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Cost: \$935 per person double/\$1295 single includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, 3 nights at Drury Plaza hotel, elegant Italian dinner at Charlie Gitto's on the Hill, Gateway Arch Tour to the Top plus museum and movie, barbeque lunch at Salt and Smoke, Cardinals vs Diamondbacks baseball game at Ballpark Village, guided tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery with lunch at the Biergarten, and a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis to view the 41.5 million mosaic tiles in over 7,000 colors. Full payment due at time of registration.



#### Mystery Trip -- June 25th or 26th, 2024

Cost: \$150 includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and all mystery fees. Where will we go? First stop is a mystery followed by a mystery. Then we will have a southern-style lunch followed by some very mysterious adventures. We will end with a mystery stop. \$50 deposit due at time of registration. Final payment is due May 15, 2024.



#### Shaker Hill Village of Pleasant Hill -- July 23 - 25, 2024

With 34 original Shaker structures, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. We will visit the Historic Centre, the Preserve, and the Farm, with a full lunch at the Trustees' Table on site.

Cost: \$485 per person double/\$675 single includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch on the way to Lexington, 2 nights at Springhill Suites in Lexington, KY with breakfast each morning, a stop at Old Kentucky Chocolates, a full day at Shaker Village with lunch, and a visit to Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum on our drive home. \$100 deposit due at time of registration. Final payment due June 15, 2024.



#### **CANCELLATION NOTICE:**

A cancellation fee of \$25 dollars is charged for all trips. No refunds will be made after final payment unless we can fill your spot.







It has been a very busy tax season this year for the AARP Tax-Aide staff. The last full tax appointments at the STUDIO 60 Senior Center will be taken on Thursday, April 11. If we have called you to return to our office with pending issues that need to be addressed before your taxes can be e-filed, PLEASE return to our Center before 3:30 pm on April 11 or the return cannot be filed. The deadline to file and send any payments due to the IRS and Alabama this year is April 15, 2024. To book an

appointment at our facility, you must come in (not call). Once we are booked up with tax appointments, a notification will be placed at our Tax-Aide front desk by the Twickenham Ballroom and on the Facebook page of STUDIO 60. Any appointment requests received AFTER our schedule is booked will be placed on a WAIT LIST. We will continue to book open cancellation slots in order of the request date. Since there are no guarantees that a slot will come available, please make alternative arrangements to have your taxes done.



The Tax-Aide number, 256-513-8291, is used for reschedules, cancellations and general information only. This number will also be monitored through the off season for follow up with the clients who had their taxes prepared at this location.

On behalf of the volunteers at Tax-Aide, we want to thank all of our long term and new clients for letting us serve you. Most importantly, we want to thank our host site, the STUDIO 60 Senior Center for their tremendous support! We appreciate each and every one of their staff from every department for the many ways they accommodated us and assisted our efforts to serve our community even better this year! Everyone has been so supportive and we sincerely THANK YOU!

#### ORPHAN CAR SHOW

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Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 until 2:00
Registration \$20 from 8:00 until noon
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## District 2 Masters Games are coming in June!

Dates are June 12th, 14th, 18th, and 20th

Stay tuned for sign-up instructions and a complete list of events and locations.

Dominos (single and double) ♦ Softball Throw

Basketball Throw ♦ Cornhole ♦ Shuffleboard

Table Tennis ♦ Nerf & Frisbee Throw

Rook ♦ Billiards ♦ Bowling

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#### MEDICARE COVERAGE FOR HOME HEALTH CARE

#### When Should Medicare Coverage be Available for Home Health Care?

Home health care can be covered by Medicare if it meets the following criteria:

- 1. The patient must see a physician or authorized health care provider. The physician/provider must write a brief narrative describing the patient's clinical condition, how the patient's condition supports homebound status, and the need for skilled home health services.
- 2. A physician/authorized provider has signed or will sign a plan of care.
- 3. The patient is homebound. This standard is met if leaving home requires a considerable and taxing effort which may be shown by the patient needing personal assistance, or the help of a wheelchair or crutches, or other supportive device. Occasional but infrequent "walks around the block" and outings are allowable. Attendance at an adult day center or religious services is not an automatic bar to meeting the homebound requirement.
- 4. The patient needs skilled nursing care on an intermittent basis (at least once every 60 days), or physical or speech-language pathology. (Occupational therapy can continue Medicare home health care but not begin coverage.)
- 5. The care must be provided by, or under arrangements with, a Medicare-certified provider.

#### **Medicare Coverable Home Health Services**

If the triggering conditions described above are met, the beneficiary is eligible for Medicare coverage of home health services. Generally, there is no deductible or coinsurance. (Check Medicare Advantage plans – some MA plans may include cost-sharing.)

Home health services include:

- Part-time or intermittent nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse
- Physical, occupational, or speech therapy
- Medical social services under the direction of a physician
- Part-time or intermittent Home Health Aide services, to the extent permitted in regulations.

#### **Other Important Points**

- 1. Medicare coverage should not be denied simply because the patient's condition is chronic, stable, or unlikely to improve. Restorative potential is not necessary. Medicare coverage is available to maintain an individual's condition or slow deterioration.
- 2. Resist arbitrary caps on coverage imposed by the Medicare contractor or insurer. For example, do not accept provider assertions that aide services in excess of one visit per day/week are not covered, or that daily nursing visits can never be covered.
- 3. There is no legal limit to the duration of the Medicare home health benefit. Medicare coverage is available for necessary home care so long as coverage criteria are met even if it extends over a long period of time.
- 4. The doctor and other health care providers are the patient's most important ally. If it appears Medicare coverage will be denied, ask them to provide information to help demonstrate that the standards above are met.
- 5. Prior to the discontinuance of Medicare covered services the home health agency must issue a written notice of non-coverage. If you disagree with the discharge, pursue an appeal as soon possible, as directed in the notice.



An Older Americans Month Event



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#### TUESDAY, MAY 14 10 AM - 1 PM

Sharon Johnston Park 783 Coleman Road, New Market

Call 256-830-0818 with questions

RAIN DATE: Thursday, May 16

Advance Ticket \$5 Advance Ticket+T-shirt Bundle \$15 Day of Ticket \$7 Day of T-shirt \$13

#### Ways to purchase tickets:

- · At your local Senior Center
- TARCOG Office, 7037 Old Madison Pike, Suite 450

## Music Snacks Lunch Prizes

NOTICE: Photographers and/or news media may be present at this event.

#### **COOKING MATTERS**

Cooking Matters is coming to STUDIO 60, and we would love for you to join us!

Cooking Matters is a free 6-week program funded through the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. The class instructor is Jamie Collins, RDN, LD, and Program Manager of Cooking Matters. The goal of Cooking Matters is to provide participants nutrition education and a cooking class that will help them make healthier choices

and become more confident in spending their food dollars. Each series is comprised of six 2-hour classes. Regarding registration, we can take new participants in the first and second weeks but cannot accept new attendees after that due to each class building upon the knowledge of the prior class. Participants gain hands-on experience cooking together in the classroom and receive groceries from each weekly class to recreate the recipe at home.

In this series, we plan to cook a variety of fun dishes together.

For our first week, we feature a vegetarian Asian stir fry and discuss using recipes as a framework and reading food labels.



Week two, we cook up a ground beef stroganoff and focus on how to incorporate more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains in your diet.

Week three, we make turkey burgers with a Mediterranean twist and discuss convenience foods and how to make healthier choices in the protein and dairy food groups.

For week four, we learn to cut up a whole chicken and providing the opportunity to cut up your own chicken to create a Moroccan-inspired meal while reviewing meal planning concepts.

On the fifth week, our class tours a local grocery store where you will be given a shopping challenge and a gift card to buy your own groceries.

The final class is a celebration where we will make an apple crisp, mango salsa, and some fun drinks together while reviewing what we have learned throughout the series. All participants will receive a Cooking Matters book at the end of the series that shares cooking tips and tricks as well as additional recipes to try.

Classes are from 10 am- 12 pm on the following dates:

May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30, June 6, and June 13

Space is limited. Register by calling Teresa at 256-880-7080 Ext. 226



#### Did you know the health room has a lending closet?

We accept donations of gently used medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers. We then loan them out to those in our community who have a need. if you know someone planning a surgery, or taking physical therapy and an item is needed, give us a call. All donations must be in good working condition. You may reach the lending closet by calling 256-880-7080 Ext 226.



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- 1 Lasting mark
- 5 Smooth-talking
- 9 Guitar sound boosters
- 13 Cincinnati's state
- 14 Impolite
- 15 Grocery vehicle
- 16 Money in Mexico
- 17 Portrait painter's stand
- 18 Oak or maple
- 19 Two-ingredient coffee lightener
- 22 Workout spot
- 23 Noble horses
- 24 Informal goodbye
- 26 Hen's perch
- 29 Major blood vessel
- 32 German auto
- 35 Coral ridge
- 37 Athletes on slopes
- 38 Back-to-health program, for short

- 41 Snake-like fish
- 42 Feeling edgy
- 43 Pleasant scent
- 44 Song for two
- 46 When a plane is due: Abbrev.
- 47 Sandwich shops
- 48 Eiffel Tower's city
- 51 Polishes prose
- 54 Down the wrong path
- 58 Furniture wood
- 60 White spread on a bagel
- 63 Cleaner in a hotel room
- 65 Think alike
- 66 Biggest continent
- 67 Sit \_\_\_\_ by (do nothing)
- 68 Turns off, as a TV's sound
- 69 Prescriptions, for short
- 70 Small child
- 71 Annoying person
- 72 Proofreader's mark meaning Keep It

#### **DOWN**

- Second-year students, for short
- 2 Play a game unfairly
- 3 Supermarket path
- 4 Housetop repairer
- 5 Alum of school
- 6 Poshly furnished
- 7 Creative thoughts
- 8 Charming Southern woman
- 9 Perform in a movie
- 10 Butter substitute
- 11 Bird of \_\_\_\_ (eagle or falcon)
- 12 Flower stalk
- 14 Bleep out
- 20 Needless fuss
- 21 Lavish meal
- 25 Collar for oxen
- 27 Burger bun topper
- 28 Start a golf hole
- 30 Exam given in school
- 31 Vicinity
- 32 Thin nail
- 33 Unimportant
- 34 Unskimmed dairy beverage
- 36 Dog-biting insect
- 39 Surrounded by
- 40 Without frills
- 45 Slight remnants
- 49 Suffix meaning "sort of"
- 50 Cooks over
- 52 Hobo
- 53 Smooth transition
- 55 Update, as a clock
- 56 All kidding
- 57 Bread-rising ingredient
- 58 Give off, as light
- 59 Well-mannered woman
- 61 Bachelor of degree
- 62 Be introduced to
- 64 Color-changing liquid



#### WHY IS AGEISM DETRIMENTAL?

Ageism is defined as stereotyping and discriminating against individuals or groups on the basis of their age. The term was coined in 1971 by Robert Butler to describe discrimination against seniors, and patterned on sexism and racism. Butler defined ageism as a combination of three connected elements: negative attitudes towards old age and the aging process, discriminatory practices against older people, and institutional practices and policies that perpetuate stereotypes about elderly people.

Ageism is detrimental not only to older adults, but also to the economy and society at large. Although adults 50 years and older contribute \$8.3 trillion dollars to the U.S. economy, AARP's research discovered that the country lost \$850 billion dollars of GDP growth due to age discrimination, citing that two-thirds of people who retire early do so because of age discrimination.

To create lasting positive views on aging, we must rethink aging entirely so that ageism is not learned at a young age and internalized in adulthood.

"The best way to reimagine aging is to value older adults. This means beautiful [meeting and activity] spaces, not leftover tan, drab walls. It means innovative programming...really a space that meets the needs of older adults and their hopes and dreams," says GenSpace Director, Dr. Jennifer Wong.

Stacy London says "Saying goodbye to youth is hard. But at the same time, we should be using language that promotes the idea that what you're evolving into has just as much value."

The traditional timeline of spending 20 years gaining an education, 40 years working, and in later life, consuming leisure, is no longer the reality for most Americans. Because of our newly expected 100-year lifespan, people often have multi-stage careers. This means that now, and in the future, older adults need to and want to be working later. We need to save early and start healthy activities and habits regarding sleep, nutrition, and exercise in order to prepare for this new lifespan.

For example, women often must step away from their careers to take care of children and parents. This makes it extremely difficult for them to re-enter the workforce. Employers must evolve their hiring practices to consider the cumulative disadvantages that older women face.

Ageism beliefs against the elderly are commonplace in today's society. For example, when an older person forgets something, he or she could be quick to call it a "senior moment," failing to realize the ageism of that statement. People also often say ageist phrases, such as "dirty old man" or "second childhood" of which the speaker misses the negative undertones. On the other hand, when seniors show greater independence and control in their lives, defying ageist assumptions grows stronger.

Use the power of language to combat ageism! Analyze the stereotypical phrases we commonly use and stop using negative and disparaging language when talking about aging. We can actively seek out a wide variety of positive stories about aging in media, through brands that value aging. Only then can we reinforce the idea that investing in older adults is smart, profitable, and just plain good for business.

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April 21-27, 2024, is National Volunteer Week. Many wonderful volunteers give of themselves by helping others through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). We want to recognize all our RSVP volunteers who give their time, energy, and talent to make a difference in our community. Anyone in the RSVP program with 24 recorded hours in the last year will receive an invitation to our Volunteer Appreciation Event later this year.

Wonder what inspires individuals to volunteer? Are you ready to join RSVP?

We try to match the volunteer to the position so contact Wilma by phone 256-880-7080 ext 224, email rsvp.coordinator@seniorview.com, or visit her Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the RSVP office at STUDIO 60.

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STUDIO 60 with the Grocery Assistance Program, in our Fitness Studio, and in Ivy's gift shop. We also have a need for community volunteers at First Stop, and at Habitat for Humanity to help in construction, cleaning, painting, and working in their ReStore.





#### **CROSSWORD SOLUTION (PG 10)**

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Oh, April, mother earth is resurrected

With green buds, nature's been enlivened.

From winter's grips she has been freed

And April's Spring offers a change of scene.

The fields are rich, the flowers revive,

The world comes back to life, once again alive.

Nature offers warmth, the sun invites.

As the world awakens, April ignites.

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#### **APRIL 2024 SCHEDULE**

	HEALTH & WELLNESS	Games,	cont.	
Monday	/ - Friday Fitness Studio	Friday		
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9:00 10:00	Arthritis ExerciseTBR Dance & KaraokeTBR	Monda	ay - Friday	
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12:30	YogaTBR PilatesTBR	9:30	Beg. Slab Pottery	PIRI
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12:00	Pickleball Open PlayTBR Tai ChiTBR	9:00	China Painting	CF
1:30 3:00	Int. Ballroom Silver SteppersTBR	11:30	Basket Weaving Paper Craft (1st Tues.)	CEF
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Monday		8:00	Pottery Studio	PTR\
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9:00	Men's BridgeGR BINGOCAF	8:30	Quilters	CEF
9:30 10:00	Hand, Foot and Elbow CardsCRD	9:00	Quilters Pencil/Watercolors(Full) ◆	PN7
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Wednes		8:00	Stained Glass Open Lab	SC
9:00	RookCRD	9:00	Beg. Oil Painting(Full) ◆	PNT
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10:00 1:00	Hand, Foot and ElbowCRD Mah JonggGR		Class may have waiting list. See Debbie	t <u>.</u>
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12:30	Thursday BridgeCRD			

#### **EDUCATION**

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#### **MEETINGS & CLUBS**

Tuesday	
9:00	Fishing Club (1st/3rd Tues.)CER
1:00	Poetry Reading GroupNC
2:45	TOPS AL-019CER
4:00	ALS (2nd Tues.)CAF
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8:45	TOPS AL-047LL
1:00	Chess ClubNC
1:00	Book ClubCP
1:15	Bereavement (2nd/4th)PNT
Saturday	April 13, 2024
10:00	NARFE See page 20MR
Wednesday	y April 17, 2024
	Smart Driver ClassesMR
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at 630-404-	2527

#### BLOOD PRESSURE/ BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS

Location: Health Room Monday April 1, 2024 9:00-11:00 Pressure/Sugar Checks Monday April 15 & 22 9:00-11:00 Pressure Checks only



#### **OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES**

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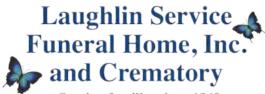
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#### **Diabetic Support Group**

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Contact Susan Janus for additional information at 256 603-6275 or 256 880-6538

## MEDICARE 101 New to Medicare?

Join Stephanie Kirk, the Medicare Lady for an informational presentation

> Friday, April 19 at 10:00 am in the Language Lab

## City Councilman Bill Kling Town Hall

Meets every 3rd Monday Next meeting is April 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm 1st floor Meeting Room A Huntsville Public Library

## Let's Go to the Movies! The Hill

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 showing at 9:00 and 1:00 in the Language Lab

#### Pickleball is BACK!

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ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Support Group - The Alabama chapter of the ALS Association sponsors a support group held on the **second Tuesday** of each month, 4:00 pm at STUDIO 60 Senior Center 2200 Drake Ave. For information call **256-509-4398**.

<u>Alzheimer's Support Group</u> - For information call **800- 272-3900**.

**Bereavement Support Group** - Hospice Family Care Group is meeting again at the STUDIO 60 in the Painting Room, on 2nd and 4th **Wednesdays** at 1:15 pm. For info, call Anthony Ford **256-650-1212**.

**Brain Injury/Stroke Support Group** Meets on the 2nd **Tuesday** of each month at 5:30 at Therapy Achievements, 802 Shoney Dr SW, Ste A, Huntsville, AL 35801. For more information call **256-509-4398**.

<u>Christian Cancer Support Group</u> For information call **256-705-4249 or** email ccsg.hsv@gmail.com.

<u>Dementia Support Group</u> - Group meets at Residences at Wellpoint, 2940 Mill Run Rd. in OXR. **2nd Thursday** from 10:00 until 11:00. Call to RSVP **256-701-8300**.

<u>Diabetic Support Group</u>. The group is currently meeting on the first Tuesday at 9:30 in the STUDIO 60 cafeteria. For info, call the nurse at **256-880-7080 x 226.** 

#### **Essential Tremor Support Group**

A support group for people with Essential Tremors. The group is currently meeting sporadically. Please call **256-837-1713** for details.



Healing Steps Labyrinth - A handicap-accessible sacred space for contemplative thought and spiritual unburdening. Located between St Stephen's and United Church with parking adjacent at 8020 Whitesburg Drive. Open daily and free to the public. healingstepsinc@gmail.com.

<u>H.O.P.E.</u> is for parents who have lost an infant. For information, please call **256-265-HOPE** (4673)

<u>Mended Hearts</u> - A support group for heart surgery survivors and their caregivers. For information on locations and meetings, call Lindell Smith at **870-816-0462**.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) -A support group for families coping with mental illness of a loved one meets at the United Way Bldg, 701 Andrew Jackson Way. Call **256-534-2628** for information on meetings and times.

Ostomy Chapter for the Huntsville Area - For information on meeting locations and times, please contact Candice Cotton at 256-513-8164.

<u>Parkinson's Support</u> - If you need information or support for Parkinson's, please call Carolyn at **256-513-8164**.

<u>Tenn Valley Post-Polio Support Group</u> - Contact Leon Trotter, **256-883-7576** for information. email: trotter1000@hotmail.com.

<u>Widows or Widowers of Alabama</u> meets at Fern Bell Park Rec Center, 107-A Sanders Road SW (behind Whitesburg Middle School), **2nd Sunday** 2 - 4 pm. For more information/directions, **256-534-3349**.

#### Let's Go to the Movies: Now Showing: The Hill

Tuesday, April 8th in the Language Lab Two showings, 9:00 and 1:00

Growing up impoverished in small-town Texas, young Rickey Hill shows an extraordinary ability for hitting a baseball, despite being burdened by leg braces from a degenerative spinal disease. His stern father (Dennis Quaid) discourages Rickey from playing baseball to protect him from injury, and to have him follow in his footsteps as a preacher. Rickey (Colin Ford) becomes a baseball phenomenon. His desire to participate in a tryout for a legendary major league scout divides the family and threatens Rickey's dream of playing professionally.

#### Welcome to STUDIO 60 Senior Center

Our programs and services are funded in part by a grant from Alabama's Department of Senior Services through TARCOG's Agency on Aging. Visit their website at: www.tarcog.us



April showers bring May flowers! I'm sure you've heard that saying many times. April is also Stress Awareness month. It's tax season, time for spring cleaning, prepping your flower beds and getting ready for warmer weather. We'd love to help ease some of your stress by offering you ways to get out of the house, meet with some wonderful people and discover a new hobby or talent that hasn't yet been tapped! The more I talk with our members here, I am discovering how many friendships have started, been renewed, and have deepened by participating and getting involved in the many activities STUDIO 60 has to offer.

There are so many times in our lives that we say "I don't have the time," "I'm afraid to meet new people," and "what will be expected of me?." The answer to all of those is, "it's time to quit making excuses, take a leap of faith and give it a try."

We have groups that play bridge, pinochle, and Hand, Foot and Elbow. Friends meet to play Mahjong, Scrabble, and chess. You can craft a

ukelele, build a simple birdhouse, learn woodcarving, quilting, stained glass, pottery, as well as painting, leathercraft, basket weaving, and much more.

Maybe you love to read and would enjoy discussion with others. We have a book club, creative writing, and a poetry reading group. We offer beginning and intermediate Spanish and American Sign Language basics.

Preliminary plans for offering a French class are underway.

Don't forget all of the fitness, exercise, and dance classes we offer. Everything is listed in the schedule in SeniorLife magazine. Please consider taking a tour of STUDIO 60 to see for yourself. You'll be so glad you did!





#### NARFE NEWS

Huntsville Chapter 443 Cheryl Patterson, Pres.

Beginning in 2024, NARFE Chapter 443 will only meet once a quarter. The next meeting dates are April 13, July 11, and November 9. The meeting place continues to be STUDIO 60 Senior Center at 10:00 am in the Twickenham Ballroom (except for July 11).

NARFE meets at 10:00 on April 13, 2024 at STUDIO 60 Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The speaker is a representative of ENABLE of Madison County (formerly CASA). ENABLE provides services to the homebound that enables them to live independently, safely, and with dignity. The NARFE Service office hours are Thursday afternoon from 1-3. 256-382-3693

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#### TARCOG Again Earns National Accreditation

TARCOG has received the highest possible rating from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) in earning accreditation for its Area Agency on Aging programs.

NCQA awards the status of "Accredited – 3 Years" to organizations that demonstrate strong performance of the functions outlined in the standards for Accreditation of Case Management for Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS). According to NCQA, the review process evaluates organizations based on industry-leading best practices. Organizations that earn an NCQA seal have met or exceeded these standards and show they are a good partner to support delivering high quality care.

"This is not an easy process, and we are so proud to be recognized for our use of best practices and the high level of care that we provide to nearly 900 clients who utilize our services in DeKalb, Jackson, Limestone, Madison and Marshall counties," said TARCOG's Director of Aging Programs Sheila Dessau-Ivey. This is the third time TARCOG has received the accreditation seal.

Sheila says Alabama was the first state in which every Area Agency on Aging earned the prestigious certification. According to data on the NCQA website, TARCOG is one of 80 providers across the United States to currently hold the 3-Year Accreditation Seal.

"We have a great team of case workers and their supervisors who truly care about the people they work with and following our established protocols to provide the best possible care, as well as identifying areas of potential improvement," Sheila said. "We are always striving to do better so we can provide the very best service possible."

Earning NCQA's Accreditation of Case Management for LTSS is a voluntary review process that demonstrates that an organization is dedicated to coordinating the delivery of care in a person-centered and integrated manner to help individuals function optimally in their preferred setting.

Michelle Jordan, TARCOG's executive director said she is proud of the staff for earning the national recognition, "and I'm excited about the future of our Area Agency on Aging programs as they continue to provide a high level or services."

NCQA Accreditation standards are developed with input from researchers in the field, the LTSS Advisory Committee and standing committees, both purchasers and operators of LTSS programs, state and federal regulators and other experts.

Sheila said the accreditation program evaluates organizations that plan and manage personalized care and services for people having trouble completing self-care tasks because of aging, chronic illness or disability.

Standards for evaluation include: Program Description; Patient Identification and Assessment; Person-Centered Care Planning and Monitoring; Care Transitions; Measurement and Quality Improvement; Staffing, Training and Verification; and Rights and Responsibilities.

NCQA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's website (www.ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more-informed health care choices.

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Members are giving our fitness equipment excellent workouts. Exercise and dance classes in the Ballroom begin at 8:30 am and go on throughout the day. Remember to check our monthly magazine or website for events and class times. We need more pickleball players on Mondays and Wednesdays!

Exercise is important for older adults because being physically active makes it easier to move around the house or a take a walk in the neighborhood. Physically active older adults are also less likely to fall, which can lead to serious injuries.



Exercise improves muscle strength and bone density as well, which is especially important for women since they lose bone density at a faster rate after menopause than men. The benefits of exercise for the heart and lungs help promote overall health and offset some risks for chronic illnesses and disease. While some body changes like reduced muscle and bone mass are inevitable as we age, staying strong

and active can delay them to an extent. Incorporating regular resistance training can be accomplished with free weights and resistance bands.

Whatever sort of activity you may choose, I am here to answer your questions or help you figure out where to begin YOUR fitness journey! See you soon for a healthier, happier existence.



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