)

New York, New York...what a wonderful town... especially when sailors Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin have a 24 hour shore leave to see the sights...and when those sights include Ann Miller, Betty Garrett and Vera Ellen. Co-directed by Kelly and Stanley Donen and based on the Broadway hit musical, “On the Town” changed the landscape of movie musicals, opening filmmakers’ eyes to what could be done on location. *98 min.*

Friday, October 9th
10:00 a.m.

CSC Travelers



Attend this meeting to discuss upcoming travel plans. Any member interested in travel is invited to attend!

Philip Richter...You are a winner!

Wednesday, October 7th
10:00 a.m. – Noon

EPIC

Prescription drugs can be expensive. A representative from EPIC will be available to explain the New York State EPIC Program and the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, which offer assistance paying for your meds.

Wednesday, October 7th
11:00 a.m.

Paws for Love



Could you use a little puppy love? Koby, a friendly and gentle Golden Doodle, will be at the Center for a visit. Koby will return on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00.

Friday, October 9th
1:15 p.m.

Power Your Memory
w/The Alzheimer’s Association

Does exercise lower my risk for memory loss? Can diet affect memory health? How can I protect myself? This presentation will answer these questions and provide general memory health overview. Join us to learn practical information on how to have a healthy memory, identify your risk factors for memory trouble, and learn what you can do to keep your memory sharp.

Please sign up in the office.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
9:00 So-Sewers	9:00 Men's Bridge	9:00 So-Sewers	9:00 Full Body Workout	9:00 Intermediate Bridge
9:00 Sweat & Tone	9:15 Women's Bridge (Foursome only)	9:00 Beg. Line Dance	10:00 Beginner Bridge	9:30 – 11:00 Senior Outreach Program (636-3070)
9:00 - 11:00 Computer Support 10/5 & 10/19	10:00-12:00 Blood Pressure Screenings	9:30 Ceramics	10:15 Yoga	
9:30 Ceramics	11:30 Resistance Training	9:30 Woodcarving	11:30 Tai Chi	
9:30 Chess	11:30 Tai Chi	9:30 Euchre		11:30 Resistance Training
10:15 Tap Dancing		9:30 Line Dance		
11:30 Lyrical Jazz		10:00 - 12:00 Computer Support		
Noon Billiards	Noon Billiards	Noon Billiards	Noon Billiards	Noon Billiards
12:30 LUNCH IS SERVED	12:30 LUNCH IS SERVED	12:30 LUNCH IS SERVED	12:30 LUNCH IS SERVED	12:30 LUNCH IS SERVED
1:00 Poker	1:00 Intermediate Bridge	12:30 Bridge		1:00 Pinochle
1:15 Wii Bowling	1:00 Poker	1:00 Poker	12:30 Duplicate Bridge	1:00 Poker
2:30 Ping Pong (please call in advance for table set-up)	1:15 Shuffleboard	1:00 Watercolor Class	1:00 Poker	1:00 Dominoes
		6:30 Pinochle and Pool	1:15 Bingo	

Call the office for more information on any of these activities.

*All activities listed on the schedule are subject to time and date change and/or cancellation.



Line Dance Instruction

with Miss Kitty Miranda

Learn to line dance ♦ Improve your line dancing ♦ Learn new steps ♦ Have fun with a group
Wednesday Morning 9 am—11 am. Beginner & Intermediate Lessons

October Special Events Calendar



Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
				1	2 1:15 German Lessons	3
4	5 9:30 - Noon Scroll Saw Demo 1:30 Book Group	6 10:00 Out & About <i>Genesee Country Village</i> 1:00 Word Processing Support	7 10:00 EPIC 11:00 Paws for Love 1:15 Classic Movie "On the Town" 6:30 Scroll Saw Demo	8 9:00 Board Meeting	9 10:00 CSC Travelers 1:15 German Lessons 1:15 Power Your Memory	10
11	12 Columbus Day  The Center is Closed.	13 1:15 Buffalo Memories 1:30 Antiques to Go 2:30 Widows/Widowers	14 9:30 Scroll Saw Workshop 2:30 Univera <i>Olean Trip</i>	15 9:00 Nature Explorers <i>Letchworth</i> Flu & Pneumonia Shots 9:00—2:00	16 1:15 German Lessons	17
18	19 9:30 Scroll Saw Workshop AARP Driving Course 10:00 - 2:30	20 9:30 Univera 1:00 Word Processing Support	21 10:00 Paws for Love 12:30 Birthday Lunch 1:15 & 6:30 Movie: "The Pink Panther 2"	22 9:30 Univera 5:00 CSC Diners	23 1:15 German Lessons 1:15 Movie Encore "The Pink Panther 2"	24 Harvest Ball
25	26 1:30 Couples Club	27 10:15 E.C. Sheriff	28 1:15 Clarence History 7:00 Alzheimers Support	29 10:00 BC/BS	30 10:00 New Member Welcome 11:00 Halloween Luncheon 	31

Monday, October 12th
The Center is Closed

Tuesday, October 13th
1:15 p.m.
Buffalo Memories

Come and join us as we take a walk down memory lane. Joseph Bieron, PhD, of Canisius College will speak about “Buffalo Memories of the 1940s and 1950s.” This presentation will surely bring back many memories and is guaranteed to be a lot of fun!

Sign up in the office if you would like to attend.

Tuesday, October 13th
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Antiques to Go

A tisket...a tasket...everyone has baskets! Bring your beautiful, collectible ones to share with your fellow basket lovers or just come and enjoy the discussion!

Tuesday, October 13th
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Widows/Widowers Group

All are welcome to join us today for friendship and conversation. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, October 14th
9:30 a.m. – Noon
Scroll Saw Workshop

Center members Don Marinelli & George Roehling will guide members in completing a Thanksgiving Scroll Saw Project. Come and enjoy this rewarding craft! Both men and women are invited to attend! Cost for the project is \$2.00, payable in class. This workshop will be repeated on Monday, October 19th at 9:30 a.m.

*Please sign up in the office
by Wednesday, October 7th.*

Wednesday, October 14th
2:30 p.m.
Univera

Univera workshops are informational and easy to understand. Whether you are just becoming eligible for Medicare or you are already a member and need clarification of the rules of Medicare, this workshop will provide you with the information you need.

This workshop will be repeated on Tuesday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 15th
***Full Body Workout & Yoga
are cancelled today.***

Thursday, October 15th
Friday October 16th
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Flu and Pneumonia Shots

The Visiting Nurse Association will be administering flu and pneumonia vaccines. These immunizations are covered by Medicare Part B, Univera, Independent Health, and traditional BlueCross BlueShield. You must bring your insurance card. In the event that you are not covered or forget your ID there will be a fee of \$30 for the flu shot and \$45 for the pneumonia shot.
Appointments can be made in the office.

Thursday, October 15th
9:00 a.m.
***Nature Explorers
Letchworth State Park***

Join us as we venture to one of the most beautiful spots in Western New York. Known as “The Grand Canyon of the East,” Letchworth State Park offers a brilliant display of fall foliage throughout the 14,000 acre park. Bring your own picnic lunch.

Meet at the Center at 9:00 a.m. for carpooling.

Friday October 16th
Resistance Training is cancelled today.

Monday, October 19th
Tuesday, October 20th
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
AARP Driving Course

Looking for a way to cut your auto insurance rates? Then sign up to attend an AARP Driving Course. You must attend both days to receive a discount on your rate. Be sure to bring your driver's license to class. Course fee is \$14.00 (\$12.00 for AARP members). Call 633-5138 to register. Class size is limited.

Please consider dining with us. Lunch at the center is convenient and inexpensive. Lunch is served at 12:30 for the suggested donation of \$2.50. Reservations will be taken when registering for class.

Next class: November 16th & 17th
This will be the last class until March, 2010

Thursday, October 22nd
5:00 p.m.
CSC Diners

Magruders
4995 Broadway, Depew

Meet at 5:00 – Dinner at 5:30

- Stuffed Pork Chop\$20.00
- Chicken Cordon Blue\$20.00
- 10 oz. NY Strip.....\$23.50

All meals include:
Soup, Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Roll,
Dessert, Coffee/Tea & Gratuity

*Make reservations in the office by
Noon, Friday, October 16th*



Wednesday, October 21st
12:30 p.m.
Birthday Lunch

Birthdays are special. Join us to celebrate this special occasion. Cake will be served with lunch and those celebrating an October birthday will receive a special gift. The suggested donation for lunch is \$2.50.

*Please sign up on the designated
birthday sheet on the nutrition board.*

Wednesday, October 21st
1:15 p.m.
Movie: "The Pink Panther 2"

Genre: Comedy Rated PG 92 minutes

After having been rewarded for solving the mystery of the Pink Panther Diamond, inspector Jacques Clouseau has been assigned to minor tasks by his boss. Unfortunately, the famous diamond has once again been stolen, as have many other artifacts, in a series of burglaries around the world. His past success will enable inspector Clouseau to be part of the dream team comprised of the greatest detectives of the affected countries, where he will be able to display his numerous talents across the world.

**Encore presentation tonight at 6:30 p.m.
and Friday, October 23rd at 1:15 p.m.**

Saturday, October 24th
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
The Harvest Ball



Plan now to attend the gala event of the season! The Clarence Senior Center is hosting a wonderful evening of music, dancing, and great food at the Clarence Town Park Club House. Entertainment for the evening will be the Sugar and Jazz Orchestra, a group of dedicated young musicians from Western New York area schools performing the music of the big band era, under the direction of their enthusiastic director, Frank Lorango. An exceptional dinner will be provided by Arthur Christy, owner of Frontier Catering. The charge for this extraordinary event is \$28 per person. Formal attire is **not** required. Don't miss this magical evening!

*Tickets may be purchased in the office.
Make your reservation early - space is limited!
Van service will be available.*

Monday, October 26th
1:30 p.m.
Couples Club

All couples are welcome to join us for an afternoon social.

Tuesday, October 27th
10:15 a.m.
**Erie County Sheriff's Office
Domestic Violence & Abuse**

The Erie County Sheriff's office is committed to increasing awareness of domestic violence and abuse in the community. This presentation will be educational and informative on domestic violence, financial abuse and the SAFE program.

Sign up in the office.

Wednesday, October 28th
1:15 p.m.
**Clarence History
with Mark Woodward**

Town Historian Mark Woodward will share his knowledge and stories about the history of Clarence.

Wednesday, October 28th
7:00 p.m.
Alzheimers Support Group

This group provides support, information, and resources to anyone touched by Alzheimers.

Thursday, October 29th
10:00 a.m. - Noon
BlueCross BlueShield of Western NY

A Representative from BlueCross BlueShield will be available to answer questions you may have concerning your current policy or the rules of Medicare.

Friday, October 30th
10:00 a.m.

New Member Welcome

This is a great opportunity for new members, or any member, to meet new people and learn more about the Center. A tour of the building will be given and light refreshments will be served.

Please notify the office if you plan to attend.



Friday, October 30th
11:00 a.m.
Halloween Luncheon

Put on your costume and join us for a "spooktacular" time at the CSC Halloween party! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Entertainment by Magician Mike Hilburger will begin at 11:15 a.m.. Don't miss this fun event!

*Sign up on the nutrition board
by Friday October 23rd.*

Looking Forward...

Tuesday, November 10th
Veterans Day Luncheon

Sunday, November 15th
Bills Tailgate Party

Tuesday, November 24th
Thanksgiving Luncheon

CSC Gardeners

I would like to thank the Parks Department for the many flats of petunias and snapdragons that the garden volunteer planted in the raised bed around the light pole. I would like to start an ongoing committee or club to further this project. Projects for the gazebo window boxes are also planned. If you would like to help, please let the office know.

Sandy Kindt, Volunteer Gardener

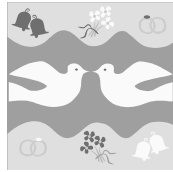
CORRECTION!!

The Dominoes Tournament names and scores were incorrect in the September issue of *The Silver Streak*. Correct scores are as follows:

- 1) Joyce DePronio 197
- 2) Jackie Carpenter 271
- 3) Paulino Vazquez 302
- 4) Ruth Schultz 312
- 5) Hazel Ellis 369
- 6) Janet Vito 510

Correct scores were reported by Art Sambuchi, but an error was made in the office. Sincere apologies!

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations



Couples celebrating fifty years or more, please register the date with the office at least six weeks in advance.

Stan & Florence Chmielewski.. 64 Years
Ed & Barbara Burns 55 Years

Dash's Tapesaver Program

Please continue to bring your cash register receipts to the Center. A drop-off box is located in the foyer.

Cell Phone Collection

Do you have an old cell phone that you no longer use? Please recycle your cell phone to benefit the Center. Money will be earned for each cell phone collected. Phones may be deposited in the same box used for the Dash's receipts. You will find the big striped box located in the Center foyer next to the sign-in sheet.

If you know of an organization or business that would allow us to place a collection box for either of these items, please contact Debbie @633-5138

Thinking of You. . .



Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the members who recently passed away.

Margaret Chase
Albert Mast
William Wiefert

Volunteers Needed

If you, or someone you know, are interested in volunteering to help operate the Disaster Emergency Shelter site at the Center, please speak with Karla. No previous experience or special skills are needed. Orientation and training will be provided by Dave Bissonnette, Town of Clarence Disaster Coordinator.

Soldier Care Packages

The CSC is a drop off site for donations for our military troops. Many thanks to the Clarence American Legion Auxiliary 838 for assembling the packages and getting them to the soldiers.

Suggested Items:

Travel size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions & creams, disposable razors, hand sanitizer, lip balm, sun block, small combs, small pkgs. of tissues, pens, pencils, note pads, small hand held games, playing cards, puzzle books, gum, hard candy, black socks.

As a 501 (c) (3) charitable not-for-profit organization, the Clarence Senior Center is able to accept tax deductible contributions to be used for the benefit of the Center and its members.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 12th.**

Theatergoers

The 2009 - 2010 season has begun!

The CSC Theatergoers will be going to The Lancaster Opera House, Musicalfare Theater, Kavinoky Theater, The Riviera Theater, The Irish Classical Theater, O'Connell & Co (at ECC North), and the Historic Palace Theater in Lockport.
We will be carpooling to all events.

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Sunday, December 27th, 2009

2:30 p.m.

**Lancaster Opera House
"A Polish Christmas"**

Featuring Polish Heritage Dancers

A yearly tradition at the Lancaster Opera House.
Join us for a celebration of traditional Polish folk dancing and music.

Tickets are \$15

Sign up and pay by Friday, November 6th

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Also coming up...

Sunday, January 24th, 2010

"You Can't Take it With You" at The Palace Theater in Lockport

Thursday, February 25th, 2010

"The Mousetrap" at The Lancaster Opera House

Music Lovers

\$90 includes the entire series!
Van transportation will be provided
to all shows for an additional \$10.
Order tickets in the Center office
by Thursday, October 15th.

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
2009-2010 Friday Morning Coffee Concert Series

All concerts are Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/tea, bagels & doughnuts
are served before each concert.

November 13th - Viennese Masters
December 4th - Sibelius Symphony No. 2
December 11th - A Classical Christmas
February 5th - Sibelius Violin Concerto
April 9th - Bohemian Rhapsody

◆ Attention CSC Members! ◆

All CSC memberships will expire on December 31, 2009.
To renew your membership for 2010, please stop in the office to pay your dues.

...and now is the time to try something new!!

To coincide with membership renewal, **FREE CLASSES** will be offered in October and November.

Each week, several different ongoing classes at the Center will be offered for **FREE**.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn a new hobby, a new dance step, a new card game, or a new exercise routine!

To try one of these **FREE** classes, sign up in the office at least one week before the scheduled **free** class. **Free** spots in each class will be determined by availability of space and the discretion of the class instructor. There will be no charge for current students on **FREE** class dates - no need to sign up if you attend regularly.

October FREE Classes

CERAMICS

Come and take this opportunity to express your artistic side by creating a beautiful ceramic piece. No experience necessary and beginners are welcome. Class includes instruction and firing of finished work. Student responsible for purchase of ceramic piece from instructor - paints are provided.

This class meets on Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. **FREE CLASSES** on October 19, 21, 26, & 28.

STRETCH & TONE (formerly Sweat & Tone)

Stretch & Tone is a workout designed to be fun and **EASY** to follow. The program consists of a warm up, aerobic routine, floor/chair work and a cool down. Mats are provided.

This class meets on Monday at 9:00 a.m. **FREE CLASSES** on October 19 & 26.

YOGA

Experience the benefits of Yoga: more energy, increased strength, better balance and flexibility, improved coordination, stress relief, more energy, and the ability to relax at will. Mats are provided.

This class meets Thursday at 10:15 a.m. **FREE CLASSES** on October 22 & 29.

BEGINNER BRIDGE

Here is a chance to play bridge where you will never be in doubt as to the right card to play! The instructor will guide you through the bidding and play, as well as give you some useful tips.

This class meets Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **FREE CLASSES** on October 22 & 29.

Dear Fellow CSC Members,

We are fortunate to have dedicated, passionate volunteers here at the Clarence Senior Center. Many of them help at various classes, functions, events, as well as delivering for Meals on Wheels, while others help around the Center in general—from decorations, to helping staff, to attending meetings. They are so numerous, I can't even begin to list them all, but each and every one of these volunteers has a role in maintaining the Center as a place we can all enjoy and are proud to call ours. You know who you are—be proud! You are valuable.

These volunteers are honored on “their” special day by the Center, but to me, as departing Volunteer Coordinator, I have come to really appreciate the degree to which some truly dedicated volunteers have taken over the responsibility for a group or project. I would like to share some examples with you.

Dick and Hazel Ellis spend a great deal of time and energy in making sure the CSC Travelers have an enjoyable, safe, and reasonably priced journey whether locally, or across the country. They are well qualified as they have traveled extensively themselves. Hazel has also taken the responsibility of doing the 50/50 at all our events.

Charleen Winkler makes arrangements for dining in some of the best restaurants in the area through CSC Diners, as well as Casino trips, and obtains the best value for our money.

Edna Scherf has brought her expertise and love of books to our Book Group. She has a way of opening the discussion to include all the participants and their viewpoints, consequently, all come away with a deeper appreciation and understanding of the books read.

Barbara Ucci has worked hard to connect members with the wealth of music, theater, and cultural opportunities we have in the area. She has been an unselfish, caring volunteer, and, I'm proud to say, my mentor.

Larry and Janet Vito, Jay, Casey, Gary and Mary Lou, and Betty have all helped make the stretch-band class one of our largest classes, meeting twice a week. They make the class fun as well as functional, with no pressure—everybody works at their own pace.

Art Sambuchi has added a little competition to the Domino group. Even though he didn't start the group, he has done much to enlarge our enjoyment of the game.

Rose Burns and her Bingo volunteers with their pleasant smiles and easy going manner make Thursdays a pleasant diversion for many members.

Paul Corbelli, through patience and perseverance, has organized bocce teams and encouraged the Town to erect a permanent Bocce Court.

Dave Schupp and Ron Butler are invaluable in the computer room.

Gale, Beth, Bette, Hazel, and Pat keep our library up to date and organized.

Ruth Haas, Florence Kiesel, and Sandra Kindt have spent numerous hours beautifying the Center, both inside and out, with floral arrangements and flowers; they could use help.

Joan Pionessa, Bernie and Bob Brzoska, and Pam and John Machniak are like the mailmen—“Through ice and snow, sleet and rain”—you get the idea, they make sure you get all those wonderful baked goods you so love. Rose Ruhland started the pickups, and now Joan has a dedicated group of volunteers that help every week to package and distribute these goodies on Mondays and Wednesdays—thank you all!

We all know how important Meals on Wheels and their volunteers are to the community.

We have our own group here on site that help Roger Moren in the kitchen and dining room. They do everything from helping with scheduling, collecting money, making coffee, to preparing pastries. Norma Schwarzott, Rudy Metzger, Marilyn Wolfe, Hilde Smith, Linda Kistka, Renee Williams, and Sterling McCarriagher thank you for being there.

You see many other in the kitchen, helping to serve, and cleaning up afterwards—they are an ever changing group, but so important, and they do appreciate when you say thank you!

We can't forget another ever changing group, the dedicated volunteer who help us with our taxes! “Death and Taxes--” You can't get away from either.

The Sunshine group remembers our sick and those passed away.

I know there are probably others I'm not aware of—those unsung heros—but I'm sure others know and acknowledge when you do good, and even if nobody else knows the extent of your contribution, you do, and that's the important thing.:

Let me share with you what happens when we lose a dedicated volunteer.

Paul and Marge Keating were instrumental in making the Nature Group a vibrant, well-attended, fun, and educational group. We lost both of them and Nature Group has been struggling ever since to remain viable. We need dedicated people to take this group under their wing.

We need dedicated people to step up to the plate and offer to run or help run activities we would like to see in place here at the Center. We need YOU to make a difference. Please offer to help—offer to run a class—offer to help in the kitchen—offer to help with decorations.

Be the type of proactive person who is going to make a difference.

Thank you in advance for your future help and for the pleasure you have all given me.

Violet Oldenski

AARP Tax-Aides Seek Volunteers

Are you looking for a volunteer experience which gives you the personal satisfaction of serving those in our community while gaining a set of useful skills? We are presently welcoming individuals who may wish to join the Clarence AARP Tax-Aides, a group of men and women who prepare federal and state tax returns. If you understand your own tax return, you are well on your way to acquiring the knowledge to assist others during the upcoming tax season.

Across the United States last year, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers helped over 2 million people of low and middle incomes file their personal income tax returns. This is the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax assistance program. Locally, the Clarence AARP Tax-Aide group filed almost 1,000 returns, with a total impact to our community of slightly over one million dollars. Volunteers are especially needed to assist with electronic filing of tax returns, so a willingness to learn necessary computer skills is helpful, but not our only area of need. Volunteers who are not computer literate, but wish to help, may be used to greet taxpayers and answer tax questions.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. You don't need to be an AARP member or be a retiree to volunteer (or to receive assistance from AARP Tax-Aide volunteers). Return preparation will run from February 1 through April 15. The Clarence group operates out of the Clarence Senior Center and the Clarence Library.

Prior to the tax season, Tax-Aides will receive comprehensive training over the course of several sessions. AARP, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue service, also offers a complete set of free manuals and on-line instruction to enhance the knowledge of volunteer preparers. Volunteers are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses.

No-one is ever "on his own" in filling out returns. During the tax season, volunteers work with a group of preparers and site coordinators, so questions and concerns are often mutually addressed. Every prepared return is also given a quality review by a site coordinator to help ensure accuracy and fairness to the taxpayer. Although most of our clients come from Clarence, many travel from adjoining communities to make use of our free and friendly service. We help taxpayers of all ages with a special attention to those aged 60 and older.

In these economic circumstances, our program is seeing a real rise in clientele as many community members look for ways to stretch their budgets. We are in real need of volunteers. If you would like to help us out, please contact either John Scott (683-0770) or Tom Pause (689-6118).

