

FRIENDS OF THE OASIS NEWSLETTER

The Oasis Senior Center, 501 Pulaski Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

MARCH & APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I will officially complete my tenure as President of the Board of Directors in April. Although a year seems like a long time, it sure does go by very quickly. During my year as the President of this organization I really found the experience to worthwhile and rewarding. There certainly are many aspects to the center and its operations.

As a reminder, our annual auction is March 25 at the White House Auction Center. Please come and join us by participating in the fun of bidding and supporting the lunch stand. All the monies raised are going to the center. This is our first fundraising event that can begin the start of another successful year.

Another reminder is the annual meeting has been changed by the Board of Directors to April 19. Please feel free to come to the annual meeting of your organization.

This year has been a blessing to the Center, not only by what has been accomplished, but by the increase in participation of our members. I want to personally thank all of you who have volunteered, traveled to places, participated in the various activities both at the Oasis and Oasis sponsored events.

The Center will only continue to thrive and continue providing services the community has come to enjoy, through the many wonderful and dedicated volunteers the Center has in place. The Center will always need additional volunteers to maintain all our services. Without additional volunteers we must look at some reductions in our programs and services. I encourage you to VOLUNTEER!

As the winter has been some what mild, let's not forget that spring is just around the corner. When you read this spring will be about three short weeks away.

Bob Jeckel

President Of the Board of Directors

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The winter of 2012 or the lack of any winter this year has been a real surprise. To all of us in our senior years this seems to be a real gift of good luck. To all my grandchildren this is a bumper. So as you can see it is all a matter of perspective as to what is right and good for all. So when it comes to these high level intellectually thought provoking issues I'm usually wrong.

However; what I do know is the Oasis Senior Center has the followings needs which remain constant from year to year and will be passed down from generation to generation of the seniors that call Logan County their home.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** The center has grown over the past several years and thrives with each new member added. Each of us must remain vigilant about promoting the Center to your friends and neighbors.
2. **VOLUNTEERS:** The Centers very existence depends on YOU as a vital individual willing to give something back to the community.
3. **PARTICIPATION:** The Center applies for a variety of grants from Governmental entities to Private foundations. The common denominator to grants is how many people will the funding benefit and how much support is available within the organization (membership) and the community we serve.
4. **FUNDING:** The Center can only remain a vital part of the community, by the very generosity of the community it serves. This year seems to present it own set of hardships for the Oasis chiefly due to the economic down turn we are currently facing. Each of us giving a little can help a lot when it comes to our budget problems. Any one wishing to join in a giving program for the Center can contact us for details.

Dom Dalpoas,
Executive Director

The Mission Statement of The Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.

To provide a place where senior citizens, as individuals or in groups, come together for services and activities which enhance their dignity, support independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

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OASIS SERVICES



RULES OF THE ROAD

The Secretary of State office is now offering a “Rules of the Road” course **FREE** of charge to all interested parties. The course is scheduled for the **first Tuesday of the MONTH listed, from 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.** The course is designed to help you become a better/safer driver and to assist individuals who may have to take the written exam or the behind the wheel test administered by the drivers license facility. Why not make a day of it? Make reservations to have lunch with us at 11:30 a.m. and spend some time looking at your Rules of the Road booklet and start the class at 1:30 p.m. Registration is not required for you to attend this course.

The class schedule for 2012 has been changed to a quarterly schedule of 4 times per year.

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

TUESDAY MARCH 27, 2012

8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

This drivers safety program will be offered for Seniors age 55 and older on the above listed date and time. AARP sponsors the class and participants pay a \$14.00 fee for their supplies on the day of their class directly to the instructor. If you are a member of AARP the cost is \$12.00. Your fee includes a lunch meal provided at the Center. All checks must be made payable to AARP.

Participants must attend the entire day to become eligible for an insurance certificate. Please check with your individual insurance agent to see how much a safe driving certificate will save you? The biggest saving may be your own life!

The eight (8) hour course is presented with the help of a trained volunteer Ms. Irene Tumilty. Seniors who have not taken the course within the past (3) years are required to retake the class to maintain their Insurance discount.

Seating is **LIMITED**. The classroom in the Center can accommodate 16 participants comfortably. PLEASE call the OASIS at 732-6132 and reserve your seat.



ILLINOIS CARES Rx

(Circuit Breaker & Senior Care)



DID YOU APPLY!!!

Remember, you must continue to file an application for the Illinois Cares Rx each year. The time to file is as soon as you get all the financial information to complete your application. This year the application has grown due to the New Medicare Part “D” process. If you need additional help or assistance please call the Center for an appointment. All assistance is provided **FREE** to anyone requesting assistance. Call the Center for an appointment at 732-6132.

EXTRA HELP

Everybody could use a little **EXTRA HELP** every once in a while. Now Social Security (Federal Government) has a program to provide individuals who qualified with extra help, provided they meet the income guidelines. Please! Please! do not get them confused. Extra help is from the Federal Government and Illinois Cares Rx (Circuit Breaker) is provided through the State of Illinois. These programs are separate and have separate applications. The Oasis Senior Center can do the “**EXTRA HELP**” and the Illinois Cares Rx applications on line. There really is no paper work other than answering the questions on the forms.

The guidelines have changed and you might be eligible for additional benefits. Give us a call at 732-6132

HEARING SCREENING

The Oasis Senior Center provides “**FREE**” hearing checks the first Wednesday of the month. Call to schedule an appointment at the Oasis at 723-6132

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

A representative from the Veterans Administration comes to the Oasis Senior Center every Tuesday from 9:00a.m-4:00p.m.. No reservations necessary. It’s on a first come first serve basis. For further information you can call the Oasis at 732-6132.



OASIS SERVICES & NEWS !



2012

COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

9:30-10:30 A.M. Monday-Friday

Basic

2012 (call for schedule)

2012 (call for schedule)

E-mail/Internet

2012 (call for schedule)

Call for information on classes that will be available during those months

Course Fee is \$15.00 members and \$18.00 non-members payable one week in advance. Call The "Oasis" to set up your class time 732-6132.



THE "OASIS" BOOK CLUB

Come on in and join our very own "Oasis" Book Club. The objective of this club is to rekindle the rewards of reading a book and either sharing your thoughts with the group or just sitting back and listening to others. Invited guests will present their impressions of the book of the month. You may participate as much or as little as you desire. There will be plenty of time to socialize with a group of people who all share the common interest of reading a good book. Last year the BOOK Club read a combined total of 460 BOOKS **The Book Club Schedule is March 12, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.**

April 09 , 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

LUNCH & LEARN

TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2012 at NOON

The Area Agency on Aging for Lincoln land and the Oasis Senior Center are sponsoring a Lunch & Learn session. Information covered will include Caregivers of family members with dementia . Pam Hill, LPN, Memory Care Director from the Christian Village will be available to present the material and to answer any questions you may have. This information is critical to help protect and care for you and your loved ones. Drop in at noon for a good sandwich with some chips for lunch while learning about some helpful information.

REMEMBER

MARCH 20, 2012 at NOON BE SURE TO CALL THE AREA AGENCY TO RESERVE A SPOT at 217-787-9234 OR 800-252-2918

REMINDER!

DO YOU NEED YOUR TAXES DONE?

The Oasis Senior Center is pleased to offer "FREE" tax assistance to seniors during the 2012 filing season. The Center will offer electronic filing which improves accuracy and insures each return is accepted by the I.R.S. in a timely manner. Tax volunteers are trained in the "Tax Wise" software but are not trained tax professionals. If your form is complicated or out side the established guidelines please seek the assistance of a tax professional.

The Center is obligated to stay with in the guidelines for a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center. The guidelines prohibit the center from completing tax forms which involve the sale of property, business earnings, depreciation, stock sales, farm income and other income or deductions which are not typical in nature. Call the Center @732-6132 for an appointment.

"OASIS" BUNCO

COME ROLL THE DICE !



JOIN OUR BUNCO GROUP !

Every 4th Monday of each month

(When The "Oasis" is open for Activities)

HELP WANTED

The Oasis is looking for volunteers to assist with our Tuesday Lunch Program, afternoon desk assistance, Bingo workers and Illinois cares Rx helpers. For more information please call Georgina Binzen at the Oasis Senior Center at 732-6132.

TRIVIA PUZZLER

What was the name of the architecture firm that designed the Logan County Court house? Answer on page: 12





OASIS ACTIVITY



MOTHER'S DAY TEA



Monday, May 7, 2012

\$12.00 PER PERSON

The "Oasis" Senior Center Mother's Day Tea is scheduled for Monday May 07, 2012. Everyone is welcome, so do not feel that you have to be any certain age. Just make sure you want to be pampered and served while enjoying excellent entertainment at a beautifully decorated table setting.

The entertainment will be provided by Mr. Tim Searby Director of Castle Manor. He has the date on his calendar and is working on some arrangements for your listening pleasure. Tim is looking for some other folks to help in order to provide a quality program.

The Oasis has engaged Linda Gephart to do the decorating and arranging your party favors. If you have not been to one of our Tea's, you have certainly missed the beautiful decorations and unique party gifts.

The waiters have been anxiously wanting the spring to arrive so they will have another opportunity to be told what to do and how to do it by 40 or more ladies and gents. These guys are our volunteers and they loved being abused by folks just like you.

The Oasis can only accommodate 48 individuals as participants in our Mother's Day celebration. We will take phone reservations but in order to confirm and hold your spot, you must purchase a \$12.00 ticket prior to the end of the week you called. The deadline for this event is Friday April 30, 2010. Reserve early! Seats go quickly! 6 Individuals to each table setting

ITENARY

11:00a.m.	Appetizers
11:30a.m.	Main Entrée
NOON	Dessert

2012 CARD CHALLENGES

	Date	Team	Location
Wed	March 21	Taylorville	@ Taylorville
Sat	April 14	Card Pty	@ OASIS
Mon	April 09	Springfield	@ Springfield
Tue	April 17	Pekin	@ OASIS
Tue	May 15	Springfield	@ Oasis
Tue	June 19	Taylorville	@ OASIS
Tue	June 26	Pekin	@ Pekin
Sat	July 14	Card Pty	@ OASIS
Mon	July 23	Springfield	@ Springfield
Tue	July 31	Pekin	@ OASIS
Wed	Sept 26	Taylorville	@ Taylorville
Sat	Oct 06	Card Party	@ OASIS
Tue	Oct 16	Springfield	@ OASIS
Tue	Oct. 30	Pekin	@ Pekin
Tue	Nov 27	Tay-	
lorville	@ OASIS		

COSTS

AT OASIS IS: \$3.50

OUT OF TOWN:

\$10.00 Transportation, Cards & Lunch

\$7.50 Transportation & Cards



Spring Card Party

SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2012

From 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Ticket price is \$6.00 which includes cards, drinks and wonderful home made desserts

Tickets are available at the Senior Center





Oasis Events



HOW ABOUT BRANSON?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

The Oasis Senior Center’s travel coordinator Ms. Carol Schauer is in the process of planning a trip to Branson, Missouri. If you have not been to Branson you may want to consider a trip with the Oasis to see all the sights and sounds of Branson, Mo. Our Van has made this trip numerous times and knows it’s way there and back along with some stops in between. The Van holds a total of 14 folks and is always filled with a waiting list for this trip. We are small enough to make sure each passenger gets the attention they deserve and for the most part sees all that they need or want of this Midwest entertainment capital.

We will have an informational meeting some time this summer to spell out all the details of the trip such as what you are going to see, where you are going to stay, what you are going to eat and most of all what you have to pay. Our price for this trip is always far below any comparable trip. So you need to check us out and have a great trip with a lot of laughs and fun.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL THE CENTER @ 732-6132 AND PLACE YOUR NAME ON OUR WAITING LIST. At the informational meeting we will go over the itinerary and cover costs with those interested. We will fill the Van as per our “Overnight Process” in order to be as fair as possible to all our members. Give us a call for a good time!

WALKING IS GREAT EXERCISE!

Park Meadows Baptist Church located at 800 Memorial Park Road Lincoln, Illinois is making their gym available for seniors to walk. Any senior of any denomination may access the facility Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at absolutely no cost. The gym is closed on Friday Saturday & Sunday. This is a great opportunity for seniors to get in a daily routine of walking which most health advocates indicate is one of the best ways to maintain your health and at **NO COST**. In order to take advantage of this fabulous opportunity you need to call the church office at 732-6900 to schedule your groups time. The gym has handicap accessible restrooms available to accommodate every seniors needs. Form a group—call the church office—and join the 16 lap club (16 laps = 1 mile). **HELP YOURSELF STAY HEALTHY WHILE WALKING AWAY SOME WEIGHT AND HAVING A GOOD TIME WITH OTHERS!!**



ATTENTION SENIORS

COULD YOU USE \$200 TO \$400 A MONTH IN TAX EXEMPT MONEY???????

The Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois **Foster Grandparent Program** is looking for seniors over the age of 55.

Foster Grandparents serve between 15 to 40 hours per week assisting children with special needs in day cares, head start programs and schools. Sites are available in Logan & Mason counties along some additional adjoining counties.

You receive a tax-free stipend, you get free lunches, holiday pay, sick leave, vacation pay, training, recognition and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference in a young persons life.

Income guidelines of :

1 household =\$1,805 per month

2 household =\$2,428 per month



OASIS ACTIVITIES



ATLANTA BINGO

The Oasis Senior Center has been working towards providing additional services in different locations with in Logan County. The Atlanta, Illinois Park District has helped provide some added stimulus to this approach through a grant they have received. The Oasis has assisted the Park District in establishing Bingo for fun and prizes at 1:00 p.m. in the Atlanta Community House on the following dates.

Monday March 26, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.

Monday April 23, 2012 @ 1:00p.m.

Circle these dates and join the Logan County Seniors at the Atlanta Community house for some fun ,win a few prizes, and help the community of Atlanta and the Senior of Logan County at the same time.

Please join us for a good time fellowship and prizes.

Red Hat Group

Our "Oasis Belles" a Red Hat Group formed for the sole purpose to have a good time. The group meets the **1st Wednesday** of each month and enjoys discussing all the happenings and events they have attended during the past month. Looking for a good time? Try our "Oasis Belles" for a little different approach to the thoughts of life.

Come join the fun and bring a friend!

March 7, 2012 at 11:00a.m.

April 4, 2012 at 11:00a.m.

WORK OUT FOR W.I.M.P.S.

(We Increase Muscle Performance for Seniors)

MARCH 19, 2012 AND APRIL 16, 2012

STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.

AT THE OASIS SENIOR CENTER

Castle Manor Staff person Keli will instruct a sitting and standing routine of exercises which last about 45 minutes. There will be a brief warm up period followed by a variety of seated stretches and range of motion exercises. All the exercises are to your personal tolerance level. The routine does include some standing exercises which again is to your tolerance and optional if standing and exercising is not your cup of tea.

The focus will be low-impact exercises with stretching to build muscle tone and increase endurance, highlighting proper breathing techniques and concentrating on paying attention to each individual's particular strengths and / or limitations

COME BE A WIMP WITH ME ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 10 A.M.



HELP US!

The Post Office is requiring all bulk mailers to have "Return Service Requested" placed on all mailings. This means if you are not at the address we have it will cost us another \$.66 cents to have it returned to the Oasis. This can add up to a sizeable amount of money we do not have. **Please help us by keeping your mailing address current.**

REFLECTIONS GIVING PROGRAM

The mural representing the "Oasis" memorial wall will allow each of us an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the generosity of individual contributors and organizations in our community who go above and beyond the support we need in order to meet our goals. It is comforting to know that remembering the "Oasis" Senior Center can continue the good you began in your lifetime. A bequest from you is one way to influence the future of the programs and services provided by the "Oasis" Senior Center; and, as a result, affect the quality of the lives of the seniors in Logan County.

Come be a part of a lasting memorial to you or your organization's generosity. Your gift or contribution will be part of the 'Reflections' mural and you or your organization will be honored with a nameplate placed on the mural. Our membership and others will be able to reflect on your contributions to the Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.

The Reflections Program policy states that an organization's or individual's donations during a calendar year will be accumulated to reflect the total donation to the Oasis Senior Center for any one calendar year. If you wish to enroll in a regular giving program with monthly, quarterly or semi-annual donation payments, contact the Executive Director for details.

BLACK PLAQUE \$500.00-\$999.99

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home 2006 & 2007
 Larry Van Bibber— 2005, 06, 07, 08 , 09 & 2010
 Albert & Ruth Kapik— 2007, 08, 09,10, 11 & 2012
 In Memory of Lois Mote-2007
 In Memory of Frances Ruby Taylor-2007
 In Memory of Joann Eckert-2007
 In Memory of Trevor Michael Reece-2007
 Bernard Behrends 2001, 02, 03,04, & 2005
 First Presbyterian Church 2007 –2011
 Robert & Joan Graue –2009
 Les & Jan Van Bibber—2009
 In Memory Dallas Loveall— 2009
 In Memory Hazel Worth-2009
 Norman Hunter-2010
 Ken & Geri Mayes-2010
 In Memory of Emily F. Reece 2011
 Duane & Marjory Smalley 2011
 Burnetta F. DePuy 2011
 Craft Group 2011
 George & Jean Cypher—2011
 Robert & Celia Ann Jeckel—2011
 Jeanette Behrends-2011
 David & Karen Newhouse—2011

GREEN PLAQUE \$1,000.00 -\$4,999.99

Wal-Mart-2006 & 07
 Larry Van Bibber 2006
 In Memory of Fred Hoppin-2006
 In Memory of Dorothy Oltmanns-2008
 In Memory of Ethlyn Gouzong-2008
 First Presbyterian Church-2008 , 09, 10,11 & 2012
 Irene Tumilty-2010
 Jeanette Behrends-2010
 Joan Behle –2011
 Lincoln Heating & Cooling—2011
 In Honor of Ken Greenslate by Donna Galvin –2011

BLUE PLAQUE \$5,000.00—\$9,999.99

Paul & Helen Million-2006
 Larry Van Bibber-2007-2008 - 2009 & 2010
 Russell & Helen Allen—2009
 In Memory of Senator Robert Madigan –2010
 Charitable Trust of Lincoln Lodge #914—2011

RED PLAQUE\$10,000.00—\$24,999.99

Larry Van Bibber—2006

BRASS PLAQUE \$25,000.00

Larry Van Bibber—2005
 Robert J & Joan J Woods thru the Woods Foundation—2011

Nov. Calendar

Dec. Calendar



BIRTHDAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS !



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Mar 01	Ted Awe	15	Marjorie Wilmert
01	Gerald Gehrke	Mar 17	Debra Gilmer
Mar 02	Lester Cox	Mar 16	Martha Pagel
02	Nancy Brinner	Mar 18	John Smiley
02	Diane S. Detjen	Mar 19	Frank English
02	Linda Hughes	19	Becky Loyd
02	Betty Oltmanns	Mar 20	Doris Decker
Mar 03	Alan Grigg	20	Paula Dinger
03	Jerri Pharis	20	Phyllis Reynolds
03	Willi Simpson	20	Dori Decker
03	Donna Smith	20	Leonard Burleson
Mar 06	Nancy Bammann	20	Marjory Ott
06	Linda Bree	Mar 21	Norma Laymon
06	Helen Cart	21	Sam Hannah
06	Roger Terrill	Mar 22	Deb Aper
Mar 07	Elaine Knight	Mar 23	Paul Dumser
07	Linda Ackley	23	Jessie Shull
Mar 08	Joan Behle	23	Margourite Southern
08	Paul Gleason	23	Dorothy A. Sprague
08	Connie White	Mar 24	Mary Fletcher
08	Emagene Green	Mar 25	Emily Hickey
Mar 09	Virginia L. Hoaglin	25	Rosemary Rae Rogers
Mar 10	Mary Jane Anderson	Mar 26	Jane Jackson
10	Linda S. Baldwin	26	Judy A. Harris
10	William B. Wyles	Mar 27	Thelma Hart
Mar 11	Nancy Kleinmam	Mar 28	Mary Ettra Greer
Mar 12	Carol A. Barger	28	Nancy Ireland
12	Sandra Fielden	28	Deborah Skelton
12	Martha Lakin	28	Paula Johnson
Mar 13	Dorothy J. Vaughan	Mar 29	Larry Conway
Mar 14	Pat Berger	29	Mary Kelly
Mar 15	William Albert	Mar 30	Ferne Decker
Mar 15	Marlene Blane		

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Apr 01	Patricia Sebastian	20	Karen Birnbaum
01	Ellen Burbage	20	Charles Ott
01	Dorothy Ott	Apr 21	Woody Jones
Apr 02	Eleanor Feldman	21	Eleanor G. Lamm
02	Bernice Hackett	21	Cheryl Renfrow
02	Lois Leesman	Apr 22	Annetta M. Hopp
02	Barbara Raycraft	22	Vicky Klokkenga
02	Marlene Thompson	Apr 23	Gerald Carter
Apr 03	Dennis Brown	23	Rebecca Johnson
03	Kathy Liesman	Apr 24	Ruth M. Barry
Apr 05	Kim Thompson	Apr 25	Robert Albert
05	Cindy Watson	25	Elizabeth Conver
Apr 06	Carol Cooper	25	Alice Davis
06	Juanita Frostell	25	Mary L. Fuller
06	Frank Southern	25	James Ireland
Apr 07	Jean Mellott Cypher	25	Sharon Lahr
07	Marcia Cook	25	Elizabeth Conver
Apr 08	Rhea MacCarty	25	Jennie Mount
Apr 09	Howard Zook	25	Karen Newhouse
09	Rollie Grey	25	Deborah Pettyjohn
09	Thomas Zurkhamer	Apr 26	Ella Lee Graney
Apr 10	David S. Greenslate	26	Evelyn Jenkins
Apr 11	Sharon Chrans	26	Jean Willmert
Apr 14	Dorothy Hawks	Apr 27	Ronald Thompson
14	Donna Moore	27	Leon "Mickey" Martin
Apr 15	Veronica Brown	27	Rod Thompson
15	Joyce E. Hyde	Apr 29	Norma J. Shehorn
Apr 17	Bonnie Lou Humphrey	Apr 30	Verneena Boyer
17	Richard I. Ray		
17	Ivan Ray		
Apr 18	Doris Carter		
18	Sonja Newberry		
Apr 20	Lorraine Bayer		



SPONSOR
Of the Monthly Birthday Party

THANK YOU

The Oasis would like to say thank you to Chris Coyne for sponsor our Monthly Birthday Parties and to Jan Metz from Kroger's for donating the Birthday Cake and Ice Cream.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS & MORE!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Congratulations!

A Special January Birthday was celebrated by **Betty Marvel** on her 86th Birthday!

Congratulations!

A Special February Birthday was celebrated by **Esther Will** on her 96th Birthday!



BIRTHDAY'S

EACH ONE IS AS SPECIAL AS YOU!

Come to your month's Birthday Party at the "Oasis" Senior Center. The hostess has games, music and good old fashion cake & ice cream for everyone to enjoy. Everyone is welcome, but if your birthday falls in the month we are celebrating you will receive a small gift in honor of your special day. The Birthday Party is open to the public and you can celebrate with us each month of the year. Come and meet some old and new friends at a good-time event.

Party Dates

March 19, 2012 at 1:30p.m.

April 16, 2012 at 1:30p.m.

THE 3rd THURSDAY BINGO

Sharon Lahr & Geri Mayes have volunteered to prepare a "Lunch" at Noon prior to the regularly scheduled Bingo Games at 1:00 p.m. These ladies have graciously agreed to prepare and serve the meal along with getting prizes and calling Bingo. In order to make a "**GO**" of this we must ask for a donation to help us off-set the cost of the food and prizes. The "Light Lunch" can be any thing from a soup & sandwich to a spaghetti dish or a tropical BBQ plate. The suggested donation is \$3.00 per person. Donation of prizes or paper plates/cutlery that would be welcome. Come join us for the THIRD Thursday Bingo. Have a little lunch and enjoy each others company during Bingo.

FOOD AND FRIENDS

HELP US HELP OTHERS

Lots of folks who are retired seem to be busier now than when they had a full time job. All the printed material we receive on aging states that being busy and volunteering your time and talents are factors contributing to a happier, more productive life style. Everyone has heard over and over again about the benefits of exercise for a healthier body. The same is true for exercising your mind and keeping your self busy.

The "Oasis" has a lot of needs to help occupy your time and talents while benefiting the community of Logan County. Some of our volunteer jobs can be a simply fix-it upper or as complex as updating our web site on a regular basis. Let me list some opportunities for you to consider:

Handy Person	Small Repairs or Replacing Light Bulbs
Flea Market Helpers	Two to Four Hour Shift, Aug 24, 25, & 26,
Pot Luck Helpers	Clean up & Serve Once a Month
Bingo Helpers	Greet People , sell cards, one Tuesday a month
Card Party helpers	Help Serve & Clean up 3 times a year
Birthday Party Helpers	Help serve and clean up.
Front Desk	Answer phone, Schedule Appointments Daily (once a week).
Computer Person	Update Web page documents, data enter as needed
State Fair Workers	Helping with Bingo during State Fair

POT LUCK THURSDAY

The Oasis sponsors a monthly Pot Luck on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our Pot Luck dates for this newsletter are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Menu Entrée</u>
March 08, 2012	Corn Beef & Cabbage
April 12, 2012	Meatloaf

Starting at 11:30 A.M. the Pot Luck Committee chaired by Jennie Mount presents a great luncheon with entertainment and raffle prizes. If you do not have time to prepare a dish, we will accept a \$3.00 donation in place of your dish. Our drawing for a free lunch is sponsored by local restaurants. Bingo, sponsored by Christian Village, following the Pot Luck..

Come on out and join the Fun!! Bring a Friend!!

BREAKFAST BINGO

MARCH 29, 2012

Doors Open 8:30a.m.

Breakfast Served @ 9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. BINGO begins:

Sponsored by

Castle Manor

Your Chef, Georgina



Cost for Breakfast & Bingo \$4.00

LIGHT LUNCH BINGO

The "Oasis" in cooperation with St. Clara's Manor, Vonderleith Living Center and Maple Ridge Care Centre have agreed to offer Light Lunch Bingo during 2012. Each facility has agreed to offer a light lunch at Noon prior to their regular 1:00p.m. Thursday BINGO games. The light lunches will occur once a calendar quarter by each group. Light lunch usually consist of a small sandwich , chip or vegetable or soups. Check below for the schedule and be sure to come early enjoy a "Light Lunch" courtesy of Maple Ridge Care Centre and St. Clara's Manor

Light Lunch Schedule

Thursday March 01, 2012 Maple Ridge Center
Thursday April 26, 2012 Vonderleith Center
Thursday May 24, 2012 St. Clara's Manor

TRIVIA PUZZLE ANSWER

Deal & Ginzel

*The Oasis Senior Center Staff and Board of Directors wish you a
Blessed Easter*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to help our membership grow by recruiting your friends and neighbors. Our organization is stronger because of your hard work. For 2012 we have 10 New Members.

MONITARY DONATIONS

Judy Charron

John & Pete Smiley

Paul & Margaret Rogers

Marilyn Knetch

Loren Proefrock

Rosemary Rogers

Clinton McGinnis

Les & Carol Happ

Margaret Langenbaun

Jack & Margaret Peifer

Fred & Dolores Detmers

Kenneth Dierker

Roberta McKay

Walley & Tonita Reifsteck

Pat Kelly

Jean McCue

Alice Thorton

Alberta Wheeler

Jean Beyer

Josephine Leesman

Ella Graney

Doug Rhoberts

Lucille Miller

Thelma Hart

David & Carol Young

SPONSOR DONATIONS

Betty Burger

Betty Wankel

James Franklin

Fred Worth

OASIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The "Oasis" Board of Directors meetings are open to the public. The meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Notification must be received in writing on or before the 5th day of the month prior to the meeting date to schedule any agenda items.

Meetings are scheduled for:

March 15, 2012

April 19, 2012

May 17, 2012



OASIS SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL MEETING MOVED TO APRIL 19, 2012 BEGINNING AT 5:00P.M.



Last year the Board of Directors adopted a change to our Annual Meeting Date. The annual meeting has always been held in the dead of winter during the month of January. Weather was always a problem along with it getting dark so early leaving seniors to drive on "Bad" roads with limited vision. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect new Board members and to alert the membership to some accomplishments in 2011 and what to look forward to in 2012. This move was suggested by several members who found it difficult to participate in this event during the winter months. We hope the move attracts additional seniors to become more active in the Center's plans. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

IT'S BEEN MOVED SO YOU CAN ATTEND!

VAN TRIPS PLANNED

Sunday, March 18 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – The Foreigner, Includes: Dinner Show & Transportation. Members: \$45.00 Non Members: \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM. **Deadline: Feb. 24, 2012.**

Saturday, March 24 – Bloomington, IL – Passion Play – Includes Show & Transportation.

Members: \$28.00 Non Members: \$30.00. Departs: 1:30 PM, Returns: 6:30 PM. Stop for dinner on your way home. Majority Rules **Deadline: March 2, 2012.**

Monday March 26– Normal, IL—U.S. Navy Band Concert Cost \$9.00 **Deadline March 19, 2012**

Friday, April 13 – Minier, IL – Gil’s Country Inn, Includes Transportation & Supper on your own. Members: \$8.00 Non-Members: \$10.00. Departs: 4:00 PM, Returns: 7:00 PM. **Deadline: April 6, 2012**

Friday, April 20 – Godfrey, IL – Josphine’s, Includes Lunch on your own, Shopping & Transportation, Members \$11.00 Non-Members \$ 13.00. Departs: 9:30 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM. **Deadline: April 13, 2012.**

Sunday, April 29 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – See How They Run, Includes Dinner Show & Transportation. Members \$45.00 Non-Members \$47.00, Departs 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM. **Deadline: April 6, 2012**

Wednesday, May 9 – Tuscola, IL – Tanger Factory Outlet Center, Includes Transportation. Members: \$10.00 Non-Members: \$12.00. Departs: 9:00 AM, Returns: 5:00 PM. **Deadline: May 2, 2012.**

Sunday, May 20 – Bloomington, IL – Community Players – Hairspray, Includes Show, Transportation and Supper on your own, Members: 21.00 Non-Members \$ 23.00, Departs: 1:30 PM, Returns: 7:00 PM. **Deadline: April 27, 2012.**

Friday, May 25 – Peoria, IL – Spirit of Peoria – Ragtime Luncheon, Includes Luncheon Show & Transportation, Members \$45.00 Non-Members \$47.00, Departs: 9:30 AM, Returns: 4:00 PM, **Deadline: May 4, 2012.**

Sunday, June 3 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – Nonsense A-Men. Includes Dinner Show & Transportation. Members: \$45.00, Non Members: \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM. **Deadline: May 11, 2012**

**IF THE PRICE OF GAS EXCEEDS \$4.00 PER GALLON, WE
WILL BE FORCED TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

BUSINESS SPONSORS

SENIOR BOWL @ LOGAN LANES

10:00 a.m. March 2 & April 6

The monthly bowling event will be held on the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of our bowling event is give seniors an opportunity to get some exercise, have fun and socialize with others who have a similar interest. The National agency on aging has stated Seniors need exercise (both physical & mental) and socialization to have a complete and fulfilling life. This one event offers each of you an opportunity to meet these goals set by National Agency on Aging.

Please set aside one day a month and get into the swing of things.

Please circle on your calendar

March 2, 2012 & April 6, 2012

Oasis Members Stories

FUN IN THE SNOW

By Lois Leonard

Many a cold, bleak, gray winter day is turned into a wonderland with a light snowfall. The flakes come down slowly at first just covering the ground with a fairy-like dusting of snow. Then more flakes come down, larger flakes, millions, nay, billions of them. It is so incredible that each flake is different. What a miracle. The ground is now white with a blanket of snow. Each tree branch sports a little coverlet of snow. The bird bath stands proud wearing the snow like a white fur stole. The evergreen wears the snow in soft tufts here and there on their beautiful green branches. Cardinals, Blue Jays, and little sparrows decorate the trees like a Christmas morning as they sit on their chosen little tuft of snow. Ah, yes, snow brings us miraculous beauty. What beauty!!

Snow is not only beautiful; it can be fun to play in too. The whole family makes a snowman together. Beginning with a small snowball, rolling and packing it until it becomes the large body of the snowman. Then, add two more for the torso and the head. Sticks becomes arms. Run in the house and get a scarf and a funny hat then add coal and a carrot for facial features to give it personality. Oh my the fun we had!

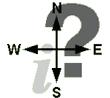
One winter in the mid 70's stands out in my memory. We lived on a farm in Neillsville, Wisconsin. A foreign exchange student from Germany lived and worked at the local children's home. Friedhelm became like a member of our family. One day he called and asked if he could bring two friends he met through the exchange program, out to the farm. Our four children also had friends out to the farm. It was cold enough for our pond to be safely frozen over. We dusted off the ice skates and these young folks played the same games of Fox and Geese, ice hockey, built snowmen, snow forts and lots of snow balls, as I once did in my youth. After all the play was done all of the children came inside to be greeted with some hot chocolate and fresh oven baked cookies. What a beautiful day for one and all.

I remember fondly those days on the small farm in mid Wisconsin. Snow was the glue that bonded all of these people from different backgrounds together. Snow, can certainly be beautiful to the eye but it's true beauty may be the bonds and memories it makes for a life time.



WHERE ARE WE GOING???

North-South-East-West



Would you like to be swept away to an age of bravery and honor? Discover a feast for the eyes and appetite with all the splendor and romance of the 11th Century? Enjoy a four course meal fit for royalty? Come join The Oasis for our first ever ***Mystery Trip***. Mark your calendar for this adventure to the unknown. July 27, 2012. You are guaranteed excitement...romance...thrills! The cost is \$60.00 for members and \$62.00 for non-members.
DAY TRIP ONLY —NOT OVERNIGHT



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11th ANNUAL AUCTION SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2012 STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.

The 11th annual "Oasis" Auction Fundraiser will be held Sunday March 25, 2012. Mr. Dan White of the White Auction Service helps the Oasis make the event bigger and better each year. The Auction is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. at the "White House" auction center located at 501 S. Kickapoo St. All items will be available to preview prior to the sale on Friday March 23, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

The business community of Logan County is extremely generous in donating some great items. This years event will feature some gift certificates, craft items and numerous other donations from the caring community of Logan County.

Each year our members spend the months of February and early March cleaning basements, attics and garages to donate the items that make this event a success. Once again the call goes forward to our membership encouraging each person to help out by donating an item for this sale.

A luncheon will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. and running through the sale. **Circle MARCH 25** on your calendar and come have lunch and stay for our Auction.