

# BSC News

## BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER FALL 2011 ISSUE



### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

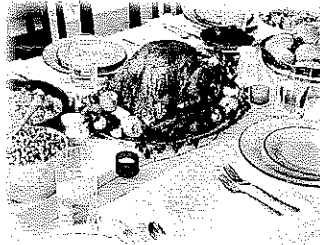
BSC NEWS aims to be the "VOICE FOR ALL SENIORS". The "F" word is here. It is fall. The last game of "over 50 softball" was rained out on 9/28. Jam Session, Harmony Club, Chocolate City Card Club and Bunco all continue to be strong draws for the Burlington Senior Center. The noon lunch with Judy is growing as card players have been coming to eat at BSC. What a great idea!! Eat then play cards or play cards then eat.

The BSC board voted to start a "Friends of Seniors" committee. This group will be looking for ways to increase the level of services, activities and events for seniors in the Burlington area. The committee is looking for people to start new activities. Senior Sports, Over 50 Softball and Bunco have begun in the past 2 years. The committee is sure there are other activities that could be just as successful. If you have a burning desire to start something, please call with your ideas and passions.

The "Friends of Seniors" committee is looking for ways to bring funds into BSC to help keep and expand what we do for Burlington. Again, if you have any ideas, please help us at 767-9880.

### THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

St John the Divine Episcopal Church, 216 E Chandler Blvd, Burlington will provide their annual free Thanksgiving Day Dinner from 12-2 PM at the church. Volunteer drivers will deliver a hot meal to your home up to 15 miles from Burlington. For reservations or delivery call 262-763-7482 ext 21. Leave your name, address and phone number.



### CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Plymouth Congregational United Church, 124 W Washington St, Burlington will be providing a free Christmas Day Dinner from 12-2 PM at the church. Volunteer drivers will deliver the Christmas Day Dinner to your home up to 15 miles from Burlington. For reservations or home delivery, call 262-763-6890.

### WOW

Contact BSC, if you would like to be added to our growing mail list. Save this BSC newsletter, share this BSC newsletter or post this BSC

newsletter where other seniors may see it. Remember BSC is a volunteer driven group of fantastic seniors that would like you to join our dynamic FAMILY AT BSC.

### LUNCH WITH JUDY

A delicious, nutritious lunch is served at the Burlington Senior Center, Monday through Friday at noon. Seniors must be sixty years of age or older, although a spouse may be younger. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 1-877-637-0327 by 3:00 PM the preceding day.

We would be happy to have you join the lunch program managed by Judy. A "donation" of only \$3.50 per lunch is requested.



### PLACE AN AD

If you, your group or business would like to place an ad or publish senior news in the BSC

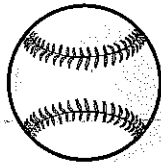
News, contact editor  
John Brensinger at  
262-763-2854.



## 50+ YOUNG AT HEART CO-ED RECREATION

Enjoy fun recreational activities inside at the Evergreen school, 817 West Main St. in Waterford. Starting October 5th, play times will be 6-8PM. The season will run October through April. Activities will include pickleball, volleyball, dodgeball, kickball and more. Each week we will play a different sport. Or just come to the school, walk, get some exercise and mingle with the group. Cost will be \$2.00 per night or \$25.00 for the season. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring your friends and have some fun indoors. Coordinators are Katie Mawhinney 262-939-3181 and Kathy Baumeister 262-763-3441.

## SOFTBALL RAINOUT



Our playing season started in May like it ended with the "R" word. The final game of the 2011 season for the "Over 50 Softball league was "R"ained out. We always had enough players to compete on a weekly basis May through September. A great big thank you to all our players, fans and our coach (Kathy Baumeister). WE HAD FUN!

## BSC WEBSITE FEEDBACK

Don't forget to look over the BSC website at [www.burlingtonseniorcenter.com](http://www.burlingtonseniorcenter.com). Your comments on it's content and suggestions for improvement will be appreciated.

## SHOPPES OF BURLINGTON

The Shoppes of Downtown Burlington invite you to attend an Old-Fashioned Christmas Open House on November 18th and 19th. Enjoy specialty shopping, unique restaurants, fun activities, holiday specials, drawings, Christmas music, carolers, and cookie walk.

## BUNCO

BUNCO is a fun dice game played at the Burlington Senior Center. I love to play Bunco with my Senior friends at BSC. A BUNCO player may win a prize.

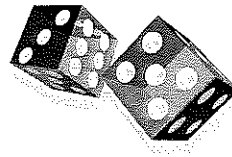
We share good times, treats and sip coffee too.

We play BUN-

CO the 2nd Friday of each month. The games begin at 1PM.

Come early to chat with friends.

Then enjoy a great game of rolling dice called BUNCO. Every body is welcome.



*Jan"ice" Brensinger*

## COUPONS GO TO 15 U.S. BASES

Military personnel in 9 different countries shared the coupons that seniors drop off at BSC. The Veterans coupon basket for "manufacturers" coupons is on the table in the information center. Remember your coupons can be up to 9 months past the expiration date for our men and women in the military to use for redemption. Thank you to Ann Berndt for her help in processing the manufacturer's coupons.

## SENTRY REWARDS BSC

BSC receives 1% of the total receipts with a "Funds for Friends" sticker on the back dated within one year. At BSC Gladys Bublitz will process your "Funds for Friends" receipts to benefit BSC.

Thank you to all who participate now and to everyone new who will "Save those receipts". Turn your receipts in at BSC. You may also mail them to Gladys Bublitz at BSC, 201 N Main St Burlington WI 53105.

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## COME TO THE JAM SESSIONS

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## CAREGIVER'S JOURNEY

"Talkin the Talk, Walkin the Walk" Supporting the Caregiver's Journey is a program that will be held at Veteran's Terrace 589 Milwaukee Ave in Burlington. The presentation will be held Thursday, October 20th from 10 AM- 3:30 PM. Prizes and a free box lunch will be provided. Deadline to register is 10/18. Call Susanne Malestic at 262-767-8313.

## IS IT FAIR ?

No cost of living adjustments for seniors on SSI for 2 years for 2011. But 20 White House staff members received 17-86% raises in salaries.

## REPRESENTATIVE ROBIN VOS

I wanted to reach out to you in your quarterly newsletter to give you information that you can use



from the Wisconsin State Capitol. I also wanted you to know that my office can be a resource for you. If you ever have a question, comment or

concern, please call my office (608) 266-9171 or toll-free at (888) 534-0063. One of the most important aspects about my job is listening to my constituents and I look forward to hearing from you.

Check out the Department of Natural Resources website to find the best fall foliage in Wisconsin! With summer behind us, the scenery throughout our state is beginning to change into its beautiful fall shades. Travelwisconsin.com provides excellent resources allowing you to find the most attractive leaves in the state. The Fall Color Report allows its user to check on leaf conditions throughout the state to see how far along the trees have progressed in reaching their peak colors. The page is updat-

ed continuously from reporters across Wisconsin so check it often to find the most attractive paths, parks and other great ways to get outside and enjoy our beautiful state. To find the Fall Color Report go to [www.travel-wisconsin.com/fallcolor\\_report.aspx](http://www.travel-wisconsin.com/fallcolor_report.aspx).

You may have seen or heard news stories about SeniorCare, the prescription drug assistance program in Wisconsin. I wanted to clear up any confusion about its future. In the new two year budget plan that took affect on July 1st, the SeniorCare program did not experience any program or funding changes. SeniorCare is still available for Wisconsin residents who are 65 years of age or older and who meet enrollment requirements. Each person in the program must pay a \$30 enrollment fee and out-of-pocket expenses are determined based on a person's income. The program helps make prescription drugs more affordable for seniors. To learn more, call the SeniorCare Customer Service Hotline at 1-800-657-2038.



## BSC NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION/ SUBMISSIONS

If you are no longer interested in receiving the BSC NEWS or if you know of someone that would like to receive the BSC NEWS, please let us know. Call 262-767-9880 or send a note to: Burlington Senior Center, 201 N Main St, Burlington WI 53105. Attn Editor BSC NEWS. You may send articles/letters to the editor for possible printing too.



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## COUPONS, CELL PHONES & YARN

BSC is saving manufacturer coupons, old cell phones and yarn for veterans. After you finish clipping Sunday paper coupons, please bring your coupons to BSC. At BSC, place your "stuff" in our veteran's basket located on the table in the BSC Information Center. A big thank you to Annette (Ann) Berndt who processes the coupons, cell phone and yarn for our veterans.

## GIFTS FOR SENIORS

Give the gift of travel with GIFT CERTIFICATES from Wanderlust Tours LLC. Certificates in any amount can be redeemed for all motor coach tours as well as packaged air/land tours and cruises to Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe and the world. Call Kris Jekel at 262-895-9001 for more information.

This is a great idea. Many times people ask: What can I get for Grandma or Grandpa's birthday or Christmas? Gift certificates are an excellent idea. It shows you care and have put thought into the gift idea. The BSC NEWS editor likes gift certificates from restaurants. Better yet take Grandpa or Grandma on a trip, to a movie, to a restaurant or to an activity you know that they like (A ball game).

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## JOLLY SENIORS BOWLING

1:00 pm Fridays at the Town & Country Lanes, 264 S Pine St in Burlington, you will find 12 co-ed teams of 4 seniors each having a blast, bowling in the Jolly Seniors Bowling League. Jolly Seniors bowl from October 2011 to April 2012. This year the teams are named for flowers. You will find the BSC NEWS editor playing on the "Sunflower" team.




## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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### Police STOP at 2 AM

Elderly man is stopped by the police and is asked where he is going at 2 AM. The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, why I should stop smoking and staying out too late." The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man replies, "That would be my wife..."



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- Be the first to sign up for our new day trips, featuring VIVA VEGAS at the FIRESIDE on January 26 and GYPSY at the Drury Lane Theatre on March 8
  - Learn about two very special tours in 2012:
    - o Up North Wisconsin – June 5th - 5 night trip to the Apostle Islands, Minocqua, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin River Dinner Cruise, Fort McCoy and much much more -
    - o Ozark Mountain Holiday – November 27th - 4 night trip to Branson with Daniel O'Donnell, 6 shows, 7 meals, and Lady of the Snows Shrine
  - Meet our partner Mayflower Tours and learn about their deluxe escorted holidays:
    - o Receive special discounted pricing when you join us on their upcoming showcase holiday: The Emerald Coast Getaway to the white sandy beaches of Destin, Florida – March 16 – WITH HOME/LOCAL PICKUP!
  - Register to win prizes, including the Grand Prize Trip for Two to fabulous Las Vegas
- Enjoy a selection of light refreshments. Please call Kris Jekel at 262-895-9001 to reserve your space...see you there!

November 27 – THE SOUND OF MUSIC PRODUCTION and Champagne Brunch at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. This beloved story features many memorable tunes, including “Climb Every Mountain”, “My Favorite Things”, “Do Re Me”, and “Edelweiss”. Spend this holiday season with Drury Lane and the Von Trapp Family. Wonderful Champagne Brunch included with performance. \$99.00 – LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE- CALL NOW!

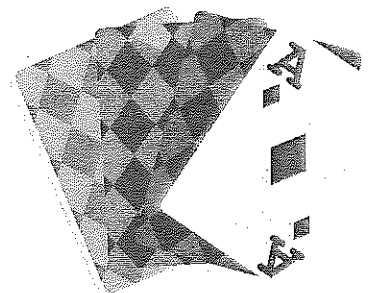
December 4-9 – COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE. 5 nights accommodations, 5 buffet breakfasts, 4 great dinners including the Nashville Nightlife Theatre, main floor seating at the Grand Ole Opry, Belle Meade Plantation, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum Tour, Nashville City Tour, Kentucky Derby Museum, Hall of Trees at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and so much more. \$749.00 includes all taxes, gratuities and luggage handling. \$100.00 deposit due upon signup. Final check payment due October 27. Still openings available – call to sign up.

*Kris Jekel*

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## CHOCOLATE CITY CARD CLUB NEWS

CCCC meets every Tuesday from 12:30 til 4PMish to play Euchre, Pinochle and Sheepshead. Pinochle play begins at 12:30 so we can finish before bus arrives. We had an exciting Tuesday on 9/11 when 4 players (John Brensinger, Blanche Moelle, Amy Regula and Geri Swanberg) each had a double Pinochle. Come to learn our card games. Seasoned players are welcome.



## BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER IS AVAILABLE TO RENT!

Are you, your group, your friends, or your business looking for a place to hold meetings, functions, parties or celebrations? Consider the Burlington Senior Center that has considerable space and a fully functioning kitchen for your fun or serious time together. For open time slots, the nominal fee structure or more information, call the Burlington Senior Center's manager Peter Girolamo at 262-767-9880.

## ASSOCIATE EDITOR OPPORTUNITY

The BSC NEWS editor is looking for an assistant. The associate editor will provide input in the publishing of the BSC NEWS. You will help organize the BSC NEWS, write articles and stories, help find advertisers and have fun with important topics and issues to seniors. Anyone out there who would like to be the BSC NEWS associate editor, please contact John Brensinger 763-2854.

## ABC'S OF MEDICARE

Marsha Kowalski will present course # 3050-F2 @ the Burlington High School Library Wednesday November 9 6-7 PM Do you under-

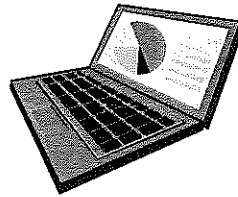
stand what Medicare pays for and what your out-of-pocket costs are? Marsha will explain Medicare A, Medicare B, Medicare C (also called Medicare Advantage) and the federal Part D drug plan. Call 262-763-0219 to reserve a seat

## THANK YOU MICHELLE

The editor of BSC NEWS as a representative of the Burlington Senior Center thanks Michelle Kreft for all her hard work. Michelle organizes all the "stuff" I send her. She puts my submissions into an easy to ready smooth flowing format. BSCNEWS and Minuteman Press is lucky to have such a talented individual working with us. (Disclaimer: No one asked me to write this accolade).

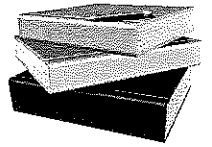
## ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Beginning PC, 101 and Internet 201 are both Adult Computer classes that are tailored classes to fit your needs. Instructor Scott Schue is owner of Hometown Computers in Waterford. Classes begin 11/17 at Waterford's Evergreen School Computer Lab # 31 on Thursday 6-7:15 PM. For more information call 262-514-8200



## BSC LIBRARY

The library at BSC has expanded to 4 tall book shelves. Take a book home or bring a book to us.



The library operates on a volunteer basis. Donors bring books to the Burlington Senior Center to be placed on the library shelves. Don't throw away your books, tapes, videos or cd's. Bring them to the BSC library.

## MEET THE MAYOR

Stop by City Hall, 300 North Pine Street on the first Saturday of each month from 9-11 AM. During his open office hours talk to Mayor Miller about your concerns, ideas or suggestions for the Burlington area. Of course, the Burlington Senior Center encourages you to talk up any activities that you think would benefit you and your senior neighbors.

## VOLUNTEERS

The Burlington Senior Center (BSC) is always looking for volunteers.

Do you have a hobby or interest to share with others? Drop us a note at [www.burlingtonseniorcenter.com](http://www.burlingtonseniorcenter.com) or BSC NEWS editor, 201 N Main St Burlington WI 53105.

## SENIORS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BSC NEWS is looking for seniors or people who make a difference for seniors. If you know of anyone doing great things for seniors. Help us to recognize them. Send a brief description of who they are and what they are doing to the BSC NEWS, 201 N Main St Burlington, WI 53105



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## HARMONY CLUB MEANS TIME OUT

Do you need a bit of time of respite to do the things you want to do? Do you need time off to make an appointment for yourself? The Harmony Club is a day club for dependent older adults in Racine County including Burlington. This is a unique social program provides respite for caregivers and socialization for the care participants. Activities, crafts, lunch, snacks and much more are provided to the participants while the caregiver are free to run errands or relax with some free time. The Burlington Senior Center Harmony Club meets the first and third Wednesday from 9:30AM to 3:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer to help staff for the Harmony Club or have a potential participant for the Harmony Club call Nancy Quade for more information at 262-534-6138.

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The time I spend at the Burlington Senior Center is great. Come join the Chocolate Card Club players on Tuesday 12:30-4:00 PM. All senior citizens are welcome to play. Remember we also play Euchre and Sheephead.

*Jan "ice" Brensinger*

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### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**CARDS:** 1 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays

**CHOCOLATE CITY CARD CLUB:**

Tuesday 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Sheepshead and Euchre until 4 p.m.

**BRIDGE:** 9 a.m., Monday and Friday

**JAM SESSION:** 1 p.m., 3rd Wednesday

Contact Nancy Quade 262-534-6138

**BUNCO:** 2nd Friday, 1 p.m.

**SENIOR BOOK CLUB:** 2nd Thursday, 1 pm

**SENIOR SPORTS:** 6-8 p.m., Wednesdays at Evergreen  
School in Waterford

### HARMONY CLUB

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

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**JAM SESSION** 1-3:30 PM, 3rd Wednesday of each month. Local musicians come to the Burlington Senior Center to play before a large audience. Attendees request songs, sing along and may dance. Refreshments are served. For more information: Contact Nancy Quade at 262-534-6138

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