

OASC News and Notes



The Oconomowoc Area Senior Center is the go-to place providing educational, recreational, social, and wellness opportunities for seniors.



Notes From President Ginni Hicks

Welcome to 2026 at the OASC--a new year filled with dreams, hopes, and possibilities.

Let's begin with thanks for helping make 2025 a successful year at the Center. THANK YOU to our members, volunteers, staff, donors, sponsors, municipalities, community partners, and businesses for your support. With your participation and generosity, we are able to thrive as an independent, nonprofit organization offering educational opportunities, wellness programs, social events, recreation, and travel. Working together allows the OASC to remain a vibrant, welcoming place enriching seniors' lives.

2025 OASC Highlights

- Record membership year. To be exact, 1,021 members, with 64% active and 175 volunteers.
- Growth and engagement in activities. Over 150 activities per month and more than 16,000 visits for the year.
- Enhancing activities and programs. New opportunities abound including chess, international dance, UNO, new travel destinations,

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2, 16 & 30 Chair Yoga

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Chess

2, 16 & 30 International Dance

5 Luncheon

7, 14, 21 & 28 Pickleball

7 & 21 Woodcarving

8, 15, 22, & 29 Beginner Ping-Pong

9 Movie & Lunch

12, 19 & 26 Great Tours - Italy

13 Craft Class - 3 D Valentine

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22 Meet & Greet

23 Coffee & Chat

23 Food & Nutrition -Maple Syrup



International Dance 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays 11:30 am

International Dance is a fun and lively way to stay active, socialize, and explore cultures from around the world! Dance supports cardiovascular health, balance, and coordination. Beyond the physical benefits, it's also a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, make new acquaintances, and share in the joy of music and movement. Whether you're looking to stay active, try something new, or simply have fun, International Dance offers a welcoming, engaging environment that leaves you smiling and energized.

This beginner-friendly class meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday of each month. No prior dance experience is needed—just bring your comfortable shoes! Each session introduces steps from a variety of traditional dances, allowing you to enjoy movement at your own pace while learning about different countries and their rich cultural traditions. We hope you'll drop in and give it a try!



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Returns To OASC By Appointment Only

The OASC is pleased to announce that free tax help for your 2025 tax return will again be available at our Center's location.

Beginning January 2, you may schedule an appointment to have your taxes prepared at no charge. Appointments will be available on Tuesdays and the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month beginning February 3.

Look for more details on page 6 of this newsletter. You may pick up the forms at the Center to be completed before your appointment.



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AARP

By Steve Hanneman

MEETING: AARP does not hold meetings December through March.

Membership in AARP keeps you informed about many issues that impact Americans 65 and older. The following is excerpted from the October-November AARP Magazine and concerns AARP's continuing effort to protect Social Security and Medicare:

In July 2001 AARP's volunteer advocates visited every member of Congress and delivered each a layer cake with one slice missing. The cake represented Medicare's birthday and the missing slice represented the missing prescription benefits, a vital part of any health program. Two years later, in large part due to AARP's advocacy, Congress passed the Part D prescription drug benefit.

Throughout AARP's 67-year history it has worked with every presidential administration regardless of party to strengthen Medicare and Social Security, two programs Americans count on to live a stable and dignified life in retirement. AARP members today are concerned about the future of Social Security and Medicare, and relay those concerns to AARP which is a loud voice for every American over the age of 50. Earlier this year the Social Security Administration threatened to end telephone service for some types of claims. AARP pushed back and the SSA announced that it would continue to handle telephone claims as before. Hold times are still longer than desirable which is a problem AARP is urging Congress to address.

As an AARP member, you are supporting the crucial work through your membership dues. However, if you would like, you can do more to help. AARP invites you to visit aarp.org/ProtectThem. You can send an email on these issues to your congressional representatives and opt in to be notified of future ways to get involved.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are a national AARP member, you can join the local chapter for \$5 a year. Why not join now and share the excitement of shaping the years ahead!

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for ads and articles for the January 2026 OASC News and Notes is December 10.



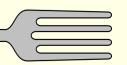


Monthly Luncheon Monday, January 5 12 Noon Lunch

The monthly luncheon will be held on Monday, January 5. The menu will be garden salad with French and ranch dressings, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and a mixed vegetable blend. Desserts will be donated by members.

Josh Quinn will be our entertainment. Best of Milwaukee voted Josh Southeast Wisconsin #1 Oldies Solo Vocalist. He sings Frank Sinatra and the 60's. Dance and sing along to the songs of yesterday.

Reservations are due by noon on **Wednesday**, **December 31**. A maximum of 144 reservations is accepted and a wait list will be generated for all reservations beyond 144. You must cancel reservations by noon on **Wednesday**, **December 31**, to avoid paying for the lunch.



The luncheon cost is \$14 for members and \$19 for non-members. If payment is by check, <u>please</u> <u>write it out prior</u> to the luncheon to help eliminate crowding at the check-in table. Credit cards are also accepted; a 3% convenience fee will be added if paying by credit card.

Arrive early to avoid a long check-in line. You can renew your membership for 2026, sign up for the February luncheon and purchase both travel and 50/50 raffle tickets plus gift cards. In addition, a nurse will be available to check your blood pressure before lunch.



















Movie & Lunch Friday, January 9 Arrive 11:15 am

Thursday Murder Club

Four irrepressible retirees spend their time solving bold case murders for fun, but their casual sleuthing takes a thrilling turn when they find themselves with a real whodunit on their hands.

Cast: Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, Ben Kingsley

Genre: Comedy, Crime, Mystery

1 Hour 58 Minutes, PG-13

Note: Lunch begins at 11:15 am with the movie starting at 11:30 am. **A \$10 fee** includes a Cousins sub sandwich or salad, bag of chips, and beverage.

* There is an attendance limit of 24 for the showing of each movie. Reservations are necessary by noon the day previous to the movie date.

Travelin' Troupe Entry Form Chance to Win a \$25 Travel Gift Certificate Entry Deadline: January 31

Name	
Address	
City	State ZIP
Telephone	
E-Mail (optional)	

Drop off the entry form at the Center's volunteer desk or mail to OASC-Travelin' Troupe, 210 S.

Main Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

One winner will be drawn at the February 2 luncheon, but you do not need to be present to win. Only **one** entry per person; multiple entries will be **disqualified**.



Health & Wellness Advance Directives Thursday, January 15 2:30 pm

This presentation will help you to understand Advance Health Care Directives. Information will include promoting the benefits of planning, encouraging meaningful conversations, and protecting health care wishes.

Our presenter will be Laura Bruce, CSW, NHA, Director of Bereavement and Volunteer Services Commonheart.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer.



Great Tours: A Guide to Essential Italy

Mondays, January 12 - March 30 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join your fellow armchair travelers as we explore *Essential Italy*. Our journey takes us to Italy's three crown jewels—Rome, Florence, and Venice. Additional stops will be made in the areas of Pompeii, Arezzo, Perugia, Assisi, Siena, and San Gimignano.

In Rome, the legacy of the great Roman Empire comes alive through its monuments, architecture, and enduring history. Traces of this remarkable civilization accompany us throughout our travels, enriching our experience as we move from ancient wonders to the vibrant spirit of modern Italy.



No Meeting in January

The OASC Book Club meets at the Center the first Wednesday of each month; however, the group has decided to take a break this month due to all the holiday activities in December. Carol Gonzales facilitates the discussion.

The book for February will be *All the Lonely People* by Mike Gayle.

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.





New Members

Bob Conley Lisa Conley Mary Ellen Counsell Cathy Deschane Rebecca Eash Sandy Ebben Margie Erdmann Barbara Figi Carol Herzberg Dave Hughlett Dan Jaeger Deb Jaeger Sue Jessen **Judith Landes**

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Winners Drawn at the December Luncheon



Mary Naylor - a free luncheon in January.

Mary Bowden - a free luncheon in January for bringing a guest.

Sue Seeds - \$58 in the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Pat Gartzke - \$58 in the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Dolores Dufenhorst - \$58 in the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Diane Roth - a \$36 gift certificate in the Travelin' Troupe raffle.

Dona Thurow - \$35 gift certificate in the Travelin' Troupe raffle.

Lynn Czech - a \$35 gift certificate in the Travelin' Troupe raffle.

Jeanie Burchardt - a \$25 gift certificate from the Travelin' Troupe November newsletter drawing.

Anna Marie Filipiak and Cindy Burdick - each a \$50 Travelin' Troupe gift certificate by an anonymous donor from the luncheon drawing.



Thanks to the Following Members for the December Luncheon Desserts!

Lois Bottoni Marlene Burkwald Lynn Czech Linda Downer Ionathan Griese Barbara Howland Sandy Jarrett Jeanne Leitl Pat Mikula Lois Moosreiner

Jim Nehls Cindy Presti Sue Schroeder Carol Schuett Alyse Schultz Judy Smith Joy Swain Terry Williams Cynthia Wittnebel

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Wendy Anderson Barb Baker Dorothy Duchow Leann Eichelman Betsy Gukich Ursula Huth Kim Leppin Chris and Diana Matthews **James and June Perkins** Pat Porter Claire Sedushak Don and Joy Swain Tom and Arlene Ziety

We appreciate all donations large and small. Donations to the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center are tax deductible as allowed by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and depend on the generous donations of our members and supporters.



Tech with Kate Wednesday, January 14 & 28 9 am - Noon

Receive specialized tips and troubleshooting on your device! Bring your phone, tablet, e-reader, or other device and all of your questions. Kate will be here to provide one-on-one assistance and answer your tech questions.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 to schedule your 30-minute appointment with Kate.



Gift Card Shopping At the Center

The Oconomowoc Area Senior Center carries many gift cards from local and nearby businesses. A small percentage is received with each card purchased which varies by the merchant.

We carry gas, fast food, and department store gift cards to name a few. Stop in to check for availability or place an order. If you prefer, you may call the office at 262.567.4288.



Craft Class Valentine Boxes and Card Tuesday, January 13 1 pm - \$5

Come and enjoy crafting at its best! Learn to make three 3D paper projects that will be prepped and ready to assemble. Make two treat holders and one stand up column card for that special Valentine in your life.

Join us for this creative class; Sandy Jarrett will be the facilitator.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288. Limit 8 participants.



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide By Appointment Only

Beginning January 2, you may schedule an appointment to have your taxes prepared at no charge. How can you make an appointment?

- Stop in at the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center,
- Go online and register through our website www.OconomowocSeniors.org, or
- Call 262.567.4288 Monday Friday, 9:30 am -3:30 pm.

Once you have received the email for your scheduled appointment, you will be provided instructions to prepare for your appointment.

You will need to bring:

- Your 2024 tax return and related papers.
- Your 2025 tax information.
- Picture ID and Social Security card.
- Completed Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet (available at the OASC or online).
- Your spouse married couples are required to come together.

Call early! We always fill up!



February 2 - Luncheon

February 10 - Craft Class - Paper Snowflakes

February 16 - Topic of the Month - Drones

February 19 - Health & Wellness - Heart Health

February 27 - Food and Nutrition

March 2 - Luncheon

March 2 - Soup Sale Fundraiser



Intergenerational Activities Wednesday, January 14 & 28 1 pm

Connect, laugh, and share time across generations as we come together for fun and meaningful experiences.

Join us as we play a game with the students building memories and sparking conversations. This is a chance to learn from one another.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.



Share your Spark & Passion

Help shape our Senior Center! Suggest topics, speakers, trips, activities, or music you'd enjoy. Let's build great experiences together!



Coffee & Chat Friday, January 23 10 am

We're excited to host a **Coffee & Chat** focused on one of the most fun topics—your favorite hobby! This is a casual, welcoming gathering where we can take a break from our daily routines, enjoy some simple refreshments, and share a small snack while diving into what makes our free time special. Whether you paint, garden, knit, play music, hike, or have a hobby no one's ever heard of, we want to hear about it!

This is all about casual **conversation and connections**. There's no formal program—just a relaxed space to talk, laugh, and discover new interests from one another. Bring your stories, your curiosity, and maybe even a little inspiration for someone else to try something new. Let's sip, snack, and chat—because sometimes the best way to spend a morning is learning a little more about the things we love.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.



Food & Nutrition Please Pass the Maple Syrup Friday, January 23

1:30 pm

Learn the process of making pure maple syrup from tapping of the trees to bottling the finished syrup. Please join Matt Yunk as he explains the production of 140 to 160 gallons of syrup each year from Waukesha and Jefferson counties trees.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.

Breakfast Club Friday, January 16 8 am



Join the monthly breakfast group on the third Friday at Café LaBelle for breakfast and socializing with other OASC members. An order-off-the-menu event, you will pay directly at the restaurant.

Call 262.567.4288 or sign up at the office to help reach an accurate count for the reservation.



Chair Yoga Fridays January 2, 16, & 30 1 pm

Join Dianne Thayer for guided chair yoga to improve muscle tone, strength, and balance while seated.

Chair yoga is perfect for all fitness levels, with gentle movements designed to enhance flexibility, reduce stress, and promote overall well-being. A wonderful way to practice yoga!

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.



OASC Fundraiser Gift Cards

Treat yourself, or purchase one for someone special. Purchasing gift cards from the Center helps raise money that can be used for our Center's expenses. Please purchase them at the volunteer desk. Cash, check payable to OASC, or credit cards accepted. There will be a 3% convenience fee on credit card purchases. Please note we can fulfill special orders from many vendors not mentioned below. Call Lyle Phillips at the Center 262.567.4288 for a list of all available gift cards. Pre-orders are appreciated.

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VENDOR	Denominations	OASC %
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%
Amazon	\$25	1.7%
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%
Burger King	\$10	6%
Chili's	\$25	11%
Cousins	\$10	9%
Dairy Queen	\$10	6.5%
Domino's	\$10	8%
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3.5%
Fleet Farm	\$25	3.5%
Great Harvest Bread	\$10, \$25	6%
Kohl's	\$25, \$100	7%
Kroger Co. Stores	\$25, \$50, \$100	4%
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Kwik Trip Grocery Only	·	15%
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VENDOR	Denominations	OASC %
Marcus Theatres	\$25	8%
Marshalls/TJ Maxx/ Home Goods	\$25	7%
McDonald's	\$10	2%
Meijer	\$25, \$50	3%
Menard's	\$25	3%
Noodles & Co.	\$10	8%
Olive Garden	\$25	8%
Panera	\$10, \$25	8%
Papa Murphy's	\$10	8%
Piggly Wiggly	\$25, \$50, \$100	3%
Pizza Hut	\$10	8%
Sendik's	\$25, \$50, \$100	4%
Starbucks	\$10	4.5%
Subway	\$10	4.5%
Taco Bell	\$10	5%
Target	\$25	2.5%
Visa	\$50, \$100	1.25%
Walgreens	\$25	5%
Walmart	\$25, \$50	2.5%
Wendy's	\$10	4%

Ink/Toner Cartridge Recycling



We receive \$2 back per recycled cartridge through Office Depot's Reward Program. Office Depot will accept any brands from any stores. All monies earned will be used to purchase office supplies for the Center.

Give your cartridges to the Desk Volunteer/ Attention Bev Lee. Thanks for helping to protect our environment by keeping cartridges out of landfills!

Great Car Wash Deal

Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Washes 5 Washes on One Card for Only \$36



Support the OASC by purchasing your Kwik Trip car wash cards from us. Keep your car looking its best with this great car wash deal valued at \$50 and able to be used at any Kwik Trip location! Stop in the office and pick one up today for you or someone you know! Tell your friends and neighbors.



Travelin' Troupe



Milwaukee Bucks vs. Toronto Raptors

Fiserv Forum - Milwaukee Sunday, February 22, 2026 - \$119

New Orleans, LA & Memphis, TN Extended Trip

March 14 - 21, 2026 \$1,995 Per Person Double Occupancy \$2,595 Per Person Single Occupancy Wait List

Chicago Tribute Anthology

Memories Theater - Port Washington Saturday, April 18, 2026 Price: \$116

"Night Fever" - The Bee Gees Tribute Memories Theater - Port Washington Saturday, May 30, 2026 - \$115

See registration forms for more details and to sign up. Registration forms for all of our trips are available at OASC or on our website www.OconomowocSeniors.org.



Give the Gift of Travel

Whether for yourself or for others . . . travel is a wonderful gift. It's always fun to get away and do something different . . . whether for the day or for a longer trip. Sign up today. We have several trips available and we appreciate having you with us. Let us do the driving while you sit back and enjoy the ride.



Milwaukee Bucks vs. Toronto Raptors Sunday, February 22, 2026

Come and join us as the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Toronto Raptors at the Fiserv Forum. We have lower level seats (100 level) for this game, and after the game join us in a group photo at center court! Lunch at Saz's before the game. Sign up before tickets are sold. Come see what the Fiserv Forum is all about.

Christmas in the Dells





MSO Holiday Pops Concert





Community Calendar



- Senior Meal Gathering Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, Oconomowoc Area Senior Center, 210 S Main Street. Registration required limited seating. Donations are welcome. Call 262.567.4288 for more information.
- Fish Fry Friday, January 9, 4:30-7:00 pm at St. Jerome Parish Cafeteria, 1001 S. Silver Lake Street. Sponsored by Oconomowoc Knights of Columbus. AYCE served buffet with baked and fried cod. Adults \$15; Ages 4-11 \$5; Under 4 free. There is an extra charge for desserts, beer, and soda. Carry-outs are also \$15. Call ahead, 262.569.3032 or stop in.
- Daybreak: The Music & Passion of Barry Manilow Saturday, January 10, 7 pm at Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 E Forest Street. Join pianist Joe Hite and an eight-piece ensemble as they bring to life timeless classics. Tickets: \$39 Regular, \$34 Senior (60+) & Military, \$33 Group (10+), and \$18 Youth (6-19).
- Indoor Farmers' Market Sunday, January 11 & 25, 10 am 2 pm. Dockhounds are the hosts inside Wisconsin Brewing Company Park featuring everything from fresh produce, baked goods, handcrafted items, boutique products, and more. Admission is free.
- Chili Fest 2026 Saturday, January 31, 11 am 3 pm. Enjoy a day in Downtown Oconomowoc spicing things up during this cold and quiet time of year by tasting chili recipes and signature drinks at various local businesses. Sign the kids up for the treasure hunt so they can join the fun, too!



OASC Policy

For the safety of all members, our facility is smoke-free, tobacco-free, and alcohol-free. Firearms are prohibited in the Center.

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beginning ping pong and line dance, indoor pickleball, health and wellness programs, food and nutrition presentations, and many more.

- Newsletter, website & social media. Each month, members are informed and connected through hours of volunteer time by our media teams who create and manage all three avenues.
- Community connections. Continued outreach into our communities through trade shows, farm markets, chamber activities, Oconomowoc High School students and other organizations letting the entire area know the OASC is the place to be.

Walking into the Center and hearing the laughter and conversations, we are reminded of the warmth, friendliness, and vibrancy that is the OASC. It is so much more than a building. It is a community filled with camaraderie, friendships, and movement as seniors resound with energy and engagement. Perhaps this is the year you take that first step into the Center or expand your current repertoire and consider:

- Trying a new activity or wellness class
- Attending a presentation or social event
- Bringing a friend to the Center
- Traveling with us on a trip
- Or volunteering your time and talents

Every individual who chooses to participate in the programming, along with every visit to the Center, strengthens our community. If you ever need a gentle push and encouragement, give the desk volunteer a call, 262.567.4288. We would love to welcome you!

And the Future?

In September 2025, a Strategic Planning Committee was appointed to review our current plan and help guide the future of the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center through developing a current vision statement, goals, and action plans. While much work remains ahead, we are grateful for the members' dedication and realize the importance of the role this process will play in shaping the future of the OASC. Just as important is that we need to know and understand your perspective. What do you see is in the future of the Center? Please email your thoughts or call Ginni at 414.640.8080. Let's have a conversation!

As we begin a new year together, we wish you good health, joy, friendship, and many new adventures. Stay young, stay active, stay healthy, stay connected, and stay alive! Ginni





2026 Forward Movement

2026 begins and once again we make those resolutions. There are many opportunities for starting or staying on the road keeping our bodies strong, flexible, and moving!

Walking - start the day right with Jacquelyn Day as she sets the pace Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Tai Chi - join Dr. Tai as he teaches Tai Chi and Qigong on Tuesdays at 10:30 am focusing on balance, strength, and calm movement.

Low-Impact - join Carol Malaney, retired OT, every Wednesday in a class designed for all fitness levels.

Chair Yoga - join instructor Dianne Thayer on the first, third, and fifth Fridays helping to build flexibility and strength while finding your zen.

Stretch Class - join Dr. Chris from Monarch Chiropractic on January 16 and 30 at 9:30 am for gentle stretching and mobility.

And, however you look at it, dancing is pure fun!

Line Dancing - join Trish Sargent and Linda Seifert every Thursday teaching both beginning and intermediate classes.

International Dance - join Chris and Diana Matthews leading the lines and circles set to music from all over the world.

The resolution is simple. MOVE and stay active!



Meet & Greet Thursday, January 22 10 am

Welcome to the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center! Whether you are a new member, returning member, or thinking about joining, we hope to see you there! You will learn about the many activities we offer and have an opportunity to talk to some of our current Board members. They'll be happy to answer any questions.

Please stop in the office to sign up or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 to let us know you'll be attending.

Antique & Modern Jewelry Presentation Monday, January 19 1 pm



Barnes Diamonds & Designs is proud to be one of the largest family-owned jewelry store in the Lake County Area. With 50 years in the jewelry trade, Certified Gemologist and Appraiser John Barnes, Sr. will guide us through an engaging presentation on the history of jewelry—from timeless antiques to today's designs. Come join us, sit back, and enjoy the journey.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262,567,4288.



As The

Page Turns . . .

A very special thank you goes to our outgoing *News & Notes* Editor **Mary Ann Schram** who has created, written, and edited our monthly newsletter for the past three years. Her calm, easy-going manner and steady dedication have kept our members informed, connected, and in the know. You will be missed!

At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to our new Editor **Linda Sallmann**. We're excited to see her creativity take flight as she steps in and carries on the great work of keeping *News & Notes* fresh, engaging, and informative.

And finally, a big thank you to all of our proofreaders who help make this a seamless operation. Many hours go into each issue to ensure that our **1,000 members** receive the information they need to stay informed, pursue their passions, and sign up for what interests them. In short, the newsletter helps all of us stay active, involved, and connected!

Emergency Closings



The Senior Center's policy is that if the Oconomowoc School District closes due to inclement weather, the Center also closes. There may also be circumstances and times when it is decided to close the Center even when schools remain open.

Please check to see if we will be closed with WTMJ Ch 4, FOX 6, WISN Ch 12, and WTKM radio. There will be an email notification to those members who have provided email addresses. You can also check our website www.OconomowocSeniors.org or the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center Facebook page.

Blood Pressure Check



A nurse is available every Monday, 11-11:30 am, to take blood pressure readings. This is also available upstairs at the luncheons. No fee.

Chess Club Fridays in January 1 pm

Love chess? Join us for a fun and friendly game. All skill levels welcome!

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.

Need a ride? Snowy roads? Just want to be at the OASC? Silver Streak to the rescue!

The county pays for half and we pay the rest for Silver Streak to bring you here and take you back home. Check it out! Call 262.567.4288 for more details. Come and have fun!



Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sends cards to cheer members who are experiencing difficulties such as serious health issues or the loss of a spouse or loved one.

Please contact Kathy Hamilton through email at coordinator@oconomowocseniors.org or call the office at 262.567.4288 to suggest some sunshine be sent.

UNO Card Game Thursdays, January 15 & 29 10 am

Join us to play the fun and exciting game of UNO - full of wild cards, surprise twists, and lots of laughs!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome.

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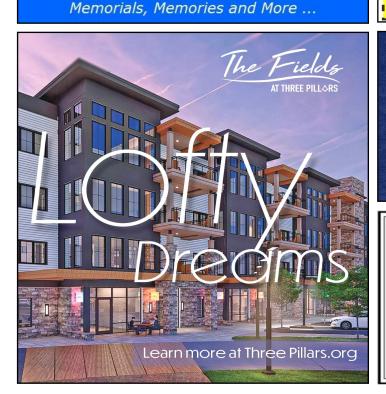






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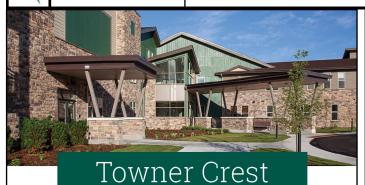
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Bags (Cornhole) - 2nd & 4th Fridays, 9 am.

Bingo - Senior Center members only! - 1st & 3rd Fridays, 1 pm.

Bunco - Tuesdays, 12:30 pm. Fun dice game.

Chess - Fridays, 1 pm

Cribbage - Tuesdays, 10 am.

Dartball - Tuesdays, 9:30 am.

Euchre - Tuesdays, 2:15 pm & Saturdays, 1 pm.

Farkle/10,000 - Thursdays, 10:30 am. Fun dice game.

Five Crowns - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays, 10 am. Rummy-style card game.

Hand and Foot - Mondays, l pm. A game played like Canasta - only on steroids.

Intergenerational Activity - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 pm.

Mah-Jongg - Thursdays, 1 pm. Beginner and Intermediate.

Mexican Train Dominoes - 3rd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 pm.

Ping-Pong - Mondays & Thursdays, 9 am.

Beginner - Thursdays, 11:15 am.

Poker - Fridays, 9 am.

Pool - Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am.

Scrabble - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays, 1:30 pm.

Sequence - Sundays, 1 pm.

Sheepshead - Mondays, 9 am & Wednesdays, 11:30 am.

Sorry! Board Game - Fridays, 10 am.

UNO - 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays, 10 am.

ACTIVITIES

Book Club - 1st Wednesday, 10:30 am.

Breakfast Club - 3rd Friday, 8 am, Café LaBelle at Shorehaven.

Luncheon - 1st Monday of month at 12 Noon.

Movie & Lunch - 2nd Friday, 11:15 am. Current movie with lunch for \$10. Registration is required.

Music Makers - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 pm. Bring an instrument, your voice, or a listening ear.

ACTIVITIES (con't)

Pickleball - Wednesdays, 10 am, Crosspoint Community Church gym.

Spanish Conversation - Wednesdays, 2 pm.

Walking Club - Wednesdays & Saturdays, 8:30 am, upstairs in the Clubhouse. Get those steps in!

CLASSES

Basket Weaving - Some months throughout the year. Learn how to make a basket. There is a charge for the materials. **Registration is required.**

Card Making - 1st Wednesday, 1 pm. \$6 fee per class. Registration is required.

Chair Yoga - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays, 1 pm.

Craft Class - 2nd Tuesday, 1 pm. There may be a fee. **Registration is required**.

International Dance - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays, 11:30 am.

Knitting/Crocheting Class - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays, 1 pm. Relax, socialize, and learn the craft.

Line Dancing -

<u>Advanced Beginner</u> class is Thursdays, 12:30 pm, \$2 fee per class for members.

<u>Beginner</u> class is Thursdays, 1:15 pm. \$1 fee per class for members.

Low-Impact Exercise - Wednesdays, 9:15 am.

Stretch Class - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays, 9:30 am. No Class January 2.

Tai Chi & Qigong - Tuesdays, 10:30 am. \$5 fee per class.

Tech With Kate - Wednesday mornings by appointment.

Ukulele & Strings - 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 1 pm.

Woodcarving - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9 am. Bring your tools.



PLEASE NOTE: If you are a current member of the OASC, you can attend most activities free! **Nonmembers are charged \$5 to attend.**

For more information on any of the games, activities, and classes, please call the Senior Center at 262.567.4288.

OASC Membership Dues \$25/Calendar Year

OASC CALENDAR - JANUARY 2026



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