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-Saturday, April 1, 2017-

-Join us for a day trip to Bryn Athyn for a behind the scenes tour of the Glencairn Castle and Museum. The 90-minute Guided Highlights Tour includes a 15-minute award-winning orientation video and ride in the elevator to the Tower, with its commanding view of the local area and the Philadelphia skyline (be sure to bring your camera!). The guide will present Glencairn in the context of the history of the Bryn Athyn community, and explore the fascinating relationship between Glencairn and its neighbors, Cairnwood and Bryn Athyn Cathedral. The tour also includes a visit to the Pitcairn family's Chapel and the Master



Bedroom and Bath. An introduction to the Museum's collection of religious art takes place in a variety of galleries. The tour also includes a visit to Glencairn's stunning Great Hall and Upper Hall.

-We will be stopping for a quick lunch along the way. Cost per person will be \$35.00. The following will be the transportation times for this activity:

- Helping Hands Office- 10:30am-5:00pm
- North End Shopping Center-10:45am-4:45pm
- Landis in Schwenksville- 11:00am-4:30pm

-Saturday, April 8, 2017- Tentatively 12:30 pm

-Special Olympics Swim Team Competitive County Meet at Upper Dublin Senior High School. This is the official county swim meet for those swimmers who swim at least one full lap unassisted. The meet should be finished by around 6:00 PM. Upper Dublin High School is almost an hour drive from Boyertown, so please allow plenty of time to get there. Please arrive around 12:15 to allow time for changing and warm-ups. Helping Hands will provide transportation with the following schedule, and will stop for quick dinner on the way home. **(Please bring a packed meal for lunch. Also, feel free to bring along a snack/drink to have during the swim meet.)**

-Fee for the activity will be \$35.00 for staffing, transportation and dinner.

-The following will be the transportation schedule for the day:

- Helping Hands Office- 10:50pm- 7:30pm
- Landis Store Schwenksville-11:30pm- 6:45pm



-Saturday, April 8, 2017-

-As requested by Mr. Cole and a few of my other friends, we have purchased some tickets for an activity to see the **Philadelphia 76'ers Basketball Game vs. the Milwaukee Bucks**. The fee for the evening will be \$60.00. Feel free to bring along additional money for souvenirs or refreshments. Tickets will be reserved on a first call, first booked basis. If we will be earlier/later than these times, we will contact you upon departure of the city.



The following will be the transportation schedule:

- Helping Hands Office-5:00pm-11:35pm
- Landis Store in Schenatoga and Schwenksville-5:15pm-11:15pm

Saturday, April 15, 2017-
Helping Hands Parking Lot Yard Sale!!! See attached flyer for more information!



Wednesday, April 19, 2017-

-Starwatch and the Great Eclipse at the Boyertown Junior High East Planetarium! Come and see the Stars of Spring and the Great Eclipse this evening.

-It may still be a little chilly in the evening, but a perfect night to join us at the Boyertown Planetarium hosted by Peter Detterline in some of his final shows before retirement. The Moon will drift across the Sun in a beautiful total solar eclipse this August as seen across our country from Oregon through South Carolina. This is one of the most spectacular phenomena of nature and one you absolutely don't want to miss. At the Boyertown Planetarium, you can learn all about eclipses, what to expect, how to prepare, and what to observe. Get ready for an event that you will always remember as you stand in the shadow of the Moon. The evening will include an evening telescope session (weather permitting)

-Cost is \$20.00 per person without transportation/\$26.00 with transportation, and covers the cost of admission and a hot chocolate/drink afterwards.

-The following will be the transportation schedule for the planetarium:

- Office- 6:00pm- 10:00pm
- North End shopping Center- 6:15pm- 9:30pm
- Landis Store in Schwenksville- 6:15pm- 9:45pm
- Junior High East Planetarium (rear entrance) -6:45pm- 9:15pm



Friday, April 21-Sunday April 23, 2017-

-We have a few slots left!!!

-April is a beautiful time of year to come to the shore!!! Join us for a weekend at the shore house in Cape May! Some ideas could include trips to the Cape May Lighthouse, Sunset Beach, Spring concerts, The Cape May Zoo, the Cape May Nature Center,

Audubon Museum, shopping in Ocean City or Stone Harbor, the Aviation Museum, Wildwood boardwalk and more... Planning for activities will be determined by the group as it gets closer! It will be a first call, first reserved basis. Cost per person will be \$370.00. Please bring additional money for extra snacks/souvenirs, etc. We will meet at 12:00pm at Helping Hands on Friday afternoon, and return on Sunday at approximately 7:00pm. Please pack clothing for being outdoors as we will likely go up to the boardwalk. **Note:** This weekend is NOT covered under waiver funding.



-Tuesday, April 25, 2017-

-Monthly MOVIE NIGHT OUT!!! The transportation schedules will again need to be determined the week/day of the movie, b/c the times change at the theaters sometimes daily, but we will attempt to attend the movie that begins closest to 7:00pm. Special prices on Tuesday nights: popcorn is \$2.50 and a drink are only \$2.50 each and any candy for \$2.50 each!! Cost for transportation/staffing will be billed following the activity. Cost will be \$32.00 with transportation and \$22.00 without transportation.



-The Fate of the Furious- PG-13 The latest installment of the Fast and the Furious franchise welcomes two Oscar-winning actresses: Charlize Theron plays Cipher, the latest villain to torment Dominic Toretto and his crew, while Helen Mirren joins the cast after publicly lobbying for a role to state her real-life love of racing. Fast 8 also stars Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, and Michelle Rodriguez

-Friday, April 28, 2017

-It's time again for our Helping Hands Annual Spring Jam Dance at Shepherd of the Hills Church! We have again reserved Phantom DJ for the evening. So, feel free to bring some requests, both new and old!!!

-Cost for the dance will be \$30.00 including transportation/staffing or \$22.00 per person with no transportation. This covers the Entertainment for our DJ Froggy Entertainment, staffing, program fees, snacks and refreshments at the dance.

-The attire for the dance will be dressy casual. Feel free to bring your family or friends to the dance. The following will be the transportation schedule for the evening:

-Shepherd of the Hills- 6:30pm-9:30pm

-Landis Store in Schwenksville and Sanatoga- 6:10pm – 10:00pm



-Sunday, April 30, 2017-

BASKET BINGO RAFFLE FUNDRAISER AT EAST GREENVILLE FIRE COMPANY! SEE ATTACHED FLYER! (We will not be providing transportation for this event, but it is open to friends and family and the community to join us!)



-Saturday, May 6, 2017 - BACK BY REQUEST!

-Annual Colonial May Fair at the Pottsgrove Manor! Join us for our annual celebration of spring! The Colonial May Fair is a fun event for the whole family, featuring dancing around the colorful May Pole, magic shows, puppet theater, early American crafts, living history demonstrations, hands-on activities, and more! Some crafters will be selling their wares, and snacks can be purchased from food vendors. Feel free to pack a snack or bring along money for concessions/shopping. We are NOT getting lunch during this activity. Wear good walking shoes and sunscreen!!! Cost per person will be \$22.00 without transportation and \$28.00 with transportation. The following will be the transportation schedule for the activity:

-Helping Hands Office-12:00pm-4:00pm

-Landis Store in Schwenksville-12:20pm-3:45pm

-North End Shopping Center/Pottstown-12:40pm- 3:25pm

-Pottsgrove Manor- 12:50pm- 3:00pm



-Sunday, May 7, 2017-

-Join us for a day of fun at Dorney Park!!!! We will be making the trek to Dorneyville outside of Allentown to experience some of the largest and fastest coasters, rides, games, food and fun. Blast off on Dominator, scream your face off as you are lifted up a 138-foot lift hill and then released to soar at speeds reaching 55 miles per hour through three inversions both forward and then backward on the new STINGER, or on a milder side, take a Swan Boat Ride, an Antique Carousel, Talented artists, skilled crafters, Challenging midway games, arcades, souvenir shopping and more.” (We are NOT going to Wildwater Kingdom)



-Cost per person will be \$70.00. This covers the cost of admission to the park, one meal combo for lunch, staffing, parking, gas, etc. Please bring additional money for snacks, games, or souvenirs.

Note: A small soda is \$7.00, so items are quite costly in the park.

-Please dress accordingly, wear good WALKING shoes, and bring sunscreen if necessary! You can feel free to bring a snack or activity for the van ride.

-The following will be the transportation schedule for the activity:

~Office- 10:15am-6:00pm

~Landis Store in Schwenksville and Pottstown- 9:45am- 5:30pm

-Tuesday, May 9, 2017

-C is for Hooky.... Wait.....

“Who’s on first? I don’t know.... Third Base!!” Gear up and join us for a Hooky Day trip to Philadelphia for a behind the scenes tour at Citizens Bank Park, the field of the Philadelphia Phillies and lunch near the complex, either at Xfinity or Chickie’s and Petes.



-We will be meeting at the Helping Hands Office at 9:15am, and taking the venture towards the City, and stopping for lunch before our tour at Citizens Bank Park. We plan to return to the office at 4:30pm, but will call if we hit major traffic along the way.

-Cost per person will be \$45.00, covering transportation, lunch, staffing, gas, and lunch. Bring along extra spending money that day for snacks/souvenirs.

-There is a game that evening, so just maybe we will see some players!

-Friday, May 12, 2017-

-READING PHILLIES ALL YOU CAN EAT DECK PARTY AND RESERVED TABLE SEATING IN THE SHADE WITH THE READING PHILLIES vs THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS! WE HAVE A FEW TICKETS LEFT! TICKETS WILL BE \$47.00 PER PERSON! This includes an AYCE Buffet including BBQ Ribs, Chicken, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Veggie Lasagna, Mac and Cheese, Corn, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Cookies and Soda. Also, this gives us reserved tables along the third base line for the game!

-Please dress accordingly. Also bring along money for additional snacks and souvenirs, if desired! Note: If we will be earlier/later than these times, we will contact you upon departure.

-We will be running two vans for this activity with the following transportation schedule:

-Helping Hands Office- 5:00pm-11:00pm

-Landis Store in Schwenksville-5:15pm-10:30pm

-Landis Store in Sanatoga- 5:30pm- 10:15pm



Notes for the months of April/May 2017

~SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!!!

~Weekly activity information:

~The **swimming** program will finish the season on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 with a party at the Boyertown Multi-Service Center. The team will participate in the Montgomery County Special Olympics swim meet on Saturday, April 8th in Abington, PA.

~The **bowling** program will finish the spring season at Limerick Lanes on Sunday, April 9th, with a pizza party and awards.

~The **wallyball** program will come to a close on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Boyertown YMCA.

~All three weekly activities will resume in the fall.

~THE **2017** SUMMER CAMP AND SHORE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED!!! Our summer camp is looking for a few new camp counselors. If you know anyone who would be interested in summer employment, and is over the age of 18, please send them our way! Thanks!

~-FUNDRAISING!!!

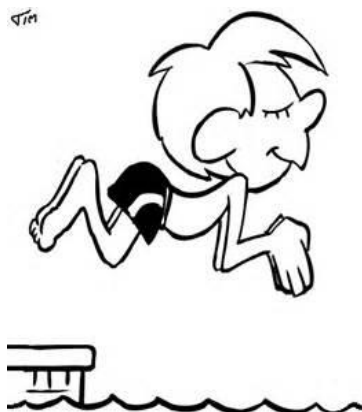
-In the last newsletter, we sent home information regarding several fundraisers. If you would like a form or any more information for the Reading Phillies ticket books, Reppert's Easter Candy Sale, Flower Sale, The Basket Raffle, Parking Lot Flea Market, or Basket Bingo Raffle, please look at our website or contact the office. The candy forms are due Monday, March 27, 2017. The Reading Phillies ticket books are due March 30th, but will remain available online until April 30th. The flower fundraiser forms are due April 3, 2017. Thank you in advance for your support of the Soc/Rec and Summer Camp Programs!!!

~We continue utilizing our designated Helping Hands Soc/Rec cellular telephone to bring to each and every activity in case of emergencies. It is with a staff person at all times. That telephone number is 610-506-6723. Also, if you need to cancel for a particular activity, the vans leave for activities as follows: Wallyball-5:00pm on Monday nights, Bowling-12:30pm on Sundays, Swimming-4:30pm on Wednesdays. We check the general voicemail at the Helping Hands office and also mine (Laura's office voicemail) before leaving for every activity. If you will not be attending or need to cancel, please contact the office prior to these times.

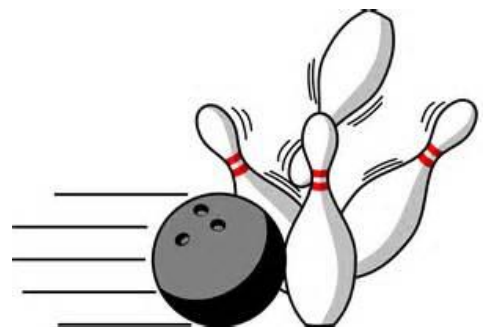
~As mentioned in all the previous newsletters, if I forget to mention someone's' birthday in the birthday page, or I get the dates wrong, or if you are new in our group and I do not have you on the Birthdays Page yet, please do not hesitate to let me know.

~I continue to encourage families/providers/participants to register for the Soc/Rec Programs via email with the office. You will receive an email confirmation to all emails from either Wendy or Nora. Please be specific of your pick up and drop off spots, as they sometimes vary. Registrations should not be done via postal mail, as the time elapsed usually means that you are on the waiting list. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

~NOTE: In the case that your newsletters are misplaced in the future, or to keep up to date on our start dates for programs, the latest newsletter is available on our website at www.Helpinghandsinc.com



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2017 BIRTHDAY PAGE.....

March

4th- Diane Wolf
5th- Craig Hartman
11th- Erin Nicholas
12th- Elizabeth Pulinka
17th- Spencer Brothers
22nd- Christine Coughlin
25th- Dottie Davidheiser
29th- Libby Saylor
30th- John Lanko



April

1st- Pammy Weikel
3rd- Devonna Hudis & Jeremy Smith & Sharon Weiser
6th- Mike Cavanaugh & Jessica Schell
13th- Bill Ehrie & Amy Fritts
20th- Kerry Wenrich
21st- Samantha Posse & Adam Brown
22nd- Jon Krueger
23rd- Joseph Knoble
28th- Chris Caine & Christa Chivarelli
29th- Emily Brumbach

May

4th- Christine Palladino
5th- Rusty Pires
6th- Chuck Saylor
12th- Patty Johnstone
14th- Paul Coffman
16th- Carmon Wissert
29th- Jamie Heckler/Bridget Baughman
31st- Bryan Bowden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!