

## Highpointes

April 2022 Newsletter

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### **Mediation Promotes Peace**

Penny Shuff, Mediation Services

Are you dealing with an issue that is overwhelming you and it's difficult to talk about?

Many times, we shut down and avoid controversy or just pretend the problem doesn't exist. We might even think a long-standing argument will magically disappear if we avoid it.

But waiting until you are forced to deal with a situation is not good for our mind, body or spirit.

Next month, representatives from an organization called Mediation Services will visit Four Pointes to explain how a process called mediation can help you turn conflict into an opportunity for peace. Mediation Service is a nonprofit organization that helps people deal with various types of disagreements. Whether it's a long-standing issue or something more recent, mediation can help, most times, without using the court system.

Maybe you've already heard of the term mediation, or know someone who has used the process, while getting divorced or during a contract dispute? But mediation can help us deal with issues we are facing right now. From safety issues, like whether or not to continue driving, to arguments over living arrangements, Mediation Services representatives will explain how they can help us deal with



our changing world. This will be an opportunity to learn how mediation can restore peace, if you are dealing with conflict.

#### **Productive Communication**

Participating in mediation allows you to communicate your needs in a respectful and non-judgmental way, while having a trained expert called a mediator lead the discussion. Mediation is a collaborative way to settle conflicts and shows us better ways to communicate in the future. Everyone gets the opportunity for their point of view to be heard. The process is completely confidential, and everyone decides for themselves whether or not to participate.

#### Safe Environment

Mediation offers the time and space needed, in order to feel comfortable talking about the problem. A mediation meeting takes place anywhere the participants feel they can speak freely and they are comfortable sharing their side of the story. This could be a home, senior living facility, or office space. Mediations can take place virtually, using computers, or in person, whichever way is best for the situation.

#### **Trained Expert**

Mediation provides a specially trained expert called a mediator who leads the discussion. The mediator is impartial and does not take sides or offer solutions to the problem. They help everyone involved reach their own conclusions and craft their own agreement. Mediators are volunteers who live in our community and are passionate about promoting peace and restoring relationships.

#### **Common Issues**

As we get older, we experience many changes in our lives which can lead to disagreements. Here are some areas where mediation can help resolve conflict.

- Transportation Issues/ When should I stop driving?
- Living arrangement problems/ Do I have to live here?
- Relationship struggles/ Why are people treating me this way?
- Financial decisions/ Should I still handle my own checkbook?
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### four pointes

Center for Successful Aging Website: www.fourpointes.org Phone: (616) 842-9210 Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fri 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Has your Four Pointes membership expired? Call or stop by the Wellness Center to renew today!

#### Wellness Center Membership Annual Fees

Millage Area Residents (60+) - \$50.00 City of Coopersville, Chester Twp., City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Twp., Polkton Twp., Robinson Twp., Spring Lake Twp., Village of Spring Lake

Non-Millage Area Residents (60+) - \$70.00 Allendale, Crockery, Tallmadge, Wright

Out of Area Residents (60+) - \$110.00 All other Ottawa County Townships, Kent County, Muskegon County, Allegan County

#### Residents 50-59yrs- \$110.00

\*Must have an active Four Pointes membership prior to April 1, 2021\*

Four Pointes accepts all major credit cards Transaction fees vary based on purchase amount. \$5.00 - \$20.00 purchase = \$1.00 fee \$21.00 - \$40.00 purchase = \$1.50 fee \$41.00 - \$60.00 purchase = \$2.00 fee \$61.00 - \$100.00 purchase = \$3.00 fee \$101.00 + purchase = \$4.00 fee

Four Pointes Mission: To promote the vitality, independence and wellbeing of older adults in the North Ottawa County community by providing needed services and information, encouraging recreation and lifelong learning and advocating for solutions to the issues of aging. Physical - Social - Spiritual - Intellectual

#### From the Four Pointes Wellness Director

#### Dear Members,

Spring is finally upon us and summer is just around the corner. We are excited to welcome back our snow birds and encourage those who have been cooped up all winter to head down to the center to catch up with old friends. Spring is a time for renewal and new beginnings - the perfect time to step outside of your comfort zone and try something new for yourself.

Four Pointes continues to offer a wide variety of programming to meet all of your needs and we have some very exciting educational opportunities coming up in the next few months. We have also listened to YOU and will be offering membership promotions to allow more seniors the opportunity to take advantage of all the exciting things we have to offer here at Four Pointes.

We appreciate your feedback and will continue to make improvements and adapt to best serve you.

Sincerely, Alexandria Brown Wellness Director

## Newsletter Update

*Effective May 2022, newsletters will only be mailed to current active Four Pointes members and clients.* 

The newsletter can be accessed electronically via our website by clicking on the 'About' drop-down and selecting 'Newsletter'. From here the current newsletter in addition to past newsletters can be easily viewed.

We would also like to encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook for the most up to date programming and service information

#### Cover story continued...

#### How Does it Work?

Mediators are trained to ask intentional questions that lead to productive communications. Even people who still hold anger and resentment, can still reach agreements, when they begin to trust the process. The mediator guides each stage of the discussion:

- Sorting out what topics to address
- Identifying the issues that are at the root of the • dispute
- Setting expectations •
- Keeping the discussion focused on the issues •
- De-escalating/ if necessary •

Life changes, and uncertainty, can often lead to tension with the people we love, and those we depend upon. But sometimes these issues are easier to deal with than we thought. Mediation can help us face our fear of conflict and free us to move forward into a bright future.

#### You Can't Change the Past, But We Can Help You Focus on the Future.

It's not good for our mental or physical well-being to ignore problems. It's always better to "clear the air" and move forward in a more positive direction. So, if you have been avoiding an issue or feel you don't have the confidence or skills to address the problem, maybe mediation can help?



#### Wednesday May 11th 10:00 - 11:00 AM at Four Pointes

Free and open to the public Coffee and snacks provided

A representative from Mediation Services will be discussing exactly what mediation is and how it can promote peace for older adults currently facing challenges in life

#### **RSVP by May 9th** (616) 842-9210

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#### **Activity Descriptions + Center Updates**

#### **APRIL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**



Conditioning w/ Confidence Mondays & Thursdays at 9:00am Cost: \$3.00

A low-impact, seated exercise program to improve range of motion, flexibility, balance, and strength. Great for those just starting to develop their fitness routine!



**Ukulele Club** Wednesday April 6th at 1:00pm Cost: FREE

Grab your ukulele and come

join in the fun - each month

the group meets to work on

experienced players welcome.

new songs. Beginners and



**Billiards** Available daily Cost: \$1.00

Our billiards room is open all day, every day for members to use. We have two pool tables and a dart board. Stop by to play a few rounds with friends.



Art with Joy Mondays from 10:00 - 1:00pm Cost: \$15.00

Get creative and engaged with other artists during this open art studio. Whether its your first time or you are a veteran painter, our instructor can help you from start to finish on any project. Share with other artists and get helpful tips and tricks.

Wood Carvers Wednesday April 6th & 20th at 10:00am Cost: free

*Come learn to carve or spend time with others who enjoy* the craft. Open carving studio; no instructor.

**Connecting with Memories:** "An Easter Celebration Across creating delicate eggs to celebrate this spring holiday. the Miles" Wednesday April 6th at 11:15am Cost: free

Discussion will be focused on pynsky, the Ukrainian art of

**Beginning Mah Jongg** Wednesday April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. 9:00 - 11:00am

Try your hand at the traditional game of Mah Jongg; a game of strategy, luck and skill. Our expert instructor combined with a small class size guarantees individual attention and coaching throughout the 4-week course.

Cost: \$20.00 for 4-week session

Participants must RSVP by April 4th. Limit 5 participants.

\*Mah Jongg cards not included in price, they can be purchased at the front desk for \$10 (supplies are *limited*)

## **ACTIVITIES**

#### **FITNESS**

**Barre Fitness** Cardio Drumming Chair Yoga Chair Aerobics Conditioning w/ Confidence Exercise Drumming Gentle Mat Yoga Line Dancing Moving w/ Parkinson's Ping Pong Power Up Body Sculpt Stretch & Tone Tai Chi Tap Dance

#### LEARNING

**Book Club Build Your Brain Workshop Connecting with Memories Memory Writers Ukulele Club** 

#### **SUPPORT**

**Health Clinics** Legal Clinic Technology Assistance Medicare/Medicaid Assistance & Prescription Drug Assistance

#### **RECREATION/GAMES**

Bingo, Bridge, Cribbage, Darts, Euchre, Hand & Foot, Mah Jongg, Pinochle, Pool, Rummikub

#### ARTS

Art with Joy Build It, Fly It Quilting Yarn & Stitches Group Woodcarving

April 2022 Activities Grand Haven Activity Center • 616-842-9210				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Note: classes with an * are series and each class builds on another; participants must attend the first session in order to participate in the remainder of the series	Monda	Wellness Center Hours ay - Thursday 8:30am - Fridays 8:30am - 2:00p	4:00pm	1 9:00 Barre Fitness 10:00 Build It, Fly It 10:00 Open Line Dancing Practice ( <i>member led</i> ) 11:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Moving w/ Parkinson's
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\*Cannot be combined with any other membership special\*



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Tuesdays from 9:00 - 9:45am 7 Week Workshop April 19th - May 31st Cost is \$15 for entire series \*must be a member to participate. Please RSVP by April 18th

FREE Bonus Class!

This workshop will combine simple movement combinations along with memory recall, cognitive problem solving and speed variations to engage specific parts of your brain. The goal is to challenge your brain and body simultaneously to help stimulate new growth all while having a lot of fun!



## April Lunch Menu

Lunch hours Monday - Friday

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hot meals are by reservation ONLY. Cost is donation based for seniors 60+.

APRIL 1st

*Hot Meals* April 1st: Sloppy Joe, Wheat Hamburger Bun, Euro Blend, Wax Beans, Fresh Fruit

APRIL 4th - 8thFruitSoup of the Week: Beef NoodleApril 13th: Citrus Salmon,Hot MealsBrown Rice, Green Beans, BeApril 4th: Homemade MacaroniMandarin Oranges, Dinner R& Cheese, Side Salad, Asparagus,MargarineBeets, Diced PearsApril 15th: Polish Sausage w,April 6th: Old Fashioned Meatloaf,Bun, Sauerkraut, Asparagus,

Mashed Potato, Peas, Normandy Blend, Diced Peaches, Sweet Bread w/ Margarine **April 8th:** Walking Taco, Mexican Rice, Corn w/ Peppers, Fresh Fruit

APRIL 11th - 15th Soup of the Week: California Medley Hot Meals April 11th: Stuffed Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Carrots, Fresh Fruit April 13th: Citrus Salmon, Brown Rice, Green Beans, Beets, Mandarin Oranges, Dinner Roll w/ Margarine April 15th: Polish Sausage w/ Bun, Sauerkraut, Asparagus, Applesauce

APRIL 18th - 22nd Soup of the Week: Tomato Basil Hot Meals April 18th: Chicken Wings, Baked Potato, Sautéed Cabbage, Tomato Salad, Fruited Jell-O

Meals include fat-free milk and 1/3 of the daily recommended intake of nutrients for older adults. Menu is subject to change without notice.



**April 20th**: Hot dog w/ Bun, Peas, Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit, Fig Newton

**April 22nd:** Pork Chops & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Wheat Bread w/ Margarine

#### APRIL 25th - 29th

*Soup of the Week:* Timberline Chili *Hot Meals* 

**April 25th:** Cabbage Roll, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Chocolate Pudding

**April 27th:** Chicken Diane, White Rice, Asparagus, Beets, Applesauce

April 29th: Chicken Salad, Wheat Croissant, Coleslaw, Mandarin Oranges

Hot meals must be reserved ahead of time by calling Four Pointes at (616) 842-9210 and speaking to the AgeWell Site Coordinator. Reservations are due by noon the business day prior.

\*Due to current food shortages, AWS will make every attempt to honor the menu, however there may need to be times when menu items need to be substituted\*

#### CARROT CHEESE BALL EASTER APPETIZER

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

8 oz cream cheese 4 tbs butter 1 cup shredded cheese 1 carrot stem (or parsley or cilantro)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Mix your cheese ball and refrigerate for 30 minutes
- 2. Drop the mixture onto wax paper and roll into a cone
- 3. Use your fingers to mold into a carrot shape, no need for perfection
- 4. Place onto platter an sprinkle with shredded cheese
- 5. Insert stem and refrigerate until ready to serve

Yield: 8 servings



## LET'S DO COFFEE

#### You're invited

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- Protecting your hearing
- Warning signs of hearing loss
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## APRIL 20TH, 11:00 - 12:00PM AT FOUR POINTES

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Sunset

## Organizing your Important Documents by Attorney Anna Urick Duggins February 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy wine and cheese while learning the importance of organizing your estate plan, investment statements, deeds, medical information, etc. and how best to have them available at a moment's notice if there is an emergency.

Please RSVP to Four Pointes (616) 842-9210.



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Jordan P. Smith, BC-HIS Owner-President

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\*Sources available upon request.

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### APRIL 19TH - 21ST

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