

WELCOME TO 2012,

The cookies are gone, the tree taken down, and the decorations put away for another year. We aren't so sure about those outdoor lights – sometimes they stay up unlit until spring or longer. I hope you all had a joyful holiday season. We look forward with hope in our hearts for a prosperous and fulfilling new year.

Our annual SNOWFLAKE DANCE is taking place at the Community Center on Saturday, January 14th starting at 7:00 p.m. We will be decorating the hall on Friday, January 13th, at 1:00 p.m. If you have not attended this event, you would be amazed at the transformation that occurs when the decorating is done. Our plain old gym becomes a fantasy of lights. I hope to see all of you enjoying the music and fellowship that is offered.

I am ending this newsletter again with sadness. Our fellow PrimeTimer Mary Bilke passed away on New Year's Day. We will miss her, and our thoughts go out to her husband Jim and his family.

Judie Berard, President

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

MEETING NOTES

We had Joe Fortman as our speaker for the month of January. He spoke to 61 members about the new Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The ADRC will be one-stop shopping for answers to questions or getting help for the aging and disabled public. When a call comes to the ADRC, their spokesperson will transfer your call to someone who can help with your questions or problems. Along with the ADRC, starting in the fall, we hope, will be a maintenance organization (MO) which will be a health service for the low-income individuals. We were told we should look for advertisements as to when the ADRC and MO will begin.

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Our Personal Five speaker was Ellen (Ellie) Allen. She spoke of her childhood to adulthood. The big surprise was her former employer probably has a few fence posts for sale. So if anyone needs posts, contact Ellie for more details.

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor,

and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

The treats after the meetings have been enjoyed by all. Those who do not attend the meeting are really missing a favorite part of the day. We have everything from healthy fruits and vegetables to luscious brownies, cookies, and sweets for every sweet tooth. There is coffee too. Thanks to all the bakers that bring treats to each meeting and prepare the room for use. Also, thanks to Sandy Summers for coordinating this.

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to the 16 people who helped get the park decoration-display down and put away in storage. It took 1½ hours to take down the display and to put everything away. There were over three pickup loads of decorations. We added color to the display this year, and we heard many comments of how nice the display looked. We especially want to thank Jean Hansen who put her out-of-state company to work helping rather than to use it as a reason not to come. They were very helpful. (Below is just a small sample of the decorations.)



Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

SNOWFLAKE DANCE

The decorating takes place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday the 13th. It usually takes less than 1½ hours to get the gym transformed into a beautiful ballroom. The next day, Saturday the 14th, is the dance starting at 7:00 p.m. Soda, beer, and food will be served on a self-serve basis. We hope to see you all there Saturday evening. Also, immediately after the dance, we will take down the decorations. This usually takes about ½ hour. Hang around and help us out.

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing is on Wednesday,

January 11. If you have not been in touch with Karen Anderson, please call her regarding snowshoes. They will be available for this time along with an instructor. Meet at the Community Center. (Call 715-542-3946)

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?

PLAY TICKETS NEEDED

If you plan to attend the play "Guys and Dolls" at Northland Pines High School on February 10, you need to contact us before the end of January so that tickets can be purchased. Tickets are only \$2.00. Bus leaves at 4:30. We will be dining at Eagle River Inn.

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

VALENTINE'S DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The usual Valentine Dinner is planned for you to treat yourself to a fine meal at Spangs. February 21 – 5:30 social and 6:30 dinner – the menu is chicken kiev or osso bucco. Cost is \$15.00. Call Barb Steinhilber at 715-479-6550 with your reservation and choice.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

THIS AND THAT

Don't forget, bridge is available Mondays (please call ahead), line dancing Tuesdays, cards and games Wednesdays, bowling Thursdays, and second Tuesdays are craft days. Snowmobiling and skiing are being planned. If you have questions about attending any of these events or would like to suggest additional activities, please call 715-479-6310.

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

TRANSPORTATION RIDES ON

Our two buses go out often. We can now take 30 people to our events with our vehicles. The new bus has close to 2,000 miles on it already. Thanks to the COA who gives us funds to operate these two buses. With the price of gas, it is always cheaper to take the bus. Besides a cheap ride, it is nice to chat with friends as we roll along the highways. Thanks go to Don and Dorothy Kossow who take the reservations for the bus transportation.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

## MEMBERSHIP

Get-well/thinking-of-you cards went to Judy Clemence, Jim Mattioli, and Dave Miller. Sympathy cards went to Jim Bilke (wife Mary) and Mary Platner (brother).

If you know of someone who is ill, hospitalized, or should otherwise be sent special thoughts, notify Toni Newton (715-477-6280). She sent out 69 cards in 2011, but we know many people are being missed, and we

***FOR THE PRIME TIME IN YOUR LIFE!  
THOSE 50 & OVER - REMEMBER THAT  
THIS IS YOUR CLUB*** and any suggestions are welcome. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center in the southwest room. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings or board meetings (call President for date, time, and location). If transportation is needed, contact 715-479-3596. All of our meetings are as friendly as we can make them, so put away your rocking chair, and come join the group ***"THAT'S IN THE KNOW AND ON THE GO!"***

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would like to send them a little cheer.

*Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?*

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

Since being notified by RSVP that they no longer will accept Vilas County volunteer hours, we, the PrimeTimers, will keep track of all volunteer hours. Your hours begin when you leave your home until you return home. So turn in all volunteer hours, and we will keep track of them. Please turn these in

monthly at the meeting. We have several places that may utilize these hours. We will need a volunteer to record these. This is a 15 minute task. Will you step up to help out with this? We will report how many hours we have at our annual meeting in July. Anyone want to guess how many hours our PrimeTimers will volunteer for this year?

*Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?*

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