

SENNETT SENIORS' NEWSLETTER/ April 2023

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What a day to gather together after our "winter break"!

It's with heavy hearts, though, that we extend our sympathy to member Karen Bayus, whose mother **Frances Bayus** died last week, age 100.

There may be other members whose lives would be brightened by a card from us---Kathy too often hears of such things by chance.... Please call **Pat Baran** (@ 315-834-9993) who is ready to send cards of concern, sympathy, or perhaps congratulations to other members when appropriate. It's not necessary for anyone to be in the hospital to appreciate a card of caring.

Today we welcome **Tom Blair** (Sennett Supervisor), **Kate Salisbury** (Sennett Town Clerk), and **Debbie French** (Court Clerk), as special guests again.

And another special welcome, to someone who hasn't joined us before: **today's speaker John Pulos** and his assistant, **Donna**. In addition to their presentation, they have brought books with them today, available for purchase for \$20 cash or check; and John will be on hand for a book-signing for anyone interested.

As we get back into the swing of meetings, here is some information about how things will continue in 2023:

This is a **change**---- We will be celebrating **all members' birthdays** at our June meeting.

New to You table is back. Please remember to take home with you any items you bring which no one else takes today. And remember that book and puzzle exchange will be held at our October meeting, so please save those items for sharing 'til then.

Membership dues--payable in April--will remain @ \$20 per person for members who do not live in Sennett. Sennett residents do not pay dues. Thanks to all who have already paid!

Meal cost, barring unforeseen circumstances, will continue to be \$18 per person, with a new exception due to a revised policy: Cost for members 90 years old and older will be reduced to \$10 per meal.

And speaking of meals, meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, May 17th...@ 11:30, a brunch at the Springside Inn. Cost per meal: \$18 for those under 90 years old. RSVP to Kathy or MaryEllen by May 8th, please.

Wednesday, June 21st (Happy Summer!)...@ 11:30 at Yawger Brook for a picnic meal and our Members' Birthdays Celebration! (We'll try to arrange a day cooler than last year's summer heat!) RSVP by June 12th to Kathy or MaryEllen. Cost per person is \$18 unless you're 90 by then.

*******PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONSULT YOUR GREEN SHEET FOR MTG.**

LOCATIONS AND RSVP DATES!*****

Thanks to all members who made suggestions last year for **trips or other events and activities for the Sennett Seniors**.

Volunteers who have met with Kathy and considered all that information are: Aggie Crothers, Mary Alice VanVlack, Marilyn Robbins, MaryEllen Perry, JoMarie Joly, Joann Richards, Pat Baran, Nancy Pennypacker, Bonnie Ford, and Sue Pele.

More details from this planning committee's meetings will be shared at next month's meeting; but at this point you might be interested to know that, based on the result of last year's questionnaire, plans in the works include possible trips to Oswego, Rochester, Port Byron Eric Canal Heritage Park, and Montezuma Wildlife Refuge.

Additionally, there is a firm date for a trip on the Adirondack Train, to Old Forge: **Friday, September 14th** this Fall, with details not quite finalized.

For now, though, we might be pleased to focus more on bird songs, green grass, the brightness of blooming flowers, and the feel of soothing, soft Spring air, than on autumn leaf colors!

Welcome back, Spring; and welcome back to each other!

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As we all chat and catch up with each other today, just think:

Why English is Hard to Learn (anonymous author)

We'll begin with **box**; the plural is **boxes**,
But the plural of **ox** is **oxen**, not **oxes**,
One fowl is a **goose**, and two are called **geese**,
Yet the plural of **moose** is never called **meese**.

You may find a lone **mouse** or a house full of **mice**;
But the plural of **house** is **houses**, not **hice**.
The plural of **man** is always **men**,
But the plural of **pan** is never **pen**.

If I speak of a **foot**, and you show me two **feet**,
And I give you a **book**, would a pair be a **beek**?
If one is a **tooth** and whole set are **teeth**,
Why shouldn't two **booths** be called **beeth**?

If the singular's **this** and the plural is **these**,
Should the plural of **kiss** be ever called **keese**?

We speak of a **brother** and also of **brethren**,
But though we say **mother**, we never say **methren**.
Then the masculine pronouns are **he**, **his**, and **him**;
But imagine the feminine...**she**, **shis**, and **sh**