

Winter 2020



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Silver Club Memory Programs

Together, we make every moment matter.

Greetings from Silver Club!

Happy New Year! After a whirlwind of fall and winter celebrations, we at Silver Club are settling into a bright 2020. I am excited to announce the Adult Day Enrichment Program's new monthly program- 'Creative Moments.' Members and their families will have an opportunity to engage in a creative project together. I hope that many of you will join us to try something new, connect, and have fun. Stay tuned for updates on future programs.

On May 7th, Big Hearts for Seniors (which benefits Silver Club and four other programs that enhance the lives of older adults) will present Big Hearted Stories: Experiences of Aging. It will be a special evening of storytelling, connection and entertainment at the Michigan Theater! Please visit the website for more information.

<https://victors.us/bigheartforseniors>

This past October, the Silver Club staff was honored as one of the finalists for the Brookdale Foundation's De Brof Award of Excellence in Teaneck, NJ (see photo lower right).

Did you know that Silver Club has an Advisory Council? The Council meets monthly to participate in strategic planning, marketing and fundraising efforts. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Shannon Etcheverry, LMSW
Director, Silver Club
Memory Programs

Peace and Kindness



Silver Club Member Designs 2019 Holiday Card

The Silver Club/Alzheimer's Association annual holiday card (photo above) was created by our club member, Ed Bruening. Ed has a Fine Arts and Industrial Design degree and was once employed by NASA designing materials for the space program. He is an Army Veteran of the Korean War and was stationed in Germany. He loves plants and landscaping, which is reflected in the art that he creates at Silver Club. He turned 90 in 2019.



Tis the Season to Party!

Silver Club members sure do love a good party, and this past holiday season was no exception. With Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas falling one after the other; SC staff, family and club members celebrated each one to the fullest.



First, Silver Club members had a Halloween party. Staff and members dressed up to do the ‘Monster Mash’ while snacking on plenty of Halloween candy and other decorative treats.

Next up on the menu was our Thanksgiving dinner. Staff and family members contributed to the potluck-style feast that had not one, but TWO turkeys, a honey glazed ham, and no shortage of desserts. With all the members and their families in attendance, not a morsel of food went to waste.



Lastly, Silver Club spread its holiday cheer with a Christmas party. Members made popcorn balls to go along with other Christmas snacks and goodies. With the help of Roger Parker, our volunteer pianist, members and family were lead in song through various Christmas carols accompanied with fun visual illustrations.



Holiday Cheer from Gabriel Richard High School and Voices Valiant

With holiday excitement and joy in the air, Silver club was honored to welcome two community choirs filling the air with beautiful holiday music. The Gabriel Richard High School Choir sounded angelic delighting Club members and staff alike. They sang old Christmas classics, but with a modern twist. A large group from the University of Michigan’s Voices Valiant Adult Choir also visited to share festive holiday songs. Silver Club gives thanks and gratitude of these amazing voices shared during the holiday season!

Elderberry Club Food Gatherers

In April 2015, the Elderberry Club ladies began our partnership with the local food rescue agency, Food Gatherers. Over the past five years, our group has helped to sort, measure, bag and pack thousands of pounds of fruits and vegetables, volunteering each semester in the warehouse. After a tour of the facility, the ladies put on hairnets and gloves and got to work. From strange-shaped, multi-colored carrots to orange and yellow beets, our crew of women have relished the opportunity to be of service to the community and help others. They show the public that memory loss does not stop you from being an active community member!



SAVE THE DATE

☀️ May 7, 2020 ☀️

Big Hearted Stories: Experiences of Aging

*Join us for a special evening of
local storytelling, connection and
entertainment at the Michigan Theater!*



*Stay tuned on how to apply to be
one of the featured storytellers!*



BENEFITTING

Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels
Housing Bureau for Seniors
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Silver Club Memory Programs
Turner Senior Wellness Program



Meet Our Staff and Volunteers

Staff: Shannon Etcheverry (Director), Jeanne Hagadone, Patricia Hall, Porchia Hardwick, Lyn Kelly, Jeanne Kero, Kalpana Kothari, Elise Lenfestey, Danni O'Brien, Kathi Tobey, Kathy Winchell

Volunteers: Nayeema Ahmed, Susan Aramaki, Jessica Baker, Niketh Chopra, Diane Cosier, Jerry DePuit, Dorothy Doss, Julia Duffy, Ellie Falahee, Stephanie Francalancia, Abby Gaughan, Derek Ge, Pat Grimes, Samantha Guagliardo, Jeanette Hescheles, Sarah Holmes, Allison Kavanagh, Sara Keller, Phoebe Lawrence, Ann Litzler, Sloane Lynch, Sarah Maskour, Jennifer Melinsky, Hoon Oh, Scott Orlov, Judith Parker, Roger Parker, Christine Simon, Jeremy Taigman, Nancy Terry, Randy Thackston, Jaya Thyagarajan, Anjali Vaishnav, Gloria Van Alstine, Mary Wisgerhof, Heidi Yeager

Advisory Council: Julie DeLoria, Leslie Kamil, 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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9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Sponsors & Community Partners

Silver Club is primarily funded by donations and member fees. We are also supported by:

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- Area Agency on Aging 1-B
- Brookdale National Group Respite Program
- Friends of the U-M Hospital
- Medicaid Waiver Program
- Veterans Affairs