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Silver Club Memory Programs

Together, we make every moment matter.

Greetings from Silver Club!

On September 14th, Silver Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary with food, carnival-themed games and an art exhibition showcasing Club Members' art.

The highlight of the day for me was watching valued members of our Silver Club family (a veteran staff, Pat Hall; a volunteer/advisory member Sara Holmes; previous Directors of the program Laura Rice-Oeschger and Beth Spencer, and one of our Club Member's daughters) speak about what Silver Club means to them.

Silver Club has been successful due to the contributions of countless staff, volunteers, students, advisory members, club members and their families over the years. Silver Club's motto is "Together, we make every moment matter." Today, I take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful moments Silver Club has had already, and to all the moments to come in the future.

Sincerely,

***Shannon Etcheverry, LMSW
Director, Silver Club Memory
Programs***



Silver Club Celebrates 20 Years!

On Friday, September 14th, Silver Club Programs Celebrated its 20th Anniversary. This event was a time for celebrating the history, and honoring Silver Club's service to families, members, and the community over the last twenty years.

Guests were greeted by the sight of our colorful outdoor summer garden. Once inside, the Silver Club was decorated with sparkling silver and blue decorations as well as fall mums donated by Zywicki's Greenhouse in Belleville, Michigan. The afternoon included an art tour featuring past and present member's work, quilts created by club members over the years, carnival games, a photo booth, refreshments, old photos from the past two decades, and doggy kisses from our own Therapaws' puppies.

Shannon Etcheverry, our current director, opened the presentation, followed by our speaker Patricia Hall, LMSW, longest-tenured staff member, who shared her Silver Club experiences and the history of this program. Sara Holmes, Chair of the Silver Club Advisory Council, acknowledged staff members, and volunteers, and expressed appreciation for the work of this program and it's participants. We were also honored to have former Silver Club directors, Laura Rice-Oeschger, LMSW, and Beth Spencer, LMSW, give remarks. It was a wonderful afternoon full of shared remembrances, hugs, and some tears. This celebration emphasized the importance of the Silver Club Programs and the difference they make in the lives of our members, their families, and the community. We're looking forward to the next twenty years of service.

The Silver Club Garden

This Summer, the Silver Club life skills group planted a beautiful flower, herb, vegetable and flower garden. The group was very excited and waited in great anticipation to enjoy the rewards of their labor. In the back raised beds are tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and collard greens. In the front far right of the garden, the members created an herb garden that consist of two different types of oregano, jalapeno peppers, and red and green bell peppers. Also in the front garden are beautiful assorted flowers that were donated to the Silver Club by Zywicki's Greenhouse Inc. in Belleville, Michigan. The members watered the garden daily and sat in amazement as they watched their Garden grow. The life skills group, created many edible treats from the garden. Some of the treats created were fried green tomatoes, salsa and so much more.



Ypsilanti Library First Friday Silver Club Art Exhibition & Presentation

Reinventing Matisse

Ypsilanti Downtown Library

On May 4th, the Silver Club had an art exhibition and presentation “*Reinventing Matisse*” at the Ypsilanti district library. It was a great success. People were amazed by the collaboration, talent, and creativity that each club member displayed in this installation. We were also honored to have Jessie, who is a very talented musician, play a variety of classical and jazz soothing tunes at the event.



The “*Reinventing Matisse*” art exhibit was a collaboration between the Silver Club’s Wednesday through Friday art groups headed by Daniele O’Brien and Jeanne Kero, and the Elderberry Club lead by Elaine Reed and Kathi Tobey. Each banner was created using repurposed and donated vinyl banners which were cut to size and painted with a rich dark blue color. Then, members created Matisse-inspired amorphous shapes which were then traced and cut out of hand-decorated mulberry paper, which was artistically arranged and adhered to each banner. The hand-painted mulberry paper was created using acrylic paint and beautiful textures as the basis for these forms. This work resulted in five banners adorned with these fantastic shapes and colorful papers. The installation was so successful that the Ypsilanti Library asked Silver Club to extend this show until September. The finished installation really let’s our members and their creative process shine!



Meet Our New Student Intern!

Maryanne Connor is Silver Club's newest Silver Club intern! Maryanne received her Bachelors in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University and is currently a Social Work Masters student at the University of Michigan. We are thrilled that she will be interning with us two days a week until August 2019! Maryanne is taking classes on Gerontology and is excited to learn about Silver Club.



What are you looking forward to most in the next year as you work with Silver Club?

"I am looking forward to getting to know the amazing people and club members that make Silver Club the amazing program that is today. I am excited to be learning things that I will be able to take with me in my future field work."

Why are you interested in working with older adults?

"I got introduced to working with older adults when my grandmother was diagnosed with dementia back in 2010. During the time between diagnosis and when we had to place her in an assisted living facility, I found a great passion in working with older adults/individuals with dementia."

What do you hope to get out of this experience?

"I hope to get experience on the administrative side for working with older adults. I also hope to get experience that I can take with me throughout my career. I hope to contribute to the greatness of Silver club and its programs."

What are some fun facts about you?

"I love traveling camping, and reading. I have one dog that I adore! I am the youngest of six children. I am only 4'9"

Welcome, Maryanne!

"Reinventing Matisse"

Silver Club Programs Art Exhibition

September 11- December 11, 2018

NCRC- Building #10, Lobby



Meet Our Staff and Volunteers

Staff: Lisa Chasse, Shannon Etcheverry (Director), Jeanne Hagadone, Patricia Hall, Lyn Kelly, Jeanne Kero, Kalpana Kothari, Danni O'Brien, Elaine Reed, Randy Thackston, Kathi Tobey, Marianna Voica, Cara Yonovitz

Volunteers: Tiffany Chen, Polly Connor, Vanessa Dinh, Jerry DiPuit, Dorothy Doss, Alice Fishman, Lori Fithian, Stephanie Francalancia, Sara Holmes, Jennifer Melinsky, Myrna Miller, Katie Munson, Bianca Nelson, Jacqui Roe, Tammy Salo, Natalie Schafer, Jennifer Steiner, Cathy Strachan, Randy Thackston, Gloria Van Alstine & Annie, Mariah, Rubina Veerakone, Mary Wisgerhof, Heidi Yeager

Advisory Council: Beverly Bagozzi, Julie DeLoria, Alice Fishman, Sara Holmes (Council Chair), Leslie Kamil, Jean Kelsey, Clare Kolevar, Myrna Miller, Jacqueline Roe, Cathy Strachan, Julie Young



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An Opportunity to Support Silver Club

The goal at Silver Club is to always accept families in need, even if they are experiencing financial difficulties. We use a sliding-fee scale so that each family pays what it can afford. The balance comes from grants and assistance from a wide array of supporters.

We are so grateful to Silver Club families and friends for their generous support of our programs in whatever way they feel comfortable.

How You Can Help:

Be an ambassador – promote the Silver Club by referring families who are caring for a person with memory loss to our programs.

Volunteer – if you have time, there are many ways to help, including spending time with members during program hours, participating on Silver Club committees, or helping with special, time-focused projects.

Make a gift – the Silver Club relies significantly on public funding and contributions. “Gifts in kind” such as artwork, books and equipment make an immediate impact. The easiest way to make a monetary gift is through our online link:

<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/give/basket/fund/367384>.

For more information about giving, contact us at (734) 998-9352.

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