A Heartfelt Thank You to Quilter Extraordinaire, Ms. Camille Cocozza

This September, we're shining a spotlight on Camille Cocozza, a Paul's Run resident and gifted quilter, whose generosity has brought new joy to our quilting class.

Ms. Camille recently donated her state-of-the-art sewing machine—along with fabric, quilting tools, and supplies—to the Center. Her thoughtful gift left the class, and especially our instructor, Ms. Leslie Garrett, absolutely delighted.

Since then, participants have been having fun exploring the sewing machine's many features and testing out its variety of stitches. The electric bobbin winder alone has already saved them countless hours!

With the extra fabric and batting, the class is ready to dive into their next project: block quilting. And thanks to the added scissors, cutting boards, rulers, and pins, they'll have everything they need close at hand.

The quilting class has become a wonderful creative outlet for many seniors, some of whom are learning the art of quilting for the very first time in their retirement. Ms. Camille's gift has made the experience even richer, giving the group more opportunities to create, learn, and share together.

We are deeply grateful to Ms. Camille for her extraordinary generosity. Her beloved quilting treasures have found the perfect home here at the Center—and, as a token of thanks, the class looks forward to presenting her with a handmade lap quilt.

HIGHLIGHTS



MEET CAMILLE COCOZZA



MONDAYS AT 12:30PM



BACK COVER

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Advisory Council

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The Advisory Council meets monthly with the Center Director to discuss and recommend programs to benefit the Center.

Staff Directory

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Dial the extension or dial "0" for a staff member.

Advance Meal Reservation

Eligible persons who wish to participate in the Congregate Meal Program at the Center must use the Advance Meal Reservation which is available on the touch screen. Meals must be reserved one (1) week in advance, usually by Tuesday 10:00 am Members who have NOT reserved a meal in advance (at least one week ahead) may leave their names on the Meal Waiting List for that day. This list is compiled on a first come, first served basis. If by 11:40 am meals ARE available, the Meal Waiting List will be utilized. The kitchen needs to have a final lunch count no later than 11:15 am. You must be present to register for the Meal Waiting List. Whether registered or on the waiting list, you must be counted before 11:15 am. Please remember that when you opt for Meal Waiting, there is no guarantee that there will be lunch available. Thank You!

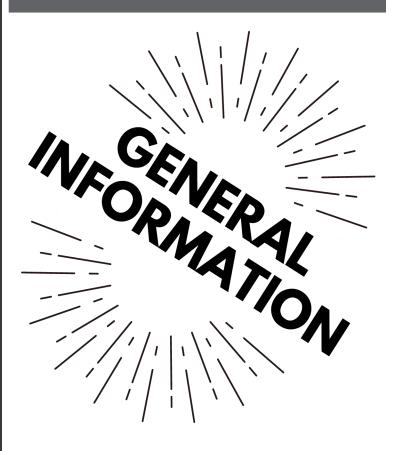
We continue to offer the following programs & services:

Grab & Go Meals by registration only with Patrice Rhodes, Health & Wellness Coordinator (215) 386-0379 ext. 7303

CCT Transportation, (215) 386-0379 x7306

Areatha Dorsey, Center Counselor for Resources & help with various services (215) 386-0379 ext. 7305

For the general mailbox (215) 386-0379 ext. 7300



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES!

Monday

AM Activities

9:30am -10:30am Enhanced Fitness, Atrium

10:00am - 11:30am Book Club, Music Dance

10:00am - 11:30am Table Games, Atrium

10:30am - 11:00am Devotion, Center Stage

10:30am - 11:30am New Members Orientation

11:00am -11:30am Current Events, Center Stage

PM Activities

12:00pm - 2:00pm Quilting, Art Studio

12:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium

1:00pm - 3:00pm Line Dancing, Dining Room

Tuesday

AM Activities

10:30am - 11:30am Open Fitness

9:00am -11:30am Table Games, Atrium

9:00am -11:30am Pinochle, Game Room

9:30am -11:30am Cricut Craft Class Art Studio

10:00am -11:30am Hands in Clay, Pottery Room

10:00am -11:30am Blood Pressure Screening,

Nurses Station

10:00am -11:00am Nutrition Education,

Center Stage

10:15am -11:30am Bingo, Atrium

10:30am - 11:30am Creative Movement,

Music Dance

PM Activities

12:00pm - 1:00pm Open Fitness Center

12:30pm - 2:00pm Cricut Craft Class, Art Studio

1:00pm - 3:00pm Social Dance, Music Dance

Wednesday

AM Activities

9:00am - 12:00pm Table Games, Atrium

10:00am -11:00am Nutrition Education,

Center Stage Music Dance

10:00am -11:30am Sewing Class, Art Studio

10:30am - 11:30am Color Your Mind,

Music Dance

Wednesday (cont.)

PM Activities

12:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium

1:00pm - 2:00pm Enhanced Fitness, Atrium

12:30pm - 1:30pm Journey's Way Audio Visual

12:30pm - 2:00pm Sewing Class, Art Studio

Thursday

AM Activities

9:00am - 11:30am Table Games, Atrium

10:00am - 11:30am Crochet Class, Art Studio

10:00am - 11:30am Quilting Class, Classroom 1

10:30am - 11:30am Open Fitness Center

10:30am - 11:30am Health and Wellness,

Center Stage

PM Activities

12:00pm -1:00pm Open Fitness Center

12:30pm - 1:30pm Trivia, Atrium

12:45pm -1:45pm Cardio Exercise, Atrium

1:00pm - 3:00pm Line Dancing, Dining Room

1:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium

Friday

AM Activities

10:00am -11:00am Chair Yoga, Center Stage

9:00am -11:30am Table Games. Atrium

10:00am -11:30am Spanish Class, Music Dance

10:30am -11:30am Trivia. Atrium

PM Activities

12:30pm -1:30pm Silver Sneakers, Atrium

12:30pm - 2:00pm Bingo, Dining Room

1:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium

1:00pm - 3:00pm Pinochle, Game Room

Every Wed. - Spanish refresher Music/Dance room 10am

Every Wed. - Movie 12pm - Audio Visual room

Mon. Sept. 1st - Center Closed/Holidays

Tues. Sept. 2nd – Pokeno Tournament Begins at 12:30PM

Mon. Sept. 8th - Free Library Presentation at 12:30PM

Tues. Sept. 9th - Pokeno at 12:30PM

Wed. Sept. 10th - Lunch Bunch at Applebee's

Mon. Sept. 15th - Cooking Class

Tues. Sept. 16th - Pokeno at 12:30PM

Thurs. Sept. 18th - Meet & Greet (Italy) at 4:30PM

Fri. Sept. 19th - September Birthday Party at 12:30PM

Tues. Sept. 23rd - Pokeno at 12:30PM

Wed. Sept. 24th - Open House: 10:30AM - 3PM

PCA Presentation: 10:00AM & 2PM Older Adult Surveys: 10AM – 3PM

Thurs. Sept. 25th - Caesar's Casino Trip at 9:00AM

Sat. Sept. 27th – Line Dance Party Tues. Sept. 30th – Pokeno at 12:30PM

Computer - Daily

Ipad Class – Mon. & Tues. Touch Screen – Wed Thurs. & Fri. –10am /12pm



For additional information contact Julia Diggs by calling (215) 386-0379 ext. 7302

The Top 10 Health Concerns in Older Adults

1. High Blood Pressure (Hypertension)

More than 70 percent of older adults are living with high blood pressure, often referred to as the "silent killer."

"High blood pressure can exist without any symptoms. It can remain undiagnosed until it leads to more severe complications, such as a heart attack, stroke, or dementia. These serious conditions can develop undetected over time, making hypertension a hidden threat," says Shegog. Studies have shown that properly managing hypertension can lower the likelihood of heart failure, stroke, and dementia by 20 to 40 percent, she adds.

Even small changes can have a big impact: Losing just a few pounds, cutting back on salt and alcohol, and getting regular physical activity — such as walking or swimming — can lower your blood pressure and reduce your risk. If lifestyle changes aren't enough to get you in the normal range, there are also many medications that can help.

4. Arthritis

Arthritis is a chronic condition that causes damage in the joints, the place in the body where two bones meet. Not surprisingly, the most common type of arthritis in older adults is osteoarthritis, also called "wear and tear" arthritis.

Although it may seem counterintuitive, one of the best ways to ease arthritis symptoms is to keep moving. Regular low-impact exercise, such as walking, biking, or gentle yoga, can improve joint function and reduce pain. Maintaining a healthy weight can also reduce stress on the joints, especially the knees.

6. Diabetes

Close to 30 percent of people ages 65 and older have type 2 diabetes, which occurs when the body can't properly use or produce insulin, leading to high blood glucose. Left unmanaged, it can lead to serious complications, including as kidney failure, vision loss, and heart disease.

Diabetes is one of many conditions that tends to go hand in hand with other conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and obesity, says Shegog.

"This is because they share common risk factors, including poor diet, lack of physical activity, and genetic predisposition. When one of these conditions develops, it can trigger or exacerbate others, creating a cycle of worsening health," she says.

Managing those risk factors is key in preventing diabetes. Following a plant-based diet that includes fiber-rich fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes, while limiting processed and ultra-processed foods, is a great way to optimize your metabolic health and reduce diabetes risk. If lifestyle changes aren't enough to keep your blood sugar levels in the desired range, there are many treatment options, including GLP-1 agonists.

9. Depression

There are many reasons depression becomes more common in older populations. Medical conditions such as stroke and cancer, a family history of depression, and physical limitations that keep you from doing some of the things you used to do can all increase the risk of depression.

However, depression is often written off or even goes undiagnosed in older people because of the mistaken belief that it's a normal part of aging. It is not, and there are things you can do about it.

"Staying involved in your community, and maintaining relationships is important. Loneliness and isolation can contribute to depression, which can, in turn, worsen physical health and increase the risk of developing or exacerbating medical conditions," says Shegog. In fact, loneliness and isolation have been shown to carry health risks comparable to smoking and obesity.

Social connections not only reduce the risk of depression but also improve immune function and cognitive function, reduce chronic stress, and are the strongest predictors of happiness and longevity, according to the 85-year Harvard Study of Adult Development.

Getting help for depression is essential. If your mood begins to get in the way of your ability to go about your daily activities, talk with your healthcare provider about options such as therapy, a support group, or medications.



2. High Cholesterol

More than half of older adults have been treated for high cholesterol, which is when there's too much LDL ("bad") cholesterol circulating in the blood.

Over time, this can clog arteries and make it harder for blood to get to and from the heart and other organs. High cholesterol increases the risk of heart attack and stroke, two leading causes of death.

Making heart-smart food choices can help: Think less red meat and processed foods and more vegetables, whole grains, and beans. Regular exercise and not smoking are also key. If your doctor recommends medication, don't be discouraged — it's a tool, not a failure.

5. Coronary Artery Disease

Coronary artery disease (CAD), also called ischemic heart disease, is the most common type of heart disease. Over time, fats and cholesterol can build up and narrow the arteries; it's the kind of condition that can progress silently over years and suddenly show up in the form of chest pain or a heart attack. You can lower your risk of CAD by managing your blood pressure and cholesterol levels, following a heart-healthy diet, managing stress levels, getting enough sleep, and quitting smoking if you smoke.

7. Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) doesn't get as much attention as some other chronic conditions, but it affects more than 33 percent of people over 65. In CKD, the kidneys have been damaged over time and eventually lose their ability to filter waste from the blood, which can lead to other health issues such as anemia, recurrent infections, cardiovascular disease, and even kidney failure.

Diabetes and high blood pressure are the main causes of CKD, so managing those conditions if you have them is your best defense, says Shegog. Regular checkups with your doctor, simple urine and blood tests to screen for kidney disease, and upping your physical activity can all contribute to keeping your kidneys functioning longer.

3. Obesity

Obesity is a complex condition that is influenced by man factors, including genetics, lifestyle habits, and environmental and social determinants of health. It is usually defined as having too much body fat, with a body mass index of 30 or higher. More than 40 percent of American adults ages 60 and older meet that definition. There's evidence that some medical disorders actually come in clusters, often due to underlying biology and metabolic changes, such as obesity, says Dr. Batsis. Having obesity is linked with many health conditions, including hypertension, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, dementia, and certain types of cancer. A healthy diet and regular physical activity may help you get to a healthy weight. Your provider may also recomme medication, which can help manage cravings, reduce appetite, and slow digestion.



8. Heart Failure

Heart failure doesn't mean your heart has stopped working, but it does mean it's not pumping blood as well as it should.

There are many different causes of heart failure, and they include damage caused by certain infections, alcohol overuse, and different types of heart disease. In addition, as you grow older, your cardiac structure and function gradually deteriorate, leaving you more susceptible to heart failure.

If you have heart failure, managing high blood pressure, following your medication plan, limiting salt, and staying as active as you can all help. It's also important to check in regularly with your healthcare provider to monitor how your heart is doing over time.

10. Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias

The risk of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia gets higher as we grow older. These conditions can slowly erode memory, thinking skills, and the ability to manage daily life. Researchers are still trying to understand why Alzheimer's mostly affects older adults. It could be a combination of many age-related changes in the brain, including the shrinking of certain brain regions, inflammation, and blood vessel damage.

While there's no cure, emerging research shows that there are ways to reduce your risk or slow dementia's progression. Staying physically active, getting plenty of sleep, keeping your mind engaged, and following a brain-healthy diet (such as the Mediterranean diet) are all smart moves. And if you start noticing signs of dementia, talk to your doctor early; it's always better to get answers sooner than later.

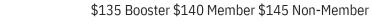


Atlantic City Trip to Resorts Casino Hotel

Monday, August 11th, 2025 • Departs 9:00am Returns 5:00pm

\$30 Booster \$33 Member \$35 Non-Member Package: Get back \$20.00 slot play Payments must be made in full

Michael Jackson: The Ultimate King of Pop Tribute Show



Friday, October 24th, 2025 • Departs 9:00am Returns 5:45pm

Includes: transportation, show ticket, meal, & dessert

Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve you seat: \$45.00 Nonrefundable deposit due: June. 05, 2025 Final Balance due (cash-only): Aug. 04, 2025

Christmas with Cece Winans: Live in Concert

\$160 Member \$170 Non-Member

Thursday, December 18th, 2025

Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve you seat: \$80.00 Nonrefundable deposit is due immediately Final Balance due (cash-only): September. 15, 2025



TRIP POLICY

First Deposit is due at time of sign-up unless otherwise noted. Please bring the exact amount due. You may place your name on the waiting list if the trip is sold out.

Participants who depend on Shared Ride: All participants who are picked up by the ride van and want to go on any trip announced in the newsletter may call the Registration Desk on trip sign-up day to reserve a spot. The trip must then be paid in full the next time you are at the Center. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation for trip/activity rides, and getting to the Center on time.

Mail-in registration for trips is accepted with payment and will be processed after the Registration Desk closes on trip sign-up day. If a trip is sold out, the check will be returned.

Cancellation by the passenger: For mini/charter trips, there are no refunds unless a replacement is found. For overnight trips, it is highly recommended that travel insurance is purchased. Each participant is responsible for purchasing insurance on their own. No refund will be given for trips missed due to members failing to meet departure times. In the event of a cancellation, in addition to the cancellation policy used by the tour company, a 20% administrative fee will be assessed by WPSCC. All cancellations must be made in writing to Activity Aide Trips, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center, 1016 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-1292.

Cancellation by the Center: The Center may cancel a trip if the required sign-up number needed is not met. If a trip is canceled by the Center, A full refund will be granted.

The West Philadelphia Senior Community Center is not responsible, in whole or in part, to trip participants for loss, damage, or injury however caused during or in connection with any trip. We highly recommend that you purchase trip insurance. Travelers cannot ask the bus driver and/or escort to make any unscheduled stops. Transportation on all trips is round-trip to and from the Center only.

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Senior SHARE food boxes will be in on the first Wednesday of every month.

LIHEAP applications are available for submission. **Emergency Fund is available to those who qualify.**

Please call Areatha Dorsey at 215-386-0379 ext. 7305 to see if you are eligible.

NEW MEMBERS as of SEPTEMBER 2025

Patricia Bell
Gerald Benson
Gail Carter
Alethea Chamberlain
Frank Dardenelli
Janie Haynes
Sheryl Mathis-Dockens
Tamela T. Prather
April Summers
Mark A. Thompson
Karen E. White

New Members Orientation will be held Monday, March 24nd, 11:00 am (Music Dance Room)

OPEN FITNESS CENTER

Monday - Friday

9:00am-3:00pm

Health & Wellness with Patrice

10:30am on Thursdays

(Music Dance)

Beginner CHAIR YOGA

10:00am-11:00am *on Fridays*

(Center Stage)

Suggested donation: \$2

Blood Pressure Screenings

Tuesdays from 10:00-12:00pm *with Nurse Wanda*

FEATURED CLASSES & EVENTS September 2025









Birthday Party to Celebrate all the Birthdays in the month of September

September 19th, 2025 from 12:30-2:00pm

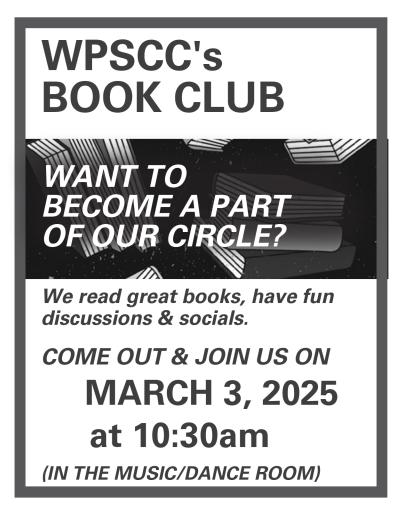
To Register, please call 215-386-0379 ext 7325



Wanna learn a SECOND LANGAUGE?

FREE SPANISH CLASS

Learn Basic Spanish EVERY FRIDAY from 10:30-11:30am



HAVE LUNCH WITH US!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	PCA HOT - SEPTEMBER 2025 WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		1oz oatmeal cookie	1/2 cup fruit cocktail	½ cup mandarin oranges
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1/2 cup potatoes	1/2 cup brown rice w peas and carrots	1/2 cup mashed potatoes		Italian dressing
1/2 cup peas	1/2 cup green beans	1/2 cup Cole Slaw	1/2 cup unsweetened apples	1/2 cup penne
1oz WW bread, pc marg	2oz WW roll, pc marg	2oz WW hamburger roll	Sweet Muffin	2oz WW roll, pc marg
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MEET & GREET

Tuesday Sept. 18th, 2025 at 4:30pm



THE WEST PHILADELPHIA SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER affirms the dignity and potential of older people. The Center fosters respect, independence, personal growth and promotes the physical, emotional and economic well-being of older adults in Philadelphia and encourages their participation in all aspects of community life.