

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Fond du Lac Senior Center invites *all* senior citizens 50 years of age or older to participate in any of the activities, classes, services, and events that the Senior Center offers. Please call the Senior Center at **322-3630** for more information about anything listed here.

There is a 50¢ requested donation at our recreational activities. These donations help defray the cost of programming and operations at the Senior Center. It is a DONATION – and is not required for participation.

ARTS & CRAFTS

ART CLUB

Every Thursday

1 p.m.

Formerly the Oil Painting Club, this is a group that has been with the Senior Center for many, many years and has expanded to include any type of media – oil painting, watercolor, sketching, etc. Each artist works on their own project and brings their own supplies. Don't worry about your level of expertise and don't be intimidated by the quality of paintings you see on display (and for sale) in the hallways of the new addition. If you like to paint or draw, gather your paints and pencils and come when you can. The club invites anyone with an art interest to join them!

QUILTING

FLYING GEESE QUILTING CLUB

1st Thursday

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Call Nancy at 923-4494 for more information about the format of this group.

SUNSET STITCHERS QUILT GUILD

2nd Thursday

7 p.m.

Call Laura at 923-1693 for more information about the format of this group.

SCRAPBOOK CLUB

Every Thursday

1 p.m.

1st & 3rd Thursday

6 – 8 p.m.

The weekly Thursday morning group's participants are remnants from the Scrapbooking Class once held at the Senior Center under the instruction of the late Char Marcoe, and then, Danielle Mader. They enjoy the camaraderie offered through their time scrapbooking together and welcome new members!

Kim Stern is the facilitator of The bi-monthly Thursday evening group. Participants work on their own projects at their own pace. More experienced scrappers can help with techniques and offer guidance for beginners. They would really like to see this group expand. C'mon, turn that special event or pile of vacation pictures into a keepsake memory album. No experience necessary.

STITCHERY

2nd & 4th Tuesday

1 p.m.

Called *Stitch and Bitch* at other Senior Centers, ladies in the Stitchery group work on projects of their own and socialize. They welcome new members or visitors!

WINNEBAGO WOODWORKERS

General Meeting at Senior Center

1st Tuesday

6 – 8 p.m.

Horace Mann High School in NFDL

Other Tuesdays

6 – 8 p.m.

In September of 2005, the woodworkers club started under the direction of the late Bud McCulloch. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Fond du Lac Senior Center, and other Tuesday evenings **at Horace Mann High School in North Fond du Lac**, where there is a woodworking shop and members are able to use the wood working equipment. The group's focus is to provide a forum for the exchange of woodworking ideas and tips. They welcome new members, both men and women – it was a dream of Bud's to have hundreds of members – all ages! For more information, contact Dave Jackson at 923-5233.

WOODCARVERS CLUB

Every Monday

9 a.m.

This talented group of men and women –work on projects of their own and socialize. On occasion, they will have an instructor teach a new project such as a duck. Stop by and look at their works of art. Or, they would be happy to help a beginner get started.

CARD GAMES

BRIDGE

Tuesdays & Thursdays

12:45 p.m.

This is a group of experienced Bridge players. They have a sign up sheet on the wall in Room 1 to make sure that they have complete tables of 4. Players pay \$1 to play and cash prizes are awarded. If you would like to know more about this activity, please call Hilda Feldmann at 921-2889.

PINOCHLE

Every Friday

1 p.m.

They don't play for prizes, but just for the fun of it. They are a warm and friendly group of seniors and welcome other pinochle players. If you would like to learn how to play pinochle, the members are more than happy to teach the game.

POKER

Every Monday

1 p.m.

Anyone for a game of Texas Hold 'Em? How about a little low wager poker (pennies?). This is Dealer's Choice and the group would love to have more poker players join them. Bring your change purse of pennies and have some fun.

SHEEPSHEAD

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

1:15 p.m.

If you know how to play Sheepshead, where have you been? Join these card lovers on Mondays for *Jack of Diamonds* and on Wednesdays and Fridays for *Black Queens*, starting at 1:15 p.m. sharp. However, if you really love to play, come at 12:30 p.m. for early bird games. We request \$1 for the tournament that concludes with cash prizes (and sometimes bakery items). Many of these card sharks also play at the North Fond du Lac Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Same rules, same fun. This is open to anyone 50 or older. Join us!

SKAT

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9 a.m.

Skat (pronounced SCOTT) is Germany's most popular card game, and is also played in American regions with large German populations, such as Wisconsin and Texas. The game is similar to Sheepshead – it is a 3 or 4-player game of tricks using a 32-card deck. Don't know how to play? Let us know and we will arrange for someone to teach you. Otherwise stop down and visit with this fun group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SOCIAL SHEEPSHEAD

Hoping to start this group again! Would you like to play? Call us!

Some find it fun to play sheepshead without cash prizes, and at a more leisurely pace – munching on snacks and chatting while playing. A while back there was a small group that met on the 4th Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. They played at a relaxed pace and didn't switch partners or tables. *We hope to revitalize this group – would anyone be willing to help?*

OTHER GAMES

BINGO

Every Tuesday

1 – 3 p.m.

Each week a different local nursing home, assisted living facility, or other area business sponsors the games. They provide quarters for prizes, refreshments, and a caller. There is a break at 2:00 p.m. and refreshments are served. We usually have about 40-50 attend and both men and women play Bingo. Special thanks to our Bingo sponsors: Rehab Arisces, Manor Care, Comfort Keepers, Walnut Grove, ACACIA Home Care, and Roto Rooter. **2 cards for 50¢**

CRIBBAGE

Hoping to start this group again! Would you like to play? Call us!

The Cribbage group that met here on Wednesday afternoons for years somehow dwindled off, and we'd like to get it going again. Are you interested in playing Cribbage? If so call us! Perhaps we could set it up for Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.?

DOMINOES

3rd Wednesday

12:30 p.m.

A small group gathers once a month to play Dominoes. They often play Mexican Train, a popular variation of the regular domino game. Always looking for new players! Will teach!

GAMES

Hoping to start this group again! Would you like to play? Call us!

We had a small group of seniors who meet each week to play games, including board games and card games. They often played Rummicube, a game that is more luck than skill, or sometimes played the card game Kings in the Corner, but any game could be played. We would like to see this activity back at the Center every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. Are you a game player? Call us and let us know what games you'd like to play. We will try to get this group up and running again.

POOL

LEAGUE PLAY

Tuesday & Wednesday mornings

The leagues run September through April. 8-ball league is Tuesday morning and 9-ball on Wednesday morning.

OPEN POOL

All times except during league play

For more information about the pool program, please call LeRoy Walters at 921-0671.

SCRABBLE

Thursdays

1 p.m.

Most Thursday afternoons, 2 ladies meets to challenge their minds and each other with creative word making. The ladies would love to see an increase in participation and have several games going at once – maybe even a tournament. If you're a Scrabble player, give us a call. We'd love to hook you up with our Scrabble players.

Wii BOWLING

LEAGUE PLAY

Every Friday (except summer) 12:30 p.m. & 2 p.m.

There are 8 teams in our Wii Bowling League—with no openings at the current time. Subs, however, are always needed.

OPEN BOWLING

2nd & 4th Thursday

1 p.m.

WACKY RACES

4th Tuesday

3 p.m. (after Bingo)

Join us for some wacky fun. Every month we'll have something different to race in this simple-to-play dice game. Each participants puts in 10¢ per game and the winner of the race gets the pot. The size of the pot would depend on how many people are playing and if anyone else bet on the same number, in which case you would split the pot. This is a very simple game and is a lot of fun! Pre-registration is not needed. Everyone is welcome! You do not have to be a bingo player to participate in Wacky Races, *but Bingo players are encouraged to stay for the races*. St. Peter's Place residents who played with us since last March at "their place" are invited to "our place" to join in the fun. It really is WACKY! **10¢ per race**

MUSIC & DANCING

DANCES

Every Wednesday

7:30 – 10 p.m.

Dances are held at the Senior Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. The public is welcome. Dance to live music or to karaoke play a variety of music – always a polka or two. Participants occasionally have a potluck either during the dance or before. For more information, call Gerry at 921-9509. Come and kick up your heels! **\$3.00 donation**

HANDCHIMES

Led by Gail Zimmerman, retired music teacher

CHOIR 1

Every Wednesday

9 – 10 a.m.

CHOIR 2

Every Thursday

9 – 10 a.m.

LINETTES DANCERS

Every Wednesday

9 a.m.

The Linettes have been a fixture of the Senior Center for many years. Under the guidance of instructor Anna Rose Rieder, the ladies perform line dances to a variety of music. *The group would welcome new members!*

SCAMP

Every Wednesday

8:30 a.m.

Formed in November 2006 by the late Greg Wood, SCAMP is the Senior Center Band. If you are a musician, it's time to dust off that instrument and get with the band. The band performs at nursing homes and special events in the community and welcomes experienced musicians to join them. Call Ross Purcell at 922-3894.

READING, WRITING & LANGUAGE

BOOK CLUB

3rd Monday

9:00 a.m.

Our book club is an informal discussion of books chosen by the members of the group. The club members decided that they do not want to do a thorough analysis of the book or author, but rather just talk about parts they liked or didn't like. The format is more like talking over a book you just read with a friend. One of the members recently said that she was happy that she now has a brand new circle of friends through the Book Club. They welcome readers!

GERMAN CLUB

Every Monday

1 p.m.

Our German Club is for those with some experience – the intermediate or advanced student. For more information, contact Glen at 920-583-4280.

SPANISH CLUB

Every Wednesday

1:30 p.m.

Our Spanish Club is for those with some experience – the intermediate or advanced student. They meet to share the culture and expand their Spanish speaking skills. For more information, contact Susan at 923-1317.

WRITERS GROUP

Every Friday (except Summer) 1:30 p.m.

The Memories Writing Group meets on Fridays from September through May. The group's purpose is to give members an opportunity to record and share their life experiences and family history. For more information, call Mary at 922-5008.

SOCIAL & DINING

SUPPER CLUB

3rd Friday or Saturday

5 p.m.

Join us for dinner at a local restaurant each month. Read the newsletter to see where the dinner will be and then register by calling the receptionist at the Senior Center at 322-3630. The group dines together, Dutch treat. This is open to both men and women, married or single. It's a great chance to try new restaurants and meet new friends. The group usually meets at 5:00 p.m. to socialize, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sometimes the group meets on Fridays for a fish fry, but generally they will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Always check the newsletter to be sure.

RED HAT HONEYS

The Senior Center formed a chapter of the Red Hat Society in September 2002, the Red Hat Honeys. Dues are \$5 per year and a \$10 Friends membership is required. The chapter welcomes ladies of all ages to participate – those over 50 wear red hats and purple attire, those under 50 wear pink hats and lavender clothes. Activities are listed in the Senior Center newsletter. Chapter members take turns planning activities and are offered help if they are new at being a hostess. Although the chapter has over 100 members, activities have an average attendance of about 20. Hostesses set the limit for registration and the fee for the event and are reimbursed for expenses. The chapter has a CHORUS of about 30 ladies that meets on Fridays for practices. The chapter also has an UMBRELLA BRIGADE of 7 ladies who twirl umbrellas to rain-themed songs. Both special groups perform at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and for special events and parties. The group welcomes new members throughout the year. The purpose of the Red Hat Honeys is fun and friendship. All ladies welcome!

R.O.M.E.O.

1st Thursday

Noon

The ladies have the Red Hats, and the men have the ROMEO group – Retired Old Men Eating Out. The Senior Center started a group in July of 2005 and about 30 men are active. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at noon at a local restaurant. They wear black berets that have ROMEO embroidered on the back. Purchasing a hat is optional. Having a good time mandatory. You need not be retired, or even "old" to attend – middle-aged men are also welcome. No memberships are needed and there are no rules—it's just a meeting of old friends (and a chance to meet new ones) who enjoy camaraderie, a good time, and good food. Pre-registration to attend a lunch is needed so that the restaurant will know how many to expect, so please call the Center when you plan to attend. Men, come and join the fun!