Greetings from Silver Club!

Silver Club continues to be a place where dedicated people make a difference in the lives of folks living with dementia. Spring was busy at Silver Club and Summer promises to be just as full. We are excited to add new groundbreaking activities for our members. Some of those additions are showcased in this newsletter.

Barbara Cumming, a member of Silver Club’s Coffee House and our Elderberry women’s group spoke before the debut of “Still Alice”, a film showing one woman’s challenges with Alzheimer’s disease, at Ann Arbor’s historic Michigan Theater.

Silver Club was also part of the Big Hearts fund raiser, benefiting five University of Michigan senior community programs. We presented the movie “Alive Inside”, a video celebrating the power of music to revive mind and spirit.

We recently hosted our Community Partners Appreciation Night and introduced our new Silver Club community awareness video called “Making Every Moment Matter”. Experts in the dementia field as well as members of Silver Club and their families shared their knowledge and experiences in their journey with dementia.

We are excited that our new outside raised garden, made possible by grants from the University of Michigan Friends gift shop and the First Martin Corporation, is under construction. We plan to grow vegetables for Silver Club members as well as flowers to decorate our space.

The annual Silver Club fundraiser is in process. We count on monies raised to offset the costs of providing excellent programs to our members and their families. If you would like to make a donation you can send a check directly to Silver Club or make your donation on our Silver Club website.

Sincerely,
Douglas Dault, LMSW
Director, Silver Club Memory Programs

An Opportunity to Support Silver Club

The goal at Silver Club is never to turn away families in need due to financial circumstances. 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 is a non-profit organization which 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.

Sponsors & Community Partners

Silver Club is a non-profit organization primarily funded by donations and member fees. We are also supported by:
- U-M Geriatrics Center
- Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B
- Brookdale National Group Respite Program
- Friends of the U-M Hospital
- Medicaid Waiver Program


Silver Club Video

This spring, Silver Club launched its first video entitled “Together We Make Every Moment Matter”. The video’s purpose is to display some of the wonderful benefits of attending Silver Club.

In the video, you hear from members and their caregivers on how Silver Club meaningfully impacted their lives and gave them a sense of purpose as well as something to look forward to.

The video showcases the Director of Silver Club, Doug Dault, and many of the other wonderful staff who work together with caregivers to ensure that Silver Club members get the best experiences possible.

Also highlighted in the video are the ups and downs of being a caregiver, and how the support and concern of Silver Club staff help to make their experience with their loved one more meaningful.

So please take a moment to watch our new video by visiting our website at http://www.med.umich.edu/geriatrics/community/silverclub.htm or by visiting our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SilverClubMemory.
Get Ready to Garden!
By: Lisa Chasse

Silver Club members are ready to get their hands dirty. Members will start growing vegetables, herbs and flowers outside in a raised garden bed courtesy of First Martin.

The raised garden bed will be surrounded with pavers so all levels of mobility can garden. And for the days we can’t make it outside, we will be gardening with our new Babylon indoor garden cart. The garden cart features a grow light so Michigan weather won’t slow us down. We can’t wait to show off our green thumbs!

Painting with Scissors
Henri Matisse, French artist 1869-1954

–Some of his last cut-out pictures are his greatest works.

Matisse 1953 La Gerbe (The Sheaf)
1. Henri Matisse, Cut-Outs, Gilles Neret and Benedikt Taschen, 1994
2. Henri Matisse, Drawing with Scissors, Keesia Johnson and Jane O’Connor, illustrated by Jessie Hartland, 2002

Hope and Happiness, (The Silver Club Artists) March with Matisse 2015
left to right:
ROW 1: Dennis, Jane, Marjorie, Jo, Charlie
ROW 2: Dale, Odesser, Jerry, Ben
ROW 3: Margaret Ann, Joan C., Dell, Ardel
ROW 4: Mary, George, Steve, Claire
ROW 5: Lilian, Joan D.

Community Partners Celebration
By: Kathi Tobey

The Silver Club recently thanked their many community partners with an exciting celebration on June 4th. We invited all the organizations that partner with the Silver Club to enhance our programs – ranging from the excellent docsents at the University of Michigan Museum of Art to members of the Friends Gift Shop board who provided a grant for an indoor garden cart.

Afterwards, attendees enjoyed refreshments and viewing Silver Club members’ artwork, Director, Doug Dault, formally thanked all the partners attending and introduced Barbara Cumming, a member of Coffeehouse and Elderberry Club who spoke eloquently about her journey with memory loss and the positive experience she’s having interacting with other members and staff. Ken Garber, whose father was a Silver Club member, also spoke about the staff’s interest and compassion for his father—enabling him to enjoy life until the end.

A highlight of the event was the premier of “Making Every Moment Matter,” the Silver Club’s new video that features members and family members sharing their excitement and appreciation of innovative Silver Club programs. Attendees gave the video a resounding “thumbs up” and spoke of sharing it with their own community of colleagues and friends.

THANK YOU to our generous community partners:
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF)
Area Agency on Aging – 1B Alzheimer’s Association
A-Ride (AATA)
Catholic Social Services & The Oaks
Fostering Innovation Grants (FIO)
First Martin Corp.
Friends Gift Shop
UM Geriatric Clinic, Social Work, Primary Care, and Psychiatry
Howdy Holmes—Jiffy Mix
Holiday’s Restaurant
Jewish Family Services
Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Center (MADCC)
Marshall Botanical Garden
UMMA University of Michigan Museum of Art
Ponpy W. Stamps School of Art & Design
Third Century Grant
Veteran’s Administration

Meet Our Staff and Volunteers

Staff: Lisa Chasse, Doug Dault (Director), Patricia Hall, Andee Janssen, Jeanne Kero, Elaine Reed, Laura Rice-Oeschger, Rose Oliver, Kathi Tobey, Marianna Voica, Amber Williams, Cara Younivitz

Volunteers: Richard Ager, Callie Allen, Aaron Burkhart, Jasmine Chang, Patricia Choi, John Clark, Polly Connor, David Cook, Dorothy Doss, Jake Emberling, Alice Fishman, Lori Fithian, Florence Gasdick, Robert Gibson, Sara Holmes, Maddie Houlse, Olivia Karaska, Myrna Miller, Jacqui Roe, Sarah Ross, Jennifer Schwank, Ryan Song, Natasha Sood, Cathy Strachan, Randy Thackston, Kathy West, Mary Wisgerhof, Heidi Yeager

Advisory Board: Julie DeLoria, Alice Fishman, Sara Holmes (Board Chair), Sherri Kantor, Jean Kelsey, Clare Kolevar, Myrna Miller, Robert Newman, Deb Shulman, Cathy Strachan, Julie Young

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