Greetings from Silver Club!

We are finally thawing out at Silver Club! Weather wise it has been a challenging winter for all. We are enjoying having warmer weather and longer days.

Our Silver Club members have enjoyed having many visitors the last few months. Docents from the University of Michigan Museum of Art met with the Elderberry Club and our Day Enrichment Program members to engage in an active storytelling activity using the ‘Timeslips’ method. We also had nurses from Japan visit Elderberry to reflect on their experiences of working with individuals living with memory loss.

On May 23rd, the Michigan Theater will be screening the film “Care to Laugh.” The film follows the story of a man caring for his aging parents while pursuing a career in comedy. All the money raised will benefit Big Hearts for Seniors (Silver Club along with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Turner Senior Resource Center, Housing Bureau for Seniors and Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels). Tickets are available at Silver Club or Online! www.med.umich.edu/geriatrics/bhs

Sincerely,
Shannon Etcheverry, LMSW
Director, Silver Club Memory Programs

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CARE TO LAUGH

BENEFITTING
Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels
Housing Bureau for Seniors
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Silver Club Memory Programs
Turner Senior Wellness Program

PRESENTING SPONSOR

Join us for our 14th anniversary as we present AARP’s first original documentary film, Care to Laugh, featuring Jesus Trejo as he pursues his dream of comedy success while caring for his aging parents.

Michigan Theater
Thursday, May 23, 2019

VIP $60
General Admission $20

Emcee: Rob Reinhart, Acoustic Café
Honorary Chair: Ken Collica, Real Estate
Investments - Remax Platinum
Evening Entertainment Featuring:
Michigan Theater’s Barton Organ and Mr. B - Mark Lincoln Braun, Blues & Boogie Woogie Piano

5:30pm VIP reception
6:15pm Silent auction ends
6:30pm Doors open for film
7:00pm Entertainment
7:00pm Screening of Care to Laugh
Tile Art

In efforts to create a unique and artistic project to celebrate the arrival of Spring, Silver Club members created tile art to showcase some of the brilliant and cool-toned colors that Spring brings. Some of the styles of the tiles reminded members of ancient times, the oceans and the seas, and the natural environment.

Silver Club members liked the idea of designing these tile pieces to be used as centerpieces and drink coasters for decorations on coffee-tables. The project was a wonderful success and creativity certainly stood out, as it was apparent from the smiles and the subtle beams in the eyes of the members as they made the tiles come to life.

These tiles were donated by Ann Arbor Stones and Tiles on Zeeb Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Silver Club is so grateful for such a generous donation. Thank you, Ann Arbor Stones and Tiles!

Visitors from Tokyo’s St. Luke’s College of Nursing

Upon the invitation of Mariko Foulk, Social Worker at the Turner Geriatric Clinic, Silver Club was host to a group from Tokyo’s St. Luke’s College of Nursing last month. Shin Otomo, RN, Doctoral student; Erika Kato, RN & Master’s student; and Yui Negishi, RN, PHN & Master’s student, spent the week visiting a variety of senior support services in their efforts to learn about the similarities and differences in programming & services between Japan and the United States. Erika, Yui & Shin participated in a two-hour round-table discussion with the Elderberry Club members, hearing firsthand about the challenges that people with mild memory loss deal with on a daily basis. They also participated in music and art with the Silver Club Day Enrichment group and observed the variety of abilities among all the Silver Club group members. The Japanese visitors were especially interested in the groups & activities Silver Club provides for individuals with mild memory loss as they reported there is very little support/programs for people experiencing early memory loss. All three were deeply moved by the way Silver Club staff interacted and engaged with our members. They took away many ideas and suggestions, which they hope to put into practice back home in Japan – a wonderful cultural exchange of ideas and practices!

Polly Connor Awarded Distinguished Service Community Volunteer Award

On April 8th, our long-time Silver Club volunteer, Polly Conner, was awarded the Distinguished Service Community Volunteer Award for 2019 at the annual recognition event at the Kensington Hotel. Polly is proud to have been born and raised in North Carolina. Being of service and helping others has been a large part of her life, so it’s no wonder Polly has been a “Volunteer Extraordinaire” with Silver Club for the past 18 years! She runs a wild game of cards every Thursday afternoon, as well as engaging members in conversation and creative activities. Polly’s show of respect, kindness, dedication and positivity are an inspiration and example of “aging with grace” and an encouragement for seniors to keep active! While Polly may consider herself just a humble volunteer, Silver Club staff organizes our Thursday afternoon activities around Polly’s card games because she is such an integral part of Silver Club and our members (and their families) LOVE her! Congratulations Polly!!

Silver Club Art Party, Honoring Our Graduating Volunteers

Shown in picture (from left to right): Katie Munson, BS, Molecular, Cellular and Development Biology
Maryanne Connor, MSW, Social Work (Graduating July 2019)
Kathi Tobey, Volunteer Coordinator
Stephanie Francalancia, Junior
Tiffany Chen, BS, Neuroscience and Spanish

*Not pictured*: Zoe Finer, BS Public Health Sciences
Gabrielle Xilas, BA, History
Maryann Connor, MSW, Social Work
An Opportunity to Support Silver Club

The goal at Silver Club is to always accept families in need, even if they are experiencing financial difficulties. We use a sliding-fee scale so that each family pays what it can afford. The balance comes from grants and assistance from a wide array of supporters. We are so grateful to Silver Club families and friends for their generous support of our programs in whatever way they feel comfortable.

How You Can Help:
Be an ambassador – promote the Silver Club by referring families who are caring for a person with memory loss to our programs.
Volunteer – if you have time, there are many ways to help, including spending time with members during program hours, participating on Silver Club committees, or helping with special, time-focused projects.
Make a gift – the Silver Club relies significantly on public funding and contributions. “Gifts in kind” such as artwork, books and equipment make an immediate impact. The easiest way to make a monetary gift is through our online link: https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/give/basket/fund/367384.

For more information about giving, contact us at (734) 998-9352.