

DIRECTOR'S CORNER I hope each of you had a wonderful Easter with family and friends!



The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is so fortunate to have participants who invest their time and talent in making our Center the success that it is. Our VOLUNTEERS truly make a difference! April is the month set aside to honor volunteers across the US; and every year - on the fourth Thursday evening of the month - the Colerain Township Board of Trustees sponsor this most special of special events.

Everyday here at the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center, we see what a difference our volunteers make! Your staff - including myself, Marlene, Ray, Andrea, Pat, Ron, Kandy, Bud and James - are honored to host each of our invited volunteers to dinner and entertainment on April 24, from 6:30 until 8:30 pm in Bevis Hall. As in past years, individuals will be recognized with special lapel pins for first year of service completed, 500 hours of volunteerism achieved, and 1000 hours of service awards. To date, your dedication has filled four plaques with 25 individual names each. These are displayed in the showcase in Ft. Coleraine Hall. This year, a new designation has been added: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR. Three individuals or couples were nominated and one has been chosen. We know you'll approve of the committee's choice.

A dollar amount is "given" to the service provided by organizations that give grants called an "in-kind" contribution. Actual money is not exchanged, but for the hours each volunteer donates, an equivalency rate of around \$18 per hour is allotted - so 8,000 volunteer hours earns the Center (on paper) over \$140,000 credit for donated service time! If there's a job to be done, we have a volunteer who steps up to the task! And for that, we sincerely thank you! Volunteers, watch for your invitation in the mail and RSVP to Andrea. Hope to see all of you in April!



Happy Spring, Kay

The Spotlight's On: HOLLYWOOD BINGO

Hooray for Hollywood, again! Due to the inclement weather on February 20, the Oscar Party has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m.

The Colerain Township Fire Department will join us and present fire safety tips and how to avoid falls in your home. Then, do you have what it takes to win an Oscar? Participate in our "Read a script, be a Star" contest. You'll read an excerpt from a play and the audience will vote on the winners. Just eight contestants are needed. Be sure to have your seat when the show begins!

Entertainer Maureen Martin will provide us with a show-stopping performance of favorite Oscar winning songs. Everyone will receive a star-studded goody bag! You'll also receive lots of goodies and door prizes from Mary Hackett, from United Healthcare, during our Hollywood Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

Sign up at the reception desk today. Tickets are \$3.00 and include lunch. We'll see you at the Hollywood Bingo!

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Marlene's Chatter:

Happy Spring to all! At least I hope it is here by the time you get this Newsletter. It just seems to have been a very, very long winter. But now we can hopefully start to enjoy the outdoors more. I'm looking forward to planting some flowers and herbs this year. For someone who has a brown thumb instead of green – we will see. By now Easter is over. I thought it was in April when I did the March Newsletter, and by the time I realized it, it was already to the printer . . . so, I'm wishing you a belated Happy Easter.

This month we are honoring the volunteers that put so many hours in here at the Center. To all of you who have devoted so much of yourself to the projects that are going on here, THANK YOU!

We may run, stumble, drive or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way.
Gloria Gaither

Until next month, take care.

Love,
Marlene

Upcoming Events for April:

Date	Event
2	All Day Bingo – 10:30 a.m.
9	STAY Volunteers – 10:00 a.m.
16	Participants' Council Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
16	Hollywood Bingo – 10:30 a.m.
21	Stampin' With Nina – 9:00 a.m.
24	Volunteer Recognition Dinner by invitation only
25	Beans and Books – 10:00 a.m.
25	Canasta – 12:30 p.m.
25-26	Colerain Relay For Life – 6:00 p.m.
28	Children's Cut-Outs – 10:00 a.m.



Check the Activities Calendar for a full listing of events.
All Activities are subject to change and/or cancellation.

Special Program Notes:

Hi everyone! I have some good news! The Council On Aging, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Development, has funds available for home repairs. These funds are on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone over the age of 60 who is the owner of the property. These funds are available through an application process.

The purpose of this program is to provide critical home repairs/modifications, on a grant basis, for eligible homeowners – age 60 and older – who are at or below 35% of the median income. This program also provides needed modifications to improve accessibility for renters age 60 and older, who would otherwise have difficulty maintaining their independence. Renters are not eligible for any home repairs. Repairs to mobile homes over 10 years old will be limited to 25% of the current value.

Income:

1 Person household = \$15,867 per year

2 Person household = \$18,083 per year

3 Person household = \$20,256 per year

Income includes client and spouse gross monthly income, social security, pension, rental property income, certificates of deposit, welfare, alimony, disability, unemployment benefits, estate trust settlements, capital gains, and any interest from stocks, bonds, mutual funds, money market or other interest bearing accounts.

Critical repair definition: Critical home repairs are those repairs that pose a threat to the actual structure and to the well-being of the applicant.

Modifications include: Wheelchair ramps – for primary entrances and only when accessible to the driveway and/or sidewalk, grab bars and handrails.

I have applications here at the Center. If you need one you can stop by to see me.

Take care,
Kandy

Participants' Council News & Notes:

- Bring your bingo covers and a buddy for all day bingo on Wednesday, April 2. We'll begin at 10:30 a.m., stop for lunch at Noon, and end at 3:00 p.m. Sign up for lunch the day before prior to Noon. See everyone here! BINGOOOOOO!
- **ACTIVE FOR LIFE CLASSES BEGINNING THIS MONTH!** The Active for Life classes scheduled to begin in March has been delayed to Thursday, April 3, to include you! Get active and learn the skills needed to build physical activity into your everyday life and keep it there. This program offers a weekly one hour class over a 20-week period. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 3. You'll receive a self-help workbook and step counter and a certified instructor leads each class! This is not an exercise class, but you will learn the benefits of physical activity, how to set goals and rewards, how to overcome barriers to physical activity, and time and stress management. To register, call Hamilton County Public Health at 513-946-7813 or 1-888-223-3674 to confirm eligibility. It doesn't matter how inactive you are now, Active for Life is the right choice for a healthier life. Do it for you!
- Sitting at home? Looking for something to do? Help yourself and others to by joining the volunteers here at the Center. Children's Cut-Outs volunteers meet on the forth Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and cut out shapes from construction paper. The shapes are then given to the children at the Life Center at Children's Hospital and they use them for various projects. You can also assist in making toys for the Services to Area Youth (STAY) Program, which aids young mothers. Household items are used in making toys which stimulate children from birth to 3 years of age. STAY volunteers meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. You may also want to consider delivering home delivered meals to those who are home-bound in the Colerain Township community. To assist with the home delivered meals program, contact Kandy Marshall at 741-8802. There are many volunteer opportunities. Join us and bring pleasure to your life and those around you.
- **COLERAIN RELAY FOR LIFE** – Join us at the Colerain Township Government Complex, 4200 Springdale Road, and do your part in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is an overnight team walking event that increases awareness of cancer in the community and raises much needed funds to fight the disease. Because cancer never sleeps, teams of families, friends, neighbors and co-workers commit to keeping at least one member walking at all times. When the sun sets, hundreds of luminaries light the way and a moment of silence falls during the ceremony of hope. People gather to remember those lost to cancer, support those fighting, and rejoice with those who've won the fight. Contribution goes to the American Cancer Society. The walk begins with the Survivor lap at 6:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday, April 26, at 12:00 p.m. To register your team, contact Amy Wilson at 1-888-227-6446, ext 4201. It's about a community that takes up the fight! Register your team today.



- Reminder – so that we may honor our hard-working volunteers, there will be no classes or activities held on Thursday, April 24, in order to prepare for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Thank you Volunteers!

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Betty Meyer
Bobbie McIntyre
Ginny Wood

The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is supported by Colerain Township, contributions, program fees, and grants. It receives funding from the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, PSA I. The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center offers services and activities to persons over 55 years of age.

Mandatory program fees (as passed by March 9, 1993 resolution by the Board of Trustees, Colerain Township) are \$5.00 for Colerain Township residents and \$10.00 for others. You may renew your membership in person at the Center, or mail a check made payable to Colerain Township. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return your card to you.

Your yearly fees help to offset program costs. Fees are payable annually in January of each new year. Your fees must be paid in order to receive your monthly newsletter, participate in activities, events, and trips.

Please inform the Center of any name or address changes. The Post Office will not forward your newsletter.

Senior Center Program

The purpose of the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is to serve the Senior adults of Colerain Township and surrounding communities. The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center will further serve as a focal point of the community as it provides the link between needs and necessary services and delivery of those services.

Senior Center's Mission Statement

The mission of the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is to provide quality programs, services, and volunteer opportunities in a caring and supportive atmosphere for individuals 55 and over.

Council on Aging Meals Program

The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center offers a daily noon meal from the Council on Aging. This complete, nutritious and delicious meal is available for a \$1.50 donation for those 60 and over. Please call your meal reservation in by 12:00 noon the day before. Join us soon for good food and good company!!

Center Staff:

Kay Klosterman, Director

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Special Events Attendants:

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