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FORUM



NOVEMBER 2017

A Message from Grace

Founders Hall will turn 15 at the end of November. We would not be the dynamic, fun and caring community that we've become without you, the vitality you bring to programs, and the financial support you give to life-long learning. Heartfelt thanks to all of you who responded to our September appeal letter with a donation, and especially to those who gave an additional anniversary gift. If you have not yet responded, send in your donation before the end of the year so that we can include you in our 2017 annual report.

Because of your generous support, there is plenty to do at Founders Hall in the run-up to the holiday season, including seminars, teas and a tournament. For that, we are all grateful!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nov. 1 BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT
- 2 BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT
O.W.L.S.
RVNA Blood Pressure Screen
- 9 BOOK DISCUSSION: The Race for Paris
- 10 TEA: Name that Tune *sponsored by Laurel Ridge Health Care Center*
- 16 TRIP: New York Historical Society
- 17 SEMINAR: American Civil War *sponsored by Union Savings Bank*
- 23-24 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- 28 TRIP: Newport Mansions
- 30 SEMINAR: Unraveling Medicare *sponsored by Union Savings Bank*

SEMINARS

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Friday, Nov. 17, 1 pm

Novelist William McEachern will explain the seige of Petersburg and describe the exciting story of the Union breakthrough that led to the burning of Richmond and the surrender at Appomattox. McEachern's presentation is based on extensive research for his latest novel on the Civil War. His past novels have covered the history of the MacDonald clan from Scotland's Battle of Culloden through the American Revolution.



UNRAVELING MEDICARE

Thursday, Nov. 30, 1 pm *(Note: this is a repeat of the October 20 seminar.)*

Medicare open enrollment runs through December 7th. With that in mind, come learn how a quick review of your Medicare prescription plan by a specially-trained counselor could save you hundreds of dollars and assure that you have complete coverage. Last year, these volunteer counselors saved Ridgefielders over \$46,000 in prescription coverage costs. Medicare counselor John Rosa and Karen Gaudian of Ridgefield Social Services will explain the review process and tell you more about Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, prescription plans, and supplemental coverage.



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M/W/F: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Tu/Th: 8:30 am - 8:30 pm



BILLIARDS DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 1 & 2
10 am - 3 pm
\$8/\$10 NR

Double Elimination
Lunch on Wednesday
Winners' Trophies
Please sign up at front desk.



2016 champs Jack Flannery, Ron Mosiello

Book Discussion



Thursday, Nov. 9, 3 pm
The Race for Paris
by Meg Clayton Wade

facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch of the
Ridgefield Library

New Members

(as of Oct. 10)

Sherrie Ellis
William Frayer
PingPing Hu
Gayle Meador
Depu Tan

Welcome!

TEA



NAME THAT TUNE!
Fri., Nov. 10
2 pm

Can you name that tune? Test
your musical knowledge while
the Senior Melodiers play
snippets of favorite songs.



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Thanksgiving Holiday

Founders Hall will be closed
on Thurs., Nov. 23 and
Fri., Nov. 24



CHRISTMAS TEA
Fri., Dec. 1
2 pm

Get your holiday season
off to a festive start with seasonal
entertainment and treats!



HOLIDAY PARTY
Wed., Dec. 6

Session 1: 3:30 - 5 pm
Session 2: 6 - 7:30 pm

\$10/\$12 NR

Light Fare, Wine

Photos with Santa, Entertainment

Please sign up
by Nov. 18



November at the Movies

Our movies are generously sponsored by **M&T Bank**
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fri **3** **Paris Can Wait** **2 pm**
The wife of a successful movie producer takes a car trip from the south of France to Paris with one of her husband's associates.
2016, *Diane Lane, Alec Baldwin* PG, 113 mins.

mon **6** **Paterson** **2 pm**
A quiet observation of the triumphs and defeats of daily life, along with the poetry evident in its smallest details.
2016, *Adam Driver, Golshifteh Farahani* R, 118 mins.

mon **13** **Frankie and Johnny** **2 pm**
Johnny has just been released from prison and gets a job in a café beside waitress Frankie. Frankie is a bit of a loner, but Johnny is determined their romance will blossom.
1991, *Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer* R, 118 mins.

fri **17** **Bucket List** **3 pm**
Two terminally ill men escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die.
2007, *Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman* PG-13, 97 mins.

mon **20** **Everest** **2 pm**
The story of New Zealand's Robert "Rob" Edwin Hall, who on May 10, 1996, together with Scott Fischer, teamed up on a joint expedition to ascend Mount Everest.
2015, *Jason Clarke, Ang Phula Sherpa* PG-13, 121 mins.

mon **27** **The In-Laws** **2 pm**
On the eve of their children's marriage, NYC in-laws Sheldon Kornpett and Vince Ricardo embark on a series of misadventures involving the CIA, the Treasury Department and Central American dictators.
1979, *Peter Falk, Alan Arkin* PG, 103 mins.

Please note that the movie schedule could change based on availability.

Join Us!

Bingo	Fridays*	1 - 3 pm
Bocce	Tues./Thurs.	9:30 - 11:30 am
Canasta	Thursdays	12:30 - 2:30 pm
Gardeners	Third Friday	1 - 2:30 pm
Mah Jongg	Thursdays	10am - 12 pm
Mexican Train Dominoes	Wednesdays	2:30 - 4:30 pm
Needlework	Thursdays	12 - 1:45 pm
Pinochle	Thursdays	2:30 - 4:30 pm
Quilting	Tuesdays	2 - 4 pm
Rug Hooking	Wednesdays	1:30 - 4 pm
Scrabble	Thursdays	12:45 - 2:45 pm
Walking	Mon./Wed.	8:20 am
Wood Carving	Mondays	1:30 - 4 pm

*except Nov. 10 & 24

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Cathy Sangermano (center) with daughters Ann Hermann and Valerie Cancro



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November 28, 2017

On this Giving Tuesday, we just want to say 'thank you' for the donations you've sent, fundraising events you've supported, time and talent you've volunteered, events you've sponsored, goods you've given, and kindness you've shown all year long. Let's just call it, "Grateful Tuesday!"

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DONORS

Thank you to all our donors from Sept. 11 through Oct. 10, 2017

Response to our September appeal has been terrific! As you know, Founders Hall relies on the people who use it and love it to support it. If you've already donated, thank you. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late. Send in a donation by December 31 so we can gratefully list you among our cherished donors for 2017.

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