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As we welcome the coming New Year, I am sure we all look back on 2025, hopefully with fond memories of spending time at the Center with fellow members. I have met and had the opportunity to talked with so many of you through the past year and have genuinely enjoyed those interactions.

Looking at how we can serve our members in the coming year, the Board is interested in member feedback. If we were to offer some early evening hours to meet the needs of members who may have daytime obligations, what activities might be of interest. Please give it some thought and speak with any of our board members with your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to email me directly at sbrzoska@umssc.org.

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I would like the opportunity to thank the office staff, Shirley,

Peggy, and Beth for all they do to support the Center on a day-to-day basis. They support all we do at the Center. I must also thank the amazing members of our Board of Directors who volunteer so much of their time and expertise organizing and leading many of our activities. We are all fortunate to benefit from their dedication to the Senior Center.

Many of us will celebrate Christmas, the Christian religious holiday. Others will reaffirm the ideals of Judaism with the celebration of Hanukkah. May you all have the opportunity, however you celebrate, to enjoy the company of friends and family. Let us all remember how this season is the perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.

Sharon Brzoska, President

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 AT 12:00 PM HOLIDAY PARTY. Tickets on sale now until December 4. Join us for our Annual Holiday Party. Santa will be there to hand out the door prizes!

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 FOR THE GENERAL MEETING AND ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY. THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 THROUGH JANUARY 2 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. SENIOR CENTER WILL RE-OPEN ON JANUARY 5.

Please refer to the monthly calendar for all DECEMBER activities. Contact anyone in the office if you have questions. For activities conducted or available on *Zoom*, please call the office and provide your email address to receive the zoom link.

DECEMBER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER: TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN FUN & FITNESS, MEDITATION, AND CHAIR YOGA CLASSES, YOU MUST BE SIGNED IN, PAID AND READY TO PARTICIPATE PRIOR TO START TIME OF CLASS.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAY: The senior center is sponsoring two families in need for the holiday season. Gift requests have been printed out and can be found in baskets on the table set up in the lobby. Members who choose to participate should bring their gift selections to the office by December 10. Gifts will be distributed by the

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Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth. We hope you will consider helping these families.

BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 10:00 AM.

CELL PHONES MADE EASY: WEDNESDAYS FROM 12:00-1:00 PM (except DECEMBER 10, 24 AND 31). Bring your cell phone, tablet, laptop—or any digital device—and get help with your tech questions. Whether you're learning the basics or just need a quick tip, we're here to help you feel more confident and connected!



MEDITATION PROGRAM: WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 3 AND 17 AT 9:45 AM.

MONDAY MATINEE: MONDAY DECEMBER 8 AT 12:00 PM. This month's movie is "A CHRISTMAS STORY".

GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 11:30 AM. *DOORS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 11:00 AM. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES CANCELLED EXCEPT FOR DIABETES PROGRAM AT 1:45 PM.*

Confirmation of candidates for 2026 will be presented.

Slated for election are: President - Sharon Brzoska, Vice President - Cindy Eastman, Secretary - Helen Currykosky, Treasurer - Tom Harrington, Board Directors: Bob Mack, Ken Luciani and Lauretta Zimmer.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 from 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM. Have your blood pressure checked by MLH Nurse Tracey.

BOOK TALK: MONDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 1:00 PM. This month's book is "THE STOLEN QUEEN" by Fiona Davis

WALKING CLUB: You can join them by giving your name and contact info to the office and we will pass on to the group leader who will provide you with a date and location of where to meet for the walk.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Please join the Board and staff to acknowledge and make welcome our new members. Welcome to: Helen Borda, Lynne Boroch, Jodilee Cummins, Stephen Falcone, Joan Hennessy, Mary Ling, Sharon Mahar, Robert Nihen, Patti Santilli, Patrick Sebastian



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12/2 Tiara McMorris	12/3 Ethel Hutchinson	12/3 Larry Persofsky	12/3 Carla Warner
12/4 Gail Hough	12/7 Penny Rudolph	12/8 Nathlie Collaut	12/8 LollaMae Jenkins
12/8 Barbara Scott	12/10 George Eckardt	I2/11 Angie Williamson	12/13 Chris McNamara
12/14 John Desko	12/15 Jennifer Downing	12/15 Tina Garzillo	12/15 Sandra Pietrafitta
12/16 Kathy Forney	12/16 Clarissa Fullam	12/16 Richard Meckley	12/17 Joseph Liebreich
12/17 Darlene Spanger	12/18 Raymond Barkmeyer	12/18 Linda Beck	12/18 Jeannette Drendall
12/20 Patricia Ward	12/21 Janice Barthold	12/21 Donald McCree	12//21 Rochell Rosenberg
12/22 Jyoti Disa	12/23 Nancy Mandato	12/24 Patrick David	12/24 Shirley Eichelberger
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12/27 Zee Raiser	12/27 William Scutta	12/27 Janet Ward	12/28 Dan Dunmire
12/28 Selma Felma	12/28 Alireza Hoorfar	12/28 David Landsman	12/29 Holly Higham
12/29 Nancy Kiniry	12/31 Eileen McGinley		

SPECIAL EVENTS - A LOOK AHEAD

DECEMBER

- Wednesday, December 10, 2025 (General Meeting)
- Friday, December 12, 2025 Holiday Party

<u>PROJECT LINUS:</u> Members knit squares for blankets for cancer patients. Yarn is available in the office. THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE BY VOLUNTEERING TO KNIT THE BLANKET SQUARES A COUPLE OF SAMPLES OF THE HANDIWORK IS HANGING IN THE LOBBY AREA. RECENTLY 42 FINISHED KNITTED BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN NEED. We would like to acknowledge the following ladies for their knitting contribution to this project: They are Janet King, Cathy Reilly, Barbara Orman, Jill Kelly, Relina Martis, Tracey Paradis, Janet Ward,

Nancy Rae and Iliana Mendez. Special thanks to Joan Banas for heading up this wonderful project! You all do our senior center proud!

<u>WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!</u> Any Upper Merion Township resident who needs a smoke alarm can call the *Smoke Alarm Installation Hotline at 484-636-3945 to request an installation.*

VETERANS CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS: In association with the Norristown Veterans Affairs Office, we are collecting donations for care packages to give to veterans. *If donating any food or drink or drink mixes, please be sure these items have not expired.* **Place items in assigned box in lobby area.**

UPPER MERION AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD: We are collecting food to be donated to the UM Community Cupboard. If you wish to contribute the labeled box is in the lobby area.

UM LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER 2025

ONGOING PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY (CHECK OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS WE OFFER):

Sangeetha will be at the center to help with your tech questions every Wednesday in December (except December 10, 24 and 31). at 12:00 PM. Please check with Ms. Shirley or Ms. Peggy for sign-up instructions.

SILENT BOOK CLUB: 1st Monday of every month from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

ESL CLASS: (English as a Second Language Conversation

Group) every Tuesday at 12:00 PM.

CRAFT TUESDAY: every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Perfect space to create, connect, and share craft ideas.) **MEDITATION SERIES:** Meditation Workshop - 2nd

Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM.

ART, GAMES, AND CHIT CHAT FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 12:30 PM.

MAHJONG MEETUP MANIA: Every Thursday at 1:00 PM.

BOOK DISCUSSION: 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:30 AM.

KNIT NITE: 4th Monday at 6:00 PM.



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LIBRARY DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MINI-GREENHOUSE SEED SOWING IN WINTER:

Monday, December 1 at 6:30 PM -_Winter seed sowing is one of the easiest ways to start most seeds, and in this presentation you will learn how it works, how to create your own mini greenhouse using recycled materials, and even make one to take home. Join Montgomery County Master Gardener Susan Doblmaier as she explains the fundamentals of this simple, effective method. Susan has been a Master Gardener with Penn State Extension for 22 years and

has taught this topic to many fellow gardeners, and starting seeds remains one of her favorite hobbies.

FAMILY BOARD GAME EVENT: Monday, December 8 at 6:00 PM

<u>MEGA FAMILY GAME & FUN FEST:</u> Monday, December 15 at 6:00 PM - Join Child Guidance Resource Center and the Upper Merion Township Library for a fun-filled evening of family time and games, where you can enjoy quality moments together, meet other families in the community, and take part in exciting activities for all ages, with a chance to win raffle baskets packed with family fun for home.



- Personal Injury
- Real Estate
- Bankruptcy
- Robert J. Reilley, Jr.*
- Salvatore F. Bello, Jr. *
- Daniel T. McGrory*
- Gregory P. DiPippo*
- Salvatore F. Bello, III

- Criminal Law
- Domestic Law/Divorce/Custody
- Estate Planning
- Taxation
- Workers Compensation
- License Suspension/DUI
- Corporate Law
- · Administrative & Municipal Law

^{*} Also Admitted in New Jersey

BOOK DISCUSSION: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith - Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 AM

FREE RAFFLE TICKET with each event attended. Enter to win exciting prizes. To learn more or to register for any of these events, please visit our calendar at www.umtlibrary.libcal.com.

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