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The Welcome Hand

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Encouraging Powerful Aging in Vallejo, California Mission: To foster and promote educational, physical, social, spiritual and recreational programs and services to those 50 PLUS!

Monthly Dinner

70s Disco Dinner and Dance Party

Grab your bell bottoms and get in the disco mood! We'll be groovin' and shakin'!

Friday, January 26, 2024 Doors open at 4:30 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm \$12 members, \$20 non-members

Menu: Chow Mein, Spicy & Salty Chicken (mild), Sweet 'n Sour Pork, Salad, Dessert and Beverage

Appetizer: Cheese Fondue Vegan/Vegetarian Option: TBA

Entertainment: Auxiliary Experience

Black History Month Dinner

Friday, Feb. 23

Doors open at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm

Menu: TBA Program: TBA

Price Increase for 2024

Due to rising costs, we will increase tickets for non-members to \$20.00. Members stay the same.

We will be closed on Mon., Jan. 15 to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.







Save The Dates

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AARP Taxes

We are happy to announce that AARP Tax Preparation Team will be here at the Center again. Make your tax appointment starting Monday, Jan. 29 by calling the Center at (707) 643-1044 ext. 10.

Due to the number of calls, please **DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE**. Please call back.

Tax preparation will start on Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Wednesday, April 10 and their hours are: 9 am—3 pm.

Executive Director's Corner

Dear Active Adults of the Florence Douglas Center,

Happy New Year!

I want to thank everyone who helped, participated and was part of the Center during 2023. We made it a successful year, thanks to you all.

We start the New Year with many new classes and seminars added to the menu of activities to support you on your journey of encouraging powerful aging at the Center. If you want to see a class or seminar added to the menu of cctivities, stop by Participant Services and we'll add it to the interest list.

Grey skies are going to clear up so put on a happy face. Remember the song sung by Dick Van Dyke, I do. I happened to stumble upon his 98th Birthday Celebration on TV. He is an icon and I remember so many of his shows and the reruns shall for ever live on.

Remember the winter blues with the grey skies and less light during the winter months can affect us. Do the following things: go outdoors, go for walk, call family and friends, or even come to the Center for some cheering up to shake off the winter blues. If it seems to linger, check in with your doctor.

Our Annual Gala is coming up this year on Saturday, April 20. Check out the donation form and information on page 4.

I look forward to seeing you around the Center in the

New Year!

Good things,

Peter Wilson Executive Director

Happy New Year

Caring & Sharing

"Because growing older ain't easy!"

Fridays from 9:30—11:00 am, Computer Room

Discussion Topics:

Adapting to change, living a safe, healthy and fulfilling life, coping with loneliness, loss, depression and illness, creating a caring support network.

Solano County residents age 60 & over are welcome! No cost, but donations are appreciated. Call (707) 643-1044 to register. Facilitated by Faith in Action.

Support Groups

Caregivers Support Group — Due to COVID-19, support group is currently meeting on Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10:30-12:30. Call the Center for more information.

Grief Support Group—Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1pm—3 pm in the Computer Room. This Grief Support group will combine in a safe space, the ability for participants to share and express feelings about loss while prompted to create a project that reminds them of their healing and their loved one. Processing grief through your mind, your body and your creativity. Projects will vary: collage, journal creation, memory boxes, rock painting, and vision boards. Please sign-up at Participant Services or call the Center at:

707-643-1044 x 10

Instructor: Ellen Creighton



Bingo

WEDNESDAY 1 pm to 4 pm FRIDAY 9 am to 12 pm

We invite you back and bring your family and friends! Join us!

Open to the public - 18 years of age and older. Buyin 1 pack (6 on) from \$10 on. We play 15 regular games and 2 specials. We have drawings and door prizes, smoke-free environment, and snack bar. State-of-the-art equipment!

Erin's Office Hours

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 9 am -11 am Visit with Solano County Supervisor Erin Hannigan and Team Hannigan during office hours.

Shoe Fit Event

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 9 am—12 noon in the Rec Rm. If you signed up by Fri., Dec. 15, you will be contacted. If you didn't sign up, you can for the next Shoe Fit Event.

Sutter Health and Supervisor Erin Hannigan are sponsoring complimentary pair of shoes. Their goal is to encourage participants to start walking which has great benefits.



Wednesday Craft Day

WEDNESDAY, 9 am-11 am

Quilting, knitting and adult coloring. Learn a new skill and make new friends! \$1 donation.

New classes on Wednesday:

Calligraphy and Acrylic Painting—see page 7

Transportation Providers

Solano Mobility Call Center

One stop shop for all transit/mobility programs and services in Solano County providing information and travel trip planning. Friendly, trained, local staff available to take your call.

Please call 800-535-6883 to schedule your appointment.

GoGo Grandparent

Want to use Uber or Lyft, but don't have a smartphone? GoGo Grandparent helps older adults maintain their independence by accessing on-demand services like Uber & Lyft with a simple phone call (no smartphone required). Registering is easy and allows access to 24/7 operator assistance, the ability to set up automatic rides for fixed medical appointments and keep family members informed with updates. For more information, call Solano Mobility at: 800-535-6883.

ADA Paratransit

SolTrans ADA Paratransit bus service is available to qualified, certified persons with disabilities unable to board a regular SolTrans fixed route bus, access a SolTrans bus stop, or otherwise navigate the regular fixed route bus system due to a disabling condition as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ADA Assessment at the Center on Thursdays, from 9:30 to 1:00 pm. Call 707-541-7184 to make an appointment.

Vallejo Senior Roundtable

Monday, Jan. 8, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Room A

Speaker: TBA

District Director for State Senator Bill Dodd, Tom Bartee; Executive Director at FDC, Peter Wilson and Michael Turrini, Secretary are the coordinators of the Senior Roundtable.



Meals on Wheels Lunch



Come and enjoy a well-balanced meal in the company of others. Lunch is served from 11:30 am-12:30. Meals on Wheels feed from the heart and it's more than just a meal!

Call 48 hours in advance Phone 1-800-788-5114 or 707-425-0638 ext. 2 Voluntary contribution \$4.00, Guest under 60 years \$7.00

To get home delivery, call 48 hours in advance to make reservations.
(707) 425-0638 ext. 2

Lunchtime Entertainment : 1st and 3rd Monday: ULOV (Ukulele Lovers of Vallejo), 11:45 am—12:45 pm

Travel

JOIN US In 2024 FOR FUN DAY TRIPS!

Join us for an exciting update on upcoming trips and outings with Geri Spearman on Tue., Jan 30, 1:00 pm in the Carl Manner Room. Bring your ideas of places you want to travel.

Please RSVP to reserve your seat by calling the Center 707-643-1044 ext 10 or by stopping by Participant Services.

Travel Department (707) 643-1044 ext. 15 Mon-Thu 9:00 am—2:00 pm, Fri-closed

<u>Suggestions for Day Trips and overnights are always</u> welcome!



Here are the things we always need to serve our members and participants. For those who shop online we created a list on Amazon which can be found on our website fdcvallejo.org. If you don't shop on

Amazon and are headed out to go shopping, here's a few things to add to your list, if you are able. Let us know you are dropping the items off at the Center and we will meet you at your car. Thank you for your support!

Rolls of Paper towels Postage Stamps Folgers Coffee Sugar/Creamer Kleenex

Copy Paper—8.5 x 11 and 11 x 17 Batteries—AA, AAA, D and C

Soda - Coke, Pepsi, Diet Soda, 7up, Dr Pepper Clorox Wipes

Gift Cards: Costco, Smart & Final & Visa



"Soiree" Dinner & Auction

a fundraiser to support the Florence Douglas Center

Tell your friends, family, and coworkers about this event it is sure to sell out fast.

This year's theme is "**Soiree**". A soiree is a fancy evening affair that comes from the French word for "evening". Festivities include dinner, music, raffles, a grand silent auction, and an exciting live auction. The auctions will feature items donated by local supporters exclusively for this event. The goal of the annual event is to bring the community together to raise much-needed funds for the Center's programs & operations.

Saturday, April 20, 2024, Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets: General Public \$100
FDC Members: \$65 (early bird discount from 1/8-1/31)
After 1/31, \$75
Ticket Inclusive of Food & Beverages
Soiree Attire Encouraged – Purchase Your Tickets on January 8, 2024
Call 707-643-1044 ext. 10 or come by the Center

Your support through donations makes the Soiree auction a success.

Donate a themed basket for the Auction

We are looking for a wide array of contributions, such as weekend getaways, VIP experiences, spa packages, jewelry, artwork, gift certificates to your favorite store or restaurant, gift baskets, or any other ideas you may have for an auction.

Please include the auction donation form with your donation. Thank you for your support!

Name:			
Attendees:			
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Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Tickets FDC Members: \$65 (early bird discount 1/8-	1/31), \$75 after 1/31	
General Admission: \$100			
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☐ Check enclosed, please m	nake check payable to:	Vallejo Senior Citi	zens Council, Inc.

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New Member-At-Large Velma Smith



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Deborah Young-Hurt

Board of Directors Committees

Join us on a committee of the Board of Directors to support the Center:

Bingo Committee: Open - Chairperson; members include Shelagh McKinney, Ann Stevens, Jan Janik, Lynn Winter, Beth Danahy, Peter Wilson.

Fundraising Committee: Peter Wilson - Chairperson; members include all Board members plus volunteers.

Membership & Outreach Committee: Members include Deborah Oldham, and Rosalie Reed. Ethel Singleton and Phyllis Briceno are members of the Membership Committee only.

Strategic Planning: Peter Wilson - Chairperson; members include Jan Janik, Lynn Winter.

Sunshine Committee: Members: Delores Lewis and Shirley Charles.

Cookie Decorating Classes

Wed., Jan 10—Mini Cookie Decorating, 9:30-11 am, no fee. Come join the fun to decorate a cookie or two.

Sat., Jan. 13, 10 am—11:30 am in the CM Rm, Fee: Member \$45 per class, Non-member and general public \$55 per class. Wet on wet and layering technique. All decorating supplies are provided. Open to children 12 to 112! Children must be accompanied by a class paying adult and also pay for class. Sign up at Participant Services and pay by check at time of sign up. Make check payable to Woody Cookie Co.

Technology Assistance

Do you have any questions about your iPhone, Android, laptop or tablet?

Young Techies from the Springstowne Library can help you one-on-one with your half an hour appointment on the last **Friday of each month.** Register at Participant Services or call 707-643-1044 ext. 10.

Thrift Store

Offering a variety of handmade consignment items & gently used women's and men's clothes, jewelry, collectables, art work, household items, small furniture, and more. Hours: Mon-Thu 9:00 AM—2:00 PM, Fri 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Ameriprise Financial Services

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC invites you to a special hybrid event on Tue., Jan. 30, 2 pm– 3pm in-person at the Center and online.

Topic: Retirement
Investing for the life you've earned:
Today & Tomorrow

Join your host Mark Anthony Porter, CRPC, Private Wealth Advisor with Ameriprise Financial. Please reserve your spot and request your Webex.com link by Friday, Jan. 26. Space is limited. RSVP by calling Robinn Meneses at 415-288-7320 or email robbinn.meneses@ampf.com.

Jazzercise Lo Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:15-11:15 am, A & B Room

The fun Jazzercise program (going strong for 50+ years) for Seniors or for those who would like a fun workout with modifications. Jazzercise is designed to improve balance, strength and flexibility. Class formats vary to include cardio and strength exercises. Price update as of 3/1/23:

1 class \$6 walk-in; month \$69 (unlimited classes) expires every month.

Option at 20% discount:

10 classes for \$48, 20 classes for \$96.

Instructor: Leonor Olbera

Tai Chi Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am—9:45 am \$5 per class, \$20 per month, A Room

Tai Chi consists of a series of slow, graceful movements that bring your body, mind, and spirit together to enhance your well-being. Hundreds of seniors have benefited from this ancient practice. This is a student-led group. First lesson is complimentary.

Zumba Gold Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30 am—12:30 am \$5 per class, B Room

Zumba Gold is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with **low impact dance moves** for active adults. What are the benefits? Tones the entire body, improves coordination, relieves stress, and boosts your heart health. Signup at the Front Desk.

Instructor: Irene Gopez.

Soul Line Dancing Mondays, 3 pm to 4 pm \$5 per class, A Room

Soul Line Dancing is an easy and energizing way to get some exercise while enjoying some great music and good company. Each dance is a choreographed routine set to music from the latest R&B artists to classic hits of the Motown and funk era, hip-hop, and everything in between.

Instructor: Dawnita Perryman

Beginning Line Dancing Fridays starting Jan. 5 12:30-1:30 in CM Room

Improve your memory, balance, and physical fitness with this exciting low impact activity. Dancing provides a mood-lifting experience while making new friends. Learn dance routines from country to top 40 tunes that makes exercising fun.

Instructor: Lois Butler

Chi-Gong Wednesdays, 11 am—12 noon \$3 per class, CM Room

Chi Gong is the most popular healing practice in the world. Taught not as an exercise, but like a slow, moving, meditative acupressure. Since it energizes when tired, and calms when over-stimulated, it is known for relieving stress, depression, and pain. The senior version is simpler and done partially sitting. Ideal for seniors with chronic conditions! Excellent for balance and posture! Instructor: Barbara Gaea

Laughter Yoga & Brain Fitness 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1-2:30 pm \$5 per month, CM Room

1:00-1:30 pm - Laughter Yoga by Peter Wilson, our Exec. Director. Laughter Yoga helps to change your mood within minutes by releasing certain chemicals from your brain cells called endorphins that makes a person more positive and calm.

1:30-2:30 pm - Brain Fitness by Elizabeth - Brain Fitness helps enhance your memory through mental aerobics using word puzzles, music, reading, creative games, laughter, story telling and various activities.

Join us for this dynamic duo class that will keep you laughing and giving your brain a workout!

Instructors: Peter Wilson & Elizabeth Badua-Smail

Story Telling 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 pm \$5 per month, CM Room

Listen to old folk tales and enjoy a lively and different narration, learn how to tell short stories and also learn the skill of story telling. Sign up at Participant Services. Instructor: Mary Bustamante

YOGA Mondays, 10 am—11 am \$5 per class, , CM Room

As you get older, your flexibility usually decreases, especially if you spend a lot of time sitting, which leads to pain and immobility. Yoga can help reverse this process. Bring your own floor mat and water. Class starts at 10 am sharp, so please be punctual. Pay for class at Participant Services.

Instructor: Asha Allen

Asha is a certified yoga and meditation teacher and has been teaching yoga for over 10 years. She specializes in Yin/Restorative and Vinyasa styles, and her classes are known for their gentle and supportive atmosphere.

New Classes

Have Fun with calligraphy

1st Wednesday of the Month 9:30-11 am, B Room

Come and join Sandi in Calligraphy doing drills and practice strokes leading to building words and phrases. Each lesson will include a simple craft using Calligraphy and will be making a bookmark, weather gram or birthday card. \$25 for materials or you can purchase pen and ink from Amazon or Michael's. Sign up at Participant Services. Instructor Sandi MacFadden

Afro Peruvian Salsa Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 pm CM Room, \$5 per class

Beginning Salsa steps with movements of Afro and Peruvian steps. Sign up at Participant Services. Instructor: Mariella Morales

Hula and Tahitian Dancing Mondays, 6 pm-7pm B Room, \$30 month, \$10 drop in

Come and learn basic steps and dances in Hawaiian and Tahitian. The benefits to Hawaiian and Tahitian dancing are: increase coordination and muscle strength, stamina, energy and joy. Sign up at Participant Ser-

vices. Instructor: Michelle Ganzon-Bonnit & James Bonnit

Pickleball

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am at the Amador Tennis Courts (weather permitting), limit 8 participants, 6 classes:

Member: \$36 /6 classes, drop-in member \$7 Non-members: \$42 /6 classes, drop-in non-member

Introduction to Pickleball for seniors is an exciting paddle sport that provides fitness and fun. This introductory class is a six-week course who are new to this sport. You will learn how to effectively hit the ball, maintain a rally, and know the rules.

Instructor: Millie Pagtanac

Matter of Balance Mondays - Jan. 22 through Mar. 18, No class on Feb. 19, 12 noon—2 pm, CM Room, No fee

Do you have concerns about falling? Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Who should attend? Seniors, age 60 and over, who are:

- Concerned about falls
- Interested in improving balance, flexibility & strength
- ➤ Who haven fallen in the past, and have fear of falling. Sign up by calling Participant Services at 707-643-1044 ext 10. Instructor: Wil Ford

Winter Safety

Wednesdays—January 3, 10, 24 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm (no class on Jan. 17), CM Room, \$5 per session plus materials fee (optional).

Every winter many seniors struggle to stay warm, to have enough to eat, to feed their pets, to travel in adverse conditions and so much more. If you, or someone you care about would like to know more about Winter Safety, please join our 3-session interactive workshop. Sign up at Participant Services.

Instructor Rachel E. Ford, ThM

Healthy Eating on a Budget Thursdays—Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. CM Room, \$5 per session plus materials fee (optional).

Join Rachel in this interactive workshop as we work together to learn and understand that we can eat ALL things in moderation....and discover how to do so, with a little change left in our pocket. Reduce, reuse, recycle is just the beginning! Instructor: Rachel E. Ford, ThM

Basics of Acrylic Painting Wednesdays starting Jan. 17 from 9:30—11 am, Room A, \$5 fee.

Purchase your own acrylic paints and 5x7 or 8x10 canvas. Learn the basic composition, aerial perspective, landscapes and still life. Sign-up at Participant Services. Instructor: Odile Epps

Steppin' Chicago Style With A California Twist

Wednesdays, 6—7:30 pm starting Jan. 3 Cost \$30.00 Per Month / Drop In \$15.00. Room A. Signup at Participant Services.

Chicago Steppin' benefits your body, mind and soul. It is movement for longevity. Steppin' incorporates salsa and soul line dancing. Dance to RnB old school Motown classics and today's music. Dancing is an exceptional way to have fun, socialize and stay in shape or start a new fitness routine. Ladies no partner is required to learn Steppin'

Instructor and Disc Jockey is DJ Steppin Lee James. He has been doing Steppin and Disc Jockey for 20 yrs.

Vision Screening

The Lions Center for the Visually Impaired will be offering free vision screening for seniors, 55 years old and over on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 10 am to1 pm in the CM Room. Call Participant Services to sign up.

For other information on events, activities, excursions, discussion groups, etc.
Call 925-665-8076 (24-hours a day)

Car Donation

When you donate a car or vehicle such as an RV or motorcycle, you will be providing much needed support to the Center. In addition you get a tax deduction! Car Donation Services has been helping charities here in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1990. Pick the **Florence Douglas Center!** IT'S EASY WITH THEIR FRIENDLY STAFF! Call 1 (888) 686-4483 or go online http://www.cardonationservices.com

NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 16 will meet on Tue, Jan. 9, 1:30-3:00 pm. Speaker is Michael Simonini, CHP Officer and topic will be on new driving laws for the year. Everyone is invited to join.

Senior Food Program

The Food Bank of Contra Costa-Solano has a Senior Food Program. Qualifying senior citizens receive free groceries twice per month on 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 at *the Florence Douglas Center*. Requirements: must be 55 yrs old, reside in Contra Costa or Solano County. To apply for the Senior Food Program, please provide the information with copies of documents to verify your age and residence on your first visit to the program. Only one member per household can register. For more information, call 1-855-309-3663.

Bid Whist

Come and learn how to play Bid Whist on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:30—4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Card Games and Clubs

Name	Dues	Day(s) of the Month	Time	Room
Bid Whist	DUES	Monday & Thursday	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	REC
Canasta	DUES	Tuesday	9:30 am-1:00 pm	REC
Pinochle	\$1.00	Friday	9:30 am-1:30 pm	REC
Puzzle Table	N/A	Everyday	9:00 am-4:00 pm	REC
Coin Club	DUES	1st Thursday	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	В
Fifty Plus Club	DUES	2nd & 4th Monday	11:30 am-1:00 pm	В
Napa-Solano Audubon Soc.	DUES	2nd Thu & 4th Wed	7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Α
NARFE	DUES	2nd Tuesday	1:30 pm-3:00 pm	Α
North Bay Rose Soc.	DUES	2nd Sunday	2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Α
Piecemakers Quilting	DUES	1st & 3rd Saturday	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Α
Scrapbooking	DUES	3rd Wednesday	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	СМ
Ukulele Lovers of Vallejo	N/A	1st & 3rd Thursday	6:00 pm-8:30 pm	СМ
Dominoes	N/A	Tuesday	1:30-4:00 pm	Α
Mahjong	DUES	Tuesday	ТВА	R
Mahjong	DUES	Thursday	9:30-1:00 pm	R

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