

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Happy Easter everyone! Spring is finally here! The tulips are growing and the birds are chirping! It's time to get out and enjoy every minute each day has to offer! Why not spend some time here with us at the Center - volunteering? April is the month that is recognized nationally for honoring volunteerism in the United States.

Each April, The Colerain Township Board of Trustees hosts a very important event which honors volunteer work and commitment - the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. On April 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., individuals will be recognized with special lapel pins for first year of service completed, 500 hours of volunteerism achieved, and 1,000 hours of service awards. Recognition is also made to those who've continually volunteered for 10 years. Everyday here at the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center, we see what a difference our volunteers make!

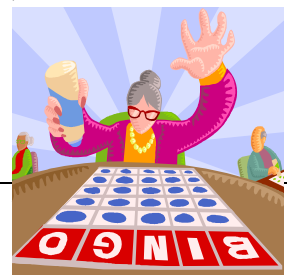
Our volunteers, both senior and younger, have a zest for giving back to Colerain Township. When applying for grants, a dollar amount is given to the number of volunteer hours received called an "in-kind" contribution. At the established equivalency rate of \$19.51 per hour, our volunteers donated an impressive 7,500 hours of giving. This amounts to \$146,325 of credit for volunteer service! Our volunteers do just about every task imaginable: file, collate, create crafts and ceramics, collect and sort food for the less fortunate, make toys and educational aids, deliver meals to Colerain Township residents and much more! **Volunteers - we salute YOU!** Watch for your invitation in the mail, and RSVP to Andrea or Kandy.

I hope to join all of you and to celebrate with you.
Happy Spring,
Kay



The Spotlight's On: April Showers - Bingo Flowers!

Spring is here! Time to celebrate with some fun and a little bit of history! Ohio history, that is. Join us for the Participants' Council Meeting (where all members of the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center are welcome) on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. A volunteer with the Cincinnati Museum Center will give a *surprise* presentation on certain Cincinnati Landmarks. Here's a clue . . . they have something to do with water. Can you guess what they are? We'll also welcome a volunteer advocate with AARP. Remember to sign up for lunch the day before prior to noon (no ticket required). Bring your bingo covers and lucky charms; we'll play bingo and a few "shower" games following lunch.



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Marlene's Chatter:

Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

Now we can enjoy the wonderful season of warm weather for a few months before it gets too warm!

Lots of fun things are going on here at the Center. Check out the program calendar for lots of creating, exercising, mind body and soul soothing things to do. If any of the things we are doing interest you, come on up and join us; we would be happy to have you here. For the new people who have joined – welcome! I hope that you have found something you like to do here.

If you have time to open the back door in the morning while having your coffee and look at the sky or hear the chorus the birds offer, you have time for the marvelous. Most of life is fascinating if looked closely enough.

Diane Ackerman

Until next month, take care.

Love,

Marlene



Special Program Notes:

Happy Easter everyone!

I'm so glad Spring is here! Maybe the weather will start being nice.

You hear so much about consumer fraud; nearly 25 million Americans are victims annually. Seniors continue to be a rapidly increasing segment of the population, and that makes them a prime target for con artists and thieves. The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPO) offers tips to help seniors be shrewd and savvy citizens:

- Offers too good to be true usually are. Ask to receive the “unbelievable deal” or the “amazing prize offer” in writing so you can read it carefully before making a commitment.
- Never give out personal information over the phone or internet.
- If a caller asks you to pay for an offer in advance or asks for your credit card number or social security number, simply refuse.
- If the caller gets frustrated or rude at your unwillingness to provide information, take this as a warning sign and hang up.

It just seems like you have to be on your guard at all times.

See ya' next month!

Kandy

Upcoming Events for April:

Date	Event
1	All Day Bingo – 10:30 a.m.
6	Stampin' With Nina – 9:30 a.m.
8	STAY Volunteers – 10:00 a.m.
13	Wade Wii Play begins today – 1:00 p.m.
15	Participants' Council Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
15	April Shower Bingo – 10:30 a.m.
17	Breakfast With The Arts – 10:30 a.m.
20	Stampin' With Nina – 9:30 a.m.
23	Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner – by invitation only
24	Beans & Books – 10:00 a.m.
27	Children's Cut-Outs – 10:00 a.m.
28	Breakfast With The Arts – Visit to Cincinnati Art Museum



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



Participants' Council News & Notes:

- A brief reminder: If you've recently moved, please notify us as soon as possible of your new address in order to continue receiving your Monthly Newsletter. The Post Office will no longer forward the Newsletter to the new address and will dispose of it instead.
- Attention bingo players: There will be no Bingo this month. APRIL FOOLS!!! Join us on Wednesday, April 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for ALL DAY BINGO!! Bring a friend and sign up for lunch by Tuesday, March 31, prior to Noon. Don't be fooled – we'll see you here!!
- June Bader, coordinator for the STAY and Children's Cut-Outs Programs is looking for individuals to crochet baby blankets for the STAY Program. We are currently running low on yarn and would greatly appreciate donations. We are still in need of empty square tissue containers that held Puffs or Kleenex tissues. Thank you so very much to all who have made donations towards our projects. If you'd like to get involved in the STAY Program, join us on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m.
- Heard of the new Wii (pronounced "we") game system? Do you want to learn how to play? Join us for our newest activity, Wade Wii Play on Monday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. Using the Wii remote, a wireless controller, you'll play tennis, bowl a few games, or maybe even golf. Wade Wii Play (made possible by a donation given from Center member, Lucille Wade's family and friends) will be offered every Monday at 1:00 p.m. Join the fun where "Wii" can all play! Sign up at the reception desk today!
- Breakfast with the Arts: Start your day with the Arts! Join us on Friday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m., here at the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center for a presentation on the sculptured pieces located in the beautiful gardens at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Then on Tuesday, April 28, don't miss the spring tour of the sculpture garden and grounds. Docents will lead the way as we discover the great "Artdoors". There is limited seating for the Art Museum tour, so please call the Center at 513-741-8802 for a reservation. Discover the Cincinnati Art Museum's permanent collection through interactive lectures, discussions, and hands-on workshops led by local artists.
- Reminder – so that we may honor our hard-working volunteers, there will be no classes or activities held on Thursday, April 23, in order to prepare for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.
- Participate in Older Americans Day at the Council on Aging's 32nd Annual Senior Expo at Coney Island. Don't miss a day chock full of information, entertainment and wellness activities. Stop by the Caregiver Corner for legal advice, learn about COA Advantages Program (Caregiver education and support), sign up for a defensive driving course and much more. Visit Wellness Island and take part in a Wii demonstration (a fun and easy video game), play chair volleyball, or enjoy a massage! Compete in the Big Band Dance Contest at Moonlite Gardens, play bingo at Parker's Grove, or sit back and enjoy the sounds of local favorite – Pete Wagner Band. Who knows, you may even see a celebrity! Admission is \$1.50 per person and the box lunch (Turkey and Swiss on whole wheat, salad, fruit, pretzels, cookies and bottled water) is \$1.50 for those 60 and over and \$2.50 if you are under 60. Ticket reservations can be made at the reception desk until Friday, April 24. You may purchase an admission ticket the day of the event, at the main gate; however, box lunch tickets are only available until April 24.

Happy Easter



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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!!

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