



Palatine Township Senior Center

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The Happenings

NEW look, SAME great information!

A quarterly publication to keep you informed about what's happening at the Palatine Township Senior Center.

October - December 2026

Serving 50+ Active Adults for over 50 YEARS!



Diane Lancour
Executive
Director

"Direct"ly from Diane...

The Fall is a wonderful time with all the Autumn colors to prepare for the chilly winter months. PTSCC has several wonderful events to warm your heart and bring you together with family and friends this Fall and Winter Season.

The Winter Wonderland Event returns Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, see page 17 for more details. Then on Friday, February 5, 2027 experience some joyful music

as Dueling Pianos returns at Inverness Golf Club. Check upcoming Happenings, Facebook and our website for more details.

Let PTSCC be the place for you to share with friends and a cozy place to enjoy a hot beverage and snacks this winter. We are thankful to be here for you and wish you all a cheerful and safe holiday season.

Remember time passes all too quickly, always stay young at heart and come share that energy with us here at PTSCC - see you soon!

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Front Page News....

Membership - Currently you can become a PTSCC member for \$5 per month per person or \$7.50 per couple through February, which is the end of the fiscal year. So if you join in October you would pay \$5 x \$5 = \$25. New membership forms will be mailed out to current members in January 2027 and the dues can be submitted by the first of March to cover the March 2027-February 2028 membership year.

Thank you for being a part of PTSCC.

Business hours:

Monday—Friday
8:30am—5:00pm

**ENTER AT THE BACK DOOR #2.
PLEASE RING THE DOORBELL IF
THE DOOR IS LOCKED
AND SOMEONE WILL
ASSIST YOU.**



Our Mission... To provide programs and services which support older adults and their families by encouraging independence, well-being and connection to the community.

Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions. Grievance procedures are available through the Executive Director for any individual who believes he or she has been discriminated against in programs and services.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against, you have the right to file a complaint. For information, contact Diane Lancour at 847.991.1112.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Participation Criteria for Center Activities: Those participating in Senior Center programs must be able to address their own personal needs. Those with special needs are welcome to participate, but must be accompanied by someone qualified to assist them.

You can enjoy the 1st class at No Charge.

Monday

- 9:00am - 11:00am **NEW! Ceramics** \$5 Member, \$7 Non-member
Join us for special projects! Call the office to attend.
- 10:00am - 10:45am **Chair Yoga** \$3 Mem, \$5 Non-mem
- 12:00pm - 2:00pm **"Mexican Train" (Dominos)**, \$0 Member, \$1 Non-member
Looking for more players-come and learn!
- 12:00pm - 3:00pm **Mah Jongg** Card cost: \$0 Member, \$2 Non-member
This group is for those who already know how to play the game.

Tuesday

- 10:00am-1:00pm **Bridge** Card cost: \$0 Member, \$1 Non-mem (9:30-10:00 free instruction prior to game)
- 10:00am-12:30pm **Social Poker** \$0 Member, \$1 Non-member

Wednesday

- 8:30am-10:30am **T.O.P.S.** Includes weigh-in and meeting *Contact Dotty V. for info 847-707-8248*
- 11:00am - 3:00pm **Pinochle** \$0 Member, \$2 Non-member
- 12:00pm - 3:00pm **Mah Jongg** Card cost: \$0 Member, \$2 Non-member
This group is for those who already know how to play the game.

Thursday

- 9:30am -11:30am **Ceramics** \$5 Member, \$7 Non-member *Call the office to attend.*
- 10:00am -10:45am **Chair Yoga** \$3 Member, \$5 Non-member
- 10:00am -12:00pm **Technology Lab** \$5 *Our volunteers will help with your technical needs. Bring your own smartphone, iPhone, iPad, or electronic device. Computers are available here.*
- 12:00pm - 2:00pm **Bingo** \$1 a card for Member, \$1 a card for Non-member + \$1 flat fee
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm **Tai Chi** \$5 Member, \$7 Non-member

Everyday (included with your PTSCC membership)

Billiards Room & Fitness Room available daily from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Call for availability.



Interested in joining the Hiking / Walking Club?

Enjoy nature, the outdoors, and embrace the Chicagoland weather!

Hikes are offered once or twice a week on various days, times and outdoor locations.

A completed waiver is required to participate; contact Diane at dlancour@ptsc.org

Once a waiver is completed you will be on the list to be contacted weekly regarding that week's hiking schedule.



BI-MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Paper Crafts and Scrapbooking Open Sessions: \$0 Mem, \$3 Non-mem

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month, 10:00am - 1:30pm, Art Room, lower level.

Work on your paper projects with the help of fellow crafters. Check monthly flyer to see if card classes or demos are scheduled. Supplies will be provided. Need an idea? Come by and browse what is available.

Mexican Canasta No cost

1st & 3rd & 5th Wednesday of each month, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Please call to register, join the group, and learn the game.

They're looking for a couple more players!



Bunco \$3 per person

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Fee is \$3 a person.



Latino Social Group \$0 Members, \$1 for Non-members

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10:30am - 12:30pm.

Enjoy a variety of activities each month.

Cribbage \$0 Members, \$1 Non-members

2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, 10:00am - 12:00pm. Come observe, learn a new game, or just refresh. Contact Diane at dlancour@ptscc.org or call 847-991-1112 x235, if interested in attending. Looking for more players—Come and learn!

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Casual Coffee & Conversation Bereavement Group

Starting up again! Second Thursday of the month. 11:00am – 12:00pm

September 10, October 8, November 12. All ages are welcome.

TECHNOLOGY LAB

Tech Lab \$5

Come see them Thursday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm with any technical questions.

Did your kids give you an iPhone?

Do your grandkids want to Facetime?

Do you want to take photos on your phone?

They're here to help you!





TRAVELING LUNCH



This is an excellent opportunity to try a new restaurant with friends! Approximately 20 friends meet the **2nd Friday of each month at 11:30am**. Any members are always welcome! **RSVP to PTSCC at 847-991-1112** by the prior Wednesday so we can include you in the count. We'll make the reservation, payment is on your own.

Friday, October 9 - Longhorn Steakhouse

1901 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg 847-995-0107

Friday, November 13 - Tuscano

1854 W. Central Rd., Arlington Heights 847-222-1989

Friday, December 4 - Inverness Golf Club - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

102 Roselle Rd, Inverness 847-358-2340

Friday, January 8 - Garden Berry

270 E Northwest Highway, Palatine 224-359-8600



THEMED LUNCHEONS

NOTE: A 5% fee will be added to all credit card transactions.

Mark Your Calendars!

Come join us for a themed luncheon each month to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. Call to register at least 1 week prior to the lunch. Pre-payment due at registration.

Members: \$12 and Non-members: \$15. 10:30am - 12:00pm. See you then!

*Cost for luncheons with entertainment: Members: \$15 and Non-members \$20



Happy Halloween, Thursday, October 29, 2026

Boo - It's Halloween! Join in the fun and come wearing a costume. It can be easy, be creative with just a few things from your closet. We'll enjoy a pizza and pasta lunch from Garibaldi's, plus a sweet treat!



Happy Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 19, 2026

Let's gather with our friends and celebrate with a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a biscuit and pie. We'll engage in an activity to demonstrate our gratefulness.



Happy Holidays, Thursday, December 17, 2026

Come wish each other Happy Holidays as we enjoy a holiday meal amongst friends. We will enjoy entertainment and can sing along to some holiday favorites! *



Happy New Year, Monday, January 11, 2027

Good-bye 2026 and Hello 2027! We'll celebrate a New Year and what is ahead for us all this year. Nothing like soup and salad to warm us on what's sure to be a cold winter day! Join us!



**Please
remember to
call to
register!**



NEW! INFORMATIONAL & INTERESTING SESSIONS

Join us for 3 informational and interesting sessions!

Wednesdays at 10:30am, refreshments will be served. Please RSVP 847-991-1112.

September 23 - Medicare Part D, Nancy Frenk, Director of Social Services from PTSCC

October 7 or 14 TBD - "A Man's Best Friend" - Come visit a wonderful therapy dog and learn all the benefits!

November 18 - "Home Sweet Home", Panel of Professionals will speak about living safely at home.

HEALTH FAIR

Senator Darby Hills will be holding a Health Fair here Wednesday, October 21, 10:00am -12:00pm. Please come out to join us and meet the Senior-related businesses that will be here sharing information and resources.

RESOURCE LIST

Did you know?...

Our Social Services team has several Resource Lists that could help you find who you're looking for such as Senior Housing communities, dentists, etc.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Do you need transportation to and from the Center?

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Disabled or senior (60+) / Call 2-14 days in advance

Palatine Township or destinations up to 15 miles outside of township and scheduled trips to various shopping centers.

There are now 2 ways to schedule a pick up through the Township

1. Contact the Palatine Township 847-358-6907, \$2 a ride OR

2. NEW! Palatine Township now offers a self-service portal, which allows residents to book, track or cancel transportation services for medical or personal appointments.

HOW?

Activation: Users must contact the Palatine Township transportation office at 847-358-6907 to activate their self-service tool the first time.

Self-Service Portal: Once activated by the Transportation department, access the portal below to manage trip: www.palatinetownship.ecolane.com/selfservice

Reservations: Must be made a minimum of 3 working days in advance.

Operating Hours: Service operated with a 20-30 minute pickup window, requiring riders to be ready.

Text Messages: Receive text messages to let you know when the driver is coming.



WELLNESS



Blood Pressure Reading, 11:30am-12:30pm

Visit Rose, a nurse from Endeavor Health (formerly Northwest Community Hospital), to get your blood pressure taken and "Ask the Nurse" any health questions.
Mondays: October 5, November 2, December 7



Dr. Dan Parise, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Our podiatrist, Dr. Dan Parise, will be here at the Center every other month. New patient registration forms and proof of insurance are required before scheduling an appointment.

Tuesdays: September 22, November 24

LIFELONG LEARNING



AARP Driving Class (2 days) 4 hours each day

Each class size is limited to the first 18 students who register.

Dates: Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Check our website or call for updates.

Price: \$20 AARP members / \$25 Non-members*

HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

Are you having a hard time getting out?
Would having a nutritious meal delivered to you daily be helpful?
Please call Daryl at x 227 to get more details and see if you might qualify for our Home Delivered Meals program.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

If you're interested in driving meals to clients please reach out to Lauren at x233 or lmilani@ptsgcc.org



THANK YOU TO THE YOUNG MEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE OF INVERNESS

Thank you to the Young Men's Service League of Inverness for coming to the center and serving ice cream to our participants!
What a wonderful treat to enjoy!



THANK YOU ELA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

They recently provided us with a box of large print books, and we always appreciate their generosity. If you haven't been to our library recently on the lower level, you should stop by and find something that interests you! We have a great variety!

CONGRATULATIONS YEARLONG RAFFLE WINNERS

June 2026

\$100 Shirley Jauch
\$50 Jennabelle Dunn
\$25 Carol Zuccherio

July 2026

\$100 Jane Borgardt
\$50 Suzanne Cotugno
\$25 Patrick Lomasney

August 2026

\$100 Marilyn Schmidt
\$50 Hormoz Hormozi
\$25 Clare Locascio

Congratulations!

CHARITABLE GIVING

Charitable Gifts

We realize you have many options for donating your funds and we are truly grateful that you would pick the place you enjoy & share with friends, thank you. Because of your donation we are able to assist people who may be struggling in finding license plate discounts, a better Medicare Part D prescription plan, or just need the opportunity to share in the Caregivers or Bereavement support groups. Your generous donation helps offset the expense of having a helpful Social Service staff ready to assist on a daily basis at No Charge. The cost for PTSCC to offer this **Free** service is \$136 pp per hour of time by a Social Service Staff person. We believe these services are critical for individuals to feel less stress about Finances. As a private non profit, we rely on your generous contribution and support, to help off set the cost of this vital service.

You can also donate to the Endowment Fund. This contribution will help build the endowment base to secure investments for the future of PTSCC. We appreciate your support and look forward to the future. For questions on how to financially contribute you can contact Diane Lancour at 847.991.1112 x235 or dlancour@ptsc.org. Thank you for your consideration and support. You help us make a difference in the lives of so many adults - thank you.

If you would like additional information about PTSCC finances you can request an Annual Report.

Have you ever thought about a Legacy Donation - Leave a Legacy of Caring.

Your generosity can make a difference for years to come by including PTSCC in your Will or Trust with a Legacy Gift. This thoughtful act is a meaningful way to honor your values while helping ensure that future participants continue to enjoy the programs, services, and friendships that make PTSCC such a special place.

Legacy Gifts have provided support for overnight trips, purchased benches and gathering spaces, strengthened the Home Delivered Meals program, and funded other important needs. Whatever size your gift, it becomes a lasting expression of your compassion and commitment to PTSCC. Thank you for considering a Legacy Gift to PTSCC.





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Thank you to all of our Corporate Members and Sponsors this past year. It is with your support and partnership that we're able to provide so many of our valuable programs and services.
We look forward to our continued partnerships!

PTSCC receives allocations through grant writing proposals to the following agencies:

Age Options

Palatine Township

Palatine Park District

Village of Palatine



NOTE: A 5% fee will be added to all credit card transactions.

OVERNIGHT & DAY TRIP INFORMATION 2026-2027

As we continue through 2026 and begin to move into 2027, we will keep creating new and exciting trips for you to enjoy. Our goal is to continue to keep everyone safe, so please see the guidelines for each trip.

We ask that you sign an emergency waiver & provide contact information.

- Please enter at Door #2 , and check in upstairs in the dining room when attending a trip leaving from PTSCC.
- We frequently co-op with the Dundee Senior Center on programs. In order to better manage our trips, if you register at PTSCC and want to take the bus from Dundee, you must also be a member there & vice versa. This arrangement will help us provide the best possible service. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- **Cancellation Policy:** Once we have made initial and final payments for any trip (transportation, tickets, meals), we cannot refund your money. Any cancellation could be subject to a \$25 Administration Fee. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- **Basic Trip & Center Guidelines:** There is a set of guidelines outlining the Code of Conduct for each Center Activity & Trip. These guidelines are also posted on many Center bulletin boards and are part of the PTSCC Membership Booklet. The Code of Conduct was established so everyone can enjoy the activities. Thank you for participating and being respectful of yourself, others in the group, and the space around you.
- **Participation Criteria (Center Activities and Trips):** Those participating in Senior Center programs must be able to address their own personal needs. Those with special needs are welcome to participate, but must be accompanied by someone qualified to assist them.

PLEASE NOTE: PTSCC has been offering overnight trips for over 16 years. We welcome people to participate in the trip program with the understanding that these overnight trips are designed for a group. As an individual your responsibility is to come prepared & healthy. There is an emergency procedure waiver for each participant to sign and acknowledge their own responsibility on the trip & if you become ill or have an incident you will have the tools to care for yourself, as the trip with the group continues. If you have any questions or concerns please call Diane at 847.991.1112 x235

TRIP REGISTRATION

- **MEMBERS** may register in person starting at 10:00am Wednesday, September 23 or by phone at 12:00pm the same day for Trips listed in this Happenings edition, October-December 2026.
- **Pay by credit card, cash, or check at the time of registration.**
- **NON-MEMBERS** may register by phone or in person for trips starting at 9:00am Friday, September 25.



A note from Barb.....

"We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us."

Come travel with us, we have a lot of fun and experience great places!

- Barb



DAY TRIPS

The day trips on Page 10 will have the PALATINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER as the ONLY pick up and drop off location. All are welcome to participate.

Cantigny Park (PTSCC) **Cost: \$45 M / \$53 NM**
CANTIGNY **Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026 (NEW Date)** **9:30am – 3:00pm**
Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2026 **Lots of Walking**

Enjoy a day outdoors at this gorgeous park in Wheaton. The grounds are covered in flowers, with a walk near the fountain and other interesting areas. You can experience history by visiting the First Division Museum. We will share snacks on the way on the bus. We encourage you to bring a sack lunch but there is a café if you'd prefer to purchase.

You can register with payment (check or cash) and once we have 18 or more participants on EACH of these trips, PTSCC will deposit the funds, or it will be returned.

9 to 5, Drury Lane Theatre, Oak Brook, IL (PTSCC) **Cost: \$122 M / \$130 NM**
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2027 **11:30am – 4:30pm**
Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2026 **Light Walking**

Based on the hit 1980 movie, this hysterical and empowering musical is the story of three unlikely friends who concoct a plan to get even with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss. With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, 9 to 5 is a nostalgic joyride that proves there's nothing women can't do.

Included in this trip is a tasty lounge Happy Hour package which includes: An Artisanal Charcuterie Board (breads, cheeses, meats & jelly) then a variety of appetizers (beef sliders, fried ravioli, Vegetable Crudites and homemade brownies and cookies) includes coffee & hot tea. Get your own adult beverage and enjoy some pre theatre social happy time. The show starts at 1:30, join us for a fun afternoon with friends and tasty food.

Hard Rock Casino, Rockford (PTSCC) **Cost: \$40 M / \$48 NM**
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2027 **10am – 3pm (11am – 2pm at casino)**
Deadline: Friday, February 19, 2027 **Little Walking**

Join us for a fun day of gambling at this Casino. Several restaurants for your lunch options. Great time with friends and of course we hope you come back a WINNER!



DAY TRIPS

The day trips on Page 11 will have the Palatine Township Senior Center AND DUNDEE as the pick up and drop off locations. All are welcome to participate.

**Taste of WI****Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026****Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2026****Cost: \$55 M / \$63 NM****9am – 4pm****Moderate Walking**

Join us for a fun day of eating and seeing some fall colors with friends. We will be making 3 stops for you to try a variety of foods. First stop Apple Holler, second stop Mars Cheese Castle, final stop Brat Stop Shop. You will have about 1-1.5 hours at each stop. You can purchase your own lunch at any of the stops.

Christmas Schooner, Metropolis**Date: Thursday, December 10, 2026****Deadline: Friday, November 13, 2026****Cost: \$45 M / \$53 NM****2pm show, arrive 1:45****Drive yourself - Little Walking**

You will drive yourself to this theatre event. Dundee will meet our group at the **theatre 1:45**, we have **6 tickets left**. The story goes...It is Christmastime in Manistique, Michigan, in the late 1880's, and a German-American family is preparing their home for the holidays. They receive a fateful letter from a cousin in Chicago, who writes with longing about her desire for a Christmas tree to rekindle the beauty and magic of their childhood holiday traditions. As it turns out, there are more than enough trees to go around in Manistique, and one man is brave enough to captain the journey through the treacherous Lake Michigan waves. His voyages become a yearly tradition, despite his wife's misgivings – until a fateful voyage makes her realize the true importance of his mission. The Christmas Schooner is a heartfelt tale of compassion, bravery, & the commitment to make the world a better place, based on the real-life stories of the sailors who brought magic to Chicago families all those years ago.

**Buddy Holly Story, Fireside****Date: Friday, January 22, 2027****Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2026****Cost: \$140 M / \$148 NM****8:30am – 6pm****Little walking**

Before the Beatles and the Rolling Stones ever played a note, popular music was forever changed by a bespectacled kid from Lubbock, Texas – BUDDY HOLLY! Now you can witness his story explode onto the Fireside stage in a toe-tapping, hand-clapping, live-band extravaganza that will have you up and dancing. BUDDY tells the true story of Buddy Holly through his short yet spectacular career and features the classic songs "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "Everyday," "Not Fade Away," "Heartbeat," "Rave On," as well as The Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace," Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba," and many more. Lunch choices are shrimp tempura, grilled pork ribeye, stuffed chicken supreme or vegetarian stuffed shells.

Sunday in the Park with George, Paramount Theater - Aurora**Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2027****Deadline: February 5, 2027****Cost: \$105 M / \$113 NM****9:30am – 6pm****Little walking**

Art, love, and life beautifully collide in *Sunday in the Park with George*, Stephen Sondheim's masterpiece inspired by Georges Seurat's famous painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte." In 1880s Paris, painter Georges Seurat is consumed by passion for his work, meticulously capturing every color and curve of the world around him. But as he chases perfection on the canvas, he risks losing Dot – the woman who inspires him. A century later, another George, Seurat's great-grandson, struggles with the same questions of meaning, legacy, and connection in a modern world that often overlooks the value of art. Lunch is at Fireside Grille with your choice of a grilled pork chop, coconut shrimp, French onion meatloaf or Mediterranean pasta.



2026-27 OVERNIGHT TRIPS

PTSCC strongly suggests you take the Travel Insurance offered by Diamond Tours because as stated in the Trip information page – once PTSCC makes the final payments for the trips, “we cannot refund your money”.

And for other trips PTSCC has a list of 4 travel insurance companies and we strongly recommend getting additional insurance for those trips as well.

DIAMOND TOUR TRIPS:

Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg & Historic Norfolk

June 6-12, 2027 (Sunday - Saturday) (7 day trip)

Cost: \$1149 pp Double occupancy / \$1498 Single occupancy \$75 deposit due at registration

Four night stay in Virginia Beach area. Highlights may include: Virginia Beach Aquarium, Boardwalk, Colonial Williamsburg, Norfolk Harbor Cruise and more..

New Hampshire & the White Mountains

August 28-September 5, 2027 (Saturday - Sunday) (9 day trip)

Cost: \$1429 pp Double occupancy / \$1978 Single occupancy \$75 deposit due at registration

Four night stay in New Hampshire area. Highlights may include: Scenic Lake Cruise, Wright WWII Museum, Castle in the Clouds, Loon Mountain, a 2.5 mile train ride, 1.3 mile scenic gondola ride and more.

PTSCC HOLIDAY TRIP TO GREEN BAY, WI

Tuesday, December 1 – Thursday, December 3, 2026

Cost: \$465 pp Double occupancy Member / \$540 Non-member

\$595 Single occupancy Member / \$670 Non-member

\$150 deposit at time of registration. We will need 26 participants in order to do the trip, checks will be deposited once we reach 26 participants. DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Give yourself a holiday gift by joining us on this fantastic trip. Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with an unforgettable overnight holiday adventure! Join us as we explore some of Wisconsin's favorite seasonal attractions, all wrapped up in one magical trip.

Trip Includes: Transportation, overnight (2 nights) at the Oneida Hotel & Casino, and Holiday nights and venues.

The venues include: A stop in Milwaukee Mitchell Domes, Green Bay National Railroad Museum Holiday tree & decorations, a special holiday lunch on the ride home, and more.

Casino & hotel package includes: Complimentary breakfast, \$20 in food vouchers, complimentary drink coupon, \$20 free play Tuesday night and \$10 free play Wednesday night.

2027 BUCKET LIST TRIPS:

Trips with Premier World Discovery: Price includes air & land, pick up at PTSCC. Deposits can be made at PTSCC via check or credit card (to Premier) using the Premier registration form. Final payments will be given directly to Premier.

1. Great Trains & Grand Canyons April 11 – (6 days) \$3949

2. Alaska Cruise tour June 24 – (12 days)

Rates vary according to location on the ship from \$5899 to \$7799 pp double Occ.

3. French Riviera Explorer October 27 – (9 days) \$4524



SOCIAL SERVICES



Nancy Frenk
Director of
Social Services

A Note from Nancy

We can help you apply for assistance programs that may help with utility expenses, grocery costs, license plate sticker discounts, and more. The Social Services team is happy to assist you with your needs such as providing information and resources, caregiver support, Medicare counseling, referrals, and benefits eligibility screening. *Please note, we meet by appointment only.*



PTSCC Social Services Staff

Peg Schuetz, MA, Social Service Representative
Robin Raef, Social Services Representative
Nancy Frenk, MA, Director of Social Services
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Guiselle Vega, Social Services, Latino Liaison

**Call to schedule your appointment with any of the Social Services staff at 847-991-1112.
We look forward to serving you!**

SOCIAL SERVICES - Latino



Guiselle Vega
Latino Social
Services
Representative

Tercera Edad De Palatine

Se provee información y asistencia sobre los siguientes programas:

Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP (estampillas de comida), MSP (Programas de ahorro de Medicaid)
Extra Help (ayuda para medicamentos recetados)
LiHeap asistencia de ayuda para energia y gas.
BAA (descuento para placas de carro y el pase para el transporte público)
Por favor de hacer una **cita** para obtener más información sobre los programas al
847-991-1112 x 224.

¡Acompáñanos a nuestros Miércoles Latino!

¡Los invitamos el primer y tercer Miercoles de cada mes de 10:30am - 12:3pm, a participar en diferentes actividades! Actividades incluyen: Bingo, Lotería, Música, Y mucho más!
¡Para más información, por favor comuniquese con Guiselle al (847) 991-1112 x224

SOCIAL SERVICES - Eastern European



Sasha Baru
Eastern
European
Social Services
Representative

ИНФОРМАЦИЯ ДЛЯ НАШИХ КЛИЕНТОВ !

**МЫ ГОВОРИМ НА ВАШЕМ ЯЗЫКЕ- РУССКИЙ, УКРАИНСКИЙ, ПОНИМАЕМ ПО
ПОЛЬСКИЙ.**

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ПОМОЩИ МЕДИКАР.**

ПОЖАЛУЙСТА ЗВОНИТЕ САСШЕ ЧТОБЫ ЗАПИСАТЬСЯ НА ПРИЕМ

847-991-1112 X 225



Our Social Service Department can assist with:

- Applications for senior entitlement programs
- Referrals to community agencies & service & housing providers
- SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program)
- Prescription Drug Insurance Counseling
- Caregiver Resources & Support
- Benefits Access applications
- Energy Assistance
- Supportive Counseling
- Adult Day Services

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

We are accepting applications for the LIHEAP Program. This program assists with gas and electric costs. LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and geographic locations.

You will need to provide proof of income for all the household members, as well as your most current gas and electric bills and social security cards if you are a first-time applicant.

The program will end in August or until funds are depleted.

1 person household limit \$3332.00/month / 2 person household limit \$4357.00/month

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment is coming!

The Annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period is October 15 - December 7, 2026

This is an important time of year to look at your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

You can change your plan during Open Enrollment and should compare plans each year since they often change co-pays, deductibles, and premium costs.

Our Social Services staff can assist you by entering your medications into the medicare.gov Plan Finder system.

It will tell us which plan will be most cost effective based on your specific medications during your coverage in 2027.

We were pleased to be able to save our clients a total of \$111,712 last year by switching prescription drug plans.

Please call early in the Open Enrollment period to learn about changes in 2027 and to make an appointment with one of our 10 trained SHIP Counselors who are ready to help you, as appointments fill up quickly.

New to Medicare? We can help.

Our Social Services staff and SHIP volunteers are knowledgeable and helpful when it comes to all of your Medicare questions. We can assist you with enrollment, supplements, Part D, Advantage Plan questions, Prescription drug assistance, Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare & Medicaid Alignment Initiative & more. This service is available to people of all ages with Medicare. We are not affiliated with any insurance companies, we do not sell or solicit any type of insurance, and are trained by the Illinois Department on Aging.

This service is offered **FREE** to people with Medicare and their caregivers.

Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Do you qualify for assistance that pays for groceries?

The SNAP program provides a monthly benefit that can be used to supplement your food budget. This benefit can allow you to have more money to use towards medical, housing, or prescription costs. Our Social Services staff can assist you with the application for this program through the Department of Human Services. For those 60 and older or who are disabled, the income guidelines are:

\$2608.00/month for a single person / \$3525.00/month for a 2 person household

Benefits Access Program Application Assistance

This program provides a license plate sticker discount as well as a Senior Ride Free Pass for Pace and Metra to those that qualify. Annual income eligibility guidelines for this program are:

1 person household - \$33,562 / 2 person household - \$44,533

This program provides benefits for 2 years and approval can take up to 12 weeks.

Your sticker will cost only **\$10**. You will need 2025 tax returns.

Call Social Services to set up an appointment to apply for any of the above programs. 847-991-1112



ADULT DAY SERVICES



Diane McFadden
ADS Coordinator

CARING HEARTS ADULT DAY SERVICES

The Caring Hearts Adult Day Program, in operation since 1991, is an interactive small group for older adults with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease or dementia. If you are caring for someone with dementia, your loved one may benefit. Group members maintain their independence and stay active by making new friends, socializing, and participating in a variety of fun activities.

Activities stimulate the participants mentally, physically and socially. Your loved one will be involved in structured, supervised and engaging activities, while you get a respite from your caregiving responsibilities.



The program is open to residents from all communities. Transportation is available to Palatine Township residents through the Palatine Township Transportation services.

Available Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
11am – 3pm. For more information or to arrange a tour,
call Nancy Frenk at 847.991.1112 x222.

SAMPLE OF ADULT DAY ACTIVITIES:

- Pet & Music Therapy
- This Day in History
- Brain Teasers
- Chair Exercise
- Billiards
- Arts and Crafts
- Drum Circles
- Map games
- Word Games
- Multicultural activities

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling stressed or overwhelmed due to your role as a caregiver? Being able to talk to others who are experiencing similar challenges of caregiving can be beneficial in relieving some of the frustration and discouragement that often comes with the added responsibility of caring for a loved one. *Facilitated by experienced staff, our monthly support group offers a safe space where caregivers can:*

- Exchange experiences & ideas for reducing caregiver stress
- Learn about helpful community resources
- Enjoy emotional support from other caregivers

Our support group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month 11:00am – 12:00pm.
Call Diane McFadden for more information at 847.991.1112 x 226

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KENNETH YOUNG CENTER

The Palatine Township Senior Center is partnering with the Kenneth Young Center to host 2 beneficial programs here at the Senior Center to support those with memory loss and their caregivers.

SUPPORTIVE COUNSELING FOR CAREGIVERS

Free supportive counseling services are available to caregivers caring for an older adult loved one.

Manage difficult emotions, making difficult decisions, navigating community resources.

Call Kenneth Young to make an appointment.

847-524-8800 x124.

Offered the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
12:30pm – 3:00pm

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Meet other caregivers, receive support, support others, and feel rejuvenated and empowered in your caregiving role.

Ask questions, connect, vent, and learn coping strategies. No registration is required.

Call Kenneth Young Center at
847-524-8800 x124 to learn more.

Offered the 4th Wednesday of each month
11:00am—12:30pm



Mah Jongg Tournament Friday, July 31, 2026 Mah Jongg * Raffles * Lunch * Winners



Thank you, Randy, for your ongoing leadership and commitment to the center and to the Mah Jongg program! Your passion and knowledge helped us raise over \$4600 at the tournament!



88 women had an incredible day at the Mah Jongg Tournament! They started with a delicious lunch and a strawberry Mah Jongg cake for dessert, then played 12 games of Mah Jongg, enjoyed wine with cheese & crackers, had the chance to win 20 fantastic raffle items including a beautiful floral Mah Jongg Set, and lastly, the winners were announced!



Thank you to our Sponsors

Eden Vista Hoffman Estates & Barrington
Homewatch CareGivers
Lutheran Home
AVID Health at Home

Tournament Winners

1st: Sue Lindholm
2nd: Audrey Olsen
TIE for 3rd: Linda Jensen & Barb Feinsinger

Congratulations!



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!

Swingin' for Seniors!

Twin Lakes Golf Course, Palatine
Thursday, September 24
3:30pm - 8:00pm

3:30pm - 4:00pm: Check in for Golf
4:00pm - 6:00pm, GOLF: 9 holes, shotgun start
6:00pm - 8:00pm, AFTER PARTY: Raffles, food, drink, prizes (cash bar)

\$75 Golf and After Party,
\$30 After Party only.

Non-golfers, join us at the After Party!

REGISTER AT WWW.PTSCC.ORG

DEADLINE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Save the Date!

Keys for a Cause
Inverness Country Club
Friday, February 5, 2027





Winter Wonderland

Friday, November 13, 2026
Saturday, November 14, 2026
10:00am—2:00pm

Cookie Walk

By the pound



Gift Baskets

Wrapped and ready to give!

Handmade Items

Perfect for yourself or gift-giving



Holiday Decor

Holiday décor and gift items!

Jewelry and Purses

Beautiful pre-loved items



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Volunteers needed for Winter Wonderland!

We need several volunteer helpers to make this event be successful!

Volunteers are needed to bake for the Cookie Walk, work at check out, sell at particular stations, and more.

A volunteer form showing dates and times of the shifts each day will be available at the center soon.

Please help spread the word to friends, family about this great event!

There will be something for everyone!!

Please contact Kate Johnson with questions at 847-991-1112 x 234
kjohnson@ptsc.org

***Vendor information
available soon!***

Tuesday, December 1, 2026



We are excited to continue our commitment to the 50+ adults in our community in 2027!

The contributions we've received over the last several Giving Tuesday's has made it possible to carry out that commitment. We believe that is a reflection of the importance the center is to all of you, and for that we are grateful.

In 2025, through your contributions PTSCC was able to raise \$14,470. We're looking to all of you once again to accomplish the 2026 goal of \$16,000. We truly appreciate your thoughtful donations.

Together we can offer so much more with your support.

Watch your emails for more information as December 1st approaches!



REMINDERS

Need a ride to PTSCC?

Contact the Palatine Township Transportation at 847-358-6907.

Would you like to volunteer?

We can find a great fit for you within the center!

Don't miss out!

Please provide us your email if you haven't already! Receive up-to-date information and dates!

Memberships available!

Purchase now and take advantage of all the member benefits!

Wish List:

- Large Baskets and Wired Ribbon
- Flatbed Hand cart
- Power Tools (contact Russ)

GIFT SHOP

Come visit us in our space in the lower level outside of the Multipurpose Room!

We are accepting donations of new and gently used items!

- Household décor such as frames, small dishes, glassware
- Women's accessories such as purses, wallets, jewelry
- Seasonal items

If we're not open when you're here, please come find Kate or Lauren to open the gift shop for you, we'd love for you to check out all the great treasures!



HAPPY FALL!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Don't forget to register for our Halloween Luncheon October 29th, and be sure to wear a costume!

BOO!



PTSCC STAFF

Diane Lancour - Executive Director x235
Amy Hoffman - Business Manager x244
Kate Johnson - Development Associate x234
Nancy Klintworth - Administrative Assistant x221
Nancy Frenk - Director of Social Services x222
Peg Schuetz - Social Service Representative x230
Diane McFadden - Adult Day Coordinator x226
Sasha Baru - Eastern-European Liaison x225

Robin Raef - Social Service Representative x223
Guiselle Vega - Latino Social Services Liaison x224
Muriel Freitas - Food Service Aide
Vinnie Scardina - Food Service Aide
Russ Freitas - Facility Coordinator x243
Lionel Bilezikian - Facility Assistant
Barb Vitner - Trip Coordinator x244
Lauren Milani - Event & Programming Asst. X233
Daryl Torina - Café Manager x227

PTSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & BOARD

Bob Haas - Board Chair, Retired Inverness Police Dept.
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Larry Sophian - Treasurer, Retired Accountant
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Frank De Rosa - Community Volunteer
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Gail Niksic - Community Volunteer
Liz Starman - Addolorata Villa Franciscan Communities
Bob Szyska - Community Volunteer
Gayle Young - Endeavor Health

Members are encouraged to mail, email, or drop off any comments or suggestions for the Board prior to the meeting:

Tuesday, September 22 5:30 Zoom
Tuesday, October 27 5:30pm Zoom
Tuesday, November 17 5:30pm Zoom
Tuesday, January 12 5:30pm Zoom

Board Meetings are subject to change.

Please call the Main Office at 847-991-1112 to confirm days & times and receive the Zoom link.



THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CENTER!

Back Row L-R:

Mandy Klezek, Liz Starman, Larry Sophian, Skip Gaare, Frank De Rosa, Bob Szyska

Front Row L-R:

Gayle Young, Gail Niksic, Marla Shapiro-Gillen, Bob Haas, Colleen Palmer, Jackie Luthringshausen



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If the weather is questionable, please call the Main Office to be sure your activity and/or the center is still open and operational. If District 15 or Harper College is closed for inclement weather, PTSCC will be closed for activities.

We will be closed:

Thursday, November 26, 2026
Friday, November 27, 2026
Thursday, December 24, 2026
Friday, December 25, 2026
Friday, January 1, 2027

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**We are currently seeking
several volunteers for
different positions.
Thank you for your
consideration!**

**Call the Main Office for
more details:
847-991-1112 x224**

**HOME DELIVERED MEALS DRIVERS—Deliver nutritious hot mid-day meals to
the homebound older adults; 1-3 mornings a week approximately 2 hours**

OFFICE—Answer phones, light clerical duties; 1 morning a week, 3-4 hour shift

GIFT SHOP—Volunteer in our gift shop: 1 morning a week, 1 hour shift

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Provide needed expertise to govern PTSCC and
assist with fundraising: 1 monthly meeting, approximately 2 hours a month**

LEAD VOLUNTEERS FOR ACTIVITIES—Lead regularly scheduled activities.