

Senior
Center

NEWS

TAX ASSISTANCE

Beginning January 18, call 937-233-9999 to schedule an appointment to have your tax returns prepared. ***Only 2021 tax returns will be prepared.*** Appointments will occur Feb. 2 - April 15 on Wednesdays and Fridays. AARP is not permitting in-person appointments and the drive-up service used in 2021 will not be used again. This year, a Drop-Off service will be used.

- Important: you **must come to the center well in advance of your appointment day to pick up a Drop-Off Packet.** This packet consists of a large white AARP envelope with several forms inside that you must complete. It also includes a list of the tax documents you need to bring. **Put everything inside the envelope and bring it with you to your appointment.** The tax aide will review the packet with you before you leave.

- You may pick up a Drop-Off Packet as soon as you make your appointment. Remember, do not call before January 18.

- When you make your appointment, you will be given a morning ***and*** afternoon appointment for the ***same day.*** At the morning appointment you will meet with a tax aide *inside* the center, hand him/her your envelope, and spend up to 20 minutes reviewing your documents. At the afternoon appointment you will pick up your packet and review your completed tax return with the same tax aide. For example, you may have a 9 a.m. drop off and a 3 p.m. pick-up; please do not plan on waiting at the senior center.

- After your morning appointment the tax aide **must** be able to reach you at a good phone number to ask you questions or discuss a different time to pick up your tax returns. ***Be available all day to answer your phone;*** you may not recognize the number or name if you have Caller ID. ***If you cannot be reached, your tax return may not be completed.***

- Taxpayers filing jointly make one appointment. Other filers within the household need their own appointment.

- For those with dependent children/grandchildren, include IRS letter 6419 in your packet if you received *Advance Child Tax Credit* payments in 2021. The letter will be mailed to applicable taxpayers in January. Your tax return will not be prepared without this letter. Contact the IRS if you need a replacement.

- Returns not prepared: businesses, city tax, rental properties, farms, and deductions for casualty loss (tornado).

- Inclement weather: if the Huber Heights Schools close for bad weather (not delays) on your appointment day, the senior center will close also. Your tax appointment will be rescheduled to the *next available Tuesday.* One of the tax aides will call you to let you know which Tuesday.

- Cancellations: call the center as soon as possible; call even if it is the same day as your appointment. A future appointment cannot be guaranteed if you cancel.

- *SAVE this newsletter for reference.*

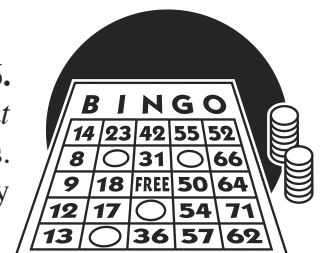


MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

New members are welcome anytime; must be at least fifty and younger spouses are welcome. Dues are \$20 with renewal due every January. Members turning 90 by March 1 are free. Interested seniors may visit three times before joining (some activity restrictions apply). Dues are reduced to \$5 October through December for first-time applicants only with full renewal fee of \$20 due in January.

MINI-BINGO

The center will offer mini-bingo at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, **January 26.** Each person will be issued two cards (no choice of cards). Lori from *Wright Nursing & Rehab* will conduct the games and provide non-monetary prizes. Members may register starting January 4; non-members starting January 21 if space available. Phone calls accepted.



ART PROJECT: PAINT CLASS



All skill levels can participate in this make and take art project taught by artist, Terri Lynn, from the *Terri Lynn Art Studio and Gallery*. You will complete an 8x10 acrylic painting of a valentine tree (see Pat for photo). Class will be held at 12 p.m. on Monday, **January 24**. Cost is \$15 and all supplies are furnished. Register January 3-19; no refunds after January 19 but there is the option of making it up at the studio.

TAI CHI CLASS: Open to Beginners

The next eight-week session will be open to beginners *and* current students and offered at 1:30 p.m. on Fridays starting **January 7**. Cost is \$30 and due when registering. Senior center membership required. Refunds are not issued once the first class is held. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise and taught by Sue and Bill McCabe from TAMA Martial Arts.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Current members may renew membership either in person or by mail beginning January 3. Dues are \$20 per person; please renew by January 31. New members are encouraged to apply in person. *Renew by mail:* include check and any changes to address, phone, e-mail, emergency contact. Member card held here or include stamped, self-addressed envelope. *Honorary:* free if 90 by March 1, renew each year in person or by calling.

TERRIFIC TRIPS

Payment due when registering; checks preferred. Please complete an emergency card when registering. Flyers available with information on registration and description of trips.

May 9-14: Charleston

June 16: Snooty Fox

Oct. 9-15: Florida

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following who were elected to the 2022 Board of Trustees:

President: Janet Hart

V. President: Judy Blankenship

Treasurer: Jim Leek

Secretary: Netta Hawkins

At-Large: Carolyn Freeman

At-Large: Mary Lemaster

At-Large: Pat Lokai

At-Large: Rick Nolan

At-Large: Jerry Nottingham



LINE DANCE CLASSES

A new eight-week session for members only will start **January 6**. Cost is \$25 and due when registering. Refunds are not issued once the first class is held. **Beginners** dance at 9:30 and **Intermediates** at 10:45 on Thursdays. One year of experience is preferred for intermediates. Beginners may register as late as the second class with full fee due. At the beginning of each new session, the dance steps are taught again but different songs and dance routines are offered to provide variety.

TIDBITS

***Closed:** Monday, January 17.

***Board Meeting:** 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **January 5**.

***Bingo:** 6 Roses Home Health Care will provide light lunch on January 11.

Will be cancelled January 18 if new windows are installed that day.

***Coats:** please hang coats up in the closet; do not drape across tables or counters.

***Fire extinguishers:** do not place anything (chair, table, etc.) in front of the extinguisher by the TV in the great room; this also applies for any extinguisher. Do not place items in front of the exit doors on the east side of the building.

***Community Meals:** by Project One Hope. Drive-thru Only:
Jan. 7, 13: First Christian Church, 5-6:30.
Jan. 19: St. Peter Catholic Church, 5:30-6:30.
Jan. 25: Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 5-6:30.

MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

Free assistance is available, year round, to answer Medicare questions and help with enrollment. Service provided by certified counselors through OHSIIP; call local counselor Connie Blum at 937-503-1979 or the center. Have ready: name of current plan, all prescription drugs (name, strength, number taken each day), and preferred drug store.

CRAFT CONNECTION

The Landings of Huber Heights will sponsor a craft project featuring a cute snowman. The activity will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, **January 18**. Registration is January 3 -13; phone calls accepted. Non-members may register January 12 if space is available.

TABLE TENNIS

Participation has been increasing with this fun activity and now there are two ping pong tables! Table tennis is held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and all skill levels are welcome. Waiver needs to be signed before playing the first time; see Bob, Lois, or Dennis when you arrive.

KUDOS CORNER

*Thanks to December newsletter mailers: Barb Shultz, Jim Leek.

*Thanks to Pat Lokai, Jan Weller, Sue Schaaf for making welcome packets.

*Congratulations to Jim Manning and Dawn Kupris who were married in December.

*Super thanks to the 2021 Board, Committees, Receptionists, Health Screeners, Lunch Crew, Newsletter Crew, and Bingo Volunteers who performed duties in 2019-2020 during a challenging time. Special thanks to all who continue to support the senior center!

*Many thanks to those who spent over three hours putting the new ping pong table together.

*Very special thanks to Janet Fulton for repairing the chairs and table in the lounge.

*Thanks to all who help set up and clean up at events like lunch and learns.

*Many thanks to Doris Radcliffe for the wonderful job with the receptionist meeting.

*Thanks to Judy Gambill for taking the FISH donations to the pantry and to all who donated items.

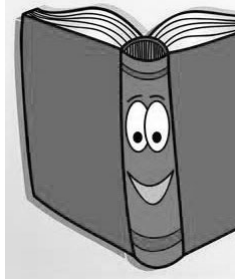
*Thanks to Jerry & Caroline Nottingham, Carolyn Freeman, Pat Lokai, Jennifer Hupke, Jim & Deb Boggs, and Judy Blankenship for decorating the center.

BOOKS & BANTER

Share your insights with the book group at 10:30 am. Books on reserve at the Huber Heights Library (inform librarian it is for book club).

Jan. 10: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. In 1939, Nazi Germany continues to invade other European countries and books are being banned that are considered unsuitable for their citizens. The main character is Liesel, a ten-year old girl whose family is in turmoil. Her experiences with loss and her love of reading and learning bring us into her world of chaos.

Feb. 14: Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. Recently a major movie release, this book reveals the struggles of women and African Americans in the 1950's to obtain the education they desired and advance in their chosen vocation. It highlights the many barriers these women experienced, especially in the science and math fields, and how they came to earn the respect of their colleagues at NASA.



REFLECTION

Kindness is like snow-it beautifies everything it covers.

~ Kahlil Gibran

WELCOME

A warm and friendly welcome is extended to our new members:

Juanita Schafer Patty Grundish Sherry Krumm
Clara Markiewicz Bertha Walker Gloria Rader-Smith

Membership: 682 as of December 16

New members: please see the receptionist if you did not receive a welcome packet.

NEW WINDOWS - ACTIVITY CHANGES

New window installation is expected to take place on **January 18 and 19**. Activities that are held in the big room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will need to be cancelled if the window installers keep to this schedule. Mah Jongg may play in the back room but bingo and exercise would be cancelled. Not certain, yet, about lunch pick-up and game night. Check with the center closer to these dates.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Senior Resource Connection offers a pick-up meal program for those who are at least sixty and not already receiving meals at home or at another site. Donations accepted. Included: five frozen meals (assorted) and five servings of bread, milk, and fruit. Once registered, be here every Wednesday, 10:15-10:30 a.m., to pick up your food. To register: complete form; pick-up begins following week. To cancel: call the week before.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Full page detailed calendar available at the center or visit [www.hhoh.org/our community/senior center](http://www.hhoh.org/our_community/senior_center)

Monday:

Exercise 9:15
Pinocle 11:30
Bridge 12
Knit, Crochet 1 p.m.
Table tennis 6:30-9
Book Group, 2nd Mon., 10

1/17: Closed

1/18: Begin making tax appt.

1/24: Paint class 12

Tuesday:

Bingo 1 p.m.
1/11: Blood Press/Sugar 11:45
1/18: Craft 10

Wednesday:

Exercise 9:15
Lunch pick-up: 10:15
Mah Jongg: play 1 p.m.
lessons 11 by appt.
Game Night 6:30-9

1/5: Board mtg 12:30

1/26: Mini-bingo 1

Thursday:

Wood carve 9:30-11
Line dance 9:30-11:45
Euchre, Hand & Foot 12
Bridge 12
Table Tennis 6:30-9
Hearing & aid checks by appt.

Friday:

Golden Qi (Chair Chi) 9:45
Tai Chi class 1:30
1/14: Trivia, 2nd Fri., 1 p.m.



HUBER HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER

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Center Hours

Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (closing varies)

Friday 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (closing varies)

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Mission Statement

To work with, assist, and promote fellowship, happiness, entertainment and good will among senior citizens: to encourage a better way of life, by association and helping each other, to make the rest of our lives on earth more enjoyable, to share our God given gifts of eyesight, hearing, speaking, knowledge and maneuverability to seniors who are less fortunate in health.

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COMMITTEES

Historian:	Alma French	Parade:	
Ways & Means:		Photographer:	
Travel:	Carolyn Freeman	Member/Welcome:	Pat Lokai
Sunshine:	Bobbi Markley	Kitchen:	Margaret Collier
Bingo:	Mary Lemaster	Kitchen Supplies:	Mary Lemaster
Nominating:	Linda Leek	Newsletter Mailing:	Barb Shultz

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS

Barbara Farina	Mary Lemaster
Carolyn Freeman	Doris Radcliffe
Janet Hart	Phyllis Spang
Debbie Keiser	Janee Walski
Tracie Kiser	Jan Weller
Ruth Krupp	Phyllis Whitenack
Maureen Kunz	Jan Wishon
Linda Leek	

BRIDGE RESERVATIONS

Call Kathy at 937-233-8827

MAH JONGG LESSONS

Call Janet at 937-236-8392

PINOCHLE

Call Chuck Malone at 937-572-5119

TABLE TENNIS & GAME NIGHT

Call Lois Freeze at 937-236-0342

RAYS OF SUNSHINE

Get Well

Liz Gitzinger
Mark Ballinger

Sympathy

Geneva Daniels in memory of her sister
Nancy Byrge in memory of her husband
Family of Ruth Butler
Family of Robert Hupp
Sandy Arcaro in memory of her mother
Clem Cwiklinski in memory of his brother

Sunshine Coordinator: Bobbi Markley 937- 233-8866

WEATHER CLOSINGS

The senior center follows Huber Heights Schools inclement weather closings only, not delays. Check TV or call center info recording at 937-237-7605 after 8 a.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE & SUGAR

Walk-in for the following screening (no fasting required). Open to seniors in the community. Unavoidable last-minute cancellations may occur.

Tuesday: **Jan. 11**, 11:45-12:45, blood pressure, sugar check by *The Laurels*.

GOLDEN Qi (Chair Chi)

Our Tai Chi instructors offer this free program from 9:45-10:30 on Fridays. Gentle, flowing exercises are practiced while seated in a chair and can improve breathing, flexibility, and strength. Drop in when you can, no experience necessary.