MARCH 2016



MARCH FOR MEALS! A NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Each March, The Thompson Center participates in "March For Meals," a national campaign held during the month of March initiated and sponsored by the Meals On Wheels America (www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org), to raise awareness about senior hunger and nutrition, and to encourage action on the part of local communities. Volunteers for the Thompson deliver between 25-30

meals each day (Monday through Friday) to seniors throughout the towns of Woodstock, Bridgewater, Barnard and Pomfret. Last year we delivered 7,947 Meals on Wheels.

The highlights of our March for Meals events this year:

- Community Champions Day, Friday, March 25th town officials and local celebrities nationwide are asked to deliver meals during the nationally recognized week of March 21 through 25.
- Our 2nd annual *Thank You Walk* on Tuesday, March 8th. Join us at 1 pm as we "March" down Central Street to deliver special "Thank You's" to local businesses for their support throughout the year.
- Watch for our Meals on Wheels column in the Vermont Standard and visit our Facebook page for pictures and testimonials from our recipients and volunteers.
- Pomfret residents: The Thompson will be providing lunch at The Pomfret town meeting again this year on Tuesday, March 1st, at the town hall. Enjoy a delicious soup, sandwich, and cookie prepared by our talented chef, and support the Thompson Meal program too!



TOWN MEETING DAY



The towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, and Woodstock provide support for a portion of our annual operations budget, <u>but we need the vote of residents in each town for this support to be passed during Town Meetings.</u>

According to the National Council on Aging, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction and life satisfaction, and home and community based services are estimated to be one-third the cost of institutional care. With the

population of Vermont aging rapidly, support for our senior centers is more critical than ever. In the past year, the Thompson services have reached more than 40% of the residents ages 65 and over in the four towns mentioned above, plus dozens from other communities. We serve approximately 1,500 unique individuals with our programs, referrals, meals, and transportation. Please consider voting and speaking up at your town meeting about the value of these services for seniors.

The Thompson Center

Woodstock Area Council on Aging 99 Senior Lane Woodstock, VT 05091 Phone: 802-457-3277 Fax: 802-457-1259

CENTER HOURS

8 AM-3 PM, Monday-Friday

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BEHIND THE SCENES

The Thompson Dinner Dance is almost here and raffle tickets are still available!

Purchase tickets now and you could be vacationing in beautiful Costa Rica or The Woodstock Inn. For details visit our website at www.thompsonseniorcenter.org

New Lucky Duck Raffle!

\$5 raffle ticket wins you over \$300 worth of gift certificates
Raffle winners to be chosen during two lunches week of 2/22.
For more information and to purchase raffle tickets
call Shari at The Thompson at (802) 457-3277.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Pianist William Ögmundson Returns for a Dinner and Concert Performance Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Performance

William Ögmundson is an Emmy Award nominated composer and professional pianist who resides in New England. He has performed throughout the United States and Europe---most notably at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and The Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris—and his original compositions have been performed worldwide. William began performing at the age of five, and went on to win numerous piano competitions throughout his school years. In recent years William has begun to gain a reputation as a brilliant composer for the theatre. He has composed music and/or written lyrics for many original musical theatre productions, including the past seven productions of the Northern New England Repertory Theatre Company. He has been featured on New Hampshire Public Radio, and in September 2013 won the Moss Hart Memorial Award for New England Theater Conference. One of William's more recent compositions has been fea-



tured in American writer and illustrator, Anthony "Tomie" dePaola's latest book *The Magical World of Strega Nona*. Cost: \$20 per person. Please reserve your seat with your payment.

Menu: Spring greens salad w/ vinaigrette, pasta w/ asparagus, peas, ricotta and lemon topped with pan seared chicken breast, strawberry Rhubarb strudel

TAX ASSISTANCE AT THE THOMPSON

Do you need assistance with your tax return? The Thompson Center will offer individual tax preparation for seniors and low income persons. TCE Preparers (Tax Council for the Elderly) will complete your 2015 taxes free of charge during scheduled appointments on **Mondays through April 11th.** On the day of your appointment, please come early to fill out a questionnaire.

Please bring: Valid picture ID for the taxpayer and spouse, Social Security card, copies of income tax you filed last year, proof of all income, W-2 forms (if you worked), 1099-R forms and statements for pensions and annuities, Social Security received, interest and dividend income, state rebates, IRA income and copy of your 2015 property tax bill. If you are filing for a Renter's Rebate, Homeowners Property tax rebate or 2015 Act 68 School Property tax payment application, you will need proof of income for everyone in your household.

Please call 457-3277 soon to schedule an appointment. Appointments are limited and will fill up quickly!

TRIPS

Thompson Travelers ~ We Need You!

Please read the letter insert in this newsletter. Our new Trip Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2 at 1:00 pm

Spring 2016 New York City Bus Tour ~ We are still taking reservations!



Depart From The Thompson on Friday, April 15, and return
on Tuesday April 19 — 5 days/4 nights
Cost: \$589 per person based on double occupancy
(includes \$25/person surcharge for less than 30 travelers)
For details and complete itinerary, please visit our trip website at:
www.grouptrips.com/thompsonseniorcenter or call Pam at The Thompson at ext. 116



Boston Flower Show

A trip offered by Hartford Parks and Recreation Department

Wednesday, March 16 on Premier Coach Bus

Cost: \$63 for Hartford residents, Non-residents \$78

Call 802-295-5036 for more information and reservations.

EXERCISE CLASSES

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

Tai Chi's Slow, Gentle Exercise Great for Mind and Body Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

Beginners/Intermediate 9:30 am Upper Intermediate/Advanced 10:45 am

We will again have both an introductory tai chi class and a class for those who've been enjoying Anne Bower's classes here for a while. Both classes use movements based on Sun 73 tai chi--the youngest of the tai chi styles and the one most focused on health. We know from individuals' experiences as well as some clinical studies that tai chi can provide joint pain relief, greater balance, meditation, and fall prevention. Many doctors now recommend it to their patients!

Classes meet on Wednesdays, with the next round of classes beginning March 2 and continue for 6 classes. The cost is \$30 for the session.

Beginners and Intermediate 9:30-10:30 Upper Intermediate and Advanced 10:45-11:45 To inquire about the classes, contact Anne at anniebower@yahoo.com or 457-2877

Walking for Fitness: Getting Started First, Second, and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month at 9:00 am Meet at Woodstock Union Arena

We offer a walking program for everyone, regardless of how fast or slow you walk. If you're new to exercise, start slow and easy. At first, walk only as far or as fast as you find comfortable. If you can walk for only a few minutes, let that be your starting point. For example, you might try short daily sessions of 5 to 10 minutes and slowly build up to 15 minutes twice a week. Then, over several weeks, you can gradually work your way up to 30 to 60 minutes of walking most days of the week.

Please note: The Arena is cold this time of year so please dress warmly. Ride service is available upon request.

Strength & Fitness Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 to 10:00 am

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.

She holds credentials for Group Fitness instruction in Aquatics, Spinning, TRX, Nordic Walking and Weight Training.

Cost: \$3.00/class or 12 classes for \$30 on a punch card.

Senior Skating at Union Arena

Seniors will be offered a discounted rate of \$5.00 for *any* public skate, or \$6.00 including rental skates. The public skate schedule is Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:30 pm and Fridays, 1:20 - 2:40 pm. Check the online schedule for periodic changes at www.unionarena.org or call (802) 457-2500.

Bone Builders Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm

The Bone Builders exercise program, developed at Tufts University, addresses bone health for people of all ages. Women especially may have thinning of bones as early as age 40, but men are welcome in this class and will benefit as well.

Bone Builders classes, with instructor Althea Derstine, are ongoing on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Classes are free. **Minimum of six** participants required. Please sign up in advance.

When it comes to finding tools for staying healthy, active, and involved, The Thompson is the place to start!

PROGRAM CALENDAR - MARCH 2016						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
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BINGO daily at 10:30 am except on birth- day day and other special meal days. Location: Dining Room on Mon & Wed. Upstairs con- ference room on Tues, Thurs, Fri,	9 Strength & Fitness 10 Double King Pede 12 Spanish Table 1 Scrabble 3 Bone Builders	9 W. Leb Shopping* 9 Walking Group 9:30 Tai Chi Beginner 10 Chair Massage* 10:30 Handwork Cir. 10:45 Tai Chi Advanced 12 French Table 1 Mahjong* 1 Trip Committee Meeting	9 Strength & Fitness 10:30 Italian Study 10:30 Journaling Class 12 Italian Table 1 Ongoing Italian Class 3 Bone Builders	10-12:30 CCC Office Hours* 12 German Table 1:30 Water Aerobics*		
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MENU - MARCH 2016						
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Meal Pricing: "\$ 7 <u>charge</u> for those under age sixty "\$ 5 suggested donation for ages sixty and over	Chicken Parmesan over Multigrain Pasta, Garlic Bread, Steamed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Parfait	Chipped Beef and Egg Gravy on Mashed Potato, Dijon Braised Brussel Sprouts, Fresh Fruit Salad	Grilled Salmon Burger on Multigrain roll, Roasted Steak Fries, Marinated Vegetable Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich Cookies	Chef's Choice		
7	8	9	10	11		
Tossed Salad, Corn Chowder, Turkey Cranberry Wraps, Pumpkin Whoopie Pies	Tossed Salad, Hearty Beef & Vegetable stew, Roll, Coconut Cream Pie	Tossed Salad, Spinach, Artichoke & cheese Quiche, Roasted Sweet Potato fries, Oatmeal Cran-raisin cookies/ fruit	Tossed Salad, Chicken Ala King, Vegetable Medley, Rice Pilaf, Hot Fudge Sundae with banana	Meatball Hoagies, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Cookie Fruit Basket		
14	15	16	17	18		
Tossed Salad, Sweet and Sour Chicken with Stir Fried Vegetables, Scallion Brown Rice, Coconut Meringues with Pineapple	Tossed Salad, Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, Roasted Seasonal Root Vegetables, Lemon Fool w/ Berries	Tossed Salad, Tuscan Chicken w/ Peppers and Tomatoes, over Pasta, Roll, Ice Cream w/ fruit compote	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef, Cabbage, Baby Carrots, New Potatoes, Guinness Stout Cake	Tossed Salad, Almond- crusted Tilapia, Roasted Potatoes & Veggie Blend, Frosted Banana Bars		
21	22	23	24	25		
Tossed Salad, Hearty Turkey Vegetable Noodle Soup, Roll, Gingerbread pear cake	Dinner Program* (No lunch served) Spring greens salad w/ vinaigrette, pasta w/ asparagus, peas, ricotta and lemon topped with pan seared chicken breast, strawberry Rhubarb strudel	Tossed Salad, Macaroni and Cheese w/ Ham, Butter Beets, Sorbet w/ Fresh Berries	Birthday Day* Roast Beef Au Jus, Potatoes Anna, Broccoli with Hollandaise, Roll, Cake and Ice Cream	Tacos w/ Ground Beef Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Sour Cream, Red Beans and Rice, Roasted Vegetables, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Fruit		
28	29	30	31			
Chef's Choice	Meatloaf, Smashed Potato, Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Peach Rhubarb Crisp	Spinach & Cheese Ravioli w/ Meat sauce, Garlic Bread, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Salad	Chef Salad w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Ham, Turkey, Cheese, Hard Boiled Egg, Carrot, Cucumber, Tomato, Roll, Magic Cookie Bar	Menu is subject to change based on availability of food items. Please call ahead with special dietary needs.		

^{*} Vegetarian meals & Gluten Free are available daily upon request. Please contact our chef in advance.

2% Milk, Coffee, tea, and juices available

^{*} Indicates that sign-up/reservations are required (Birthday Day & special holiday meals)

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Water Aerobics Class
Woodstock Athletic Club
Fridays, March 4 - May 20th
(please note: no class on April 8th & 15th)
1:30 - 2:15 pm
Cost: \$80 for 10 week class
The Thompson Center will provide
shuttle service if needed

Water aerobics is a safe and low impact way to exercise your body. It can be a cardiovascular aerobic work-out to the degree you choose by making it easier or more challenging for yourself. Fitness Instructor Bari Ramirez will be using water weights for strength, which are optional. The most important aspect of water aerobics is that it can provide a greater range of flexibility from working in the water. The water creates a nice resistance for your body to move through and because of that you can move your muscles and joints farther and more protected than if you were on land, all in the comfort of an 82 degree pool.

Reservations can be made by calling The Thompson Center. Payment is due at time of reservation and must be received prior to the start of the class series.

A Collaboration
Between The Thompson
Center and ArtisTree



Painting at ArtisTree Instructor: Murray Ngoima Friday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30 am March 11 - April 8

Come paint and learn about painting in the beautiful surroundings, inside and out, at ArtisTree in South Pomfret. Work with water-based media with instruction and/or on projects of your own choosing, in supportive and congenial company. The media offered include watercolor, acrylic, gouache, ink, and colored pencil. Materials provided. Complete beginners to experienced painters, all welcome!

Transportation provided as needed on The Thompson van at 9:30 a.m. from Woodstock to ArtisTree, returning to The Thompson in time for lunch. \$50 for five classes or \$12 per class. (5 participants minimum, 12 participants maximum).





Intergenerational Friendship Project Next Meeting, March 10, 1:00 pm at The Thompson

Thank you to all of our Thompson friends who met with Prosper Valley School second graders in January at their school. For our next meeting, participants are reminded to bring in a piece of family memorabilia. It can be a family photo, a service medal, a sport trophy, an article of clothing important to you, a special dish, a family journal; whatever piece you feel is worth sharing that reflects an important time or event in your family history. Please inform Pam Butler if you are not able to attend this meeting by emailing her at pbuter@thompsonseniorcenter.org or by calling 457-3277 ext. 116.





WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Chair Massages at The Thompson 10:00 am to noon

Greg Somerville's chair massages will be offered on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 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. Cost: 20 minute massage/\$20.00

Wellness Clinic & Blood Pressure Screenings Tuesday, March 29, 10 - 12 noon ~Please note date change this month only~

Wellness clinics (blood pressure & consultation) with VNA Wellness Clinic nurse, Mary Ann Conrad, held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10-noon.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE CLINIC Monday afternoons

Would your loved ones know your wishes about medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself? There is a legal document called an Advance Directive that you can complete to give guidelines about your wishes and appoint someone to represent you if you are not able. We have arranged for a trained and caring volunteer to be at the Thompson Center every Monday from 1pm - 3pm. These volunteers will take the time to explain both the document and the simple process used to make your wishes known. The most important part of this process is talking to those you love about what matters most to you. You can call 457-3277 to schedule an appointment.

Low Vision Support Group Every 3rd Thursday of the Month 10:15 - 11:45 am

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired is offering this new support group where participants can share experiences, challenges, and successes of living with a visual impairment at this ongoing monthly meeting. Learn about adaptive aids and strategies that support independence. Led by a Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist from VABVI.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday, March 16, 12:30 pm

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.



Smiles Program Free Oral Health Pilot Program 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 9:00 am—1:30 pm

Adults of all ages are invited to schedule a free oral health screening and fluoride varnishing with a licensed Public Health Dental Hygienist. During the tax season (Feb 1st-April 11th) oral health screening appointments will take place at the Simmons building. Call OHF for appointments. 457-4188.

Sponsored by OHF and partners.

Foot Care Clinic with Mary Wood Monthly, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm on the 2nd Friday & 3rd Wednesday

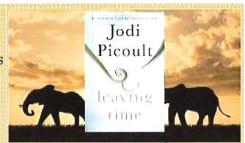
Mary Wood, retired RN, runs the foot clinic. Call 457-3277 to schedule a half hour appointment with Mary on the 2nd Friday or 3rd Wednesday of each month (see the calendar for dates). Your feet will thank you!

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.

PROGRAMS

BOOK GROUP Wednesday, March 9 at 1:00 pm

From best seller Jodi Picoult comes the story of caretakers of elephants and a mystery that will totally take you by surprise at the very end. The research about elephant behavior is fascinating; the females are so caring. <u>Leaving Time</u> is the title which applies to not only the great creatures but to humans as well.



Shirt Painting with Mary Wood Tuesday, March 15, 1:00 pm Cost: \$5.00

Bring a white cotton tee shirt or sweatshirt, and your creative side to join Mary to paint shirts in a spring motif. All other materials will be provided. Please register in advance. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Fiddler Beth Telford Performs on St. Patrick's Day Thursday, March 17, 1:00 pm

Beth Telford is one of Vermont's prominent fiddle players and has been playing fiddle for more than 20 years at festivals, dances, coffeehouses, and backyards in New England and beyond. Since 1996, she has concentrated on learning the tunes and stylings of Cape Breton music. For the past 3 years, she has organized and taught week-long Cape Breton fiddle camps with her mentor, Master Cape Breton Fiddler, Jerry Holland.



Raptor Encounter ~ A Live Bird Presentation Presented by VINS at The Thompson Thursday, March 31, 1:00 pm

Live falcons, hawks and owls provide the lens through which we examine food webs, predator-prey relationships and the interdependence of the systems that support life. This first-hand encounter enables participants to understand the defining characteristics that make a bird a raptor and their adaptations for life as a predator on the wing. Touchable artifacts and hands-on materials round out this special experience.

Mahjong, Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

We thank Thompson board member, Peggy Kasden for teaching Mahjong on Wednesday afternoons. Those interested in playing should meet at The Thompson on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm for instruction until March 2 and group members will then decide on a regular playing time. All new members will need to register in advance by calling Shari at 457-3277. Please bring your tiles.



IN APPRECIATION

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Gladys Deatte - gloves Linda Manning - medical equipment in Dwaine's memory Peter Davenport - medical equipment



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Congratulations to Joyce Gilman who won the January 25th Marble Game

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

23rd

Beth

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On March 24th we will celebrate your day!

Bacon

Yankee

14th Polly

14th Joan

Those who attend with a March birthday will receive a complimentary meal!

Please make a reservation by calling 457-3277.





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MISSION

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. Our programs and activities will promote the physical, intellectual, and social well being of the adult community to enhance dignity, self-worth, and independence. In addition, our senior center will provide a gathering place for our community.

Community Care Coordinator (CCC), Carla Kamel, has office hours at The Thompson. Times and dates noted on the Program Calendar



Search for "The Thompson Senior Center" and click "like" for regular updates, pictures, event reminders & invitations, and for tips and interesting articles about health, finances, and Aging in Place.

WINTER CLOSING POLICY

The Center is always closed when the Woodstock schools are cancelled. You can find out if the schools are closed after 6:15 AM by checking local news. We may also close when we feel driving conditions are not safe for our participants. If the weather seems questionable, please call the Center after 8 am and if we are closed, there will be a message on our machine. We also post on Facebook.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Seasonal Fuel Assistance Applications are processed all year long but benefits are paid to fuel dealers in November. If you need assistance applying for benefits, call the Senior Helpline at 800-642-5119. If you think you have applied but have questions about your benefits, call Economic Services Benefit Service Center 800-479-6151. Applications for the 2014-2015 heating season must be postmarked by February 28 for eligible households.