

Montgomery Senior Citizens

September, 2023 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

As we enter the fall month of September, we would like to thank all those who had attended the many events in August. August was easily our most busy month. We received many positive feedback for "Bye Bye Birdie", the Birthday Breakfast and "All Shook Up". The response for the Somerset Patriots was mixed. As always, we welcome all critiques and will aim to do better the next time.

Montgomery Senior Citizens is no longer a small organization. We are now an organization with 100 members. We have added 54 new members in 2023. This undoubtedly exceeded our most rosy expectation. We thank everyone for spreading the word about the organization. It is very gratifying but also very challenging with the rapid growth of the organization. With the help of everyone, we believe that we can achieve even more in the future.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 14th, 1:00PM at the Otto Kaufman Community Center. Elizabeth Romanoux, founder of the Princeton Einstein Museum of Science (PEMS), will be our guest speaker. PEMS is still in the developmental phase. The museum will be in a new building to be constructed in the Princeton Central Business District. The exact location will be announced in early 2024. After fundraising, construction and exhibit installation, PEMS anticipates welcoming its first Einstein fans in late 2026. In addition, Caitlyn Meador from Foothill Acres Rehabilitation & Nursing Center will be hosting Bingo.

At the September meeting, you will have the final opportunity to sign up and pay for the Oktoberfest bus trip to the Brownstone in Paterson, NJ. We reserved 30 spots at the restaurant and there are only a few spots remaining. Because of the cost of the bus and insurance, this is easily our most expensive event. Please check the attached calendar for more details on the event.

With the budget for 2023 essentially set, we have started looking into next year. We have targeted two shows, "Into the Woods" and "Nunsense" at the Kelsey

Theatre. Again, check the calendar for more details. The sign-up for "Into the Woods" starts at the September meeting. Final sign-up and payment are at the October meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the November meeting.

We hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Spend some time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Be sure to make our new members feel welcome.

Respectfully,
Montgomery Senior Citizens Executive Committee

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Montgomery Senior Citizens Calendar

Program Plan

- 9/14/23 Elizabeth Romanoux, founder of the Princeton Einstein Museum of Science (PEMS), will be our guest speaker. PEMS is still in the developmental phase. When built, it would be the only museum outside of Europe dedicated to his legacy. From a video immersion room explaining aspects of gravity to hands-on exhibits about his greatest discoveries, and from a look at Einstein's ardent humanitarian efforts to how he lived his daily life. PEMS aims to be lively, fun, educational, and in the end, highly inspirational.
- PEMS will inspire future physicists, mathematicians, and cosmologists by bringing the wonder of Dr. Einstein's methods and insights to the world.
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- 10/12/23 Guest speaker, Detective Chris Bleistine, will be talking on how to avoid scams. Afterwards, Lorri Woodward will be entertaining us for an hour with your favorite songs from the '50, '60 and '70.
- 11/9/23 Laurie Roome from the Office of Aging and Disability Services of Somerset County will discuss Medicare and Medicare Assistance programs.
- 12/14/23 Holiday Party – Cost is \$5. Date TBD. (Will try to coincide when the
12:00pm Senior Wellness Center is closed)

August 29, 2023

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Event/Trip Plan

9/8-24/23
(3 Weekends)

Somerset Valley Players “It’s Only a Play”. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. Order tickets directly with SVP. A code has been provided via email to members for a discount of \$2 for online orders. Special discount of \$3 per show when ordering “It’s Only a Play”, “The Miracle Worker” and “It’s a Wonderful Life” on the same order. Regular price is \$18 for seniors/students and \$20 for others. The Somerset Valley Playhouse is located at 689 Amwell Road (Route 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. See separate email to members for additional ordering details.

Show Description

It’s the opening night of The Golden Egg on Broadway, and the wealthy producer Julia Budder is throwing a lavish party in her lavish Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs in the bedroom, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out to await the reviews: the excitable playwright; the possibly unstable director; the pill-popping leading lady, and the playwright’s best friend. Add to this a drama critic and a new-in-town aspiring singer, and you have a prime recipe for the narcissism, ambition, childishness, and just plain irrationality that infuse the theatre—and for comedy.

** Please note there is Adult Language in this production. **

10/3/23
(Tues)
Departs Elks
Lodge at
9:15am

Oktoberfest – Bus trip to the Brownstone (351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ). Cost is \$70 (bus, entertainment and lunch) for members and guests of members. **Sign up and pay at the September meeting.** Cost is \$85 for non-members. Still a great bargain. Guests will need to sign a waiver form.

This is a spectacular celebration of the arrival of autumn. Fantastic Alex Meixner and his band of Grammy Award nominated musicians put on an incomparable display of musical virtuosity. Combine this with authentic German dancing and bell ringing by Alys Schaefer.

Family-Style Menu

Two Complementary Drinks	Warm Rolls
Fresh Garden Salad	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Knockwurst	Roast Chicken
Roasted Potatoes	String Beans Almondine
Dessert, Coffee, Tea	Free Soda on table all day

Program

- 9:15 – Bus departs from Elks Lodge*
- 11:00 – Arrival at Brownstone
- 11:30-12:30 only – Bar open
- 11:30 – Show begins with a Dance Set
- 12:00-12:30 – Soup or Pasta is served
- 12:30 – Lunch (main course) is served
- 1:15 – Door Prizes and 50/50 are announced
- 1:30 – 2:15 First Act
- 2:15 – Intermission
- 2:40 – 3:25 Second Act
- 5:30 – Return to Elks Lodge

* The Elks Lodge is located at 354 Georgetown Franklin Turnpike (Route 518), Skillman, NJ 08558.

10/20/23-
11/5/23
(3 Weekends)

“The Miracle Worker” ” at the Somerset Valley Players.

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Show Description

The story of Annie Sullivan and her student, Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing at the age of 19 months. With compassion, humor and dramatic tension, "The Miracle Worker" explores the volatile relationship between a lonely teacher and her headstrong charge.

11/16/23
(Thurs)
10:00am

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)

“It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Somerset Valley Players. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. For new orders, purchase tickets directly with SVP. A code has been provided via email to members for a discount of \$2 for online orders. Regular price is \$18 for seniors/students and \$20 for others. See separate email to members for additional ordering details.

Show Description

It’s a Wonderful Life is an adaptation of Frank Capra’s masterpiece film. This is the saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been squashed by family obligations and civic duty, and whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair, and to remind him – by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born – that he has had, after all, a wonderful life.

1/21/24
(Sunday)
2:00pm

“Into the Woods” at the Kelsey Theatre located at 1200 Old Trenton Rd., West Windsor, NJ 08550 (campus of Mercer County Community College). Cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for non-members. Sign up at the September and October meeting for guaranteed seating. Payment is due at the October meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the November meeting. Transportation is not provided. For more information visit kelsey.mccc.edu/.

Regular ticket price is \$24 for senior/student and \$26 for adults. In addition, there is a \$1 service charge per ticket.

Show Description

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone’s favorite storybook characters and bring them together in a timeless, yet relevant, Tony Award-winning musical. Equally funny, enchanting and touching fairy tale, with a twist, the story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King’s Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. As their individual adventures begin to overlap and their wishes are granted, the characters learn to be careful what you wish for, as it might come true!

2/3/24 (Sat)
2:00pm or
2/4/24 (Sun)
1:00pm
[On Hold,
Annie might be
playing at
SVP]

“Annie” at State Theatre NJ. State Theatre NJ is located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 about 18 miles from the Montgomery Senior Center. Group discount is 10% for groups of 10-14 and 15% for 15-19. Transportation is not provided. Ticket prices range from \$40 - \$105 before any discount or fees. There are already very few tickets left and the seats are spread out especially for lower price tickets.

5/4/24
(Sat)
2:00pm

“Nunsense” at the Kelsey Theatre located at 1200 Old Trenton Rd., West Windsor, NJ 08550 (campus of Mercer County Community College). Cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for non-members. Sign up at the February and March meeting for guaranteed seating. Payment is due at the March meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the April meeting. MSC membership for 2024 applies. Transportation is not provided. For more information visit kelsey.mccc.edu/.

Regular ticket price is \$24 for senior/student and \$26 for adults. In addition, there is a \$1 service charge per ticket.

Show Description

After a bad batch of vichyssoise killed off fifty-two of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, the survivors emptied the coffers to bury the deceased, but ran out of cash before the last few bodies could be laid to rest! (Don't worry – they're in the kitchen freezer!). To raise funds they decide to put on a variety show. Will their prayers be answered before the health department discovers their secret? With hilarious talent acts, tongue-in-cheek musical numbers, and help from the audience, the show – the 3rd longest running Off-Broadway musical -- will tickle your fancy.