

		2018	Schedule		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	OTHER
Bridge Tips 10-12:00 Ginny Powell	Art Explorations 9:00-12:00 Bob McKibben	Square Dancing 9:30-11:00 Bud Miller	Canasta Lessons 10:00-12:00 Betty Hoffman	Intermediate Bridge 9:30-11:30 Jo Collier	
Sing-along 10:30 – 12:00	CRAFTS 10:00-12:00 Mericy's Blum Shirley Gruber	Beginning Tap 11:00-12:30 Mary Finke	Exercise 10:00-11:00 Connie	Line Dancing 9:30-11:00 Barbara Mlcuch	FOR ALL OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS
Spanish (11:00-12:00) Barbara Treharne (First Monday) Drama (10-12:00) Selva Joseph		Spanish (11:00-12:00) Barbara Treharne (Second and subsequent Wednesdays)	Stability Exercise 11:00-12:00 Sandra Carrera	Hula 11-12:00 (Sonja Chin)	(See Notices at Front Desk)
Mahjong Class 12:30 – 3:30	Rummikub Pool or billiards All day / Every day	1st Wednesday Board Meeting at 11:00	Computers 12:30-1:30 2:00-3:00 Gloria Candela & Bud Miller	Writing Group 10:00-12:00 Elena Karplus	
English (Intermediate) 1:00-2:00 Rosemary Helenbrook		Poker from 12:30 to 3:30 Beryle Greenberg	Drawing 1:00-3:00 Bob McKibben	Poker from 12:30 to 3:30 Beryle Greenberg	
Computers 12:30 – 1:30 2:00-3:00 Gloria Candela Ann Gaudino	Duplicate Bridge 12:15 - 3:30 Jo Collier	Chair Yoga 1:00-2:00 (Sandra Carrera)	Ecology / Oral History Class 1:00-2:30 (John Owens)	New Members Meeting 11:00-12:00 Last Friday of month	ALL TRIPS (See Notices at Front Desk)
Bunco 12:30-3:30 Maria Gulla Open Games Daily 12:30-3:30	Canasta/Mah Jong Open games Daily 12:30-3:30	Computers 12:30-1:30 Gloria Candela & Bud Miller	Canasta/Mah Jong Open games Daily 12:00-3:00	Duplicate Bridge 12:15 - 3:30 Daniel Grusauskas	
Hand and Foot 1:15 – 3:30 Phyllis Kaplan		Ballroom dancing 2:00-3:30			
Tap Dance 5:30-7:30 Laurie Merker	The Library is free and open every day	Book Club 2-4 o'clock 3 rd Wednesday	Dinner Club at 6:00 pm 3 rd Thursday of each month		
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From

Your

President

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TO: SENIOR LIFT MEMBERS

RE: FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE SENIOR LIFT CENTER

Dear Members:

I am writing to bring your attention to the financial future of the LIFT. Many of you know that we worked aggressively on a Grant proposal for Miami-Dade County. After a long wait, we have been awarded the sum of \$45,900 for the 2018 year. This amount barely covers the annual rent which is \$87,000. This leaves a deficit in Operating Costs of approximately \$73,000. We have no information regarding Grant funding beyond 2018, and this deficit leaves us in a quandary as to how we will finance our future. Although, the LIFT does have limited funds in reserve, we must proceed with caution as they will be quickly depleted. The time for action is **NOW!**

I have formed two special committees to work on conserving our savings and bringing in new money. The **Fund-raising Committee** is already working with a consulting company identifying Foundations to which we can apply for assistance. We will also be writing to many companies, individuals, Florida Senators and Commissioners seeking discretionary funds from their budgets. Hopefully, these efforts will result in added funds.

At the same time, a **Budget Committee** is looking at the LIFT's programs and expenses to see how they may be streamlined for the future.

Annual Membership. Beginning December 1, 2017, renewals for 2018 will be \$60 through January 31st. New Members will pay \$70. Beginning February 1, 2018, the annual dues for everyone will be \$70.

Trips: In the past the cost of the buses was paid by the Miami-Dade Grant money. For example, the cost of the bus to Actors Playhouse in Coral Gables was \$650; the trip to Broadway Palms in Fort Myers was \$1,200. Participants only paid for their program tickets. The cost for these trips going forward must be covered by the individuals participating in the trips. This amount will be determined as each trip is planned.

Casino: The cost for each person for bus and entrance is \$19 prepaid. Members have paid \$10 toward this amount with the balance covered by the LIFT. The cost of a casino trip hereafter will be \$20 which cover the cost including the driver's gratuity.

Art, Crafts and Games: Participants in these programs will be responsible for their own materials.

Dance Programs: As with the art group and games, the dance groups

will cover the cost of costumes, music and/or other items as needed.

The Oasis: Up to now, costs incurred by the Oasis have been covered by the Grant money. Costs for 2017 exceeded the money brought in by over \$2,000. We must seek ways to make the Oasis more efficient, partially by buying items such as coffee, creamer, sodas, etc. in bulk.

Luncheons and Bingo: We have been able to enjoy these events throughout the years due in part to the Grant money and also the generosity of sponsoring organizations such as The Palace, Chen Medical and others. Without their generosity, it will be necessary to charge a fee to cover the costs. These will be determined on an individual basis. For example, members attending BINGO will pay for the actual cost of the lunch, which generally is about \$7. Money collected for the cards will go into the pot for winners. At the recent Holiday Luncheon sponsored by The Palace, we were able to raise an additional \$125 from the sale of take-out dinners. This money will go into a special fund to help with future events.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Make a Donation in Lieu of a Gift: Instead of Birthday gifts or flowers in the case of a death, make a contribution to the LIFT in the persons' name.

Add the LIFT to Your Will: Make arrangements to add a bequest to your will for a donation to the LIFT Center.

Become a Lifetime Member. Pay \$1,000 to cover your membership dues for the remainder of your life. You will be recognized by a plaque on display in the Center.

We understand that many of these changes may be met with concern and/or objection. We are hopeful that we will have your support as we go forward. Our sole interest is protecting the future of the LIFT Center. The Officers and Board will continue to work tirelessly toward that end.

We welcome your questions and suggestions. You may speak with any officer or Board member, or place your question/suggestion in the suggestion box.

We will keep you informed as we go forward. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Helenbrook (President)