

FRIENDS OF THE OASIS NEWSLETTER

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

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Blessings to you in the New Year!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would hope as we begin the new year, all had a blessed Christmas celebration and a great New Year to celebrate the start of 2013.

This time can also be a time of reflection of the past year and to look forward to the start of a new year. Many challenges await us during 2013, but so did 2012. The dedication and commitment of the members of the Lincoln Logan Oasis Senior Center will be a foundation to face any challenge. We can work together to accomplish anything for the benefit of the Oasis Senior Center.

By reading the newsletter and becoming aware of the many activities that the Oasis Center provides to its members, it becomes a great way to meet people and get reacquainted with old friends and neighbors. The activities and events, craft groups, the card and table games, and fundraisers provide many opportunities for everyone to stay active. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns about other services, please contact the staff and they can assist you.

The Oasis Senior Center is always looking for volunteers to share their time and talents. That is how we can become an even stronger Center, dedicated to the welfare of the Seniors of Lincoln and Logan County.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bob Jeckel

President of the Board of Directors

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

2013! Where O Where did the past 12 months go? Or for that matter where have the past 11 years gone. I will be starting my 12th year as the director of the Oasis Senior Center. Some folks may say that's too long. Others may say it's not long enough. No matter what your belief, it has been and continues to be a wonderful experience that I would not have traded if given the opportunity. I'm continually amazed at YOU, our members, supporters and seniors of Logan County. Your generosity, compassion and overwhelming love of this Organization is truly a gratifying and humbling experience.

The one important lesson I have learned is that time stops for no one and we must make the most of each and every day. The Oasis continues to offer a haven for those who wish to take advantage of all the services and programs we have to offer. Life is far too short, not to enjoy all the services your own neighborhood of Logan County offers to all our seniors.

I look forward to the challenges the Oasis will face and hope to play a minor role in shaping the future of this great Organization. Minor is the key word, since the success of this Organization will always be shaped by the seniors and volunteers that make up the OASIS SENIOR CENTER.

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

Benefit Access Program

(License Plate Discount)

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.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(S.H.I.P.)

Are you having trouble understanding insurance forms? Having difficulty following reimbursement schedules or payments on your bills yet to be made? Can I save money if I plan my health insurance needs better?

Our S.H.I.P. volunteers have been trained specifically to help Seniors answer these questions. Our locally trained volunteers are available by appointment to assist you with insurance questions and ensure you are receiving the benefits your insurance plan provides. The S.H.I.P. volunteers are here on **Thursday from 2pm-4pm**. Please call for an appointment at The "Oasis" Senior Center at **732-6132**.

ON LINE

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

The Oasis Senior Center trained volunteer will offer assistance in accessing Social Security information available on line. Services offered on line include:

APPLY FOR BENEFITS: Includes retirement, spouses benefits, extra help with Medicare Rx program.

HELP WITH BENEFITS: Determine which benefits you are eligible to receive.

ESTIMATE YOUR BENEFITS: Use the retirement estimator. Find your full retirement age. Calculate your retirement, disability or survivor benefits.

CHANGE ADDRESS

REPLACE MEDICARE CARD

GET 1099 PROOF OF INCOME

Appointments to see our volunteer are available

The 3rd Friday of each Month, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

"FREE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Last tax season the "Oasis" partnered with the I.R.S. through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to offer Senior "FREE" tax assistance. I'm pleased to announce that the "Oasis" will offer this service during the 2013 tax filing season as an electronic filing site. Electronic filing improves accuracy and insures each return is accepted by the I.R.S. in a timely manner. This type of filing will insure a refund check quicker than the "Old" paper system.

Help us spread the word by telling others about this service. The more individuals who file through the "Oasis" the more likely we can continue to operate this site as a electronic filing center.

A WORD OF CAUTION: All our volunteers are trained in the computer software to file taxes and are not tax professionals. If your form is complicated we advise you to see a professional tax expert to prepare your return.

TRIVIA PUZZLER

Answer on page: 4

What is the oldest brick building in Logan County?

\$ 7.00 DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR THOSE OVER 55 IS \$140. WE ARE ASKING FOR SOME HELP TO REPLACE LIGHTING AND CEILING FAN IN THE LIBRARY ROOM.

OASIS SERVICES

TO TAX OR NOT TO TAX

The question is do I have to file an income tax return if my only source of income is social security or social security with a small pension? Use the following information as a guideline since the laws can change regarding income levels.

SINGLE INDIVIDUAL: If all your income including social security is **more than \$25,000** then the answer is **YES**

MARRIED: If you and your spouse's income including all sources is **more than \$32,000** then the answer is **YES.**

Any amounts less than these figures means you may not need to file. Since the AARP tax program we provide at the center is free, just make an appointment and let us put the numbers in so the I.R.S. system can make that judgment.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HERE EVERY TUESDAY IN 2013

A representative from the Veterans Administration will be coming to the Oasis Senior Center every Tuesday from 9:00 a.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. This change is so we can better serve all our men & women who have proudly served our country in the military. It is you, our veterans that we owe so much and increasing the dates you can be served at the Oasis is but one small way of us making a difference. Help us spread the word and let all our area veterans know this service is available at the Oasis each and every Tuesday.

LEGAL AID

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. provides legal assistance for Seniors who qualify. This service is available once a month by appointment only. For more information, please call The "Oasis" 732-6132

Weather Notice



Board of Directors Policy

When Lincoln Community High School closes because of inclement weather, The "Oasis" will also be closed. This just makes it easier for you to have the information on closing. Please listen and/or watch your local radio or TV station for closing announcement.

HEARING SCREENING

The Oasis Senior Center provides "FREE" hearing checks the first Wednesday of the month. Call to schedule an appointment at 732-6132

RECAP OF 2012

2012 was another year for the Oasis Senior Center. We had so many projects and events shape our course that I wanted to give you a thumb nail sketch of what happened to YOUR Center. Listed below are some of the services /activities and results for 2012.

Tax Assistance Program	562 filed
Illinois Cares Rx Program	903 helped
Medicare Part D & Insurance	776 helped
Meal Program	1,201 served
Potlucks	1,028 served
Cards	916 played
Birthday Parties	441 attended
Bingo	\$ 4,088 raised
Fundraising	\$ 28,472 raised

OASIS ACTIVITIES

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.

**The Book Club Schedule is
January 21, 2013 & February 25, 2013**

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 at 11:30 a.m.. Interested ladies can contact Charlotte Gaither at 648-2042.

January 2, 2013 & February 6, 2013

LUNCH & LEARN

"Do I Need a Will and/or a Trust"

Steve Iden, Senior Attorney, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation

TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2013

at NOON

The Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland and the Oasis Senior Center are sponsoring a Lunch & Learn session. This information is vital 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. Please help us spread the word.

**REMEMBER MARCH 12, 2013 @ NOON
BE SURE TO CALL THE AREA AGENCY TO
RESERVE A SPOT at 217-787-9234 OR
800-252-2918**

SENIOR BOWL

FIRST FRIDAY'S

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.



It's that time of year again! Senior Bowling at Logan Lanes.

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 to 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
January 4, 2013 & February 1, 2013**

"OASIS" BUNCO

COME ROLL THE DICE !

JOIN OUR BUNCO GROUP !



Every 1st Monday of each month
(When The "Oasis" is open for Activities)

Refreshment provided by

Marilyn Armbrust

January 07, 2013 & February 04, 2013

TRIVIA ANSWER FROM PAGE 2

Answer:

Knapp / Chestnut Building Middletown

**\$7.00 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR
THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR**

OASIS ACTIVITIES

FOOT CARE EXPANDED FOR 2013

GIVE US YOUR FEET

There was an old saying that if you gave some one an inch they would take a mile. Now the "Oasis" Senior Center would like to have two feet so we can provide you some foot care. The "Oasis" with help from Christian Village has found a registered nurse who provides foot care by appointments. Emma Van Dyke R.N. who specializes in foot care will be traveling to the Senior Center. Emma will trim & clean toe nails, file callous, and apply lotion to your feet. She will also provide some foot care tips for you to consider. There is an \$8.00 charge for this service. You must make an appointment by calling the "Oasis Senior Center at 732-6132. If you are diabetic, good foot care is a must.

FOOT CARE WILL BE OFFERED

Date	Time
January 8, 2013	9a.m. to 5 p.m.
January 22, 2013	1:15p.m. to 5 p.m.
February 05, 2013	1:15p.m. to 5 p.m.
February 19, 2013	9a.m. to 5 p.m.
March 12, 2013	9a.m. to 5 p.m.

Emma has graciously agreed to expand her services to continue to meet the needs of the Seniors of Logan County. As you can see by the above schedule she will begin offering her services all day ;thereby, doubling her appointments for each month she is here. Please take advantage of this service and help us spread the word.

**HELP THE OASIS BY JOINING OR
TELL A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR TO
JOIN. TOGETHER WE CAN DO A
LOT!**

Cards!

2013 CARD CHALLENGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wed. March 21	Taylorville	@ Taylorville
Sat. April 14	Card Party	@ 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 Party	@ 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	Taylorville	@ OASIS

Note: All card challenges begin @ 10:00 a.m. The Van leaves for all away challenges @ 8:30 a.m. Consult your newsletter for updates and prices. Please sign up one week in advance of each challenge.

**ALL CHALLENGES AT THE OASIS \$3.50 EACH
ALL OASIS CARD PARTIES ARE \$6.00 EACH
AWAY CHALLENGES WITH MEAL \$10.00 EA.**



2013 MEMBERSHIP & SAN ANTONIO TRIP



Thank You

I gave \$ _____
to the Oasis Senior Center On _____ 2012.

Check Number _____

Keep this portion as a record of your tax deductible donation.



Help The Seniors in your Community through the
The "Oasis" Senior Center

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YES I want to make a difference by supporting
The "Oasis" Senior Center in serving the Seniors of Logan County

Enclosed you will find cash or check made payable to the Oasis for
_____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500

Name _____

Address _____

**PACKAGE INCLUDES
MEALS AND TIPS
\$779.00 PER PERSON BASED
ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS TRIP

APRIL 20 – APRIL 28, 2013

**PACKAGE INCLUDES
MEALS AND TIPS
\$779.00 PER PERSON BASED
ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Motor coach transportation to and from—6 nights lodging including 8 nights including 4 in San Antonio-14 meals (8 breakfast and 6 evening meals)-Guided tour of San Antonio--Cruise at San Antonio's River Walk District-Visit the ALAMO & IMAX theater-Visit the Institute of Texan Culture and San Antonio Missions-Tour LBJ Ranch & Other sites

DEPOSITS & PENALTIES

A **\$779.00 *Refundable Payment** is required prior to the close of business on **February 08, 2013.**

If you cancel prior to the close of business Friday March 08, 2013 you will receive a refund.

If you cancel after the close of business on Friday March 08, 2013 you must either:

1. * Forfeit the entire amount.

AND/ OR

2. * Have purchased the "Travel Confident" protection plan within 14 days of your initial deposit .

Triple (3 to a room) Occupancy \$ 759.00 per person — Single (1 person to a room) Occupancy \$1019.00 per person

ALL PRICING IS BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY AND A MINIMUM OF 30 PASSENGERS. IF FOR SOME REASON, LESS THAN 30 PASSENGERS ARE GOING, THE TRIP WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN UPCHARGE /

COMBINED WITH ANOTHER GROUP / CANCELLATION

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 & 2011
 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
 Robert & Joan Graue -2009
 Les & Jan Van Bibber-2009
 In Memory of Dallas Loveall- 2009
 In Memory of 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
 George & Marlene Wilmert-2012
 In Memory of George Cypher-2012
 In Memory Robert "Bob" Harris -2012
 In Memory of Gene Chapman -2012
 Elaine Lessen -2012

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 , 2009, 2010 & 2011
 Irene Tumilty-2010
 Jeanette Behrends-2010
 Joan Behle -2011
 Lincoln Heating & Cooling-2011
 In Memory of Janet Henrichsmeyer-2011
 In Honor of Ken Greenslate by Donna Galvin -2011
 In Memory of Warren Peters -2012
 Esther Will -2012

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

BIRTHDAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS !

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Jan. 02 Millie Anderson
 02 Jeanette Behrends
 02 Carol Schauer
 Jan. 03 Hazel Alberts
 03 Kay Przykopanski
 03 Patsy Weimer
 Jan. 04 Ann Kvittle
 04 Betty Marvel
 Jan. 05 Sarah Jackson
 05 Vera Wurth
 Jan. 06 Shara Lee
 06 Barb Leesman
 Jan. 07 Lizzel Cook
 07 Rue Ellen Copeland
 07 Jerome Vlahovich
 Jan. 09 Donald Emmons
 09 Pat Kelly
 09 Marilyn Knecht
 09 Mary Sue Martin
 Jan. 10 Harold Krusemark
 10 Wally Reifsteck
 10 Marjory Smalley
 Jan. 11 Richard Hurley
 11 Lea McEntire
 11 Joan Pluth
 11 Nancy Saul
 Jan. 13 Jon Diers
 Jan. 14 Dorothy Noble
 Jan. 15 Kay Constant
 15 Edna Jones
 Jan. 16 Helen Hannah
 16 Wanda Zurkamer
 Jan. 17 Randy Buse
 17 Janet Ulrich
 Jan. 20 Bob Shanle
 Jan. 21 Paul Jockisch Sr
 21 Eleanor Lamm
 21 Caroline Nota
 21 Jesse Ruff
 Jan. 22 Marilyn Schneider
 Jan. 23 Wayne Hanner
 23 Roy Sebastian
 Jan. 24 Beryl Brouch
 Jan. 25 Junior Aper
 25 Celia Ann Jeckel
 Jan. 28 Pat Tetley
 Jan. 29 Ken Harrell
 29 Rollie Lawson
 Jan. 30 Kenneth Mayes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Feb. 01 Pat Geskey
 01 Shirley Helton
 01 Linda Hill
 Feb. 02 Phillip Dehner
 02 Charlotte Gaither
 02 Inez Mitchell
 02 Etta Short
 Feb. 03 Muriel White
 03 Jeff Schaub
 Feb. 04 Charles Anderson
 04 LaVerne Tesh
 Feb. 05 Wilma Auer
 05 Dwilla Baldwin
 05 James White
 Feb. 06 Veva Appel
 06 Loren Birnbaum
 06 Lowell Petty
 Feb. 07 Bev Ramthun
 Feb. 08 Marvin Board
 08 Belva Elias
 08 Betty Lohrenz
 08 Betty Miller
 08 Janet Runyon
 Feb. 09 Eileen Kohl
 09 Ruth Post
 09 Sue Walker
 Feb. 10 Carole Hurley
 10 Wilma Parrish
 Feb. 12 Shirley Dittus
 12 Nancy Puls
 12 Betty Skielnik
 12 Mary Swearingen
 12 Esther Will
 Feb. 13 Dorothy Haseley
 13 Charles Smith Jr.
 Feb. 14 Betty Wankel
 Feb. 15 Ruth Musick-Beyers
 15 Pamela Dugan
 Feb. 16 Frank Strohkirch
 16 Marie Turner
 16 Frank Strohkirch
 Feb. 18 Judy Parsons
 Feb. 19 Linda Blank
 Feb. 20 Roberta McKay
 20 Sharon Shehorn
 Feb. 21 Ron Adams
 21 Ron Newhouse
 Feb. 22 Virginia Frost
 22 Barbara Stewart
 Feb. 23 Betty Verderber
 Feb. 25 Barbara Peddicord
 Feb. 26 Judy Awe
 26 Launusha Clementz
 26 Katherine Hofer
 Feb. 27 Alice Doehring
 27 George Wilmert
 Feb. 28 Pauline Boward

THANK YOU

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Congratulations!

A Special November Birthday was celebrated by Geneva Gulso November 28 on her 92nd Birthday



Geneva Gulso

Congratulations!

A Special December Birthday was celebrated by LaVeta Zurkhammer on her 96th Birthday



LaVeta Zurkhammer

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

Monday January 14, 2013 & February 11, 2013

OUR FRIENDS

The Local United Way Agency has fallen short of their 2012 Campaign goal. The "Oasis" is a United Way Agency and receives support from local funds to continue to offer all programs and services you presently enjoy. Consider helping the Community of Logan County and the "Oasis" Senior Center by giving to the local United Way.

The Oasis Staff and the Board of Directors

Wish you Many Blessings

***In the
New Year !***

ACTIVITIES

VAN TRIPS PLANNED

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – Clinton, IL – La Te Da, Includes Transportation & Lunch on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$12.00, Departs: 11:00 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 9, 2013.**

Monday, Jan. 28 – Clinton, IL – Ted’s Garage, Includes Transportation & Lunch on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$12.00, Departs: 11:00 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 21, 2013.**

Sunday, Feb. 10 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – Beer For Breakfast, Includes Transportation & Dinner Show, Members: \$45.00, Non-Members: \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 18, 2013.**

Saturday, Feb. 16 – Bloomington, IL – Bloomington Performing Arts – Rich Little, Includes Transportation & Show & Supper on Your Own - CORRECTION, Members: \$46.00, Non-Members \$48.00, Departs: 4:00 PM, Returns: 10:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 18, 2013.**

Saturday, Feb. 23 – Olympia School, IL – Prime Time Country – Guest: Nathan Urban, Includes, Transportation, Meal & Show, Members: \$23.00, Non-Members: \$25.00, Departs: 4:30 PM, Returns: 10:15 PM, **Deadline: Feb. 8, 2013.**

Friday, March 1 – Goodfield, IL – Busy Corner Restaurant, Includes Transportation & Lunch on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$12.00, Departs: 11:00 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM, **Deadline: Feb. 22, 2013.**

Sunday, March 10 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – Unnecessary Farce, Includes Transportation & Dinner Show, Members: \$45.00, Non-Members: \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM, **Deadline: Feb. 15, 2013.**

Saturday, March 23 – Bloomington, IL – Passion Play – Includes Show & Transportation. Members: \$28.00, Non-Members: \$30.00. Departs: 12:30 PM, Returns: 6:30 PM. Stop for Dinner on your Own. **Deadline: Feb. 27, 2013.**

Thursday, April 4 – Bloomington, IL – Bloomington Performing Arts – Menopause The Musical, Includes Transportation, Show & Supper on your Own, Members: \$58.00, Non-Members \$60.00, Departs: 4:00 PM, Returns: 10:30 PM, **Deadline: March 1, 2013.**

Saturday, April 6 – Joliet, IL – Paula Dean – Includes Transportation & Buffet Lunch, Members: \$40.00, Non-Members: \$42.00, Departs: 9:00 4:00 PM, **Deadline: March 8, 2013.**

Saturday, April 20 – Normal, IL – Gamma Phi Circus, Show: 1:00 PM, Members: \$20.00, Non-Members: \$22.00, Making List of Participants and Payments, **Deadline: Feb. 7, 2013.**

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:

Date	Menu Entrée
January 10, 2013	Chicken & Noodles
February 14, 2013	Meat Loaf

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 \$4.00 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!!

THE DONATION IS NOW \$4.00 PER PERSON

LIGHT LUNCH BINGO

The “Oasis”, in cooperation with St. Clara’s Manor, Symphony of Lincoln Care Centre and Vonderleith Living Center have agreed to offer Light Lunch Bingo during 2013. 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 consists of a small sandwich, chips or vegetable or soups. Check below for the schedule and be sure to come early to enjoy a “Light Lunch” courtesy of our gracious sponsors.

Light Lunch Schedule

January 24, 2013	St Clara’s Manor
February 28, 2013	Vonderleith Living Center
March 07, 2013	Symphony of Lincoln Care Centre

OASIS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



BREAKFAST BINGO BREAKFAST BINGO

JANUARY 31, 2013

Doors Open 8:30a.m.

Breakfast Served at 9:00 a.m.

Bingo Begins After Breakfast

Cost for Breakfast & Bingo
\$4.00

JANUARY 31, 2013

Doors Open 8:30a.m.



DON'T "SPACE OUT"! RENT OURS!

Consider this! The "Oasis" Senior Center is available to rent for all of your special needs. We have a large activity area to keep both kids and adults happy. Our kitchen has been newly remodeled to meet cooking and eating needs. For gatherings and meetings the "Oasis" Senior Center cannot be beat! The donations requested for rental is very reasonable and the proceeds are used to assist the center with programs, activities and services for the seniors of Logan County. So you see, you can help us while helping yourself and your family for that special family gathering.! Call the Oasis for additional information 732-6132

CHILI MEAL REPORT

Sponsored by Thrivent of Logan Co.

The Center's annual Chili Meal took place on November 29, 2012. It was one of our most successful events except for the PROBLEM of serving luke warm to cold chili. We had a major problem with our roasters and did not realize it until many bowls had been served. We sincerely regret the problem and ask that you try us next year to see if we can get it right.

The event was very profitable for the Center by yeilding a little over \$2,800.00. The Bake sale brought in a little over \$800.00 which is absolutely wonderful, the raffle basket won by Sandy Wilmert contributed \$223.00.

There are not enough words to express how absolutely giving and I hope forgiving (for less then temperature Chili) our community of supporters are for the continuation of the Oasis main goals and objectives.

To all of you who helped bake, sell tickets, buy tickets, buy baked goods, buy raffle chances and / or support us in any fashion we say **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

EVERY FRIDAY 10A.M TILL 11 A.M.

The Oasis hosts a blood pressure clinic each Friday beginning at 10 a.m. Our retired Nurses are very faithful about getting your correct blood pressure so you can advise your physician. Let's us help you keep your health care providers better informed.

Euchre Anyone?



Euchre is a very popular card game for both seniors and those just getting started in life. We as a Center have tried over and over to generate some interest in this game, so seniors could have a variety of card games to play. The major objective is to have fun, build relationships and learn just a tad bit from each other. If this sounds like something you would want to participate in at the Center, then give us a call so we can put your name down. Once the schedule gets set, we will give you a call and let you know all the details. Additional articles will appear during the summer months of this newsletter. Help us get another group started!!

Oasis Holiday Schedule

Oasis 2013 Holiday Schedule

New Years Day	January 1, 2013
Martin Luther King Day	January 11, 2013
Lincoln's Birthday	February 15, 2013
Washington's Birthday	February 18, 2013
Good Friday	March 29, 2013
Memorial Day	May 27, 2013
Independence Day	July 4 & 5 2013
Flea Market Clean Up	August 26 & 27, 2013
Labor Day	September 2, 2013
Columbus Day	October 7, 2013
Veteran's Day	November 8, 2013
Thanksgiving	November 28 & 29 2013
Christmas (Holidays)	December 24 & 25, 2013
New Years Celebration	December 31, 2013 January 1, 2014

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.

January 17, 2013 & February 21, 2013

REMINDER

The annual meeting of the Oasis Board of Director has been moved to APRIL 18, 2013

HELP ME WITH OUR Membership Form

Enclosed in this issue of your "Friends of the "Oasis" Newsletter" is a membership form for the "2013" year. Annual dues of \$7.00 are payable this month for the calendar year of January 1 through December 31, 2013. This year the Center is requesting additional information such as a complete date of birth including the year. This information will allow the "Oasis" to be better prepared to seek outside grants and to better plan for future programs. We have added a sponsor section to the form which allows members to Donate to the "2013" sponsor project". The "2013" project has been identified as new lighting and fan in library. Century Club members have a Wood Mural located in the dining activity area of the "Oasis". A \$140.00 donation makes you a lifetime member to the Senior Center and places your name on our wooden mural for others to view. The volunteer categories located to the right of your name area on the form assists us in contacting individuals who show an interest in helping us with certain activities or programs at the center. Please take a little time to check any line where you feel your talents would help the "Oasis". Current Century Club members should fill out the form and include birth dates information and check the line which state's you are already a Century Club Member.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RETURNED THE
FORM & DUES WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
SINCERE APPRECIATION!!**

NOTICE

A Nominating Committee has been appointed and empowered by the Board of Directors to present candidates to serve on the Oasis Board of Directors for a 3 year term. Nominations will be accepted via mail with a post mark of February 01, 2013 or earlier.



**FRIENDS OF THE OASIS
MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013

Sponsor	___ \$50.00	___ \$100.00	___ \$200.00	___ \$300.00	___ \$400.00
<i>(This donation will sponsor Lighting and Fan in Library room)</i>					
Century Club	___ \$140.00 Lifetime Membership for individuals 55 years of age or older				
Regular	___ \$7.00	# of Persons _____	Other Donation Amount _____		
Please check here ___ if you are already a Century Club member.					

Your membership donation supports the production of the Center’s bi-monthly newsletter that is mailed to each member. The newsletter includes a calendar of events, special news items and information about special events.

Please check your preferred membership category above and mail this form with your check payable to:

Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.
501 Pulaski Street
Lincoln, IL 62656

Please check any of the volunteer categories below that is of interest to you. You will be Contacted by the chairperson.

Name _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Cell # _____
Emergency Phone _____
Birthday (Month/Day/Year) ___ / ___ / ___ (His)
Birthday (Month/Day/Year) ___ / ___ / ___ (Her)

- ___ Art & Balloon Fest Flea Market
- ___ Auction
- ___ Baking for Bake Sale
- ___ Bingo Tues. evening @ Oasis Center
- ___ Birthday Party
- ___ Board of Directors
- ___ Chili / Soup Fundraiser
- ___ Crafts
- ___ Crochet Club
- ___ Federal & Tax Preparer
- ___ Front Desk Help
- ___ Illinois CareRx
- ___ Music
- ___ Quilting
- ___ S.H.I.P. (Senior Health Ins. Program)
- ___ Van Driver

E-Mail _____



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FREE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 1ST THROUGH APRIL 13, 2012

The Oasis Senior Center is pleased to offer “FREE” tax assistance to seniors during the 2013 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 outside the established guidelines, please seek the assistance of a tax professional.

The Center is obligated to stay within 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.

Monday's	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday's	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday's	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday's	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.