



# The Bridgewater BEACON

Your Guide to the Legendary Lifestyle.

## January 2018

Landmark Lodge: 769-8750 [www.ourbridgewater.net](http://www.ourbridgewater.net)

### Notes from the Lifestyle Director, Tricia Balan

"Lifestyle" is a popular word around Bridgewater. The dictionary defines lifestyle *as the particular way that a person or group lives and the values and ideas supported by that person or group.* From what I've seen and experienced throughout the holidays, the Bridgewater lifestyle is a community of caring and encouragement, a community with expectations and desires and a community of excellence. As we enter the New Year, I would like to provide you with more opportunities to achieve your lifestyle goals. So, Happy 2018! Please take this new year as a chance to advance in your health, a chance to make a new friend, a chance to develop a new talent. I am so happy to be here and to be your Lifestyle Director, and I am very enthusiastic for the upcoming events, that together with the Lifestyle Committee, we have planned for 2018.

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Happy New Year – Lodge Closed**

Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
6pm Fajita Friday

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
11am TOPS - Inaugural Meeting for  
Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>  
10am Presentation by Beaumont  
Think First – Fall Prevention  
4pm – Happy Hour

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
10am New Exercise Class –  
Fabulously Fit Over 50

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
8:45am – Resident Appreciation Breakfast

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am Bus Trip to Greektown Casino

Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
6pm Partner Bridge

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
10am Fabulously Fit Over 50

Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
6pm – Attorney Keith Gentzel presentation  
Wills & Trusts

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
6pm – Progressive Canasta



Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>  
11am – Molnar Funeral  
(Pre-Planning Services)

(Photo at left-Santa's reindeer  
visits the Lifestyle Committee's  
"Santa's Workshop")

### Beginning our 11<sup>th</sup> Year

by Sheila Giroux

Your Bridgewater BEACON is beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> year of publishing. Three original members of the staff are still working monthly to bring the news of the community to all of you. Dave and Donna Bogataj and I, have been working along with numerous other residents to bring the BEACON to you each month since December 2007. A big thank you to all the residents, past and present, who have contributed their time and talents to bring the news of Bridgewater to you and upcoming activities in our great community. We hope you will continue to read the BEACON each month (you can read it on-line or pick up your copy in the Lodge lobby kiosk) and thank you for your support in the past. Remember, guest writers are always welcome as are new staff reporters. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me, Sheila Giroux, at [jcsjt127@yahoo.com](mailto:jcsjt127@yahoo.com).

# Community Updates

by Ciara Carter

**Snow Removal**—A huge thank you to everyone who came out, during the storm, for our winter and budget meeting!



## **Please remember the following regarding our current snow removal contract.**

- Snow is only cleared after it reaches 2 inches.
- Unfortunately, the contract does not include personal driveway ice removal.
- Ice-melt is only placed in the Lodge parking lot (due to the heavy foot traffic) and intersections. Unfortunately, it is not placed on sidewalks, walking paths or driveways.
- Due to the extensive size of the community, roads are cleared first, sidewalks and driveways are cleared second simultaneously, and the fronts of mailboxes are cleared last.
- The contract does not stipulate that areas need to be cleared to bare pavement.**
- We do not offer a priority list of homeowners who will be cleared first. All homeowners are cleared within their zone rotation.
- Unfortunately, the community does not have special areas to push snow. Depending on the amount of snow we receive there will be snow mounds on grass that cannot be relocated. Thank you again for your patience as we continue to perfect the overall snow removal process!

## **Winter and Budget Meeting Highlights!**

### **Holiday Décor**

- Holiday décor should only be up and illuminated between Thanksgiving and January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Holiday décor should only be placed on home, plant bed foliage nearest to front of home and private plant areas (kidney and circle areas) in back of home.
- Inflatables and inflatable décor is frowned upon
- No holiday décor should be placed anywhere within common areas (middle of lawn, boulevard trees, barrier trees in backyard etc.)
- Please be mindful that holiday décor does not obstruct snow removal in any way.
- Holiday décor should not block address sign on home. This could have fatal ramifications if EMS are looking for your home due to many addresses within the community not yet being listed on gps.

## **Snow Removal**

-Snow Removal will be completed this year by Brightview who are a nationwide company that has been in business 144 years and has handled landscape and/or snow removal services for many other Del Webb's throughout the United States. A complete listing of their other communities can be found on the Lodge corkboard.

-Snow removal will be completed using the drop and drag method. Drop and drag equipment is outfitted with rubber blades to reduce damage. They will also be using ride behind snow blowers, brush machinery, plows and shovels.

\*\*\*Please note: Last year snow removal was completed using snow blowers. This resulted in a much cleaner clearing, however, due to the size of the community many homes were not touched until over 72 hours which is unacceptable.

-Contract stipulates that they are on site within 2 hours of snow stopping to begin clearing and community must be cleared within 10 hours of snow stopping. There is a 5% price penalty that Brightview pays if the community is not cleared within the specified timeframe. (This will be received from our most recent snow storm.)

## **2018 Budget**

-Reserve funds at the end of 2018 are anticipated to be:

Master-	\$989,184	90%
Sites-	\$121,560	101%
Park-	\$8,946	93%
Villas-	\$207,166	96%
Manors-	\$4,803	94%

Reserve levels are **very** good and exceed the state requirement in part thanks to the hard work of our volunteer Finance Committee.

The major expenses for 2018 are:

Water-	\$405,000
Landscaping-	\$611,500
Snow Removal-	\$150,000
Irrigation Maintenance-	\$147,900

Anticipated total expenses for 2017- \$1.8 million  
Anticipated total income from assessments for 2017- \$1.6 million

Though Pulte is not required by State Law, they will typically pay the shortfall of the community so we can enjoy the benefits of a built-out community.

-The budget for 2018 was initially prepared by the Finance Committee but was changed by the Master

Board to include additional contract costs and balance the budget prior to transition.

**-To move closer to a balanced budget, assessments will increase by \$25 for 2018 making the monthly assessment amount \$280; Villas (attached condos) are \$376** to cover additional insurance, maintenance and reserve fund expenses.

-The community is almost 12 years old. As the community continues to age, there will be additional expenses for maintenance.

-The Finance Committee has projected the monthly assessments to be \$281 after transition to maintain the community without the assistance of Pulte.

\*This is based on continually controlling contract and maintenance costs. As operating costs increase it will be reflected in monthly assessments.

## Landscaping Committee

*by Court Springmeyer*

### **Snow shoveling – Safety tips for removing those 'less than 2-inch' snowfalls.**

Even for those who exercise regularly, shoveling snow is rigorous, physical work. According to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, shoveling is considered an intense activity that raises one's blood pressure and heart rate. Here are some tips for seniors, and others, for shoveling safely:

- **Dress appropriately.** Wearing layers will allow for adjustment to the temperature outside. Be sure to dress warmly enough and cover the head, face and hands when outside for prolonged periods of time.
- **Pick the right waterproof boots.** Protect feet from the cold and keep them dry with waterproof boots. Non-skid boots help guard against falls on slick snow or hidden ice.
- **Pick a small shovel.** Depending on how wet the snow is - a shovel full of snow can weigh up to 15 pounds! Selecting a smaller shovel means lighter loads of snow, which can help prevent injury to the body by creating less strain.
- **Stay hydrated.** Water plays an important role when people exercise in the summer or winter. Having a water bottle handy just inside the garage and taking a few sips after every 15 minutes of shoveling snow will help guard against dehydration.
- **Set a time limit.** Shoveling snow is hard work, so take a break after 20-30 minutes of shoveling

and resume after having rested.

- **Lift with the legs, not the back.** The legs have very strong muscle groups so make sure the legs carry the brunt of the lifting. Bend and straighten the knees when shoveling and make sure the back is not bending.
- **Push the snow.** It's easier to push the shovel full of snow instead of lifting and throwing the snow.
- **Separate the hands on the shovel.** Creating space between your hands can increase leverage on the shovel to make it easier.
- **Avoid caffeine and nicotine before shoveling.** Caffeine and nicotine act as stimulants to our bodies by increasing the heart rate and constricting blood vessels, which puts more strain on the heart.
- **Never shovel alone.** Let a spouse or neighbor know you will be shoveling. That way, if a person does get into trouble someone will be looking out and can call for help quickly.

**Another tip** - If the snow is light, powdery and less than 1 inch in depth a leaf blower has been known to clear steps, walkways, etc.

## Tips from ARC

*by Dave Bogataj*

The ARC would like to wish everyone in the Bridgewater community the best of this Holiday season. The community has many wonderful Unit lightings and decorations. With that said this is just a reminder that the decorations and lightings must be put away by January 11, 2018.

The ARC would like to also extend a thank you to the Bridgewater families for following the Design Guidelines. With all the Alt/Mod's submitted as requested, drawings of projects, answering design questions and contacting the committee member for final inspection, it has been a very successful year. We will be ready to do it again.

Finally, a thanks to my committee, Robbie Tremmel, Kathy Tinsley Galuszka, Dave Law, Mark Wheeler, Terry Bernard, Ciara Carter and Donna Sudek for the hundreds of hours of time they put in to make and keep Bridgewater the best place to live. If you have any questions dealing with projects, you can contact us through our email. [\*\*ARCbridgewater@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:ARCbridgewater@gmail.com)



## The Sales Center

by Marissa Haley

Happy New Year! What an exciting time of the year for everyone. The beginning of the year is a great time to set goals and fulfill new year's resolutions. One of the resolutions we have here at Bridgewater is to keep sales going strong as usual. We have a successful year behind us and cannot wait to start this new one off strong!

If you know someone who is looking to move to Bridgewater, send them to talk to us. Now is the best time to purchase to have delivery of a new beautiful home in June or July. We have a limited availability on private lots, so now is the time to act. Bridgewater also has a move-in ready home that is the Reflection model at 24262 Leelanau Lane. If you have a friend who is looking for a beautiful and spacious home with a lot of added options, please give me a call today. I am happy to show this home; my cell phone is 775-745-0355. We are very limited on the lots that will fit a Reflection floorplan as they are going quick!

And finally, a special thank you to all the current residents of Bridgewater for the continued support of Sales. We appreciate everyone who stops and introduces themselves to a new Buyer and tells them how great a place Bridgewater is to live.

## Thank You BW for Your Generosity

by Sue Shomsky



The Bridgewater collection drive for the **Bottomless Toy Chest** wrapped up on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the giving spirit of our Bridgewater neighbors was overwhelming, and we filled 8 large tubs with gifts to "lift the spirits and promote a positive state of mind in young cancer patients while they are going through treatment." Thank you for sharing your blessings with these kids!

***Bottomless Toy Chest***  
**Bringing toys, joy and hope to sick kids**

## Focus on Fun...!!

by Dave Bogataj

Have you got a desire to do something? Well, being a part of the Bridgewater community makes this task much simpler. If you would look in the back pages of the BEACON each month, you will see a listing of all the clubs and groups you can join. They go from meeting once a month to meeting a couple times a week. There are clubs with physical exercise being involved, to playing cards. We all would like to do some of these clubs, but may be a little nervous. This is what makes Bridgewater so wonderful, you need not be an expert, you just have to want to learn and have a great time. Every group is welcoming and will help you develop the needed skills to really enjoy each experience. **So today** is your chance to look at all the groups, pick out some that interest you and contact the head person. **All the contact info is in the BEACON and on the Bridgewater website.** Get started looking forward and you will never look back.

## Estate Planning Seminar

by Keith Genzel – Morello Law Group

On Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Bridgewater residents have an opportunity to learn about the importance of Estate Planning. Each person, regardless of age, net worth, employment or marital status should have a comprehensive estate plan in place. With a properly designed estate plan, clients can avoid the lengthy and expensive probate court process, while distributing their hard-earned assets to their beneficiaries as they wish. A comprehensive estate plan in most cases includes: Last Will and Testament, Revocable Living Trust, Durable Power of Attorney and a Patient Advocate Designation (Medical Power of Attorney). And in the case of real estate, our attorneys utilize Enhanced Life Estate Deeds (commonly known as "Lady Bird Deeds").

We will discuss each of these documents in more detail at the seminar. Food and beverages will be provided.





## Homeowner's Spotlight

by Ann Schimelpfenig



**Judy Schings**

Judy Schings doesn't let a lot of grass grow under her feet. "Gotta' go while I still can" seems to be the motto of a busy lady. She and her late husband, Don were native Detroiters. "Other than about a year spent in Chicago, we spent our growing up and working lives on the east side of Detroit, both of us working downtown," she says.

"I met Don at his brother's wedding in 1966. We were married in 1968. Don and I were married 45 years before he passed away in November 2013. We have no children but I try to spend a lot of time with local nieces/nephews and their children. They love swimming in our outdoor pool at the Lodge, eating out and going to movies."

Are you ready for this? Judy has a two-year associate's degree in Business Administration and was well equipped to work 32 years for the Federal Government, the last 20 for the IRS. "The agency everyone loves to hate," she says. "I retired at 49 and have never regretted that decision. That is when Don and I moved to Florida. I am enjoying traveling to places I never had the opportunity to travel to before-- Ireland, Iceland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium, Italy, Prague, Budapest and the Mississippi River. I hope to be able to continue traveling while my health allows it."

She loves playing cards and attending most of the Lifestyle (non sport) events, she says. "I am the Chair of the Lifestyle Committee and now am on the Neighborhood Board for the Parks. I also am Treasurer/Secretary of the Wine Club and am in charge of the Sassy Chicks widow's group."

The Schings lived in Sun City Center, FL, near Tampa, another Del Webb retirement community before Judy moved back to Michigan, and Bridgewater, in December 2015. "It is a great place for retirees to live, and for widows, too. It is Bridgewater Beacon

nice to have so many activities within our community, so you do not have to travel far to get to any of them."

## TOPS – Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

by Tricia Balan



TOPS. We are a non-profit weight loss support group throughout the USA and Canada. We stress sensible eating and exercise through a weekly meeting with people just like yourself. Not as a diet but a life-style change that will not only lose weight but keep those pounds off. We have many success stories in your area.

Currently we have enough interest to form a chapter at Bridgewater. The cost is only \$32 each, once a year. We will have a small weekly stipend to make copies, have game prizes and hire outside speakers/fitness instructors. This will be up to our chapter. Each member will receive 6 TOPS news magazines filled with ideas and articles of members that have lost weight with TOPS. Each new member will receive a booklet "My Day One" to get a jump start into TOPS and losing weight.

Our first meeting will take place on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 11am at the Landmark Lodge with the TOPS area Captain, Carolyn Beaufort. Please sign up at the front desk to let us know you are interested in participating in TOPS! Check out the website [tops.org](http://tops.org) for more information.

### ***Welcome to the Neighborhood!!***

Frank & Theresa Schotters  
Ronald & Elaine Cary  
Geraldine Wasunyk  
Donald & Mary Easlick  
Sebastian & Mary Jane Escamilla  
John & Judith Balhorn

## Card Making Class

by Sue Laveck

A beginner's Card Making Class will debut at the Lodge this January. Sue Laveck will be instructing a class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00pm until about 4:00pm. Classes will be held monthly if there is sufficient interest. She will not be doing it during the summer due to people going on vacations. The January session will feature four (4) Valentine's Day cards. They will be on display when the event goes into the sign-up book on the Lodge desk. Cost for the class is \$10 non-refundable (unless the class is cancelled due to a lack of participation).



Participants will receive four packets. Sue will then guide the construction of each kit to completion. Participants will also need to bring their own basic supplies. This will include: scissors, double-sided tape (preferably a tape runner), liquid glue, glue dots and colored pencils if you have them. If you and a friend are taking the class, you can share the supplies.

Sue has been doing card making for about 13 years now. It's a hobby she enjoys doing and would like to share it with you. So why not come and join her. You don't need any prior experience or artistic ability. Come out and meet new people, socialize and have some fun.

## ThinkFirst to Prevent Falls

Loreto, RN, Injury Prevention Coordinator  
Beaumont Trenton Trauma Services

Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury and/or death for the adult aged 65 and older? Most falls result in hip/pelvic fractures and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The good news is most falls can be prevented! Come join me on Friday January 12, 2018 from 10am-12:30pm to discuss different ways we can **ThinkFirst** to prevent a fall. We will cover home and medication safety, nutrition and exercise, and most importantly, if you have fallen, what to do next. Class size is limited to 12 guests. Please contact Tricia Balan at the Lodge to register.



by Barbie

## Trip to the Greektown Casino

by Tricia Balan

On Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 9am join us as we leave the Landmark Lodge and head to Downtown Detroit to go to Greektown Casino. We have a 56-passenger Motor Coach to take care of our driving and parking needs. For only \$35 we have 5 hours of gaming and it includes \$15 of gaming incentive and \$5 in food money at the casino. The bus will leave Greektown at 2:30pm and we will be back at Bridgewater at 3pm.



Please note the casino requires a completed manifest for the incentive. To avoid us cancelling this event, we need 30 people to attend and sign up prior to January 2, 2018. Sign up today at the Lodge! And Good Luck!!

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Singles & Solos Dinner  
5:30pm – Big Bear Lodge

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Lunch  
11:30am – Savannah's-Trenton

## Plan Ahead

by Dane Galvin

Have you ever wondered why it is important to pre-plan your cremation or burial arrangements? Pre-planning ensures that your loved ones know your wishes and can also help to alleviate a financial burden to your family.

My name is Dane Galvin and I am a Licensed Funeral Director and the Pre-Need Specialist for the Molnar Funeral Homes. The Molnar family has been serving families in the Downriver area since 1923. We have four locations conveniently located in Brownstown, Southgate and two in Wyandotte. Please join myself and the staff of the Molnar Funeral Homes on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at 11am for an informational presentation about the importance and benefits of planning ahead. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be provided.

## Fajita Friday

by Tricia Balan



Have you heard the phrase...Taco Tuesday? Well at BW let's celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of 2018 with Fajita Friday!

In 2018, we will be trying some fresh new caterers in the area. On Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm we will debut, Cabrera's Catering, based out of Southwest Detroit...authentic Mexican catering. The Fajita buffet dinner will include seasoned Steak and Chicken Fajitas, choice of flour or corn tortillas, rice, beans, lettuce, cheese, Pico de Gallo, jalapenos, chips and homemade salsa and sour cream. For those vegetarians in our community, there is a vegetarian option but must be pre-ordered prior to event. Sign up today, cost is only \$13 per person, space is limited to only 80 people.

## Friday Flicks – BW Movie Watchers

by Tricia Balan

We will be starting a new activity, a movie watcher's club. Landmark Lodge's multipurpose room is upgraded and equipped with a multi-speaker sound system, a HD-projection and drop-down screen. BW residents, Barb Kalbfleisch and Mary MacGowen, have volunteered to select the movies for January and February.

### January 12 -- The King's Speech

The story of King George VI, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it. Winner: 2010 Best Picture. Stars: Colin Firth (Winner, Best Actor), Helena Bonham Carter (Winner, Best Supporting Actress), Geoffrey Rush (Winner, Best Supporting Actor).

### January 26 -- Heaven Can Wait

(We chose an Oscar-nominated football movie due to the impending Super Bowl.) The funny and romantic story of a pro quarterback who dies before his time and an angel helps him return to earth. The comedy/fantasy stars Warren Beatty, Buck Henry, Julie Christie, Jack Warden and features several actual LA Rams players. Nominated for Best Picture 1978 and 8 other

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nominations.

### February 9 -- Four Weddings and a Funeral

(We chose an Oscar-nominated love story in honor of Valentine's Day.) Over the course of five social occasions, a committed bachelor must consider the notion that he may have discovered love. Nominated for Best Picture 1994. Starring Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.

### February 23 -- Cool Runnings

(We chose an award-winning true story for the Winter Olympics week.) When a Jamaican sprinter is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he enlists the help of a dishonored coach (John Candy) to start the first Jamaican Bobsled Team. Winner: 1994 Outstanding Family Motion Picture.

The Multipurpose Room will be set up with casual seating utilizing our cocktail squares, so feel free to bring snacks and a drink to enjoy while watching the featured movie with old and new friends. Friday Flicks will start at 2pm. Stop by the front desk to sign up so we can plan seating arrangements; but drop ins are encouraged if space is available. This is a FREE event. We will have a film suggestion box at each Friday Flicks and if you have any enjoyable DVDs gathering dust, donations (or loans) are appreciated. Let's beat the 2018 winter blues and start watching some Hollywood blockbusters together!



## Wine Club

by Judy Schings

Another successful meeting of the Wine Club. The December theme was Christmas wines and, of course, more delicious appetizers! What a great way to end 2017!

We start out the new year on January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, with a POP (or is it a bang?)!!! The theme will be sparkling wines. Hope to see you there.

We are still collecting eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Any questions please contact President Mike McNeeley, 734-789-7000.

## Sassy Chicks

by Judy Schings

Happy New Year one and all! May 2018 be a good year for us all.

The Sassy Chicks will start 2018 with a meal out (of course). On Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> we will have breakfast at the new Leo's Coney Island at the corner of West and Allen Road (in Target shopping plaza). To save everyone having to drive, we will carpool from the Lodge at 9:00am for a 9:30am breakfast.

Have you met any newly moved-in widows or any who have lived here a while but haven't been to our group before? Please invite them to join us (and let me know their contact information). They will meet some lovely ladies. Looking forward to seeing you.



## Super Bowl 52— US Bank Stadium Minneapolis, Minnesota

by Tricia Balan

Bridgewater's Annual Super Bowl Party is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 6pm. Although we do not know which NFL teams are playing yet, we DO know that a good time will be had by all. This is the United States most watched sporting event every year. The two best football teams, the famous commercials, and the popular half time show, this year featuring Justin Timberlake, will be projected on the big screen in the Landmark Lodge's Multipurpose Room. Pizza, salad and light snacks will be provided. BYOB. Cost is \$5 per person. BW football squares are available to purchase prior to the game and you need not be present to win. Contact Rick Ballnik to purchase squares at 313-303-2545. Space is limited to only 80 people so sign up today!

## Holiday Night in Brownstown

by Ann Schimelpfenig

Some 25 plus Bridgewater chorus members, their spouses and friends provided caroling entertainment under space heaters at the Brownstown Community Center's "Holiday Night" on December 1<sup>st</sup>. More than 20 carols filled the air for two performances as Bridgewater carolers perched on bleachers and raised their voices to good cheer. Between sets they chugged hot chocolate and visited the decorated areas. They were there at the invitation of Debra Galik who organized the winter festival. Santa and Rudolf would have been proud. Later in the evening, BW residents Randy Darnell and Gerry Galik entertained the crowd with their music preceding the fireworks. Many BW residents were in attendance and the fireworks were spectacular. Plan on attending this event next year – it was a wonderful evening.





# Veteran's Day Medals

by Michael Finn

This past November, the annual Veteran's day lunch honored the World War II veterans in the community. In the December BEACON was a very nice article by Mark Hepner about the lunch and it motivated me to write an article myself. I had the great honor of presenting the World War II veterans with the World War II Victory medal. I suspect I got asked more for the fact that I fit into my uniform than that I was worthy of such an honor. It is very much an honor to present a comrade in arms a medal.

I thought it would be appropriate to provide some information about the medal. It is a general service award so that all branches of the service have the same medal. To be accurate I went to Air Force Instruction 36-2803, 18 December 2013, and to The Institute of Heraldry: Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, to get my information.



Obverse



Reverse

The medal is bronze and the Institute of Heraldry describes the obverse side as having "a figure of Liberation standing full length with head turned to dexter looking to the dawn of a new day, right foot resting on a war god's helmet with the hilt of a broken sword in the right hand and the broken blade in the left hand, the inscription "WORLD WAR II" placed immediately below the center". Because it is a victory medal, I had assumed the female figure on the medal was the Greek goddess Nike – goddess of victory. I was obviously wrong, Nike is a winged deity. Nike was the name given to the line of site anti-aircraft missiles that were deployed around the Detroit area in the 1950's and 1960's. There apparently is one in the park in Riverview, it looks like a Nike missile to me but I have not verified it.

The reverse side of the medal has the inscriptions "FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT" and "FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION" separated by a palm branch. It is encircled with the words Bridgewater Beacon

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1941 1945". The four freedoms came from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech to Congress on July 6, 1941. The historical context of that speech was a very strong isolationist opinion in the country and post-World War I Neutrality Laws in effect, which banned the sale of armaments to Europe. The speech was a rationale for the subsequent lend-lease bill and Roosevelt's plan to make America the "arsenal of democracy".

The medal was established by Congress on July 6, 1945. The eligibility for the medal is all members of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Government of the Philippine Islands who served on active duty at any time between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946, both dates inclusive. I suspect many veterans actually left the armed forces without actually receiving the medal, as the war wound down and it being established after victory in Europe. The act of military surrender in Europe was May 7, 1945 in Reims, France and on May 8, 1945 in Berlin, Germany. In Japan, the surrender was announced on August 15, 1945 and the official signing was on September 2, 1945 on the USS Missouri. While the war had ended by the fall of 1945, President Truman did not declare the end of hostilities until December 1946, and that is why the eligibility extends beyond the dates of surrender. This is not uncommon for similar service awards in other conflicts.

## Deadline for submission of articles for the February issue of the BEACON is January 11, 2018

*To the best of our ability, we try to create a flawless newsletter for your enjoyment and to keep you up-to-date on the happenings in our community. Being human, and with time limitations, we know some mistakes have and will be made; we trust that you will understand.*

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**Our Best Wishes to All!!!**



**Happy Birthday!**



- Jan. 1 Jim Giroux  
Michael Brown  
Bob Wrobel  
Ron Perugi
- 2 Ken Mondro
- 4 Anita DiFatta
- 5 Ed Nyberg
- 7 Fred Savinsky
- 8 Karen Finn  
Carol Lawson
- 9 Hugh Fairchild
- 10 David Polk
- 12 Johnnie Duke  
Edward Stephens
- 14 Joyce Bowyer
- 15 Audrey Dailing
- 16 Sue Biggs
- 17 Dennis Kelly  
Gordon Moran  
Joanne Krantz
- 19 Nancy Scullion  
Marian Butcher
- 20 Joan Mehall
- 21 Pat Overholser  
Mary Ellen Harnden
- 24 Ed Liddle  
Sue Lockman
- 26 Floyd Tigney  
Shirley Steinke  
Larry Gallagher
- 27 Pamela Moore
- 28 Patrick Sullivan  
Tony Galuszka  
Paul Heise
- 30 Corinne Worden
- 31 Cliff Ditzhaz



**Happy Anniversary!**



- Jan. 1 Marc & Nancy Quince ('11)
- 3 Gerry & Debbie Galik ('98)
- 15 John & Bunny Barr ('60)
- 21 Gary & Johnnie Duke ('67)
- 24 Chris & Marie Deschenes ('76)
- 30 John & Barbara Irvin ('65)

**Congratulations to the 2017  
Winners for the Bridgewater  
Holiday Lights Decorating  
Contest**



**Joseph and Edna Banick  
23917 Higgins Way  
1st Place for Favorite  
Traditional Holiday Lights**



**Judy Heck & Larry Scheffler  
at 26330 Higgins Way  
1st Place for Favorite Overall  
Holiday Lights**

# January

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:30pm Water Volleyball	7:15am Yoga 8:30am Water volleyball 10am Tai Chi 10:30am Cardio Weights 12 Noon Men's Billiard's (off site) 1pm - Cardio Drumming (MPR) 1pm Bridge 6:30pm Pinochle 6:30pm - Water Aerobics	10:30am - Aqua Fitness 1pm - Pinochle 1pm - Scrabble 6pm - Men's Poker 6:30pm - Canasta	7:15am - Yoga 9am - Sit & Get Fit 9:45am - Aqua Fitness 10am - Canasta 1pm - Art Group 6:30pm - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Bridge	9am - Drop - In Pickleball @FRcc 10:30am - Rhythm Walking 12:30pm - Men's Poker 1pm Mahjong 6pm Double Deck Pinochle 7pm Water Volleyball	9am - Sit & Get Fit 9:45am - Cardio Weights 12 Noon - Cardio Drumming (MPR) 1pm Mahjong	8:15am - Yoga 9:30am - Water Volleyball (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3rd) 10am Fabulously fit over 50 6:15pm -Euchre
	1 Happy New Year Lodge is Closed	2 10am BW Quilters	3	4 1pm Fiber Arts	5 6pm Fajita Friday Dinner	6 12-4pm MPR Private Party
7	8  11am TOPS meeting	9	10	11 BEACON articles due 5:30pm-Singles & Solos  7pm - Wine Club	12 10am Fall Prevention by Beaumont 2pm Friday Flicks 4pm Happy Hr.	13  10am Fabulously Fit Over 50 begins
14 5:30pm (SSS) Souper Sunday Social	15 8:45am-Resident Appreciation Breakfast  11am TOPS meeting	16 1pm-4pm-Card Making Class-MPR	17 9am-Bus Trip to Greektown Casino	18 1pm Fiber Arts  7pm Book Club	19 9:30a Sassy Chicks-Leo's, Woodhaven  6pm Partner Bridge	20
21 5:30pm(SOS) Soup on Sunday	22 11am TOPS meeting	23	24 6pm- Wills & Trusts presentation	25 11:30pm Ladies Lunch	26 2pm Friday Flicks  4pm Happy Hr. 6pm Progressive Canasta	27  11am - What's the Buzz?
28 5:30pm -Souper Sunday Social (SSS)	29 11am TOPS meeting 12 noon Cardio Drumming	30 9am - Men's Breakfast at Leo's 9:30am - Women's Bunco	31 11 am Presentation from Molnar Funeral Home 11 am HFHS Blood Pressure			

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## **TENTATIVE LIFESTYLES 2018 CALENDAR**

**\*subject to change**

### **January 2018**

Fajita Friday Dinner 1/5  
Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) 1/8  
Singles & Solos 1/11  
Wine Club 1/11  
Beaumont Think 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Prevention 1/12  
Friday Flicks 1/12  
Happy Hour 1/12  
Fabulously Fit over 50 1/13  
Souper Sunday Social 1/14  
Resident Appreciation Breakfast 1/15  
Card Making Classes Begin 1/16  
Greektown Casino Trip 1/17  
Book Club 1/18  
Sassy Chicks at Leo's Woodhaven 1/19  
Partner Bridge 1/19  
Soup on Sunday 1/21  
Attorney Keith Genzel Estate Planning, Wills & Trusts  
1/24  
Ladies Luncheon at Savannah's 1/25  
Friday Flicks 1/26  
Canasta 1/26  
What's the Buzz? 1/27  
Souper Sunday Social 1/28  
Men's Breakfast 1/30  
Women's Bunco 1/30  
Pre-planning Molnar Funeral Presentation 1/31

### **February 2018**

DYI Painting \$6 Make & Take by "The Painted Barn" 2/3  
Super Bowl Party 2/4  
CPR & First Aid Training Class 2/5  
Singles & Solos at Moose McGregor's 2/8  
Wine Club 2/8  
Friday Flicks 2/9  
Souper Sunday Social 2/11  
Card Making Class 2/13  
Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Dinner 2/13  
DIA – Detroit Institute of Arts Senior Program 2/15  
Book Club 2/15  
Sassy Chicks 2/16  
Partner Bridge 2/16  
Soup on Sunday 2/18  
Rosemary Clooney Musical Meadowbrook with Lunch at  
Lelli's Bus Tour 2/21 (Custom Holidays)  
Ladies Luncheon 2/22  
"Cheeseburger in Paradise" - Beat the Winter Blues  
Dinner 2/22  
Friday Flicks 2/23  
Happy Hour 2/23

### **February continued...**

What's the Buzz? 2/24  
Souper Sunday Social 2/25  
Men's Breakfast 2/27  
Women's Bunco 2/28

### **March 2018**

Soup on Sunday 3/4  
Newbie Mix & Mingle 3/7  
Singles & Solo's at Baldo's 3/8  
Wine Club 3/8  
Bingo Night (Game Night) 3/9  
Souper Sunday Social 3/11  
Card Making Class 3/13  
Book Club 3/15  
Sassy Chicks 3/16  
Partner Bridge 3/16  
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 3/17  
Soup on Sunday 3/18  
Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Tour/Grosse Pointe Bus  
Tour 3/20  
Happy Hour 3/23  
Easter Bunny Visit & Easter Egg Hunt 3/24  
Souper Sunday Social 3/25  
Men's Breakfast 3/27  
Women's Bunco 3/27  
Tiger's Opening Day Party 3/29  
Ladies Luncheon 3/29  
Canasta 3/30  
What's the Buzz? 3/31

### **April 2018**

Easter Sunday 4/1 Lodge Closed  
Soup on Sunday 4/8  
DIA Senior Bus Trip 4/12  
Singles & Solo's at Applebee's 4/12  
Wine Club 4/12  
National Scrabble Day (Game Night) 4/13  
Grandkids Event – Movie in The Pool 4/15  
Card Making Class 4/17  
Ragtime Festival Bus Trip Frankenmuth & Lunch at  
Zehnder's 4/19 (Custom Holidays)  
Book Club 4/19  
Sassy Chicks 4/20  
Happy Hour 4/20  
BW Homeowner Maintenance Day 4/21  
Men's Breakfast 4/24  
Women's Bunco 4/24  
Ladies Lunch 4/26  
BW Spring Clean-up 4/27

**April continued....**

Chicken Dinner with BBQ Sauce Contest at the Lodge  
4/27  
What's the Buzz? 4/28

**May 2018**

Plan Ahead Presentation by Molnar Funeral 5/2  
Kentucky Derby/Casino Night Event 5/5  
Mothers & Others Victorian Tea 5/6  
Merrill Lynch Presentation with Dinner 5/8  
Singles & Solo's at Famous Dave's 5/10  
Wine Club 5/10  
Holland Tulip Festival Bus Trip 5/12 (Custom Holidays)  
Card Making Class 5/15  
Bocce Ball Barbeque Kickoff 5/16  
Book Club 5/17  
DSO – Pop Series "The Doo Wop Project" & Lunch At  
"Ford Garage" Bus Trip 5/18/18  
Mark Klein Comedy Show 5/19  
Happy Hour 5/25  
Canasta 5/25  
What's the Buzz? 5/26  
Men's Breakfast 5/29  
Women's Bunco 5/29  
Ladies Lunch 5/31

**June 2018**

BW Garage Sale Weekend 6/1-2  
Lake Madison Boat Race Event 6/2  
Belle Isle Bus Trip 6/6  
Newbie Mix & Mingle 6/6  
Brats, Chili Contest & Fishing Derby 6/10  
Bocce Ball 6/13  
Singles & Solo's Olive Garden 6/14  
Wine Club 6/14  
Sassy Chicks 6/15  
MUD Mixed up Double Golf 6/15  
Book Club 6/21  
Sounds of Summer 6/22  
Bridgewater Home/Garden tour 6/23  
Men's Breakfast 6/26  
Women's Bunco 6/26  
Bocce Ball 6/27  
Ladies Luncheon 6/28  
Happy Hour 6/29  
What's the Buzz? 6/30

**July 2018**

Movies at Night in Freedom Park - Family Fun Event  
Movie TBD 7/6  
Bocce Ball 7/11  
Singles & Solo's 7/12  
Wine Club 7/12

**July continued...**

Lavender Festival Bus Tour 7/13 (Custom Holidays)  
"Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Murder Mystery Event in MPR 7/13  
Taco Tuesday with Homemade Salsa Contest 7/17  
Book Club 7/19  
Sassy Chicks 7/20  
Happy Hour 7/20  
Bocce Ball 7/25  
Ladies Lunch 7/26  
Sounds of Summer 7/27  
What's the Buzz 7/28  
Men's Breakfast 7/31  
Women's Bunco 7/31

**August 2018**

BW Poker Run 8/3  
Bocce Ball 8/8  
Singles and Solo 8/9  
Wine Club 8/9  
Sounds of Summer- Elvis Tribute 8/10  
Book Club 8/16  
Sassy Chicks 8/17  
Happy Hour 8/17  
Bridgewater Tennis Open 8/18  
Celebrate Senior Citizen Day- Steak & Chicken BBQ  
Dinner 8/21  
Bocce Ball 8/22  
Movies at Night Freedom Park – BW Residents Movie  
TBD 8/26  
Men's Breakfast 8/28  
Women's Bunco 8/28  
Goodfellow's Doll TBD

**September 2018**

Bocce Ball 9/5  
"Back to School" Game Night 9/7  
National Grandparent's Day Sundae & Ice Cream Station  
9/9  
Newbie Mix & Mingle 9/12  
Singles & Solos 9/13  
Wine Club 9/13  
End of Summer Party & Road Rally 9/15  
Bocce ball 9/19  
Book Club 9/20  
Sassy Chicks 9/21  
Happy Hour 9/21  
National Volunteer Day {Volunteer Luncheon} 9/21  
Men's Breakfast 9/25  
Women's Bunco 9/25  
Ladies Lunch 9/27  
BW Chorus (Tentative) 9/28-29  
What's the Buzz? 9/29

### **October 2018**

Molnar Funeral Pre-planning 10/4  
Cancer Walk 10/11  
Singles & Solos 10/11  
Wine Club 10/11  
BW Vendor Fair  
Book Club 10/18  
Murder Mystery Dinner Train Bus Trip 10/18 (Custom Holidays)  
Sassy Chicks 10/19  
Sweetest Day Pasta Dinner & Harvest Dance 10/20  
Ladies Luncheon 10/25  
Happy Hour 10/26  
What's the Buzz 10/27  
Grandkid's Trunk or Treat 10/27  
Men's Breakfast 10/30  
Women's Bunco 10/30

### **November 2018**

Day of the Dead Mexican Dinner 11/2  
Singles & Solos 11/8  
Wine Club 11/8  
Veteran's Day Luncheon 11/10  
Daytrip to Birch Run/Frankenmuth 11/13  
Book Club 11/15  
Sassy Chicks 11/16  
Thanksgiving Dinner 11/18  
Thanksgiving Day- Lodge Closed 11/22  
Happy Hour 11/23  
What's the Buzz? 11/24  
Men's Breakfast 11/27  
Women's Bunco 11/27  
Simply Streisand Bus Trip 11/28 (Custom Holidays)  
Ladies Luncheon 11/29  
Tree & Lodge Decorating Day 11/30

### **DECEMBER 2018**

BW Holiday Home Tour 12/1  
Christmas Lights & Sounds Nighttime Bus Trip 12/1  
National Cookie Day – BW Cookie Exchange & Gingerbread House Contest 12/4  
Christmas Ladies Luncheon 12/6  
Jingle & Mingle BW Annual Tree Lighting 12/7  
Edsel & Eleanor Ford Holiday Home & Detroit Churches Tour & Lunch 12/12  
Singles & Solos 12/13  
Wine Club 12/13  
Happy Hour 12/14  
Santa's Workshop 12/16  
Book Club 12/20  
Old World Comfort Food Dinner – Polish Traditional Meal 12/21  
Christmas Day – Lodge Closed 12/25  
What's the Buzz? 12/29  
NYE 12/31

### **Daily Happenings at Landmark Lodge**

#### **Monday**

7:15am	Yoga
8:30am	Water Volleyball
10:00am	Tai Chi Energy
10:30am	Cardio Weights
11:00am	TOPS – Taking Pounds off Sensibly
Noon	Men's Billiards
1:00pm	Bridge
1:00pm	Cardio Drumming
6:30pm	Pinochle
6:30pm	Water Aerobics

#### **Tuesday**

10:30am	Aqua Fitness
1:00pm	Pinochle
1:00pm	Scrabble
6:00pm	Men's Poker
6:30pm	Canasta

#### **Wednesday**

7:15am	Yoga
9:00am	Sit and Get Fit
9:45am	Aqua Fitness
10:00am	Canasta
1:00pm	Art Group
4:00pm	Bocce (every other Wed – Seasonal)
6:30pm	Water Aerobics
6:30pm	Bridge

#### **Thursday**

9:00am	Men's Horseshoes(Seasonal-Summer)
9:00am	Pickleball @FRCC (Seasonal-Winter)
10:30am	Rhythm Walking/Zumba
12:30pm	Men's Poker (Seasonal – Winter)
1:00pm	Mahjong
3:00pm	Chorus (Seasonal)
6:00pm	Double Deck Pinochle
7:00pm	Water Volleyball

#### **Friday**

9:00am	Sit and Get Fit
9:45am	Cardio Weights
1:00pm	Mahjong
12:00 pm	Cardio Drumming

#### **Saturday**

8:15am	Yoga
9:30am	Water Volleyball (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday)
10:00am	Fabulously Fit over 50
6:15pm	Euchre

#### **Sunday**

5:30pm	Water Volleyball
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