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DOCK WOODS**RL TRIPS CONTINUED...**

holiday event featuring 1.5 million lights with synchronized light shows, Santa's Polar Express, fire pits, seasonal beverages and food to purchase at the concession stands (Debit Cards ONLY) and much more. The price of this trip is \$26.35 per/person. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org. The Coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 5:00 p.m. Act quickly! Only a few seats available!!

WELLNESS CENTER

The walk-in Wellness Clinic is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:45-10:45 a.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. or by appointment at any other time. You can schedule a time to see Maria during her normal office hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Premier Medical Lab Services are available by appointment only for residents of Dock Acres, Dock Gardens, the Villas and residents of Dock Manor who have joined the Wellness Center. Please bring your lab and any therapy orders to Maria Popp in the Wellness Center at least forty-eight business hours before your requested appointment. Labs are drawn Mondays at 9:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Wellness Center Clinic. To make an appointment with any of the following, please inform them that you will be seen at Dock Woods.

Dr. Janet Isaiah and Dr. Stephanie Varghese
Montgomery Podiatry
Call: 215-361-5769 to schedule

Brigitte Harken, CRNP
Tracy Young, CRNP
Tri Valley Primary Care
215-723-3280

Dr. Madelynn Petrancuri and Dr. Holly Forst
Live Better Hearing + Balance
(Associates in Hearing)
Call: 215-855-4217

Dr. Adam Millis, Optometrist
Health Drive 888-964-6681

Jennifer LeBlanc, Massage Therapist
484-680-2372 to make an appointment.

**V.A.M.M. VETERANS DAY CONCERT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)**

In celebration of Veteran's Day we have invited the Veterans Association of Military Musicians, (V.A.M.M.) to perform in the Derstine Chapel at 7:00 p.m. V.A.M.M., co-founded in 1996 by Chief Warrant Officer (Retired) Raymond Helinsky and his wife, Staff Sergeant (Retired) Anna Marie Helinsky, is an organization of retired military musicians located in the Suburban Philadelphia area. Following the concert a DONATION will be received. A shuttle will begin to pick up at each entity beginning at 6:20 p.m.

**MEN & WOMEN'S JOINT BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:30 a.m. (FA)**

Ladies and gentlemen, you are invited to sign up and attend the annual Men & Women's Joint Breakfast. This year with the upcoming 250th Celebration of America we have invited Alex Robb, Interpretive Programs Specialist at Washington Crossing Historic Park as our guest speaker. Alex will present "1776-A Look Back" and will discuss a range of events that happened that year, and show how 1776 was a year of both triumph and turbulence for the new United States. This program also features a curated display focused on the lives of Revolutionary War Soldiers. Join us as we celebrate the semi-quincentennial, and come away with a new appreciation of the people who made our country possible! The price of the breakfast is \$8.95per/person plus tax. Please make your reservations by calling or emailing Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121 or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 7:50 a.m.

**BOOK FAIR - EAST COAST BOOK & GIFT SALE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (FA)**

As the Holidays approach we invite you to come and shop at the East Coast Book & Gift Sale on Monday, November 17. There will be a selection of children's books, cook books, sports, inspirational and have a variety of gift items from toys to home items at great discounted prices. Cash and credit cards are accepted. A rebate from the total sales will benefit new purchases for the Dock Gardens Library. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come and shop at their convenience, right in your home! See you there!

**"ACOUSTIC TAPESTRY: FOLK
MEETS CLASSICAL" CONCERT
WITH PAMELA DIMELER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)**

You are invited to join Pamela Dimeler, director and founder of Parkside Academy of Music and Dance, in the Derstine Chapel on Tuesday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. as she presents her afternoon concert, "Acoustic Tapestry: Folk Meets Classical." The concert will feature music by Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Broadway tunes, and her favorite piano selections by Claude Debussy. She will be tickling the ivories, strumming her guitar and singing heart-felt melodies for your listening pleasure. Pam is also a photographer and nature enthusiast, and has been observing and documenting a pair of great horned owls and other wildlife since 2012. She has also been playing the Celtic harp since 2001, and is a member of the Brandywine Harp Orchestra. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

AMICI OPERA COMPANY DELIBES'S "LAKME" SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 2:30 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

You are invited to join artistic director and founder of Amici Opera Company, Ralph Tudisco, in the Derstine Chapel at 2:30 p.m. for the afternoon opera, Delibes's, "Lakme." Residents of Living Branches receive free admission with their ID badge. There is a fee charged to guests at the sign in table located in the chapel porch hallway.

WELLNESS HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE SERVICE PRESENTATION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

You are invited to attend the wellness hospice and palliative care presentation in the Derstine Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3. Come meet the staff, Deborah Morgan, hospice administrator/RN, Ashley Cardena, intake coordinator, David Young, Chaplain, Nicholas Teti, case manager/nurse, Lisa Niles, nurse liaison, and Bentley, their pawesome pet therapist!!! At this presentation learn how hospice can help focus on quality of life and palliative care, what it is, who qualifies, and how it can help you. The team will provide brochures, pens and magnets following a Q & A time. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

Please join us in the Derstine Chapel for our **Service of Remembrance**. This is a time for us to stop and take a moment to remember those residents who have passed in the

last six months. Our service will include life sketches, scriptures, readings and singing. Come and take a moment to honor our friends who are no longer with us.

SEATED CHAIR VOLLEYBALL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 2:00 p.m. (FA)

FRIENDSHIP & FUN HOUR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 2:00 p.m. (FA)

You are invited to come to this month's meet-up, at Friendship and Fun Hour in the Fisher Auditorium. This month enjoy "Name that Tune w/ Roma Schankweiler" while enjoying refreshments. This month we can reflect on being thankful for the new friendships we are making. Remember to invite your neighbor to join you as we enrich our lives together! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

MUSIC & MINDFULNESS PROGRAM WITH AFZAL IQBAL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 1:30 p.m. (RR)

You are invited to come and join Afzal Iqbal, a music therapy intern from West Chester, as he introduces his second class of music and mindfulness in the recreation room. Come and learn about the activities such as music, meditation, painting, and how this type of activity becomes a source of healing, plus much more. No skills or experience are needed. Hope to see you!

CORNHOLE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 2:00 p.m. (FA)

MUSIC & DRUMMING FOR FITNESS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 & 25 10:00 a.m. (OC3)

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS AND UPDATES

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Bring a friend and join Personal Care residents on the 3rd floor great room of Oakwood Court for an exciting 30 minutes of seated drumming, set to fun and energetic music! The group will drum to themed songs! Drumming is an excellent way to work out while having fun with your friends. Hope you can join us!!

RL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 2:00 p.m. (FA)

All Residential Living residents are invited to attend the monthly birthday celebration. If you are a November birthday celebrant, please call or email Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121 or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org by Tuesday, November 11, if you plan to attend and receive your birthday plant. Doug McClure, vocalist/guitarist, will be returning this month to entertain you! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

MUSIC WITH SETH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 2:00 p.m. (BISTRO LOBBY)

Join Seth for a healthy helping of classic country western songs from way back when, along with some smooth sounds of Autumn. No musical experience or skills required. All are welcome!!

JEFFERSON HEALTH OUTREACH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

Please join a member of the outreach team from Jefferson Health for this month's topic, "**Obesity, Diabetes, and Women's Health!**" Discover what is new, what has changed, and current trends! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING TRIPS

PERKIOMEN TOURS & TRAVEL SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE "NOAH"

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
10:30 a.m. (TRIP)**

The Perkiomen Tours & Travels coach will be picking up those with reservations at the Fisher Auditorium entrance ONLY at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5. Return home to Dock Woods is 7:30 p.m. Just a reminder that the driver's gratuity has been included in the price of the trip, to be billed on your statement after the show.

RL DINE AROUND - MOCCIA TRAIN STOP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:30 p.m. (TRIP) 

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Schwenksville, PA to enjoy the 5:30 p.m. reservation at Moccia Train Stop. You will be seated at tables of 4 and 6 and receive separate checks. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org. The coach will pick up at each entity at 4:30 p.m. Invite a new neighbor to sign up. This month you may sign up on the PORTAL as well!

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE "CHRISTMAS AT THE PLAYHOUSE"

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
9:00 a.m. (TRIP)**

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Hampton, N.J. to enjoy the hot served lunch and afternoon show *Christmas at the Playhouse '25*. This annual musical has thrilled audiences for over 45

years with its Christmas tradition, dazzling costumes, and timeless classics. As a special surprise, the incomparable **Mari Green** is returning with the most dynamic performers on stage and with the renowned Hunterdon Hills Playhouse orchestra. The price of this trip which includes the served lunch, show, and transportation is **\$100.10** per person. Sign up NOW! Guests are welcome! This is a great Christmas present for you to invite your family! You may call or email Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org. The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 9:00 a.m. Approximate return home to DW is 5:15 p.m.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVIE: "MANSFIELD PARK" TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

1:15 p.m. (TRIP) 

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to the Indian Valley Public Library to enjoy the 2:00 p.m. movie, "MANSFIELD PARK." Set in the 1800's, this 1999 British romance/comedy drama film is based on Jane Austin's 1814 novel, written and directed by Patricia Rozema. Fanny Price (Frances O'Conner), born into a poor family, is sent away to live with uncle Sir Thomas (Harold Pinter), his wife, (Lindsey Duncan), and their four children, where she will be brought up for a proper introduction to society. She is treated unfavorably but her wit and writing talent find the room and circumstance to grow. The price of this trip is \$3.50 per person for

transportation. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org. This month you may sign up on the PORTAL as well!!

GLICK'S GREENHOUSE ANNUAL POINSETTIA SHOW TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 12:30 p.m. (TRIP)

As we celebrate the Holiday Season, the Living Branches coach will be traveling to Oley, PA to enjoy the 2:00 p.m. tour time of Glick's Greenhouse Annual Poinsettia Show on Tuesday, December 9. This year the theme is "Nature's Blessing" featuring over 15,00 poinsettias, live music and entertainment, themed Christmas displays, photo opportunities, and complimentary hot dogs and popcorn. There will be time to shop for the unique and handmade Christmas gift items along with houseplants, herbs, and more. There are over 12 different varieties of poinsettias, with specialty glittered poinsettias. The price of this trip for transportation is \$6.70 per person. There is no admission fee. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY'S ILLUMINATION HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 5:00 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Allentown, PA to enjoy the Illumination Holiday Lights at Lehigh Valley's Coca-Cola Park. This is the second year of this

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THANKSGIVING POTLUCK TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 5:00 p.m. (DMCR)

You are invited to sign up on the Dock Manor bulletin board sign-up sheets during the month of November if you plan to attend. Remember to bring enough to feed six. Some suggestions of food to bring: mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, stuffing, green bean casserole, baked macaroni and cheese, cranberry salad, coleslaw, rolls and butter, and an assortment of desserts like pumpkin pie, apple pie, pecan pie, and vanilla ice cream. This month Ruth Kinsey is the host for this annual event. Please contact Ruth at 215-393-8565 if you plan to help set-up, clean-up or have any questions. Thank Ruth Kinsey and Ida Bourque for preparing your turkeys for the potluck dinner.

OLD COMRADE CONCERT BAND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

Mark your calendars and come enjoy the afternoon concert with the Old Comrade Concert Band at 2:00 p.m. in the Derstine Chapel. This 25 member concert band under the artistic direction of Greg Kauriga, has been delighting audiences for over 35 years and consists of members from Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. Following the concert a **donation** will be received. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

SEATED CHAIR VOLLEYBALL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 2:00 p.m. (FA)

**"BE THANKFUL" SEATED CHAIR
BINGO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
2:00 p.m. (RR)**

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES! Join us at 2:00 p.m. in the recreation room for "Be Thankful" seated chair bingo. Come and enjoy playing a variety of bingo games with a new bingo sheet per game. Don't forget to bring along a marker or pencil, and a book to place your bingo sheet on. Please make your reservation with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

WINE IN THE WOODS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 4:30 p.m. (CHRISTOPHER'S)

This month as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving in a few days, bring along one thing you are grateful for and share with your friends at your table. Just a reminder that Wine in the Woods is a BYOB wine/social hour. Bring your own wine and take your remaining wine home after the social. Wine glasses will be available for you along with other beverages. Appetizers will be available for you to eat and enjoy. Please make your reservations with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

THANKSGIVING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

The Pastors for Living Branches invite you to come together and take time to praise God for all He has done for us this past year. We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Service that will bring all three Living Branches campuses together into one blended service. This year the in-person service will take place at Souderton Mennonite Home in the Summit View Auditorium. It will also be live streamed to the Willows (Gather in

TV Room) and Dock Woods (Gather in Derstine Chapel). Please join us on all three campuses at 2pm. If you miss the celebration, but would like to see it, our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be rebroadcast on Touch Town (CH2 - DW) on Thanksgiving Day at 3:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

2025 DOCK WOODS TREE LIGHTING RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 6:00 p.m. FA/BISTRO/LOBBY

Mark your calendars! The Tree Lighting Reception will be held on Wednesday, December 3. At 6:00 p.m. we will begin the holiday with refreshments. At 7:00 p.m. we have invited the Bucks County Women's Chorus as our featured entertainment, and 8:00 p.m. is the official tree lighting! More information will be forthcoming in the December Docket.



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ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Each year we prepare a disclosure statement for the Department of Insurance, which regulates life plan communities. This year's disclosure statement was made available at the end of October. If you are interested in having a copy, please call the administrative office receptionist. Give your name and phone number, and a copy of the disclosure statement will be delivered to you.

GIFT SHOPS

The Acorn Shop

Check out the store each week for more items on sale. This month all kids' items are 25% off. Soft toys for kids 50% off. The Acorn Shop hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Your purchase at our Acorn Shop and Thrift Shop benefits the BENEVOLENT Care Ministry of Living Branches. The proceeds from the Dock Woods Acorn Shop and Gifts & Treasures Shop go directly to the Sharin Fund. The Acorn Shop has a donation box by the register, for the Sharing Fund.

Dock's Gifts & Treasures Shop

Stop by daily to see new items! Please, do not hesitate to check this out!! All Fall items are 50% off. Kitchen items 25% off. Gifts & Treasures Shop hours are Monday through Friday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

REMINDER: As the holidays approach please remember that employees are not permitted to accept tips, gratuities or gifts from residents or residents' family members.

SARA SPOTLIGHT

Reminder - SARA is for emergency situations.

How do I know that my pendant is still working? Your pendant checks in with the SARA system on a regular basis. When the SARA system detects a low battery, it will send an alert to staff with plenty of notice.

LIVING U

This November, Living U students will enjoy learning about a variety of topics. Instructors will teach about the changing demographics of Montgomery County (11/3), Lebanon: people, economy, religion, and history (11/6), Deepening meaning and purpose after retirement (11/12), the Mighty Atom and Slim the Hammer Man (11/13), William Penn (11/19), and stories from Doylestown newsman's W. Lester Trauch (11/20). For more information or to register, contact Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator at 215-368-4438 extension 44204.

VOLUNTEERS

Just a reminder to any volunteer that has not submitted their annual in-service paperwork, all paperwork is due on 11/04. This includes flu documentation and the TB questionnaire. For those who did not attend the in-person meeting, you also need to watch the video online and submit the quiz that follows, per the instructions that were mailed to you. If you have not turned your paperwork in, please do so as soon as possible! If you need assistance in any way, please contact Jennifer Wilson at 215-368-4438 ext. 44189.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Annual Giving Request for Benevolent Care

As we approach the time when many of us begin to plan for our year-end giving, we want to remind you about the benevolent care ministry at Living Branches. The gap in funding for residents who are no longer able to pay the full cost of their care continues to grow each year and we appreciate your ongoing support. It is through your faithful gifts that we are able to provide quality care for all of our residents, regardless of their financial status. Year-end mailings will be sent out by the end of November. Contributions should be returned to the Fund Development office no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025, in order to be acknowledged for the 2025 tax year. Thank you for considering Living Branches in your year-end giving!

Legacy Giving Info

The end of the calendar year is also the time when we

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remind Legacy Giving members about the renewal of their annual support for the Benevolent Care Ministry at Living Branches. New donors are always welcome. Anyone can become a Legacy Giving member by choosing one of these three options:

- 1) Faith Level - make an annual contribution of the designated minimum
- 2) Hope Level - make cumulative gifts during your lifetime of \$25,000
- 3) Love Level - make a commitment to Living Branches in your will or estate plan

In return for your gift, you will receive two tickets for special Living Branches events and invitations to special Legacy Giving updates with President/CEO Edward Brubaker.

For more information, please contact: Colin Ingram, Associate Director of Fund Development 215-368-4438, extension 44304
Colin.Ingram@LivingBranches.org

ART WALL EXHIBIT

The Art Wall Committee would like to invite you to the next exhibit for November 2025 through January 2026 featuring artist, David Page. David is a retired art teacher who eventually went into administration, painting and drawing. In addition to his amazing artwork, David is a stroke survivor, author and speaker. Please stop by to see his incredible artwork.



DOCK STEWARDS

REDUCE: Reduce your use of Single-Use items such as a plastic grocery bag. Use a reuseable cloth shopping bag.

REUSE: Shop and Donate at Care and Share or another charity.

RECYCLE: Keep it Clean. When in Doubt - Throw It Out

PASTORAL CARE

Psalm 126, "Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy."

Grief is part of our journey. As we move to new levels of care, say goodbye to friends and loved ones who pass away, or say goodbye to staff who move on to new adventures, we feel some level of loss. Even as we shed tears of grief, scriptures tell us that joy is on its way. We *will* eventually sing songs of joy.

Souderton Mennonite Homes and Dock Woods campuses will begin November with our Services of Remembrances; an opportunity to remember those residents who have passed on in the last six months. The Souderton Mennonite Homes Service of Remembrance will be held on November 4 at 2 p.m. in the Summit View Auditorium and on channel 1979. The Dock Woods Service of Remembrance will be held on November 6 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel and on channel 2. The Willows Service of Remembrance will be held in the Spring.

Songs of joy and thanksgiving will be sung later in the month at our Living Branches Thanksgiving Eve service on November 26 at 2 p.m.. The service will be live in the Summit View Auditorium on the Souderton Mennonite Homes campus and livestreamed to the Derstine Chapel at Dock Woods and the TV room at the Willows. This is a blended service with representatives from all three campuses taking part in the service.

May this season be filled with joy as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us and give thanks for the abundant blessings of God.

Pastor Neild