MISSION
It is the mission of the Thompson Center to be a multi-generational gathering place for our community. Our programs and activities will promote the physical, intellectual and social well-being of the adult community to enhance dignity, self-worth and independence. The Thompson Center will act as resource and advocate for our senior population, providing timely support on issues that affect aging in our rural community.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Currently available at the Center: Bed rail, crutches, Commode chairs, walkers, Depends. IN NEED OF: Wheelchairs, wheeled walkers, and recliner lift chairs.

We’ve given away dozens in the last few months! It’s great to see them re-used! Contact Deanna at 457-3277 for more details. You can also donate or find medical equipment at: www.getATstuff.com

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Do We Have What It Takes?
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In the United States of Aging - "We want to do what we can, to help prepare America’s communities to meet the needs of the growing older adult population."

As we considered these questions and wrote The United States of Aging, a report from the National Council on Aging, we focused on four central ideas: security, health, choice, and community. We believe that a strong community is the key to an effective aging system and that the well-being of older adults is deeply interwoven with the well-being of America’s communities.

The United States of Aging represents the first in-depth look at the status of America’s communities in the year 2000, a year that marks the birth of a new age for older adults — a time when the older adult population is much larger than ever before, aging into a community that is more diverse, faster changing, and more complex than ever before. The United States of Aging has been designed to provide a clear and compelling picture of what is working and what is not, and provide a guideline to the actions that are needed to move our nation forward.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

A note from the desk of Deanna Jones, Executive Director

UPDATES

“MySeniorCenter” computerized sign-in system

We’ve done away with our paper sign in book and have begun using our computerized system! Key cards were made in advance for all patrons and volunteers who filled out the bright yellow information sheet. Those who haven’t are asked to fill one out on their next visit to the Center. Sign-in is going smoothly and we’re thrilled already with the ease of use and new information that we are learning.

In 5 days up and running, we have 232 patrons & volunteers active in the system! Those 232 folks are from 26 different towns! This is information that we did not know a month ago! One of the things we’ve learned this week is that the touch screen is very sensitive! One quick touch is all it needs and the activity or meal that you’ve touched, should turn bright yellow to show you’re “signed-in.” We still have some learning to do, but over-all people seem to like the system (I hear it is even kinda fun!). Please let me know if you have ANY questions, and thank you for your patience & flexibility as we transition to this new system. — Deanna

ADVISORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

• Update about trips that are full or filling up fast (payment confirms your seat)
• Holiday Bazaar plans underway. Paula will organize some Friday work days for wrapping coffee cans.
• Annual Meeting topic and schedule October 30
• Questions and suggestions about computer program answered
• Discussion about new Vermont Health Care program

Please join our next meeting on Monday, October 7, at 1pm. All patrons and volunteers are invited to attend. Your feedback is needed and appreciated!

TOWN DAYS CONTINUE!

Every year we celebrate each of our surrounding towns by having a special lunch and offering a discounted meal price for the residents of the town on that day. $3 delicious lunch and good company, so invite your friends & neighbors to The Thompson on these dates:

Oct 7 Reading
Nov 4 Woodstock

IN MEMORY OF

Mickey Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Morgan

William Beebee
Laurence Roberts, Jr.

Please see previous newsletters for other memorial gifts. Gifts are listed once in the monthly newsletter immediately following when they are received; this is not a complete listing of gifts for each individual.

Thank you for your contributions in memory of these dear friends.

FUEL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

For assistance with applications or more information, please call Senior Solutions (formerly the Council on Aging)
Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119

COMMUNITY CARE COORDINATOR (CCC)

At The Thompson

Oct. 2 – Office hours from 11:45 – 2:00pm
Oct. 11 – Heart to Heart Group at 1:00 pm
Oct. 16 – Caregiver Support Group at 12:30
Oct. 23 – Caregiver Support Group at 12:30
Oct. 30 – Office hours from 11:45 – 2:00pm
Also noted on the Program Calendar

IN LOVING MEMORY & APPRECIATION

Mary Sharpe - Flowers & Candy
John Audsley - Flowers
Carol Copley - Yarn
Harold Robinson Family - Puzzles & crossword books
Mountain Creamery - Muffins and scones

ONGOING DONATIONS:
Daily Valley News subscription - Woodstock Pharmacy
Birthday Cakes - Diane Atwood, Jane Soule, Carol Towne
Monthly book club selection - Yankee Bookshop
One Story subscription - Boyd Bishop

SHARE THE HARVEST donations:
Rhonda Bruce - Apples
Candle Klampert - Tomatoes
Bob Forman - Green beans, lettuce, cucumbers, onions
KIA SOUL - Transportation Sponsors:
Upper Valley Rehabilitation
Dead River
Ellaway’s Attic Consignment
Ottawaquechee Plumbing
Mark Knott, DDS
Woodstock Insurance Services
Lang McLaughry Spera Real Estate’s Tammyr Vutech

Thank You!

2nd Jane Soule
2nd Diana Leskovar
7th Lois Lantman
8th Diane Atwood
11th Peggy Wesbrook
13th Kathy Harrington
14th Miriam Desmond
16th Dottie Forthmann
17th Janet Cole
18th Bob Belisle
18th Therese Fullerton
19th Sarah Hadley
21st Bernice Atwood
23rd Larry Roberts
23rd Paula Audsley
24th Keith Blake
30th Nelson Gilman

On October 24th we will celebrate your special day with special music after a delicious lunch! Please call to make a reservation for lunch and join us!
Support and education can make a critical difference for family members and caregivers of patients with memory loss or disorders such as Alzheimer’s. Please join our confidential monthly support group (with complimentary lunch) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and share ideas, concerns, and constructive feedback with others facing similar challenges.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**
**Wednesday, October 16, 12:30PM**

Licensed massage therapists, Sara & Jim, will be available to provide chair massages at the Thompson. The benefits of having a massage on a regular basis are numerous. See for yourself!

Please call in advance to schedule your 20 minute massage and make sure to cancel in advance if you can’t make it so that someone else can take your spot and we don’t keep our massage therapists waiting!

Cost: 20 minute massage/$20.00

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**WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

**FREE HEARING SCREENINGS**
**Friday, October 18, 2013 9:00am-2:30pm**

Hearing Care Specialist Chris Gulick from Aria Hearing Center returns to The Thompson to offer thorough hearing examinations and hearing instrument demonstrations. Please sign up for your 30 minute appointment.

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**SEASONAL FLU CLINIC**
**Friday, October 4, 9 AM -12 Noon**

This walk-in flu clinic is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire and is open to all adults 18 and older. The flu vaccination is free for individuals with Medicare Part B insurance - please bring your card. The fee for all others is $25. For more information, call the Center at 457-3277.

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**FOOT CARE CLINIC**
**with Mary Wood**
**Monthly, 9 am - 2:30 pm on the 2nd Friday & 3rd Wednesday.**

Mary Wood, retired RN, runs the foot clinic. Call 457-3277 to schedule a half hour appointment with Mary on the 2nd Friday, or 3rd Wednesday of each month (see the calendar for dates). Your feet will thank you!

A waiting list is kept for each day; PLEASE make sure to let us know if you can’t make your appointment. Cost: $15, please bring your own towel.

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**WELLNESS CLINIC & BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**
**(will be combined with the Flu Clinic on October 4th)**

Wellness clinics (blood pressure & consultation) with Michelle Chiesa, RN, Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10-noon. Please note that the VNA is no longer offering glucose, cholesterol screenings in this setting.

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**FLU + YOU**
**Protect. Learn, Understand. Safeguard.**

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**OKTOBERFEST AT THE THOMPSON CENTER**
**Friday, October 4, noon to 1:00pm**

Oktoberfest is a 16-day festival celebrating the harvest with festive events and traditional beers. It is one of the most famous events (celebrated since 1810) in Germany, with more than 6 million people from around the world attending every year. The Thompson Center has a dedicated, scholarly group of German speakers who attend the “German Table” every Friday. They would like to invite everyone to enjoy a traditional menu of bratwurst, sauerkraut, potatoes, apple strudel, and…….. BEER.

A variety of beers is often available for sampling, but it is a BYOB event. Please sign up for lunch in advance so Chef Ryan knows how much food to prepare. This is one of our most popular annual events, so please sign up soon!

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**BINGO BONANZA!**
**Tuesday, October 15, 1:00 to 2:00pm**

Everyone is welcome to join in the Bingo fun! If you aren’t a regular player you can try it and find out why this game is so popular, and habit forming--yes, they now have a 12 step program for bingo addicts (just kidding). The Thompson Center staff (kitchen staff included) will join in the fun to enjoy a “high stakes” series of games. $1 per card, with winners getting half of the “pot” for each game. **Our surprise caller will review game rules and guidelines beforehand. Don’t miss this fun event! -- “If you can’t beat them, join them.” Anonymous**

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**NEWS & EVENTS**

**Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Informational Event**
**Presented by Senior Solutions at The Thompson Center**
**October 3, 2013 1-2:30pm**

This event will give you tips and instructions on what questions to ask during the Open Enrollment period, so you can make informed choices about continuing or changing your drug plan, and/or Medicare Advantage plan. The Open Enrollment period is from **October 15th – December 7th** each year. This is the time to review your coverage:

Example of questions you might be asking yourself:
- Will my Medicare Part D plan be the same in 2014 as it was in 2013?
- How will I know what changes my plan is making for 2014?
- If I decide to change plans, how and when should I do it?

Senior Solutions - State Health Insurance staff and volunteers will have up to date information to guide you. No registration is required to participate in this event.

(We ask you to please bring your own paper and pen as well as your 2014 Medicare and You handbook if it was already mailed to you). Cost: Donations to Senior Solutions appreciated

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**Dinner and a Movie**
Wednesday, October 16
5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Movie

**Something’s Gotta Give**
starring Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, and Keenu Reeves.

This hilarious romantic comedy stars a swinger (Jack Nicholson) on the cusp of being a senior citizen with a taste for young women who falls in love with an accomplished woman closer to his age (Diane Keaton).

**Dinner menu:** Barbeque Brisket sandwich, potato salad, tropical slaw, and apple crisp with ice cream.

*Cost: $5.00.* Please sign up in advance.

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Wednesday, October 9, 1:00PM

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**CLASSES & PROGRAMS**

**Please call the Thompson Center to register for classes in advance,** 457-3277

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**French Class**
Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30AM
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
**Instructor:** Judy Mahood

Come exercise your rusty French language skills with a friendly group of learners. Students in this class will be involved in a variety of exercises that will enhance their skills and familiarize them with the French culture. **Cost: $65.00** Please register in advance, the course requires a minimum number of students. For more information email: judymahood@comcast.net

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**Did you know?**

The Thompson Center has ongoing language tables during our noon time meals, where people can share food, fun, and be exposed to the language of their choice.

**The regular schedule is:**
**Tuesdays** - Spanish Language Table
**Wednesdays** - French Language Table
**Thursdays** - Italian Language Table
**Fridays** - German Language Table

The groups meet from noon to 1:00, and all ability levels are welcome!

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**ME  MOIR CLUB**
Ongoing, Mondays, 10:15AM - Noon

In this informal group, we encourage one another as we record stories that may otherwise be lost or forgotten. Each person has an opportunity to read aloud one to two pages each week often triggering group memories and lively discussion. **No pressure… reading is optional!**

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**Kripalu Yoga, with Annie Frates**
**TUESDAYS, 1:00 - 2:00PM**

This gentle yoga class is for everyone—standers, sitters, experienced and inexperienced. Annie will guide the class through a variety of yoga exercises that will help people gain flexibility, improve posture and spine health, develop strength, and increase breath awareness. **Cost: $5.00 per class.**

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**New! AARP Smart Driver Course**
Friday, November 15, 2013
9:00 to noon (break for lunch) and 1:00 to 2:00pm

After two years of planning, research, and testing AARP is pleased to announce a new and improved driver safety course. The new curriculum is the result of years of research, input from dedicated volunteers, and insight from experts across the transportation and driver safety industries. It is the nation’s largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers. This new course is scheduled to launch nationwide on January 1, 2014, but in Plymout, has completed the formal training and has agreed to offer it at the Thompson Center before the formal launch date.

**New Course Fee:** $15.00 for AARP members (bring in your card) and $20.00 for nonmembers. Checks should be made out to AARP. **Note:** The popular Car Fit program will be available following the course. Call Diana for more details or to sign up for a 20 minute time slot.

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**Strength & Fitness**
Weekly classes, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 to 10:00AM

This popular class is led by certified fitness instructor and personal trainer, Liz Hatfield. Liz incorporates aerobic, stretching, strength and weight bearing exercises. The benefits of these exercises include bone building, balance, and overall coordination. **Cost: $3.00/class or 12 classes for $30 on a punch card.**

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**Tai chi**
For Health and Balance

**Beginner Level (B)** - Weddays, 9:30—10:30AM
September 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30; Nov. 6, 13

Beginners and moderately experienced students will enjoy this series, which will explore seated, standing in place, and moving tai chi. The class uses forms that are based on the Sun style tai chi—the youngest of the tai chi families and the style most oriented towards health. Clinical studies have shown that tai chi helps improve balance and reduce falls. In fact, the Center for Disease Control recommends tai chi for fall prevention.

**Advanced Level (Adv.)** ~ Wednesdays, 10:40—11:40AM, Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30; Nov. 6, 13

This class is for those who have already learned the Sun Style “tai chi for arthritis and fall prevention,” parts 1 and 2. The class will continue to review these forms and will explore Yang 24 forms. The instructor Anne Bower can be reached at: anniebower@yahoo.com; 457-2877 or website: www.anniebower.com.

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UPCOMING TRIPS - Sign up Soon!

**Shopping Trip to King Arthur Flour, Norwich, VT.**

**Wednesday, November 13, Depart on Thompson Center Van at 9:00 am**

Tour King Arthur Flour’s new, expanded building and take advantage of some great holiday gift ideas with an additional 10% discount on purchases of $40 or more (excluding bakery items, appliances and books). We will have an opportunity to hear a short history of this thriving business and observe any bakery demonstrations going on that day. There will be ample time to shop and eat lunch at the cafe. You may also bring your own lunch and buy a “goodie” to top off a scrumptious day!

**Cost:** $5.00 gas donation. (lunch is on your own) Please sign up in advance.

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**Two Options for New York City Holiday Trips, Sponsored by Vermont Green Mountain Tours**

**Option 1:** December 7–9, 2013

- New York City and the Rockettes, at Radio City Music Hall
- Package includes 1 night’s lodging in New Jersey; 2 meals (1 dinner/1 breakfast); tickets for “The Rockettes” holiday show; tour of New York City, and Premier Coach transportation.

**Cost** per person: $446.00 double, $425.00 triple, $398.00 quad., $533.00 single

10% discount for children age 12 and under

**Option 2:** December 14–16, 2013

- New York City and the 22 Deluxe Christmas Tour
- Package includes two nights’ lodging at the Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan; 7 meals (2 full breakfasts/3 luncheons/2 dinners); tickets for “The Rockettes”; visitor’s pass for the 9/11 Memorial; New York City highlights tour with local guide; baggage service; free time to enjoy the city, and Premier Coach transportation.

**Cost** per person: $975.00 double, $929.00 triple, $900.00 quad., $1,148.00 single

For more information or to register (deadline is October 31st) contact: Vermont’s Green Mountain Tours, PO Box 2021, Georgia, VT. 05468

Phone: (802) 527-0496 or (800) 877-4311; Email: tourdirector@greenmtntoursvt.com

Website: www.greenmtntoursvt.com

Note: Trip brochures are available at the Thompson Center.

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**The Thompson Center Group Cruise — Norwegian Cruise Line**

*Boston to Bermuda -- 7 nights -- May 9 to 16, 2014*

“Best Bermuda Itineraries” ~ Porthole Cruise Magazine

Get ready to be tickled pink—pink sand, that is! Depart from Boston on the Norwegian Dawn, the only cruise line that sails to Bermuda from Boston. A full brochure is available at the Thompson Center, or call Heidi Cunningham at Travel Associates for more details or to make reservations (802) 457-3277 ext. 21.

Mid-ship ocean view stateroom with porthole (block of rooms reserved), $835.00 per person, based on double occupancy.

Balcony stateroom, prices available upon request.

A $250.00 deposit per person is due at the time of booking, with final payment due by January 23, 2014.

Note: Group pricing is only available until December 9, 2013.

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**PROGRAMES**

**RICHES & REMAINS**

The Legacy of Vermont Copper Mining
Produced and Directed by Phyl Harmon

**Tuesday, October 22, 1:00PM**

This hour-long documentary tells the story of the copper mines in South Strafford, Vershire, and Corinth covering over 150 years. Producer, writer, interviewee, and filmmaker Phyl Harmon explores the vital impact these mines had on the people and economies of Upper Valley towns. It chronicles the mining boom and the dramatic changes in mining (and mining technology) across the 19th and 20th centuries. The film describes the hardships and triumphs of the miners themselves, their personal tragedies, the abuses of child labor, and the uprising that led to a National Guard intervention at the mine in Vershire. It details the final resurgence of the Elizabeth Mine in the 1940’s and 50’s and the positive role the mine, and the mining company, played in the lives of Strafford’s people. Phyl Harmon began her research on mining in 1995 by interviewing the last surviving men who worked in them. Many of those men have since died, but Harmon was struck when talking to them by, “how much they loved the mine. I thought this would be a great film.”

Harmon completed her research and the production of this documentary in her early seventies. She will be at this showing to share her story and answer questions.

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**Karaoke, following Birthday Day**

**Thursday, October 24, 1:00 to 2:30PM**

Join us for a fun afternoon of singing and laughter with Shane’s Karaoke. Words will scroll down our big screen T.V. to help us remember the words to our favorite songs. Shane has a wide repertoire of songs, new and old, and will take requests. Don’t miss this fun event—bring a friend!!

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**Discussion Group ~ “Heart to Heart”**

**Friday, October 11, 1:00 — 2:00 pm**

If you’ve missed Remember When and Talk and Listen, a new discussion group, called “Heart to Heart” led by, Katrin Tchana meets one Friday every month. October’s topic: “Driving around in Cars” When did you get your license? What kind of adventures have you had in cars? What was the longest road trip you ever took? Have you ever gotten in trouble in a car? Come share your car stories!

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**Bridge or Scrabble Anyone?**

Several people have inquired about resurrecting a regular group of bridge players, as well as a group of scrabble players. Mondays afternoons at 1:00PM fits the Thompson Center’s schedule. If you are interested please call Diana at 457-3277 ext. 21.

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**Halloween Tradition!**

We will celebrate in our usual fashion with a ghoulish lunch, and goodies on the 31st at noon! Dress up if you like! Join the fun!
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