

COMING UP IN MARCH

HAPPY SPRING!! Hopefully, our fairly nice February weather will carry on through in March. But. . . just in case Mother Nature brings on cold and snow, a reminder that if the schools in RPS District 205 are closed due to inclement weather, the Retired Men's Club does not meet. If you ever feel uncomfortable driving or walking due to the weather, please stay safe where you are. We want to see you at all of our meetings, but we also want you to be safe.

Please take a look at your calendar and schedule some time to attend the great programs and events available to you in March! We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

If you have any questions regarding registration to the Retired Men's Club, please contact Kim Lape at klape@rockriverymca.org or 815-489-1254. You may also see one of the RMC Board Members for more information. Anyone interested in golfing, bowling, or playing pool must be registered as a member of the club and pay your annual dues.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our most recent new members to the club: Sm Mumtaz Ahmad, Larry McCarty, Bill Michaels, Roger Kunzelman, Richard Lundin, Michael Marvell, Doug Long, Gene Maule, Mick Johnston, Fred Highbarger, Stewart Walk, Ted Dixon, Gary Patton, Carl Kole, James Gibbons, Eric Willard, Mario Fortunato, Robert Shields, Ralph Basile, and Richard Meeks.

CELL PHONE USAGE

As a reminder, **please turn off your cell phone** during the weekly meeting. A \$1.00 fee will be paid to Gary Peterson (Treasurer) if your cell phone rings during a meeting. Let's be courteous to our speakers and our fellow club members and turn those phones off. Additionally, please take care of any business and/or socializing before or after the speaker. We want to give them our full attention and show our appreciation for their time.

MARCH 5

MAYOR CLINTON MORRIS OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

The Mayor will speak on the effects of the closing of Stellantis. This is Belvidere's largest employer and tax payer. Mayor Morris will tell us about the surprising reopening and its impact on our area.

MARCH 12

BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING AT THE KEEN AGE CENTER

Robbie Freedman, Program Coordinator, will be speaking to us on northern Illinois' largest facility for senior citizens. She will let us know about the state of the art, Keen Age Center and tell us how they receive outside funding so they can provide programs and services at low or no cost to the older adults of Boone County.

MARCH 19

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE SOSNOWSKI OF THE 69TH DISTRICT

Representative Sosnowski will speak to us regarding the state of the District, including partnering with non-profit organizations, state programs and benefits.

MARCH 26

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

At our February board meeting, the various leaders of Y programs made their request for grants to supplement their specific programs. At today's meeting we will be giving each program leader a check to enhance their program. Each Y leader, receiving a check will be asked to share with us how the funds will be used.

March Birthdays

Bob Ivey, 3/04/1942 Brett Sechler, 3/09/1951 Larry Pierce, 3/10/1953 Richard Tallmadge, 3/15/1934 Randy Locke, 3/15/1939 Greq Johnson, 3/22/1952 Gus Aronson, 3/24/1936 John Stuckmann, 3/28/1953

Golf, Bowling and Pool

If you're interested in playing golf this spring, contact Greg Johnson at (815) 654-6291 or

ggolfexpress@comcast.net by March 1. They play on Tuesdays at Sinnissippi Golf Course (as weather permits).

For information about the bowling league, please contact Greg Johnson at: (815) 654-6291 or ggolfexpress@comcast.net.

Cost per player: \$12/wk

Pool is played in the Log Lodge on Tuesday & Friday mornings. Please be sure to sign in and wear your name tag.

RMC Greeter Schedule

Ron Haas, March 5 DuWayne Stanis, March 12 Jeff Dahlberg, March 19 Jerry Pearson, March 26

If you would be willing to greet, please call Richard Cochran at 832-462-5961 or speak to him at a meeting.

RMC Chorus Schedule

March 5 - Morning Star Village - 1160 N. Mulford

March 12 - Park Strathmoor - 5668 Strathmoor Dr.

March 19 - River Bluff - 4401 N. Main

March 26 - Amberwood - 2313 N. Rockton

Donut Donations

Thank you for your generous donation toward the purchase of donuts. It is greatly appreciated. Any donations for donuts may be given to Gordie Peterson.

Prayer Time At The Y

Every Wednesday in the Log Lodge from 7- 8am led by Gary Schwerin, Spiritual Development Minister, at gschwerin@rockriverymca.org.

Dates to Remember

AOA Alzeheimer's Series - Session # 3

Location: Puri Family YMCA

Date: 3/7/2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

NEB AOA Craft Day w/Jan Johnson

Location: Northeast Family YMCA

Date: 3/13/2024

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Crafting for the Ages

Location: Puri Family YMCA

Date: 3/13/2024

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

SAY AOA St. Patricks Day Potluck

Date: 2/15/2024 Time: 8:30 am

Location: Sunrise Restaurant in Loves Park

RMC Men's Breakfast

Date: 2/15/2024 Time: 8:30 am

Location: Sunrise Restaurant in Loves Park

RMC Board Meeting

Date: 3/21/2024 Time: 10:00 am

Location: Judson Classroom #2 - 3rd Floor

RMC Pizza Lunch

Date: 4th Tuesday of Each Month

Time: 12:15 pm Location: Log Lodge

Cost: Donation of \$3.00 toward the cost of the order is greatly appreciated.

Pizza will be ordered on the 4th Tuesday of each month for all RMC members to enjoy. Please bring your own beverage. Contact Gary Peterson if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE - ICEHOGS GAME

Location: BMO Center Date: Sunday, 3/17/2024 Time: 4:00 pm game time

Cost: \$16.50 - when purchased on game day.

The RMC Chorus will sing "God Bless America" during one of the period intermissions. Come out and support the guys!

Ouestions?

Contact Kim Lape at klape@rockriverymca.org or 815-489-1254