

APRIL 2018

PrimeTimers' Gazette

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Has anyone seen a robin?

There is hope – spring really will come to the Northwoods. Then the summer season will be upon us. Soon we will start selling ice cream at the Monday Flea Market, serving refreshments during the weekly bingo at the Community Center and having our annual Car Show in July.



In addition to our usual activities, this year we will also be operating the food concession at the Dragon Boat Festival at Torpy Park in Minocqua. This is on Saturday, August 18th. The menu will be similar to what we've done at the Car Show, and our Ice Cream wagon will be there as well. As you know, all of these functions cannot be accomplished without the help of our membership. I do hope you will continue to support YOUR CLUB by helping out at these events. That is where friends are made that last forever.

I want to thank all those members who silently do the various tasks that make things run smoothly. We have folks who make sure we have goodies at the meetings, decorate the meeting room, prepare the newsletter, record the minutes of our meetings, arrange for speakers and personal five for the meeting, keep our finances in order, serve on the board and all the other tasks that keep our club running smoothly.

Dartball will be held one more time in April (if our air conditioner and ceiling can take it); we will then suspend play until fall. For the summer we will shift to playing bocce ball. Come as often as you can for these activities; they're fun and you get to meet more members.

Don't forget that our May meeting is a week later than usual, on May 9th. We change the date due to the annual "Alive to Life" program in Rhinelander on May 2nd. If you attended last year you'll be getting a registration form in the mail. We also have the form on our web site on the "Up Coming Events". Some will also be available at the Community Center.

Our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. A form for your renewal is included with this newsletter. PLEASE send in a completed form with payment to renew your membership.

Elections will be held at our July meeting. The office of President, Treasurer and two Board of Director positions are going to be on the ballot. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please contact the Nominating Committee: Cookie Lough (715-222-2758), Gary Busko (715-479-5217), or Denis Drewke (847-710-2290). You can nominate yourself or someone else. This is your club, please consider serving.

As always, Milt Klingsporn, President



Now here is some really good news!!!!!!! Karen Engels (our Sunshine lady) did not need to send out even one sympathy, get well or thinking of you card last month! First time ever! We hope that means everyone is doing well and that we did not inadvertently miss someone. If you know of someone who had death in the family, is ill or could just use some cheering up, please contact Karen Engels at 715-479-5322 or email her at karengrillengels@gmail.com

The Time Has Arrived!

Dues are Due

As of April 1st we are accepting membership renewals for the 2017-2018 PrimeTimer year. Our Membership Year runs from July 1st through June 30th. So, now is the time to renew. Applications are included in this newsletter and are always available on the website.

Please be sure to check off the areas where you would be willing to volunteer your time and talents. The more hands we have working, the lighter the load and the quicker the work is completed. **Fill out the form**, and submit it with your payment to the St. Germain PrimeTimers at next month's meeting, or mail it to the PO Box listed at the top of the application.

For any membership questions you might have contact me, Margie Klingsporn, at 715-479-2028.

PS from the editor: Every job I have volunteered to help with has actually been fun and for new members, it's a great chance to meet others. For new members, as each activity approaches, our honorable president will be explaining what areas need help. Sign up sheets are usually out at each meeting. Giving (volunteering) makes one feel good about ones self.



This is the final call for anyone who wishes to sign up for the Yawkey Museum trip. We need to know how many want to visit the museum and schedule to use their recording devices. **The Date is Thursday May 24th**. Please call Margie (715-479-2028) by April 20th to get your name on the list. Thanks!!



DART BALL MARCH 21ST, 2018

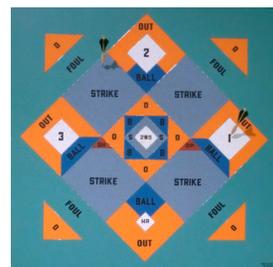
Despite a break-out performance by Captain Sherry Kairis (hip hip hooray for me) with 2 lead off triples, her team went down to defeat in both games (Boooo) ☹️

Captain Fritz Schwartz's amazing ability to spot talent, brought in Bill Bates, who had never thrown a dart, hit a game winning home run (1st dart, absolutely amazing feat!) Pot Of Gold!!

This month among many Boo's (Tom). After 3 times around to hit the Dollar....Tom Kortendick took home the WIN. Next session is April 18th (last game of the season) is at 1 pm in Room 6, Community Center

Bocce Ball should be starting in June (hopefully the snow will be gone by then).

Reporter: Tom Kortendick



WHAT: *Spring Fling Dinner*

WHEN: *Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Social, 5:30 p.m. . Dinner, 6:15 p.m.*

WHERE: *Mar-Li's Bar, 253- State Highway 155
(Approximately 5 miles from downtown St. Germain)*

MENU: *Family Style Baked Fish (Haddock) & Broasted Chicken, Garlic Mashed, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Roll, Eclair Dessert, Beverage*

COST: *\$16.00 includes dinner, tax & tip.
Please prepay by cash or check to: St. Germain PrimeTimers*

RESERVATIONS: ***Deadline is May 1***, which is before our next meeting.
Call Barb at 715-479-6550

The Election of Directors will be held at our annual meeting on July 11th. You need to have your dues paid for the 2018-2019 year to be able to vote.

SERIOUSLY - - - We have 4 offices to fill – president, treasurer and two directors. It's not a hard position to volunteer for, a time commitment of only a couple of hours each month. It's a great way to learn how the club works, as well as your community. Think about this: it's four great opportunities to help guide our organization to best serve the seniors in our area. New ideas and fresh points of view are what keeps the St. Germain PrimeTimers vibrant. You can nominate yourself or someone else. The best part....***NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!***



Are you knowledgeable on and comfortable with computers?

Our newsletter editor, Sherri, would like to have some help and guidance in doing the newsletter. Specifically in using her Mac computer. Familiarity with Word would be needed as well.

Call Sherri at 715-356-6598. Of course, if someone would want to take over the newsletter, that would be welcomed and entirely acceptable.



It's like winter is really mad and
keeps storming out of the room and
then coming back yelling ***“And another thing!”***



Status of the bus used by the PrimeTimers

The St Germain PrimeTimers no longer have access to the Northwoods Transit Connection's bus. Here is some information as to how this came about.

The Vilas Commission on Aging receives 85.21 Specialized Transportation grants from the Wisconsin DOT. They had used those funds for the volunteer driver program and to operate buses to provide transportation for senior and disabled citizens. Since the COA does not have the staff to operate buses, they leased the buses to the various senior clubs, such as the St Germain PrimeTimers. Portions of the 85.21 grant funds were made available to the clubs to operate the buses.



With the creation of the Northwoods Transit Connection (NTC) all of the bus leases to senior clubs were canceled and the buses leased to NTC instead. NTC uses WisDOT 85.21 and Federal 5311 grant funds to provide transportation to senior and disabled citizens as well as the general public. The 5311 regulations govern and restrict the use of the buses.

Now the COA receives 85.21 grant funds and transfers a portion to the NTC, retaining some for financing the volunteer driver program. Transit manager Jim Altenburg had made one bus available to the PrimeTimers exclusively. He resigned in February. He had never informed the Transit Commission of this arrangement. To continue as we have puts the entire NTC and its operation in jeopardy as they could lose their state and federal grants. They can not afford to lose their funding because of our trips.

The NTC has two options for the trips PrimeTimers take, which are considered chartered trips.

1. We put out a charter request and follow the regulations for a charter trip.
(NTC may not provide charter service when a private provider has bid on a charter contract, even if the bid is rejected.)
2. The PrimeTimers put their trips into the NTC Management Plan for the year.
(Trips would be open to the public as well as PrimeTimers, on a first come first served basis.)

Under both options the FULL cost of the trip would include driver wages & fringe, fuel, wear and tear on the vehicle, % of insurance, etc. A rough estimate shows this would be \$35 to \$45 per hour, possibly more.

Potentially any organization could use either option to have NTC do trips for them. NTC would then be doing charter trips, which they do not want to do, because those trips do not qualify under the grants.

A third option is that the PrimeTimers purchase their own bus. We could operate as we wish with no DOT or grant restriction.

- ◆ Would need a minimum of 8 drivers (currently we have 5).
- ◆ Estimate operating a bus would cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year.
- ◆ Insurance cost would have to be investigated.
- ◆ Annual donation amounts would be decreased.
- ◆ Should have a minimum number of riders per trip; suggest 8.

Cost of trips would increase to cover our expenses.

At the April meeting five members volunteered to form a committee investigating purchase options for a vehicle. So, for now, when we need to travel we'll meet at the Community Center and car pool to our destination.

14th Annual Alive To Life



A day away for people who want to stay alive for as long as they live!

This day is designed for adults, sixty and older, to dispel the myths of aging, to reinforce the positive aspects of aging, to provide information to help meet the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of older adults, and to provide an

opportunity for unadulterated fun.

This event is held in the Rouman Cinema (next to Kohl's in Rhinelander).

This large facility is ideal with a huge lobby for our continental breakfast and luncheon and break-out workshops in the theaters with comfortable high-backed seating.

The lineup of presenters starts with the keynote speaker Kathy Ptaszek with "Keys to Successful Aging" followed by a day full of wonderful educational and entertaining workshops for you to chose from. Registration fliers were mailed to participants who have attended in the last 2 years. Space is limited so register soon. For more information call the Oneida County Department on Aging 715-369-6170 or (toll-free) 800-379-7499.



St Germain Prime Timers Inc.

P.O. Box 281, St. Germain, WI 54558

Use as a reminder of what you sign up for or want to participate in

April 4	Wed	PT Mtg 1:30 pm speaker Ken Jackson Author/Historian "Stories from Vintage St. Germain"
April 9	Mon	Lac Du Flambeau trip leave 11am \$5 lunch - Dave 715-479-1401
April 17	Tues	Final Affairs Seminar 8:30-12:30 Call 715-479-3725 to reserve seat
April 18	Wed	Dartball 1:00 p.m. Come join the fun - end of the season - Tom 715-542-2739
April 21	Sat	Muffs Gone Nuts Campanile leave 1:00pm \$28 - no dinner - Joan 239-910-3986
April 23	Mon	Lac Du Flambeau trip leave 11am \$5 lunch - Fred 715-479-6310
April 25	Wed	Wausau Shopping 8am No same day cancel - Pat 715-479-3947
May 2	Wed	Alive to Life in Rhinelander Details to come
May 4	Fri	A Midsummer Night's Dream Nicole leave 5:30pm \$7 - Margie 715-479-2028
May 7	Mon	Lac Du Flambeau trip leave 11am \$5 lunch - Dave 715-479-1401
May 8	Tues	Spring Fling - Mar-Lis Bar Social, 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 pm cost \$16 Barb 715-479-6550
May 9	Wed	PT Mtg 1:30 pm speaker Patty Borack, local author and organ transplant donor
May 21	Mon	Lac Du Flambeau trip leave 11am \$5 lunch - Fred 715-479-6310
May 24	Thurs	Yawkey Woodson Museum Wausau leave 8:30am cost? - Margie 715-479-2028
May 30	Wed	Wausau Shopping 8am No same day cancel - Pat 715-479-3947
July 20	Fri	Setup for Car Show - no sign up please come and help
July 21	Sat	Annual Car Show - Craft Show - Kids Carnival - Brat Fry
Aug 18	Sat	3rd Annual Dragon Boat Festival - PrimeTimers operating food concession

All Trip Departures from St Germain Community Center unless specified

Repeating Events	Time	Details
Monday	12:00 noon	Bridge Dorothy 715-542-8527 or Carol 715-356-8880
Tuesday	1:30 - 3 pm	Line Dancing Pat 715-479-3947
Wednesday	12:00 noon	COA Meals at St.G Community Center - Nancy 715-617-2795
Wednesday	6:00 pm	cards and games Milt 715-479-2028
Thursday	12:45 pm (Oct to May)	Bowling Jim 715-542-2010
Thursday	12:00 noon	COA Meals at St.G Community Center - Nancy 715-617-2795
Friday	12:00 noon	COA Meals at St.G Community Center - Nancy 715-617-2795

See Web Site - stgermainprimetimers.org for additional information on activities

Sunshine Cards - contact Karen Engels 715-479-9322 or email karengri11enge1s@gmail.com

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IN THE KNOW AND ON THE GO

PrimeTimers

Our Officers and some of our current volunteers

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July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 Membership Application

Saint Germain **PrimeTimers, Inc.**

PO Box 281, St. Germain, WI 54558

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT!!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

MAILING Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Spouse's Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Spouse's Email: _____

Payment Information:

NEW

RENEWAL

Single (\$10) Couple (\$20) \$ _____

Donations \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to
Saint Germain PrimeTimers

Bring this form and payment to our next meeting
or mail it to the address listed above.

Fund Raiser Volunteer Preferences:

Please note that we are a service club as well as a social club! If all of our members could donate just 5 hours in the course of a year, that would mean over 1,000+ hours to give to our community. Because of these fundraisers we are able to donate to numerous organizations in our community. Your help is appreciated.

These are our big fund raising events that need your time and talents:

**(The 1st Big Event: Saturday
July 21st)**

(Yearly events)

**(The 2nd Big Event: Saturday
August 18th)**

Car Show

Kids Carnival

Brat Fry

Craft Fair

Bingo (Monday evenings)

Ice Cream Wagon (Mondays:
Memorial - Labor Day)

Snowflake Dance (Jan.)

Dragon Boat Festival
Morning shift

Dragon Boat Festival
Afternoon shift

Other ways I wish to volunteer _____

I would be willing to be a Personal Five speaker at the monthly meeting Yes No Maybe

I would consider becoming a Board Member Yes No Maybe

I would consider becoming a Chairperson for one of the activities/events Yes No Maybe

Suggestions/Comments: (Do you have ideas for activities, speakers, day trips, ... Please share them with us.)

