

## SENNETT SENIORS NEWSLETTER---MARCH 2024

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In the days of the children's TV program "Howdy Doody" there was a character named Princess Summer Fall Winter Spring—It sort of feels as though she's been in charge of the weather, sprinkling a few days of several seasons randomly throughout recent weeks. Nevertheless, with clocks changed and birds and greenery promising Spring, we're looking forward to seeing each other in person in April, at our first meeting of the year. This is the only newsletter before that April meeting, so hang onto it! Here are the:

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 at The Lodge in Skaneateles.** It would be a sad April Fool's joke to have no meal there...Be assured that we will have a meal -- We just don't have details yet to share. **RSVP and payment are due by April 8** to Kathy or MaryEllen. Current meal cost is \$20 per person, although cost for service veterans and members 90 years old or more will remain at \$10.

**Membership fees** for non-Sennett residents are due in April for 2024; and dues per person are \$20 with exception for veterans and those 90 years and older, who will pay \$10 per person for the year.

If for any reason you're not planning to rejoin Sennett Seniors this year, please let Kathy know now so that she can adjust our membership/attendance list accordingly and avoid needless contact efforts and expenses. Thank you.

The **New to You table** will continue to be a staple at our meetings, sort of a mini-yard sale without requiring the effort of pricing and advertising or of driving somewhere to shop, or of worrying about the weather! All you have to do is remember to take home your items that no one else has removed. Thank you—again.

More thanks to you for referring names to Pat Baran (315-834-9993) if you know members who can't be at our meeting but would like to hear that we miss them, or if something especially nice has happened and they deserve to be congratulated. Pat is especially in need of sympathy cards to send; so, if you have some to contribute, they'd be most welcome.

Two dates beyond our April meeting to note:

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting**, again at **The Lodge @ 11:30**. RSVP and payment will be due to Kathy or MaryEllen by May 6. Meal price continues at \$20 per person, with the usual exceptions. (See April meeting info. above for reminder)

Following our wildly successful sock donations and personal products contributions last year, we're suggesting that this be a "May for Matthew House" meeting if you're inclined to participate. We feel that it's important to stick to the list of needed items requested by Matthew House; and that list will be available at April's meeting. Prices of the items vary, but all on the list would be welcome; and certainly, several members could join in donating one of the more expensive items if that option appears. And contributions are all optional.



**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> trip to CRT** to see the comedy “The Last Romance”, with lunch at the Cortland Hollywood Restaurant. Cost TBA, pending final bus arrangements. Reservations are currently restricted to Sennett Seniors, but will be open to others at the end of May.

In an effort to streamline the checking-in-at-the-table process for each meeting, we’re encouraging mailing of checks to Kathy and MaryEllen both for meal reservations in April and membership dues if they apply. Separate checks help; but just please note the reason for each check on the memo line. It’s important to remember that USPS doesn’t always deliver the mail in two days, so allowing for more time in the mail makes a difference. Thank you.

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From a book of trivia, some things you just might not have heard about this winter (and are surely longing to know!):

Soap was first put into a wrapper in 1851. Before that it was made in loaves which were sliced and weighed much the same as cheese.

In addition to inventing dynamite, Alfred Nobel was also a pioneer of plywood.

Rube Goldberg, famous for his cartoons of crazy inventions, was a sewer engineer for the city of San Francisco.

In 1879, a Proctor and Gamble employee operating a soap-mixing machine forgot to turn it off during lunchtime. The mixture was beaten to a froth so light that the cakes of soap floated around in the kettle. -----  
□ Ivory Soap bars!

J.C.Penney’s middle name was Cash.

Scientifically Treated Petroleum---  
□ STP oil treatment

Posture Foundation sneakers---  
□ P.F. Flyers

Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow--  
□ EPCOT Park

What three animals move their front and hind legs on one side, and then their front and hind legs on the other side when they walk?

What two men who have nothing to do with baseball are in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame, and why?

What three sports can be won going backwards?

Answers: cat, camel, and giraffe;      Abbott and Costello, for their “Who’s on First?” routine;  
rowing, backstroke, and tug of war