April 2022 Newsletter

The Enrichment Center

A gathering place for boomers and seniors!



400 Chapple Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806

A Note from the Executive Director

Happy Easter to All!

Spring is in the air, I can feel it. Oh wait, there calling for another blizzard tomorrow. That's right I forgot we live in Wisconsin and it is only March! Love our great state!

On April 1st, we will be starting our 13th year at the Bargain Hut. How can that be, wasn't it just yesterday that we opened the doors. It has become something even better than our wildest dreams could of ever imagined and we have all of you to thank for that so thank you!

April 17th, 2022 through April 23rd is National Volunteer Week and we are the luckiest people on earth as our volunteers are the best. They are willing to help out where ever needed and do what ever needs to be done. When we are in a pinch they are right there to help us out. There are not enough words to say how grateful the Board, Hope and I are to have you on our team and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Cardio drumming started here this month at the center and what fun that has been. We have already added a second class as the first one filled so fast and are looking to start a few more. If you are interested or would like more information please stop in the office today or better yet join us.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help run the front hostess desk. Duties would include answering phones, greeting and directing people as they come in and handling the loan closet. If this is something you may be interested in helping us out with please stop in the office and talk to Danielle or call her at 1-715-682-2776.



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Monday—Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm The Bargain Hut

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Mission Statement

The Enrichment Center provides a home away from home atmosphere for people 50 or older to meet new friends, participate in activities, exercise and find a comforting and caring environment.

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Our meetings are bi-monthly and held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you would like to become a member of the Board of Directors, please contact Danielle at 1-715-682-2776.

Membership

Anyone who is 50 or older can become a member of the Enrichment Center, Inc. for a membership fee of \$20.00 a year.

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Oops, I Goofed

Occasionally there may be an error in days, times, registration dates or fees in the newsletter. When such errors occur, we will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. We thank you for your patience and understanding when these situations arise.

We Are On Facebook

The Enrichment Center and the Bargain Hut are on Facebook, so check us out. When you like our pages, you will be able to see photos of our recent events and updates on our activities.

Check out our Website

Check out our new and improved website at www.ashlandenrichmentcenter.org.

Hint of Spring

Although it is almost mid-March, we still have huge winter snow banks on our landscape. But in a strange way, there was a hint of spring in the air today. Perhaps it was warm threads on the south wind (like a Chinook breeze), or the morning sunlight that sparkled on the snow. The birds were singing, and it was hard to stay in the house.

Today I happened to stop at Ellis School Copy Center to pick up some old photos. Walking up those familiar stairs caused me to remember those first spring days in elementary school when the sidewalks were finally clear of snow. We would waste no time getting out balls to bounce and jump ropes to share. We played with the joy that winter was soon over. Today I also noticed how each classroom had so many big windows. No wonder we had trouble listening in class as we looked out on spring and dreamed of riding bikes, and flying kites. Often this "dreamy look" was described as Spring Fever by adults. But it was real and it felt real today.

Yes, snow banks will soon give way to green grass, perky robins, rushing streams, and gusty winds combing our hair. In grade school, we were often scolded for taking off jackets and running through puddles, but it was SPRING! And this is what we do!

Yup, it is easy to romanticize the arrival of spring, but we feel the sap of hope "in our bones" and we are ready to celebrate! At age 72, I don't anticipate jumping rope, or even flying kites, but I am eager to celebrate. So, folks, let us tune our lives to hear the music of hope...

For spring is the new page of imagination.
Sing it out....people...
Spring has sprung!
In me...in you. Sing it out!
-A. Ellis (final lines in Sing Spring poem)



Fun at the Center!

Greeting Cards with Megan

I am so excited to announce a new activity coming to the center. We will be making greeting cards. This months card will of course be an Easter Card with this cute little bunny! The fun begins on April 7th at 12:30pm. All materials will be supplied! If you haven't had the chance to meet our new Gerontology Intern yet, now will be your chance as she will be making the cards with you!

Cribbage

Join our Cribbage group every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.



Pool League

Join our Pool League every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 12:30 p.m.



BINGO

 Bingo on Wednesdays & Fridays at 12:30 p.m.



Embroidery on Cards

Classes will continue the month of April and run through April 25th, 2022 on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00. To sign up or for more information please contact Lois or Joe at 1-715 -812-1170.



Game Time Fun

I was thinking it would be fun to start having some games here at the center in the afternoon. We love having fun and laughter back in the building. We will start with Yahtzee and Farkle. All the fun starts the week of March 14th, 2022. If there is something else that you would like to add please let Danielle know. I will be very happy to get it up and running.



Yahtzee Mondays 12:30pm





Easter Bingo Party

On Thursday April 14th, 2022 at 12:30 pm, we will be having a Easter Bingo Party. Bring something that reminds you of this fun holi-



day and receive two extra bingo cards. And as always, refreshments will be served.

Happy Birthday!

April 7th Sheila Urling
April 8th Karen Bayliss
April 9th Walter Koleski
April 11th Margie Weaver
April 12th David Pocernich
April 13th Rosemary Anderson
April 17th David Nelson

Mary Emmert

April 19th Larry Lee April 20th Kris Merila

April 22nd Mary Liebenthal

April 28th Patti Jellish
Reggie Holmes



Thank You

The Enrichment Center & the Bargain Hut would like to say a huge thank you to Sharon Manthei for coming in and taking care of the office for me. It is such a big help and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



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Volunteer Opportunities At The Enrichment Center & Bargain Hut

Bargain Hut (2 to 4 hours at a time).

Volunteers needed one or more days per week.

Weekdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Sort incoming donations.

Price the goods

Place clothes on racks

Sales of clothes and other items

Senior Center Office (2 to 4 hours at a time)

Assist in data entry

Assist in filing

Assist in record keeping

Answer phone (customer questions, etc.)

Help with Fundraisers (Usually conducted in evening or on the weekend)

Provide kitchen help for meals (2 hours at a time)

Cafeteria help or serve meals

Set up and clean up

Table service

Sell tickets (on one's own schedule, over a week or two)

Provide "pot luck" items on occasion

Help with Program Activities (about 2 hours at a time)

Call Bingo games

Distribute newsletters

Board of Directors Member

Provide management skills

Attend bi-monthly meetings (2 hours max.) Financial and technical assistance in building and arounds maintenance

Grant solicitation

Planning

Membership solicitation

Volunteer solicitation

Assist in fundraising

Assist in program activities

For more information contact Danielle Greene at 715-682-2776, or speak to any Board Member.







Hut Happenings

Bargain Hut Gives Back Sale Friday, April 29th, 2022 9:00am to 4:00pm Saturday, April 30th, 2022— 9:00am to 1:00pm

Due to the generous amount of donations we have received, the Bargain Hut is giving back to the community by giving select clothing & merchandise to take at no charge. After 3 months, we are further rotating the merchandise back into the community. Whether you are a family struggling with today's economy or are just out looking for a

great bargain, we have something for everyone.

This event will be held on the last Friday & Saturday of every month!





Accomplishments for February 2022

The sales for the month of February were \$9,477.92 and we had 16 volunteers who worked approximately 272 hours.

Monthly Specials

Yellow Tag Sale—All tags with a yellow mark on them are 50% off April 11th, 2022 through April 22nd, 2022.

Shoe Sale

All shoes are 50% off the week of April 11th, 2022 through April 16th, 2022.

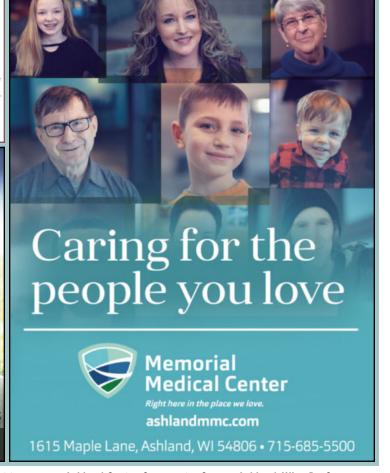




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Proven Effective

Developed and researched at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, participants who completed the Stand Up program decreased their sitting time by **68 minutes per day!**

Find and register for Stand Up and Move More!

There's a Stand Up & Move More workshop starting soon near you!

<u>**Dates:**</u> Tuesdays, May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th with a Refresher Course on June 22nd, 2022

<u>Times:</u> 12:30am to 2:30pm

Cost: - Free

To Sign-Up: - Call Danielle at 1-715-682-2776.

Reservations are due by April 30th, 2022.

Classes are limited so make sure to get your spot today!

How much is too much time sitting during the day? Find out and learn strategies to help you...

Stand Up and Move More!

On average, older adults spend more than 60% of their waking hours in sedentary activities — mostly sitting. Research shows that too much sitting is bad for your health.

The Stand Up and Move More program helps you add more standing time into your day so you feel better and improve your health.

Join a Stand Up and Move More class to learn:

- The consequences of too much sitting time and the benefits of more standing time
- Strategies for incorporating more standing time into your day
- To set achieveable goals and address problems or barriers



Loan Closet

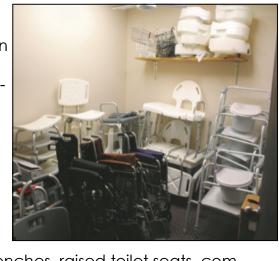
The Enrichment Center's Loan Closet serves people of all ages with physical or developmental disabilities who are in need of an item for any of the following reasons:

- A person would like to try out an item before purchasing the equipment.
- A person who has a short-term need for the equipment such as a knee or hip replacement.
- A person who needs an item not covered by Medicare or Medical Assistance or private insurance and cannot afford to purchase the needed equipment at this time.

We have walkers (with or without wheels), canes (regular

and 4-Prong), wheelchairs, shower chairs, bath transfer benches, raised toilet seats, commodes, crutches and extension grabbers.

Call the Enrichment Center for availability. If the item is available for rent, stop in and fill out the rental agreement and then take the equipment home with you. Please note all equipment must be returned in the condition it was rented in. The equipment is available for rent on a monthly basis for a fee of \$10.00 a month for as long as you need. For more information or to rent equipment, please call 1-715-682-2776.





National Card Playing Day Word Search

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Laughter is the Best Medicine

The Art Collector

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any recent interest in his paintings which happened to be on display. "I have good news and bad news," the gallery owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death."

"What did you say?" questioned the artist.

"When I told him that it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful!" the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The gentleman was your doctor."





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April 2022

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Exercise Fun!

Tai Chi Fun

The Enrichment Center is offering a slot for individuals interested in coming in to do their Tai Chi exercises. The room will be available on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays for the month of April from 10:00am to 11:00am. If you are interested please stop in the office and talk to Danielle. We are hoping all of the participants from the class will be excited about this. Max of 9 per class.



Cardio Drumming

The Enrichment Center is excited to bring Cardio Drumming to the center. All you need is a water bottle, towel and be ready to have



some fun. Fun for all ages and levels . All equipment is provided. Classes will be Tues-



day & Thursday mornings at 10:00am.. For more information or to sigh up please call Danielle at 1-715-682-2776.

Chair Yoga

Hi! I'm Joyce Goglin and have been teaching yoga for 6 years. We are about to start a new class and you are all invited. Yoga is a practice that anyone can do. This class will be taught from the chair and is designed for new and older beginner yoga students. There will be breath work, meditation and gentle movement. The class will be 45 minutes long. No special equipment is required. Just dress comfortably. Classes will be taught at 9 am, at the Enrichment Center on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's starting April 4th, 2022. Come make good health choices and bring a friend. Classes are \$5 each. Must be fully vaccinated for this class.



Zumba

The Enrichment Center is excited to announce we will be offering Zumba classes here on Tuesday and Friday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:30pm. The workouts are for all skill levels and all ages. Please bring in a water bottle and towel. Come on down and check it out! For more information please contact Danielle at 1-715-682-2776.







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EAT WELL, AGE WELL.

STRESS AWARENESS

Did you know there are health concerns associated with prolonged stress such as high blood pressure, depression, Alzheimer's disease, obesity, and heart disease? The good news is there are many ways to manage & alleviate stress. Completing the weekly challenges can help.

Many times, a person will try to go very fast throughout the day when aggravated. My suggestion for you is to take a break and go outside. By being outside, you can break up your day and clear your thoughts from the chaos going on around you.

Some people stick to themselves and do not want to talk about stress in their lives. Although being social, is an important way to reach out to those that are close to you. Communication will allow support and they may offer advice that you haven't thought about.

If stress causes you to eat, try to reach for fruit, vegetables, or a high-protein snack such as nuts instead of cookies, ice cream, or sweets. Healthy snacks will provide energy to combat negative stress.

Journaling is a good way to vent and/or understand your thoughts. This can alleviate pressure and limit stress. Take 10 minutes to write about what you are grateful for and what you want the rest of your day to look like.

Weekly Challenges

When stressed try to calm your mind and breath slowly.

Communicate with trusted individuals when you feel stressed

Get outside and enjoy the weather.

> Journal your thoughts!

Did you Know...

The American Heart Association has stress management information

https://www.heart.org/

and search "Stress Management"

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