

## **THE BEAT GOES ON**

### **MERCY RED HATTERS**

The Mercy Hilltop Red Hatters will enjoy a luncheon at Heartland Antiques and Gifts, 9101 Ridge Road, (Rte. 20) Girard, Thursday, April 28th at noon. Your Hostess is the Queen Mum herself, Carol Bierzonski. She will call you for your reservation. There are loads of items for you to look over and purchase if one or two strike your fancy.

### **INVESTMENT CLUB**

They are on target and in the know (or their instincts are really good) as the investment club continues to organize their strategy. Join in on the discussion on Monday, April 18 at 1pm. It will pay for you to experience this group.

#### **MERCY CENTER ON AGING STAFF**

Executive Director.....Sr. Mary Dolores, RSM  
Assistant Director.....Virginia S. Marino  
Program Director.....Deborah C. Kraus  
Program Assistant.....Kenneth Zacherl  
Administrative Assistant.....Sr. Kathy Preston  
GRG Facilitator.....Karen Narusewicz  
Nurse.....Judy Bekeny, RN  
Beautician.....Diane Valahovic  
Pet Therapy....Molly M. Schnauzer, Fish Family,  
Pepper Schnauzer, Walter Kraus

### **NURSE JUDY'S HOURS**

<b><u>Mondays</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 to 12:30</u></b>
<b><u>Tuesdays</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 to 12:00</u></b>
<b><u>Wednesdays</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 to 11:30</u></b>
<b><u>Thursdays</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 to 12:00</u></b>

### **INCOME TAX PREPARATION**

Our sincere thanks to the AARP tax people who have spent hours assisting those who needed to file this year. You can't find a more dedicated group of professionals. We wish them good health for the coming year so they might continue serving our older adults who may not be able to afford CPA services. Also, much gratitude to those who contributed to the Center.

## **COMPUTER CLASSES FORMING**

We are anticipating various computer classes to start this Summer. We shall offer beginner, intermediate and others, at the discretion of our instructor. Many of you have requested specific classes. Details are not in place as of this publishing, so, we encourage you to check the front desk for details or call the Center at 824-2214.

## **VAN TRAVEL**

It's been a long winter and it's time to break out the van. Ken will start our monthly outings with the ever popular Grove City trip on Monday, April 11, leaving at 8:30. Several people are anxious to go, so, if we surpass the limit of ten, we will start a waiting list for the possibility of a second trip for the same destination. Out of town trips are remaining the same \$6 price even with the gas prices soaring, but, they will be limited. We will be in a closer perimeter to the city for other outings. Take advantage of the weather and GET OUT!!

## **OUR PRECIOUS VOLUNTEERS**

April is Volunteer Month and we are thankful every day for the service our people give to the Mercy Hilltop Center. Our powers are endless because of the many hands that assist the limited staff with the day to day operations. So, our hats are off to the newsletter collators, front desk greeters, reception desk assistants, flu shot and AARP tax people, senior senators and board of trustee members, those who pitch in for clean ups, activity facilitators and all the rest. Our prayers for you are our show of gratitude for your precious hours. Thank you so much.

## **MERCY'S WISH LIST**

So many of you have generously donated items for which we are VERY grateful. We've received coffee, dish detergent, paper & plastic products, etc., etc. As with everyone, wishing never ceases. We are in need of a pencil sharpener for the art room along with other dispensible items. Thank you all in advance for thinking of us as you hit the sales and great buys.

## IT'S TRAVEL TIME

We all like to sit back and relax as we enjoy the fun and beauty of travel. But, there are certain rules that are necessary to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time. Please refer to this list of criteria for all of our travelers.

1. Reservations for any trip, whether it be by van, bus or horseback, **MUST** be accompanied by payment in full or deposit for extended trips. No phone reservations will be accepted. In case of a waiting list, payments need not be made until you are called for an opening.
2. Cancellations will be accepted until 3 weeks before the trip's departure (in some cases, terms of cancellation are determined by the tour company). If we can fill your spot, we shall do our best to refund your money. Travel insurance should be a major consideration for long term trips. Again, refund policies are set by the travel company.
3. PROPER ID is required for any trip. It is a federal law, whether you are traveling in or out of the country, to present ID when asked. Casinos are required by law to not issue any bonuses without it. They are accountable for any funds issued to their patrons and must show proof that those patrons did indeed accept those bonuses. On a practical level, if an emergency were to occur, responders need to be able to identify everyone. **DO NOT** depend on spouse or friend as they also may be incapacitated. Remember, this includes government photo ID within the U.S. and passport required. Bus drivers will not board anyone on trips beyond the U.S. without proper ID. Don't leave home without it. Carrying insurance cards is highly suggested.
4. Protocol for boarding the bus. The Mercy Hilltop Center has adopted a method that is fair for our travelers. Everyone must wait in the lobby area until their names are called. Please sign in. Boarding begins in the order you signed up for the trip. If a friend signed up later, the first person may hold seat for their travel mate. Being on time is your responsibility. If you are delayed, please call the Center. We will do what can to hold the bus for a reasonable time.

Travel is a great way to enjoy each other as well as the destinations. We know that these simple rules will insure a pleasurable time. Please ask any staff member for details on issues. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

## PARKING IN THE PARKING LOT

Just an annual reminder now that we can see the lines in our lot, please be aware of keeping your car between the lines and not over. Some days, availability is limited and this assures more space. **HANDICAP** parking is available on the circle in front of the motherhouse, but, pay attention to the signs. If all else fails, a staff member will park your car if you pull up in front and notify the front desk immediately. There is **NO** parking in the Terrace apartment lot or on the driveway going to the back of the property. Thanks for your cooperation.

