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- meeting needs of special populations

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January – March 2017

the Nu Visions Updater



On a Winter's Day

On a Winter's day there was a building in Burnham PA that held a room full of joy-filled

folks, thankful for: the gift of a lovely meal to share with family and friends, top-notch entertainment and a great speaker. What could be more wonderful on such a day?

Our guest speakers were from Vonda Pharmaceuticals and they gave our group a lot of great information on the condition known as NON 24.

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For the last several years we have enjoyed the musical talent of the **Unusual Suspects, but they were not** able to join us as they had before. Instead we were blessed by the beautiful voice of Kenzie McCarter and the lovely piano sounds played by new client Kathy Tatreaux; Kay Groff shared a traditional reading from her braille bible. As always the meal was absolutely delicious. Thank you to the Lions Club, to Kenzie McCarter, to Kathey Tatreaux and to Kay Groff for making this another great celebration.

Check out the pictures of the party in this edition.



Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind Act II, Scene 7 from As You Like It by William Shakespeare (1600)

Blow, blow, thou winter wind. Thou art not so unkind As man's ingratitude; Thy tooth is not so keen, Because thou art not seen, Although thy breath be rude. Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly: Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly: Then, heigh-ho, the holly! This life is most jolly. Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky, That dost not bite so nigh As benefits forgot: Though thou the waters warp, Thy sting is not so sharp As friend remember'd not. Heigh-ho! sing, &c.



FROM KATYE'S DESK:

Wow 2017! Plan, plan, and plan to make 2017a year for happiness to surround you.

Happiness is a state of well-being and contentment; gratitude. First, think of things that make you happy, such as,

listening to music you enjoy, great books you like to hear,

friends with whom you can laugh,

- having people around who care about you and are willing and able to help you,
- a cost of living increase in Social Security, albeit the smallest ever,
- still having Medicare (at least for now) to help with medical costs.

Second, think of ways you can make others happy, such as,

- talking over old times with friends (or making fun new times to talk about next year!)
- visiting folks in nursing homes or in the neighborhood; some you know, others who just need a cheery word or two.
- helping someone learn things you know about, such as knitting, baking, woodworking, mechanics, local history, etc.

Third, find ways to keep in contact with others, such as,

- church activities,
- a local book club or community organization,
- Skyping with friends and family,
- once-a-month meeting with old classmates or other groups at the coffee shop,
- advocate for a cause you believe worthwhile, etc.

Focus on things you still can do and offer to others; not on things you can't do because you are older or have less vision. Look to things ahead not on what lies in the past. It may take a bit of self-examination, but we all have something we can give to encourage others no matter what our current situation.

Welcome 2017 – may we all have a happy new year!

Meetings for Diabetic Support group will begin on March 9,

Life skills on January 26.

Reminder cards will once again be sent out for Life skills meetings as well as information on the Diabetic Support group.

DIABETIC SUPPORT MEETS ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH! CHECK US OUT!

LIFE SKILLS MEETS ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH! CHECK US OUT!

BIRTHDAYS! Melvin Arnold <u>JANUARY</u> Martha Cowan Alice Rothrock Margaret Kenepp 19 Sharon Hesketh 20 Sheryl Krebs 22 A. Frank Leister 30 3 **FEBRUARY** Jennifer Elder 5 Harley Defayette Greg Miller Danny Bell 28 **MARCH** Emma Snyder 8 Jayme Sullyvan 12 Lucas Leitzel 26 Thelma Vaughn Renna Hetrick 27

Terri Flowers

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Life Skills:

• When you receive your reminder card in the mail, keep it handy. If you would like transportation to attend please call the office by the deadline. We meet the last Thursday of each month. We love to hear from you so please CALL US!

<u>Diabetic Support Group:</u>

• Because of the low attendance last year, we discontinued the group until March 2017. We hope that anyone struggling with diabetes will feel comfortable to attend this year. It is a support group, so we may not have a speaker as we would for Life Skills, but we do attempt to get some professional input throughout the year. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Kish Apartment building

REMINDER OF SERVICES

Transportation:

- . If you need transportation, please try to call and schedule at least a week ahead of the appointment.
- If doctor's office has cancelled please remember to call Nuvisions to cancel transportation.

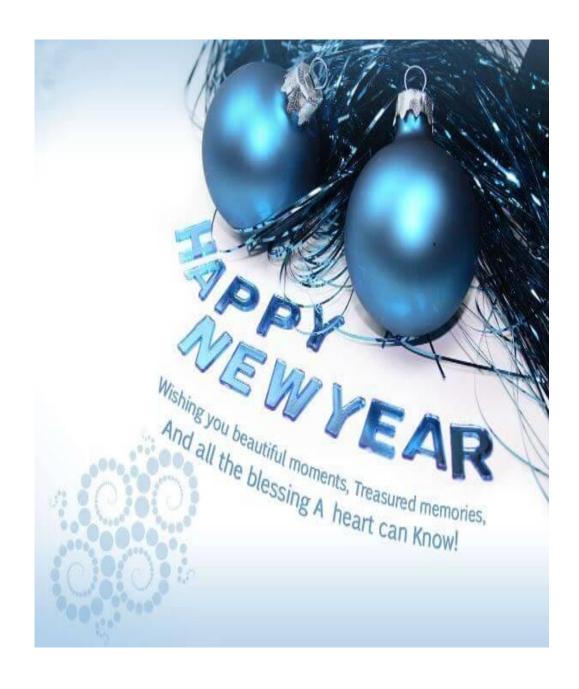
Social Services:

- At the time of annual reviews please have income information for Colette to see (not keep)
- Need help with filling out paperwork, reading mail, labeling household items? Colette can help!

REGARDING MEETINGS- We appreciate it when you call us to say you are planning to attend.

Upcoming office closures:

January 2 – New Year's Day observed February 20 – President's Day















Homemade Rolls

2 cups warm water (not hot)

2 packages of dry yeast

½ cup sugar

2 teaspoons salt

½ c soft or liquid shortening

1 egg beaten

 $6 \frac{1}{2}$ -7 cups of flour



Put warm water in a large mixing bowl. Add yeast, sugar, salt, shortening and beaten egg, and mix well. Add about 4 cups of flour and mix in with a large spoon. Gradually add the rest of the flour and mi by hand till mixture is neither sticky nor dry. Cover and allow to rise till doubled in size. Punch down and make into rolls approximately 1 ½ inches in diameter. Allow to rise again. Bake at 375 F for 15 to 20 minutes. Best served warm. Makes 18 rolls.

Life skills for 2017 dates for meetings:

January 26-Tricks & tips with vision loss

February 23

March 30

April 27

May 25

JUNE 22—THURSDAY ANNUAL PICNIC

July 27

August 31

September 28

October 26

December 14-THURSDAY HOLIDAY LUNCH

Diabetic Support Group starts March 9!

April 13

May 11

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9