

## OWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

*"Older Wiser Loving Seniors"*

FOURTH QUARTER 2009

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Meeting dates for the final quarter of 2009 will be: Oct. 1, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Mayflower Restaurant, Thursdays at 11:30am. The December meeting and Christmas party will be **DECEMBER 10, 2009** at Boyd Hill Recreation Center.

We finished our Area Senior Sports Classic Friday. We had a great turnout, lots of fun, food and fellowship! The Health Fair was a success and we need to thank Ms. Terry Brady for all her hard work on helping to recruit the vendors that attended. Thanks to everyone who took part in the games and stopped by the Health Fair. Thanks to all who helped with the great door prizes.

A trip has been planned to visit the beautiful Biltmore House, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The house will be all decorated for the Christmas Holidays and a spectacular sight to see. The deadline to register is October 15<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$100.00 and includes a tour of the house, lunch at the Deerpark Restaurant and motor coach transportation. Fee due when registering.

The Owls Halloween Party and lunch will be held at Boyd Hill Recreation Center on Oct. 29, 12:00 noon. The registration fee is \$2.00 and a covered dish **entrée**. Dessert and drinks will be furnished. We will be entertained by the Copy Cats of the Carolina's. We like to furnish lunch for the entertainers so please fix a little extra when making your entrée. There will be 20 people in the group. This group has been with us before and they are very entertaining. Costumes are optional. Registration is **required** on or before October 22, 2009.

We will be having FUN DAY at Boyd Hill Recreation Center on November 19, at 11:30am. A SNOWMAN hat will be the project for those who would like to take part. Corn Hole Toss will be available for those who just want to play. Lunch will be at 12:00. The fee for the lunch and to make the hat is \$8.00. (hat and most supplies included) If you just want to come and play and have lunch the fee is \$6.00. **Registration is required.** Deadline to register is November 12<sup>th</sup>. This event will be like the ones we have been holding at Manchester Meadows during the warm weather.

There have been a lot of changes and improvements taking place at Glencairn Garden and even more to come. One of the special areas is the Veterans Garden. On Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am, the City of Rock Hill honors the dedicated men and women of the military with a patriotic program featuring music, ceremony and a few surprises. With this event, the City also celebrates the completion of the Veterans Garden at Glencairn Garden, a lasting tribute to past, present and future members of the military. The garden is located at 825 Edgemont Ave. You may contact Laurie Helms @ (803) 329-5620 for more information. I hope several of you will have time to honor the men and women that have done so much for our country and for us as citizens.

Each year we have tried to do a Holiday trip in December. This year instead of going to the beach (which we did for years and years and years) we have decided to travel to Williamsburg, Va. to enjoy some of the colonial festivities from the past time. We will stop at Charles City to visit the Berkeley Plantation where settlers observed the first official Thanksgiving. We will attend the festive holiday

event Celebration of Trees before enjoying an authentic plantation dinner featuring a traditional Colonial meal. We will stroll through the restored area and enjoy all the “colonials” in their outfits from the past. During the Grand Illumination you will experience the traditional holiday extravaganza featuring holiday merriment. Visit shops, public buildings and restored homes. Later we will go to Newport News and enjoy a fabulous holiday meal and Dickens-style Christmas entertainment at the Boxwood Inn. A drive- through the Newport News Park to experience the “Celebration in Lights”, a two mile spectacular animated display with over 700,000 lights illuminating the beautiful forest, fields and ponds. Over 200 displays are spread throughout a dozen theme area. This will be a great time to buy a special Christmas present. We will see how different the holidays were from what we have in this modern day! Fee is \$381.00 (double occupancy) and includes lodging, motor coach transportation, 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 dinners, admission to Colonial Williamsburg, tours and a “tasting” visit to a local winery. Deadline to register is October 28. A deposit of \$50.00 is due when registering. Date: Dec. 2 - 4. 2009

Open sports play is available on Mon. & Weds. mornings at Boyd Hill Center. Tuesday the Corn Hole Toss league plays from 10:30am till noon. Bowling is open to all seniors at Strikers on Thursday's, 9:00am. Three games are usually played and the fee is \$1.75 per game. No need to register for these activities. Just show up and join the fun!

Unified Bowling will start Friday Oct. 2, 9:30am at Strikers Bowling Lanes. This program is where a senior citizen bowler joins a “special population” bowler and helps to coach while bowling two games. The program meets for six weeks. Bowling is free to bowler. If you are interested in helping with this program you may call Carolyn Snyder for more information. The time spent is very rewarding and appreciated.

Our final meeting for the year will be Thursday, **December 10, 2009** at Boyd Hill Recreation Center, **12:00 noon**. This will be a covered dish luncheon and Christmas party. The fee is \$2.00 and a covered dish **entrée**. Dessert and drinks will be furnished. We will have a Chinese Auction. If you would like to take part in the auction, bring a wrapped Christmas present marked on the outside “female” or “male” so the person choosing a gift will know which is for a lady or a gentleman.

For more information about any of the trips and activities, you may contact Carolyn Snyder, (803)329-5626 and to register or pay for trips and activities you may mail a check to : City of Rock Hill, P.R.T. Dept., Att: Carolyn Snyder, P.O.Box 11706, Rock Hill, SC 29731. Checks are made payable to: City Of Rock Hill. If you would like to pay at our Central Office it is located on the third floor of City Hall.

I hope we have offered some trip or activity that you want to take part in. We have a lot of fun, lots of laughs, good exercise and the very best “folks” to enjoy spending time with. Since this is the last letter for 2009 I want to wish each one a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Stay well, stay safe and I hope to see you all in 2010.

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