Greetings from Silver Club!

It would be impossible to list all of the amazing activities and events that happened at Silver Club in 2016. One new and unique event was the Gallery 55+ art exhibit at the Turner Senior Resource Center featuring our amazing Silver Club artists. Our art work was also featured in the Mallets Creek library. Those experiences have inspired us to begin planning another art show and sale in 2017. Thank you Elaine Reed and Jeanne Kero for taking the lead on this project. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff, students and volunteers that have enhanced the experience of our members and supported our Silver Club families.

Kaity Sinke LLPC, R-DMT a dance/movement therapist joined us in 2016 and quickly became an integral part of the Silver Club team. We have been blessed with a total of four students (interns) representing different areas of interest and backgrounds from University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University.

Please reserve May 25, 2017 for the Big Hearts for Seniors fundraising event. We will be showing the documentary “A New Color: Creating Community Through Art.” The Chenille sisters will also be performing and Rob Reinhart has agreed to emcee our event.

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

Dog Gone Good!
Written by: Jeanne Kero, Silver Club Staff Member

Our SC artists worked hard throughout December choosing a name for our dog biscuit label, designing the labels, making the dog biscuits and presenting them to the Therapaws teams as a thank you and holiday gift.

The winning name was, “Dog Gone Good,” with, “Snoopy’s Snacks,” coming in a close second place. A few of the other names were “Growler”, “Sharky Bites”, “Boot’s Biscuits” and “Hound Dog High”. “Mail Man-flavored” was rejected.
“A Moment in Time”, Silver Club Artist Reception
Written by: Jeanne Kero, Silver Club Staff Member

The artist reception at the Gallery 55+ on November 13, 2016 was well-attended and enjoyed by all. The Silver Club Program’s 38 pieces of original artwork were on display to enjoy and purchase. A variety of artist mediums were used.

All the collage work done by the Silver Club has some degree of collaboration. The Silver Club members painted all of the papers that were used and shared them with others.

The origami sculpture, “Diversity,” was a community-collaboration with the “Saturday for Art” group folding the structure, and the Silver Club members adding color with acrylic paints. Our inspiration for color came about from a discussion of all the winter holidays and their color themes. The sculpture had approximately 55 modules, each module consisting of 6 folded units, with each individual unit having 3 folded 6” square pieces. A lot of folding and attaching!

The original artwork (created by the Elderberry Club ladies) chosen by the Alzheimer’s Association for their holiday card is also featured (centered below).

A big thank you to the U of M Men’s Glee Club and the Ann Arbor Ukulele Party Band for performing at the reception.

The art exhibition will run through Jan. 26, 2017
Memory Aging & Expressive Arts (MAEA)
Winter 2017 Course

Uniquely engaging U-M academic institutions and the U-M Health System, this interdisciplinary course will build an understanding and awareness of the complexities of memory loss and introduce the use of the expressive arts. Students will meet with specialists in neurology, public health, social work, and the arts to learn about the scientific basis of memory and dementia, the societal basis of dementia, and institutional projects to support individuals with memory impairment. Through art sessions with adults at the Silver Club Programs, students will explore the potential of the arts to serve as an outlet for expression, build key life skills and learn from community members through shared experiences.

Students will work with Silver Club members January 26- April 13th, with a closing Art & Performance Exhibition at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Please contact Kathi Tobey, kathitob@med.umich.edu, for more details.

Meet Our Staff and Volunteers

**Staff:** Lisa Chasse, Doug Dault (Director), Patricia Hall, Jeanne Kero, Kalpana Kothari, Elaine Reed, Laura Rice-Oeschger, Kaitlyn Sinke, Kathi Tobey, Marianna Voica, Cara Yonovitz

**Interns:** Mengzhen Jiang, James Muto, Jordan Quinn, Jacqueline Roe, Amanda Schoettinger

**Volunteers:** Jasmine Chang, Polly Connor, Aurelie Muller Dirry, Dorothy Doss, Alice Fishman, Lori Fithian, Emily Hogan, Sara Holmes, Marjie Hough, Constance Jones & Lily, Kate McCall, Jay Mahler & Golda, Myrna Miller, Bianca Nelson, Sri Devi Nunna, Jacqui Roe, Jennifer Steiner, Cathy Strachan, Randy Thackston, Gloria Van Alstine & Annie, Mariah, Mary Wisgerhof, Heidi Yeager

**Advisory Board:** Beverly Bagozzi, Julie DeLoria, Alice Fishman, Sara Holmes (Board Chair), Leslie Kamil, Jean Kelsey, Clare Kolevar, Myrna Miller, Amy Petrucci, Jacqueline Roe, Cathy Strachan, Julie Young
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.

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