

# New Providence Senior Citizens Newsletter

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## COORDINATORS CORNER

Happy New Year! I wish you all good health and happiness in 2017. I would also like to thank you for the very generous Christmas gift. It was sincerely appreciated.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES/REMINDERS

- Chair Yoga and In Control will not meet on Mondays in January.
- The Union County College class will not meet in January. We will resume on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Please note the new day and time.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Member Day, Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am.** As many of you know, the NPSCC Board of Trustees voted to issue membership cards. At our January 18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting, we will distribute cards to all members. New Providence residents, as well as out-of-town members who were grandfathered-in, will be issued a green membership card. Out-of-town members who have paid annual dues of \$20 will be issued yellow cards. Effective January 1, 2017, non-members will be charged an additional \$5 to participate in club-sponsored activities such as luncheons and trips. Please be prepared to show your membership card when you pay for luncheons and trips. It will make it easier for the Activities Committee to sign up members because they will have the correct spelling of members' names and will be able to determine who is not a member and should, therefore, pay the additional charge.

At this meeting we will also be encouraging club members to sign up for committees. Committee members will be available to answer questions and to sign up new volunteers. We also hope to have an updated directory available for sale at this meeting. Price to be determined.

**Movie Club, Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am.** Come see the movie "Win Win" featuring acclaimed actor Paul Giamatti in a hooded green-and-gold New Providence Pioneers sweatshirt and numerous scenes from an eerily familiar high-school gymnasium. The movie centers around a New Providence elder law attorney who is struggling to keep his law practice afloat during difficult financial times. He is appointed by the court to represent an elderly man and ends up acting as his legal guardian. The film's director and writer, Tom McCarthy, graduated from NPHS. He and Joe Tiboni, a New Providence lawyer and resident, co-wrote the film.

**Inauguration Day, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.** Before we play Bingo, we will watch the Inauguration Festivities of the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.

**Please remember that when schools are closed for rain, snow or ice, the center will also be closed. If schools have a delayed opening, the center will open at noon.**

## Thank You...

- The members who addressed holiday greeting cards.
- Union Methodist Church Choir for their beautiful Christmas Cantata.
- Christine Napolitano for organizing the festive Holiday Dinner and the fabulous trip to the Jersey Gardens Mall.
- The NPMS Girls Chorus for serenading us at the Holiday Dinner.
- Ed Insinger for running the jolly Jingle Bells Lunch Cruise.
- Clara DelMonte and Joe Riccio for the Olympic Park Remembrance.
- Katherine Tsai and Kathy Hendrickson for their generous donations.
- The Lions Club for their donation to purchase large print books.

## NP Senior Citizens Club

*An organization dedicated to providing social & enriching activities & events for New Providence residents 55 years and beyond.*

### Trustees

Chair: Carolyn Foran  
Pat Connolly, Rosalie Hamaty,  
Kathy Hendrickson, Jean Holmes,  
Peggy Macneal, Joe Masino, Tina  
Morielli, Grace Parlapiano, Bette  
Schmitt, Bill Wehrle

### Club Officers

President: Christine Napolitano  
Vice Pres.: Harry Kundrat  
Treasurer: Sal Ligamari  
1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer: Clara DelMonte  
2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer: Delores Felezola  
Sergeants-at-Arms: Don Kern,  
Mike Ferlise

*Contact these members with any questions regarding your club!*

## DeCorso Community Center

15 East Fourth St.  
New Providence, NJ 07974  
908-665-0046

[www.newprov.org/seniorcenter](http://www.newprov.org/seniorcenter)

*A welcoming place for New Providence residents to gather and to enjoy its events and programs as well as our neighbors and friends.*

### Center Coordinator

Stacey Kinum

### Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

### Newsletter Staff

Peggy Brodeur  
Joan Clark  
Clara DelMonte  
Stacey Kinum  
Barbara Koslap

## Trips, Activities & Meetings

*Tickets for events may be purchased at the center on Wednesdays from 9:45 to 10:45AM.*

*Please visit or call the center at 665-0046 if you need to cancel a reservation.*

*Do not transfer a reservation. It will not be honored.*

Check the calendar  
for ongoing activities  
& schedule changes!

- **Wed., Jan 4, 11:00am: Meeting** – The newly elected Trustees and Club Officers will be sworn in. Debbie Novajosky from Marisol's Home Caregiver Services will lead an **Alphabet Trivia** game. Door prizes will be awarded to some lucky winners.
- **Wed., Jan 11, 11:00am: Meeting** – Enjoy the delightful sounds of **Elementary Strings** from Allen W. Roberts and Salt Brook Schools. We will also celebrate January birthdays. Chatham Hills will call Bingo.

**THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

- **Wed., Jan 18, 11:00am: Meeting** – Be sure to come out for this important meeting as we will be distributing **membership cards** and having committee sign-ups. New directories may also be available.
- **Thurs., Jan 19, 10:45am: Movie Club** – This month's movie will be "**Win Win**", the story of a struggling lawyer and volunteer wrestling coach whose chicanery comes back to haunt him when the teenage grandson of the client he has double-crossed comes into his life. Co-written by NP resident Joe Tiboni and his wrestling teammate at NPHS, Tom McCarthy. Look for some familiar scenery in the movie.
- **Fri., Jan 20, 10:30am: U.S. Presidential Inaugural Ceremony** - Before we play Bingo on Friday, we will watch the Inauguration Festivities of the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.
- **Wed., Jan 25, 11:00am: Meeting** – Amanda Khattab, a pharmacist from Walgreens, will give a presentation on **Senior Immunizations**. Learn about current recommendations and how to protect your health.
- **Wed., Jan 25, 1:00pm: Chinese New Year Luncheon** – Enjoy delicious food served in authentic Chinese family style at **Dim Sum Villa** restaurant. Cost \$18. See Jean Holmes for details. Purchase tickets in advance. Car pooling is encouraged.
- **Weds., Jan 25 – Fri., Apr 7, 10:30am to 2:00pm:** Call the center, Mondays through Fridays, to schedule **Tax Preparation** appointments or sign up at the center. Tax counselors will be available on Mondays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm from Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 17th.
- **Weds., Feb 1, 11:00am: Meeting** – Nicole from Brandywine will give a presentation. Topic TBD.
- **Sun., Feb 5, 2:00-6:00pm: Diversity Committee Chinese New Year Celebration**
- **Mon., Feb 6, 10:30am-12:00noon: UC College Class** resumes.
- **Weds., Feb 8, 11:00am: Meeting** – We will celebrate Valentine's Day a little early by watching the movie "**Brooklyn**", the story of a young Irish immigrant, and enjoying some sweet treats. We will not have Bingo.
- **Thurs., Feb 9, 7:00pm: "After Hours" Chili Contest** – Taste a variety of delicious chili recipes and then vote for the best. Sign up to enter. Doors open at 7:00pm. Please do not come early.
- **Weds., Feb 15, 11:00am: Meeting** – Topic to be determined. We will celebrate February birthdays.
- **Weds., Feb 22, 11:00am: Meeting-** Topic to be determined.
- **Sun., Feb 26, Time to be determined: CSA Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle**

**AROUND TOWN...**

**NEW PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- **NPHS Jazz Choir** – Featuring vocal and instrumental soloists. Sun., Jan 29, 3:00pm.

**NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL**

- **Student Voice Recitals** – Tues., Jan 17 & Weds, Jan 18 @ 7:00pm.

**BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE**

- **“After Hours” Chili Contest** – Taste a variety of chili recipes and then vote for the best. Thurs., Feb 9, 7:00pm.

**DECORSO CENTER**

- **“New Providence Public Art” Fundraiser** – You’ll be treated to the comedy, “No Signs of Intelligent Life” performed by NPHS students, a silent auction, and food and drinks. Seniors \$10. Sun., Jan 22, 4:00-7:00pm.
- **“Diversity Committee” Chinese New Year Celebration** – Celebrate the year of the Rooster. Sun., Feb 5, 2:00-6:00pm.
- **CSA Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle** - All proceeds benefit NP neighbors in need. Sun., Feb 26.

**FREE SEMINAR FOR SENIORS & THEIR FAMILIES**

You’re invited to attend a free “Twilight Planning” seminar. At this special presentation you’ll gain valuable advice on senior healthcare, independent living, housing and relocation, estates and trusts, hospice, funeral planning and more. Plus you’ll take home a 40-page resource planner and a gift card to Charlie Brown’s restaurant. The seminar will be held at The Hickcock Room in the Summit Public Library on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 9:30am to 11:30 am. RSVP [TwilightDoneRight.com](http://TwilightDoneRight.com) (844) 733-6532.

**FREE TAX RETURN HELP**

New Providence, Berkeley Heights, and other area residents can obtain free assistance in preparing and filing their individual 2016 tax returns. There are no age or income limitations for participation in the program.

Assistance will cover individual federal and NJ state income taxes, the NJ Homestead Property Tax Rebate, and the Property Tax Reimbursement Program.

Tax counselors will be available on Mondays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm, from Monday, February 6, 2017 through Monday, April 17, 2017. Beginning January 25, 2017, taxpayers may call the NPSCC at 908-665-0046 between the hours of 10:30am and 2:00pm, Mondays through Fridays, for an appointment or they may sign up at the center.

The IRS is again advising taxpayers to file their returns as early as possible to reduce the potential for identity theft.

**HELP WANTED**

Due to the unfortunate passing of Fran Blessing, the NPSCC is in need of someone to continue her important work of sending birthday cards and flowers to club members who are celebrating important milestones in their lives. If you would be interested in carrying on Fran’s legacy, please contact Stacey Kinum.

**MOVIE MARQUEE**

**JANUARY MOVIES AT THE NP MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The 2 PM showing will have subtitles for the hearing impaired.

**Tuesdays at 9:30am & 2:00pm**

- Jan 3 – *Jason Bourne*
- Jan 10 – *Florence Foster Jenkins*
- Jan 17 – *Wild Oats*
- Jan 24 – *The Confirmation*
- Jan 31 – *Colonia*

**Foreign Films**

- Thurs., Jan 5 at 2:00pm – *Our Little Sister (in Japanese with English subtitles)*
- Mon., Jan 23 at 7:00pm – *Wild Strawberries (in Swedish and Latin with English subtitles)*

**TOP 10 SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS**  
**Reverse Mortgage Scams**

Reverse mortgage scams are engineered by unscrupulous professionals in a multitude of real estate, financial services, and related companies to steal the equity from the property of unsuspecting senior citizens or to use these seniors to unwittingly aid the fraudsters in stealing equity from a flipped property.

In many of the reported scams, victim seniors are offered free homes, investment opportunities, and foreclosure or refinance assistance. They are also used as straw buyers in property flipping scams. Seniors are frequently targeted through local churches and investment seminars, as well as television, radio, billboard, and mailer advertisements.

A legitimate HECM loan product is insured by the Federal Housing Authority. It enables eligible homeowners to access the equity in their homes by providing funds without incurring a monthly payment. Eligible borrowers must be 62 years or older who occupy their property as their primary residence and who own their property or have a small mortgage balance.

**Tips for Avoiding Reverse Mortgage Scams:**

- Do not respond to unsolicited advertisements.
- Be suspicious of anyone claiming that you can own a home with no down payment.
- Do not sign anything that you do not fully understand.
- Do not accept payment from individuals for a home you did not purchase.
- Seek out your own reverse mortgage counselor.

<https://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/seniors>

**HOLIDAY DINNER THANK YOU'S**

A special thank you to Joe Eberle from Weichert Realtors for donating the lovely poinsettias. Also, thank you to Lisa Domkos, Donna Murphy, Laura Hardman, Angelique Freudberg, Maryann Canter, Susan Ecker, Diane Cirelli, Marjorie Callahan, Flor Vargas, Jenny Brigante, Julie Sandhi, Cindy Herman-James, Natasha Meci, and Caryn Feldman of Weichert Realtors and Magic Fountain for their donations of the beautiful centerpieces.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Resolve to try something new in 2017. Some possibilities are listed below:

- Make a new friend.
- Go to a new restaurant.
- Try a new food.
- Read a new book.
- Start a new hobby.
- Learn a new song.
- Cook a new dish.
- Play a new game.
- Try a new exercise.
- Get a new haircut.
- Attend a new NPSCC event.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Where in the world did this year go  
 It seems it passed so fast  
 But here we are, another New Year  
 And another one in the past.

May peace and love fill the earth  
 May past sorrows fade away  
 May the New Year bring joy to all  
 On each and every day.

Happy New Year to everyone  
 I hope your dreams come true  
 A heart that's filled with happiness  
 Is the wish I wish for you!

~ Charlotte Anselmo ~

**JANUARY FACTS**

Birthstone: Garnet



Flower: Carnation

Zodiac Signs: Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) & Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Holidays and Observances:

- January 1 – New Year's Day
- January 16 – Martin Luther King Day
- January 20 – Inauguration Day
- January 28 – Chinese New Year

<http://www.wincalendar.com>

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>New Year's Day</b> 	2 <b>9:30 Trustee Meeting</b> 11:00 Newsletter 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Knitting Club	3 9:00 Bus to ShopRite 9:45 Balance/Conditioning w/Mike 1:00 Tai Chi w/Ayriel 2:00 Converse Italian 3:00 Beginners Italian	4 10:00 Bus to Club <b>11:00 Officers Sworn In/Alphabet Trivia</b> 12:30 Bingo/Cards	5 9:30 Fit & Healthy Exercise w/Myriam 12:30 Partner Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	6 9:00 Bus to Mall 9:30 Zumba w/Donna 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Pizza Bingo	7
8	9 11:00 Newsletter 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Knitting Club	10 9:00 Bus to ShopRite 9:45 Balance/Conditioning w/Mike <b>10:00 Activities Meeting</b> 1:00 Tai Chi w/Ayriel 2:00 Converse Italian	11 <b>Happy Birthdays!</b> 9:30 Blood Pressure 10:00 Bus to Club <b>11:00 Elementary Strings</b> 12:30 Bingo/Cards – Chatham Hills	12 9:30 Fit & Healthy Exercise w/Myriam 12:30 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	13 9:00 Bus to Mall 9:30 Zumba w/Donna 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Pizza Bingo	14
15	16 <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>  <b>CENTER CLOSED</b>	17 9:00 Bus to ShopRite 9:45 Balance/Conditioning w/Mike 1:00 Tai Chi w/Ayriel 2:00 Converse Italian 3:00 Beginners Italian	18 9:30 Blood Pressure 10:00 Bus to Club <b>11:00 Membership Cards &amp; Committee Sign-ups</b> 12:30 Bingo/Cards	19 9:30 Fit & Healthy Exercise w/Myriam <b>10:45 Movie Club</b> 12:30 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	20 <b>Inauguration Day</b> 9:00 Bus to Mall 9:30 Zumba w/Donna 10:00 Bridge <b>10:30 U.S. Presidential Inaugural Ceremony</b> 12:30 Pizza Bingo	21
22 <b>NP Public Art Fundraiser @ DeCorso Center 4:00-7:00pm</b>	23 11:00 Newsletter 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Knitting Club	24 9:00 Bus to ShopRite 9:45 Balance/Conditioning w/Mike 1:00 Tai Chi w/Ayriel 2:00 Converse Italian	25 9:30 Blood Pressure 10:00 Bus to Club <b>11:00 Immunizations</b> 12:30 NO BINGO/CARDS <b>1:00 Chinese New Year's Luncheon</b>	26 9:30 Fit & Healthy Exercise w/Myriam 12:30 Partner Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	27 9:00 Bus to Mall 9:30 Zumba w/Donna 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Pizza Bingo	28 <b>Chinese New Year</b> 
29 <b>NPJS Jazz Choir @ NPML 3:00pm</b>	30 11:00 Newsletter 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Knitting Club	31 9:00 Bus to ShopRite 9:45 Balance/Conditioning w/Mike 1:00 Tai Chi w/Ayriel 2:00 Converse Italian 3:00 Beginners Italian	Feb 1 10:00 Bus to Club <b>11:00 NPJS Vocal Soloists</b> 12:30 Bingo/Cards	Feb 2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> 9:30 Fit & Healthy Exercise w/Myriam 12:30 Partner Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	Feb 3 9:00 Bus to Mall 9:30 Zumba w/Donna 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Pizza Bingo	Feb 4