

NOTES PAGE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

-Happy New Year to Everyone! I hope that everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and an enjoyable break. As you can see, we will be starting the year back up with a variety of activities in the next month. As always, feel free to pass on the information about new activities we have not tried that the group may enjoy.



-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

-Our Bowling League is scheduled to resume on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Limerick Bowling Lanes. The fee will remain at \$11.00 per week until further notice. If you require receipts, please don't hesitate to ask weekly. Also, if it would be easier, we would be happy to write up something monthly if it is easier for recordkeeping.

-The Special Olympics Swim Team will resume practice on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the Boyertown YMCA. The scrimmage and swim meets have already been scheduled as well. The swimming scrimmage is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 at the Boyertown YMCA. The County swim meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th at Upper Dublin High School, and the end of season party is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

-The Wallyball recreation league will resume on Monday, January 22nd, 2018 at the Boyertown YMCA.

-If you would like to participate in any of the aforementioned activities, please contact the office for registration.

-We continue utilizing our designated Helping Hands Soc/Rec cell phone to bring to 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-5:30pm on Monday nights, Bowling-12:30pm on Sundays, Swimming-5:00pm 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.

Fundraising!!! Fundraising!!!

-We would like to thank the handful of families, friends, and staff for volunteering your time at the Gift Wrap booth at the Coventry Mall this season! We raised \$3063.00!!! We greatly appreciate all the help!

-Save the date- Basket Bingo Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2018!!



-We are again going to be hosting the Reading Phillies Ticket Book Fundraiser. Ticket books cost \$27.00 each, and come with 6 general admission tickets, good for any 2018 regular season home game. Helping Hands will receive \$10.00 for every book sold. Attached you will find order form for this fundraiser, or the alternative for online purchasing. And, don't forget to check out the perks for sellers!! Please contact the office if you have any questions! We will place two orders for the season, on February 26th, and the second order will be placed on March 26, 2018. Opening day is

April 5, 2018!! Or, you can order online at any time!! See attached information for details.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming activities!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! Wow, have we had an overwhelming amount of inquiries for this newsletter, so here are just a few activities to get us started!!
I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season!

-Sunday, January 14, 2018-

-Pet Expo!!! We will be venturing to The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks to experience the 2018 Great Pet Expo! They will have lots of animals from horses to reptiles, cats, dogs, birds, snakes, alligators, alpacas, and more! They will have costume contests, many shows, souvenirs, shopping, food and more. "Our Pet Expos are designed to educate and entertain the public about the wonderful world of pets. They are family oriented events featuring many educational demonstrations and seminars, hands-on-petting opportunities, special attractions, pet adoptions, and entertaining exhibits." NOTE: There are animals permitted in the center as long as they are on leashes, so this activity is not recommended for participants who are fearful of animals.
-This will be an indoor activity, but will involve a good deal of walking, so please wear comfortable walking shoes. Cost per person will be \$40.00. Please bring along spending money for snacks, shopping, and souvenirs. -The following will be the transportation schedule for the activity:
-Helping Hands Office- 11:45am- 5:25pm
-North End Shopping Center in Pottstown- 12:00pm- 5:05pm
-Landis Store in Schwenksville, next to Ott's flowers- 12:25pm- 4:45pm



-Saturday, January 20, 2018-

-Join us for a Winter Wonders Hike at Green Lane Park. We will be taking us for a leisurely hike on the Blue Trail to explore winter in the woods. Along the way, we will investigate animal signs, winter trees and more while enjoying the quiet of the woods in wintertime. After the hike, we will be stopping for lunch at Subway. Dress warmly as this is an outdoor activity, and wear good walking shoes. Feel free to bring along a snack for the activity. Cost for the activity will be \$25.00 per person.
- The following will be the transportation schedule for the activity:
-Helping Hands Office- 8:30am-2:15pm
-Landis Store in Sanatoga- 8:50am- 1:50pm
-Landis Store in Schwenksville, next to Ott's flowers- 9:15am- 1:30pm



-Friday, January 26- Saturday, January 27, 2018-

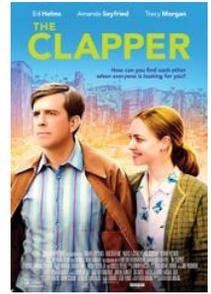
-Join us for our Annual Girls Night Out Slumber Party at Helping Hands, Inc. Sorry boys, this is a Ladies' Only Party. We will be taking over the main room at Helping Hands for some movies, popcorn, and our annual pizza making party, the make-up station, and some games. Feel free to bring along your favorite movie. (Please mark your initials on your movies.)
-Cost per person will be \$55.00 with transportation and \$40.00 each without transportation. This will cover the refreshments, staffing costs, and our "Make your own pizzas" in the evening and our Big Breakfast in the morning...from eggs to cereal to pancakes and our favorite breakfast meats and treats. Please bring either a sleeping bag or blankets and a pillow. Also, make sure all belongings are marked with the owner's name or initials! Note: We will be sleeping on mats/floor.
-The following will be the transportation schedule for the slumber party:
-Sanatoga and Landis Store in Schwenksville-6:30pm- 11:00am
-Office at Helping Hands- 7:00pm- 10:30am



Tuesday, January 30, 2018-

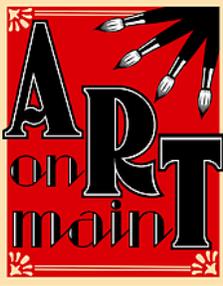
--Monthly MOVIE NIGHT OUT is back!!! The transportation schedules will again need to be determined the week/day of the movie, b/c the times change at the theaters sometimes daily, but we will attempt to attend the movie that begins closest to 7:00pm. Special prices on Tuesday nights: popcorn is \$2.50 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.

-This months movie choice is going to be The Clapper- Synopsis-Eddie (Ed Helms) is a struggling actor working in Los Angeles as a clapper, a paid audience member for television shows. He befriends a cute gas-station attendant and unexpectedly his life in show business is turned upside down.



-Saturday, February 3, 2018-

-Feelin crafty?? Join us for an afternoon painting your own ceramics at Art on Main in East Greenville. You can choose your piece from our large selection of options (over 100 choices), then paint it with whatever colors and however you want! Art on Main will then Glaze/fire it for you and we can pick up your masterpiece in two weeks.



-Cost per person will be \$40.00 and this will cover your masterpiece, the firing in the kiln, staffing, snacks, refreshments, and transportation. Cost without transportation will be \$35.00.

***Note: Our apologies, but this building for this activity is not wheelchair accessible.

-The following will be the transportation schedule for this activity.

- Helping Hands Office- 11:30am- 3:10pm
- North End Shopping Center in Pottstown- 11:50am-2:45pm
- Landis Store in Schwenksville, next to Ott's flowers- 11:50am- 2:45pm

-Saturday, February 10, 2018-

-Join us for a morning doing a new twist to the old idea.... We are going to go to play a round of GlowGolf miniature golf and then have lunch at the Exton Mall at 5 Guys Burgers. They also offer Lazer Maze Challenge for an additional \$3.00 if interested on that day. (Note: This activity is indoors, and dimly lit, and is all glow in the dark lighting. There are NOT flashing lights, but they do have a step into and out of each hole and some hilly terrain)



-Cost for the activity will be \$40.00 per person for the Glo Golf, staffing, lunch, and transportation. Lazer Challenge is \$3.00 per person if interested if you would like to bring along that day.

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

- HH office- 9:20am-3:15pm
- Landis Store in Schwenksville, next to Ott's flowers- 9:40am- 3:00pm
- Landis Store in Sanatoga- 10:00am- 2:45pm

-Friday, February 16, 2018-

-Join us for another fun-filled, fantastic Game Night at Helping Hands Inc. In the past, we've had at least 5 different games going at once. We will have everything from Family Feud to Pictionary to the always popular Name That Tune. We will have a few refreshments and snacks for the evening. Put on some comfy clothes and hang out with the group for the evening.

-Cost per person will be \$32.00 for folks who will utilize our transportation or \$25.00 if you will not utilize transportation. The activity will be held at the Helping Hands office and will run from 6:30- 9:30pm. We will provide transportation to the activity, with the following schedule:

- Landis Store in Schwenksville, next to Ott's Flowers- 6:10pm-9:50pm
- Thriftway in Sanatoga- 6:10pm-9:50pm



January/February Birthdays

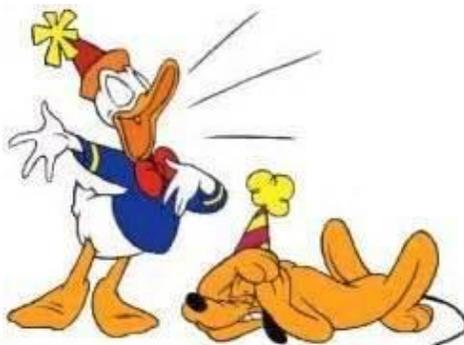


January

6th- Bruce McWaters
9th- Jesse Tellado
10th- Bradley McMahill
15th-Edward Sherman
15th- Alicia Fritz
18th- Margaret Bowden
26th- Nina Raffeo
28th- Pam Simpson
28th- Danny Burke
29th- Grant Lownes
30th- David Rakowski
30th-Cindy Roach

February

1st- Deb Buckwalter
2nd- Rachael Matteson
3rd- Marty Laudato
9th- Rich Hynes
11th- Willie Williams
15th- Holly Miller
24th- Rebecca Davidson
25th- John Stewart
26th- Chip Lewis
27th- Karl Russo



Happy Birthday!!

(I promise I won't sing...)

