

A Senior Moment

A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS

By Louis Vaccaro

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 expectation. We thank everyone for spreading the word about the organization. It is gratifying but also challenging with the rapid growth of the organization.

With the help of everyone, we believe that we can achieve even more in the future.

August was by far our busiest month. We received positive feedback for “Bye Bye Birdie” at the Kelsey Theatre, the birthday breakfast at the Star Diner, and “All Shook Up” at the Music Mountain Theatre. The response for the Somerset Patriots baseball game was mixed. As always, we welcome all critiques. With such a diverse membership not all our programs work.

We still would like to offer different activities to appeal to many different people in our community.

Elizabeth Romanaux, founder of the Princeton Einstein Museum of Science (PEMS), was our guest speaker. PEMS is still in the developmental phase.

Once the building is complete in the Princeton Central Business District, it will be the only museum outside of Europe dedicated to his legacy.

It will include a video immersion

room explaining aspects of gravity; hands-on exhibits about Einstein’s greatest discoveries; a look at his ardent humanitarian efforts; and information about how the famous scientist lived his daily life. The exact location of the museum will be announced in early 2024. After fundraising, construction and exhibit installations, PEMS anticipates welcoming its first Einstein fans in late 2026.

Also in September, Caitlyn Meador from Foothill Acres Rehabilitation & Nursing hosted interesting games of bingo.

October Guest Speakers

Detective Chris Bleistine from the Montgomery Police Department and Detective Joe Grasso from Somerset County will talk at our October 12 meeting about how to recognize scams affecting senior citizens. Afterwards, Lorri Woodward will entertain us for an hour with our favorite songs from the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s. Light refreshment will be provided to our membership.

At this time, we have begun the program Scouts Help Seniors (SHS) with our first two projects, which were completed. SHS is looking for volunteers to help with weeding and minor projects around the homes of seniors who are unable to do it themselves. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, please contact me through our Montgomery Seniors website (Montgomerysc.org).



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Upcoming Activities

Fall Leaf Clean-Up Project November 2023: The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is looking for volunteers for this year’s Fall Leaf Clean-Up Project. This is a one-day event planned for Saturday, November 18.

Each year groups give service on the weekend before Thanksgiving to rake leaves for elderly and disabled homeowners around the county who have no other means to do yard work.

This is a great opportunity for friends and families to form teams and join church groups, sports teams, Girl Scout and BSA Scout Troops, 4-H Clubs, HS clubs, and other civic groups in volunteering in helping their community. For more information, please email the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services at VolunteerSvs@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908.704.6301.

“The Miracle Worker” at the Somerset Valley Players, available for three weekends (October 20 through November 5). Friday and Saturday: 8 pm; Sunday: 2 pm.

Order tickets directly with SVP. A code will be provided via email to members for a discount of \$2 for online orders.

Regular price is \$18 for members for additional ordering details and show description please visit our website (Montgomerysc.org)

Montgomery Senior Citizens, Inc. is a non-profit organization. People above the age of 55 and living in Montgomery Township and the surrounding area are able to join. Our annual fee is \$10.00. You can join by visits our website (Montgomerysc.org) and register as a new member. You can also visit us at our regular monthly meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 PM. Meeting are at the senior center (Otto Kauffman Community Center 356 Skillman Road, Skillman, NJ 08558). All comers are welcome.

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