Montgomery Senior Citizens April, 2023 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

As most of you are aware, going forward starting with our next meeting (April 13th), we will begin our meeting at 1:00PM instead of 1:30PM. This will allow us more time for speakers, the clerical work associated with the many events and trips and more opportunities for membership questions and input. Since we are unable to reach everyone through email, please pass this message to your fellow members.

The response to the Somerset Valley Players shows were very positive. We sold 89 tickets to the four shows with all reaching the minimum group level threshold of 20 tickets. Collectively, we saved \$287 from group discounts and commitment to four shows.

The Somerset Valley Players shows are part of our effort to incorporate more local events along with our bus trips. Bus trips are very expensive with the cost of the bus at \$1,300 for the bus and another \$230 for insurance. Therefore, the more bus trips that we take, the more we need to pass along some of that cost to members. As for local events, we have events scheduled at the Villagers Theatre (Somerset), Kelsey Theatre (W. Windsor) and TD Bank Ballpark (Bridgewater). Events at the Sieminski Theatre (Basking Bridge) and Music Mountain (Lambertville) are possible depending on membership's interest. As for bus trips, we have a trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino (new date: July 20, 2023) and a trip to the Brownstone (Paterson) for Oktoberfest.

Starting with this newsletter, we are appending the full calendar for programs and events/trips as we know it. This is a living document that we will be constantly updating. Still, we hope that the calendar will be informative to you. The highlighted parts are activities for the coming meeting. We will issue the latest calendar at each meeting.

Respectfully,

Montgomery Senior Citizens Executive Committee

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Montgomery Senior Citizens Calendar <u>Program Plan</u>

4/13/23	Guest speaker - Lauren Wasilauski, Open Space & Stewardship Director of Montgomery Township, will be speaking about various upcoming events that we can volunteer to help with the environment. In addition, she will be educating us on the many pathways in our community that we can enjoy.
	After the talk, Caitlyn Meador from Foothill Acres Rehab and Nursing Center will be hosting Bingo. There will be some wonderful prizes for the winners. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served.
5/11/23	Guest speaker- Bob Shanahan (Elder Attorney) With D.J Wright (owns a funeral home) work together
7/13/23	Dr. David Mostafavi (Ophthalmologist) Ice Cream Social
8/10/23	Cris Brown hosts Jeopardy game (2 hours)
9/14/23	Einstein Science Museum (Elizabeth)
10/12/23	Guest speaker to be determined
11/9/23	Guest speaker to be determined
12/7/23 or 12/14/23	Holiday Party – Cost=\$5 (check to see if Senior Center is closed)

March 29, 2023

Montgomery Senior Citizens <u>Event/Trip Plan</u>

4/20/23 (Thurs) 10:00am	Birthday Breakfast at the Star Diner in Hillsborough. Free for those with birthdays from January to April. Others pay \$10. Choices are from a select menu. Final of sign-up is at the April meeting (4/13). See June Lubas to sign up.
4/21 - 5/7/23 3 Weekends	SVP "The Outsider" - Pick up tickets at the April meeting
6/9-25/23 3 Weekends	SVP "Murder by the Book" – Pick up tickets at the April meeting.
6/18/23 (Sun) 2:00 Father's Day	"West Side Story" at Villagers Theatre at Somerset, about 14 miles away. Price is \$15. Regular price for seniors is \$20.00 for a musical. Final sign-up is at the April meeting. Pay and receive tickets at the May meeting. We recognize that some will be busy with Father's Day activities. Unfortunately, there are only two matinees and the other matinee conflicts with SVP "Murder by the Book". But the show would make a great Father's Day present. This is easily the best bargain of all shows.
6/22/23 (Thurs) 12 Noon	Picnic catered by Elmer Catering at Montgomery Veterans Park. Cost=\$5. Sign up at the April and May meetings.
7/9/23 (Sun) 2:30pm [Proposal]	Neil Diamond tribute show at the Sieminski Theatre in Basking Ridge, about 23 miles away. Group discount is 10% for 10-19 and 15% for 20-29. For 10-19, the cost is \$50 for Level II tickets. Polling by raise of hands at the April meeting will determine viability. If enough interest, final sign up at the April meeting. Pay and receive tickets at the May meeting.
7/14-30/23	SVP "Guys and Dolls" - Pick up ticket at the April meeting.

3 Weekends	
7/20/23 (Thurs) 8:45am	Casino trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA. \$35 for members. \$45 for non-members. There is a \$25 voucher for the casino. Bus departs at the Princeton Elks Lodge at 8:45am. The Elks Lodge is located at 354 Georgetown Franklin Turnpike (Route 518), Skillman, NJ 08558. Bus departs the casino at 3:30pm and expect to return around 4:45pm. Sign-up is at the April, May and June meetings.
8/5/23 (Sat) 2:00pm	"Bye Bye Birdie" at the Kelsey Theatre, located at 1200 Old Trenton Rd., West Windsor, NJ 08550, approximately 16 miles from the Montgomery Senior Center. Senior (60 or more)/student/military ticket including service fee is \$20.00. For others, ticket including service fee is \$22.00. For more information visit kelsey.mccc.edu/ . Sign-up at the April and May meetings. Payment and receipt of ticket will be at the June meeting. Checks are preferred, payable to "Montgomery Twp Senior Citizens".
8/13/23 (Sun) 5:05pm	Somerset Patriot at Patriot Park in Bridgewater, 15 miles away. Baseball game and all you can eat buffet from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Gates open at 4:00pm. Price=\$35. Committed to 30 tickets. Sign up at May meeting.
8/17/23 (Thurs) 10:00am	Birthday Breakfast at the Star Diner in Hillsborough. Free for those with birthdays from May to August. Others pay \$10. Choices are from a select menu.
8/26/23 (Sat) 3:00pm [Proposal]	"All Shook Up" at the Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, 16 miles away. Loosely based on Shakespeare's <i>Twelfth Night</i> , in this hysterical musical comedy the town is under the rule of an ultraconservative mayor, with mixed up love stories and hijinks set to 25 of Elvis' greatest hits. \$30 for seniors, \$32 for regular. For group of 15-30, \$27. Polling at the April meeting will determine viability. Final sign-up at the May meeting.

10/3/23 (Tues) TBD	Oktoberfest – Bus trip to the Brownstone (351 West Broadway, Patterson, NJ) 30 tickets minimum. Details to follow.
11/16/23 (Thurs)	Birthday Breakfast at the Star Diner in Hillsborough. Free for those with birthdays from September to December. Others pay \$10. Choices are from a select menu.
12/1-17/23 3 Weekends	SVP "It's a Wonderful Life" – Pick up ticket at the April meeting.
12/16/23 (Sat) 3:00pm [Proposal]	Big Band Holiday Concert at the Music Mountain Theatre. A festive afternoon of song and dance combining quintessential holiday music in the style of Mariah Carey, Rosemary Clooney, Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, and more, played live by a 17-piece big band, and performed by some of your favorite MMT personalities. Polling/survey will determine its viability.