

Ephrata Recreation Center's

# GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

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## **Club News:** Message From President Russell Shirker

I can't believe a year has come and gone since I became President of our club. Overall I'm pleased with the year. Looking back you always have thoughts of what can we do to improve our club. We can't just pat ourselves on the back and say nice job. What does a club need to be successful? Members. Attendance is the backbone of having a successful club. Our room is set for 125 members to be seated. We have been close to that number many months but we seem to always fall short. Our July picnic had 139 reservations. Good number and lots of fun. Due to my not looking at the calendar properly I scheduled some vacation for that time and we missed the picnic. Next year we will be attending.

I also think that we have had some exciting programs this past year. Starting with Karl Hausman, "The Piano Man", and Lancaster's, 40 member, Senior Orchestra, Donald Reese with his beautiful slide presentation, and one of my favorites was Ivan Stiles, playing the Dulcimer, Autoharp, Double-bowed Psaltery. Lets hope that you were in attendance when they were here. I know that this coming year the programs will be just as exciting and enjoyable. We are always looking for members input for our programs. All of you see entertainment at times so please don't forget the club when seeing something that may please all of us. As you all know the programs usually come from Vegas or Atlantic City.

I'm still rather concerned that we have not had anybody come forward to be our next vice-president. This club needs to have some offices filled to move into the future. You know how time flies when you are having fun and these months are flying. We have many talented people in our club that can handle this office and others.

In closing I must mention that I enjoy coming to our monthly meetings and talking (telling stories) to people that I don't get to see on a regular basis. Janice and I have made new friends by being active members and learning from all of you. This club gives all of us that opportunity.

### **Snow Cancellation**

If the Ephrata Area School District is closed due to snow or other inclement weather the GYC meeting will be cancelled. If EASD opens late on the morning of the GYC meeting call the Rec (738.1167) for an update.

### **GYC Hospitality**

Please notify Esther Haller if any members need to be remembered because of illness or sympathy. Call Esther at 733.3759.

**Club Meeting Dates    Lunch: 12:00 P.M. Business Meeting: 12:45 P.M.**

**October 7, 2009**

*Greeters:* Hazel Finnefrock & Josie Rutt

*Kitchen Helpers:* Erma Smith, Judy Stevens, Betty Martzall, Viola Hostetter

*Menu:* Chicken Stew, Rolls, Apple Sauce, Red Velvet Cake

*Program:* Mark James ("Mr. Pirate Looks at 50") the Jimmy Buffett cover band will present his extremely popular Margaritaville appearance

**November 3, 2009**

*Greeters:* Earl & Mary Shearer

*Kitchen Helpers:* Ted & Nancy Soistmann, d Don & Mary LeFevre

*Menu:* Turkey Sandwich, Cranberry Relish, Chips, Pumpkin Pie

*Program:* Four P.M. Curfew, a barbershop quartet under the leadership of Steve Surgis

**December 2, 2009**

*Greeters:* Past Presidents

*Kitchen Helpers:* Rochelle Lauver, Judy Stevens, June Horst, Rose Williams

*Menu:* See Page 3

*Program:* Ephrata HS Camerata Choir – Mrs. Jackie Owsinski, Director. The Camerata Choir makes its third annual encore appearance to entertain the Golden Years Club for this special season

**January 6, 2010**

*Greeters:* Harold & Peggy Rupp

*Kitchen Helpers:* June & Abe Shrom, Erdine Hehnly, Wanda Rutt

*Menu:* Beef Bar-B-Que, Macaroni Salad, White Cake

*Program:* Don Lohr will present "The Way it Was" talking about life in the 1930's and 1940's – using actual receipts comparing the costs of good and services of that era to today.

**February 3, 2010**

*Greeters:* Both Ruth Millers

*Kitchen Helpers:* Joan & Jack Neff, Jean & James Brodt

*Menu:* Chicken Corn Soup, Crackers, Red Beet Egg, Cherry Pie

*Program:* A twist on the very popular Barber-shop Quartet appearances. The Women's Barbershop Quartet led by Pastor Gwenn Trout, bass, of the Zion Lutheran Church in Enola.

**March 3, 2010**

*Greeters:* Darlene Fassnacht & Carolyn Hibshman

*Kitchen Helpers:* Charlotte & Bob Galgon, Judy & Kirby Kiick

*Menu:* Chicken Pot Pie, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Tapioca Pudding

*Program:* George Russo will be returning; this time his presentation will be "Juke Box Memories" Girls - wear your Bobby Sox and Poodle Skirts. Guys – if you can – get some pomade for your DA.

## Christmas Party Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me/us at the **Christmas Party 12/2/09**  
Served at The Rec. Cost \$15.00 per person

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by Yoder's Catering Served Buffet Style

Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup, Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Parsley Potatoes, Dried Corn, String Beans, Coffee, Iced Tea, Rolls and Butter, and either Cherry Pie or Carrot Cake

**PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND MAIL OR BRING IN TO REC CENTER OFFICE  
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 25, 2009  
NO LATE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED  
Make Checks Payable To: Ephrata Recreation Center**

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Once again, Mark James ("Mr. Pirate Looks at 50") is back for our October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to entertain the GYC once again. His performance is based on Jimmy Buffett's extremely popular Margaritaville appearances. This past Summer Mark performed with members of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band at Katmandu in Trenton, NJ in June of 2009. Mark is shown here with (from left) Robert Greenidge (steel drums), Michael Utley (piano), Mark James (electric guitar), Doyle Grisham (pedal steel guitar). Bring your flamingos and beach hats.

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At our January 2010 meeting Don Lohr of the Lancaster County Speakers Bureau will present "The Way it Was" talking about life in the 1930's and 1940's – using actual receipts comparing the costs of good and services of that era to today.

Bring along any memorabilia you may have and Don can probably tell you a little about it and what it might cost today.

### GYC Aquatics

#### Aqua Fitness:

Tuesday, Thursday  
8:00 to 9:00 A.M.

#### Open Swim:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00 to 11:00 A.M.

GYC Membership Card must be shown

Entrance to the Rec is given 15 minutes before start times



## MATURE DRIVING COURSES

Two AARP Mature Driving Classes will be held at the Ephrata Recreation Center

**FOUR HOUR REFRESHER course: Monday, October 26th**

**12:30 PM until 4:30 PM**

**(For those who have previously completed the 8-hour course)**

**The initial EIGHT HOUR course: Monday and Tuesday, October 19th & 20th**

**12:30 PM until 4:30 PM (each day)**

**Registration forms are available at the Rec's front desk.**

**Registration is limited to 30 individuals.**

**cost for AARP Member: \$10 for each course Non Member: \$12 for each course**

***Make Checks Payable To: "AARP"***

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In February we have a new and interesting twist on the very popular Barbershop Quartet appearances. This time it is a Women's Barbershop Quartet, **NOTEWITHSTANDING**, led by Pastor Gwenn Trout. Members of the group include: (l to r) Daphne Witmer, Baritone, from Manheim and the Red Rose City Chorus, Irene Hershey, Lead, is from Lititz and the Sylvan Learning Center in York, Pastor Gwenn Trout, bass, of the Zion Lutheran Church in Enola, and Barb McConnell, tenor, from Lancaster and the Lancaster Symphony.

The **NOTEWITHSTANDING** quartet - Members of Sweet Adelines International - formed in the summer of 2004 with the help of Red Rose City Chorus director Lori Jo Whitehaus. They competed for the first time in regional competition in the spring of 2005, winning the Novice Quartet award, and have improved their scores in each subsequent contest, placing seventh in 2007 and 2008. In the spring of 2009 they won their first medal for 5<sup>th</sup> place. They have been featured on the annual shows of both of their choruses, as well as the Hanover and Red Rose Men's Choruses, and are pleased to share their love of four-part harmony, barbershop style with their audiences.