



# The Scoop

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UKIAH SENIOR CENTER

## Holiday Dance Party!

Featuring Will Siegel and Friends

Special guest vocalist Marilyn DeFrange

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The mission of the Ukiah Senior Center is to enhance and improve the quality of life for all Ukiah seniors, their families and caregivers, and to enable seniors to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible.

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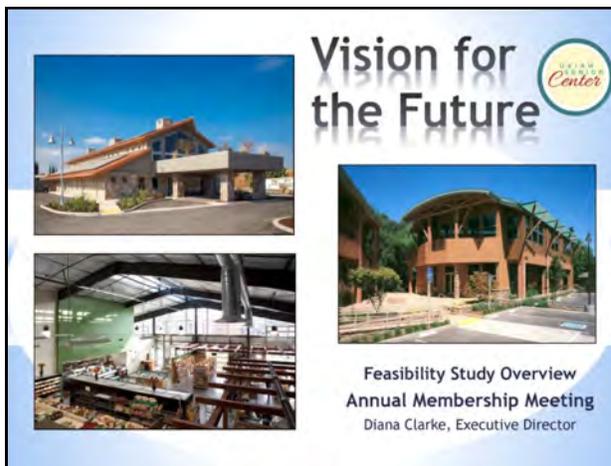
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It's hard to believe that the holidays are already approaching and 2017 is just around the corner. So much has happened during 2016, and the New Year promises many more exciting opportunities for the Ukiah Senior Center.

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Nearly a year ago, the Center commenced discussions with Rural Communities Housing Development Corp. [RCHDC] to collaborate on a project where RCHDC would construct a complex of new senior housing and USC would plan a new senior community center facility adjacent to the senior housing. Since those discussions began, RCHDC has moved forward in obtaining a Use Permit to develop its eight-acre site on Brush Street located just west of Orchard Avenue. And although RCHDC learned in September that it did not receive the grant funding initially sought to develop this property, RCHDC has confirmed with USC that it intends to move ahead with the project utilizing other funding sources that have been previously used by RCHDC to construct similar residential developments.

On September 27, I delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the USC Board, "*Vision for the Future – Feasibility Study Overview*," which provides important information about the viability of the Center's future development plans. This presentation summarizes (1) how the new community center facilities can be suitably located on the Brush Street property, (2) how a larger Thrift Store and Community Auditorium will generate the increased revenues needed to support the Center, (3) how much the construction of this new community center is projected to cost, and (4) how available funding through a combination of a long-term, low-interest government loan, the sale of USC's current facilities and monies raised through a local capital construction campaign will finance this development plan. For the benefit of all USC members and the public, *Vision for the Future* is now available to view on the Center's website home page, [www.ukiahseniorcenter.org](http://www.ukiahseniorcenter.org).

Moving forward into 2017, we will continue plans to develop the new community center focusing on the availability of potential funding through the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Development Program, which offers long-term, low interest loans for projects in rural areas such as local community centers. If USC is successful in submitting a pre-application to the USDA for this new senior center facility, then the Center will be invited to complete a full application for final funding consideration.

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# December Movie Matinee!

Fridays, 12:15 p.m., Bartlett Hall

Donations Appreciated



DECEMBER 2 – Amelia [2009] Rating: PG 2 hrs.

From the time she first sits in the pilot's seat, aviatrix Amelia Earhart (Hilary Swank) feels destined to achieve great things. Beginning in 1928, she sets a number of aviation milestones, including numerous

speed and altitude records, and was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. In 1937, Amelia undertakes her greatest challenge of all: To become the first woman to circumnavigate the globe by airplane.



DECEMBER 9 – Shining Through [1992] Rating: R 2 hrs. 12 min.

Spirited New Yorker Linda Voss (Melanie Griffith) goes to work for international lawyer and secret Office of Strategic Services operative Ed Leland (Michael Douglas) just before World War II. As they fall in love, the

United States enters the fight against Hitler, and Linda volunteers to work for Ed spying undercover behind Nazi lines. Assigned to uncover information about a German bomb, Linda also has personal motives to fulfill: Discovering the fate of her Jewish family members in Berlin.



DECEMBER 16 – Florence Foster Jenkins [2016] Rating: PG-13 1 hr. 50 min.

The true story of Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep), the legendary New York heiress and socialite who obsessively pursued her dream of becoming a great opera singer. The voice she heard in her head was

beautiful, but to everyone else it was hilariously awful. Her "husband" and manager, St Clair Bayfield (Hugh Grant), an aristocratic English actor, was determined to protect his beloved Florence from the truth. But when Florence decided to give a public concert at Carnegie Hall in 1944, St Clair knew he faced his greatest challenge.



DECEMBER 23 - The Holiday (2006) Rating: PG-13 2 hrs. 18 min.

Two women, one (Cameron Diaz) from America and one (Kate Winslet) from Britain, swap homes at Christmastime after bad breakups with their boyfriends. Each woman finds romance with a local man (Jude Law, Jack Black)

but realizes that the imminent return home may end the relationship.

## BUNKO

MONDAY, December 12  
5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Bartlett Hall - 495 Leslie St.

\$12 per person includes Bunko Game, a great prize, fabulous food and beverages. Everyone wins a prize playing Bunko!

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RSVP Jan Tipton • 462-0004

*Welcome new Members!*

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**Katherine McElwee**

## Caregiver Support Series

Redwood Caregiver Resource Center will present a training on Alzheimer's for family members and professionals. Facilitator, Alexis Glidewell, MSW, will show and discuss the video:

### *"Choice and Challenge: Caring for Aggressive Older Adults Across Level of Care "*

This film demonstrates helpful strategies for minimizing fear and resistance to help with areas of personal care, including bathing. Afterward there will be a discussion on understanding the root-causes of resistant behaviors, anticipating and minimizing predictable triggers for fear and resistance and setting realistic expectations for both the care receiver and the caregiver.

**The next series will be held** Wednesday, December 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ukiah Senior Center Admin. Bldg., 499 Leslie Street in the RCHDC Conference Room, #8. Space is limited. Register with Redwood Caregiver Resource Center (800) 834-1636 x110 Marsha

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Just check the box for your donation of choice, cut out this coupon and include it with a check made payable to:

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## Death Café

Meeting monthly, *The Death Café* will be held at the Ukiah Senior Center's Lunch Bunch Room located in the back Administration Building behind Bartlett Hall, 499 Leslie St.

Join with other community members in sharing experiences and insights of this most challenging and inspiring life transition. The group is open to all and isn't based on a particular belief or philosophy. Participants share personal experiences, insights or concerns about the end of life.

Meeting time is 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3. Please call or e-mail to RSVP: Seating is limited.  
**Miriam Raphael** 456-9151, mirigel@pacific.net

For more information visit the website  
[www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com)

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Vision for the future continued...

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At the same time, we will be working with an architectural firm to conceptualize building elevations and a site plan that will aid efforts to launch a capital building fund campaign in the spring of 2017. The Center is pursuing grant monies to help fund these initial architectural plans, which will enable our seniors and community members to visualize the exciting prospect of this new Center. Full floor plans and architectural designs will be developed once USC's construction funding has solidified.

Many of you participated in our recent USC Community Assessment Survey, whose responses were greatly appreciated by the Board of Directors. Your feedback provided extremely important perspectives on the programs, services and activities that the Center provides and will help to guide our future planning and decisions.

A summary of these survey results will be available on the Center's website. As anticipated, many of the respondents were supportive of plans for a new senior center facility, while others expressed understandable concerns regarding the cost of a new center, incurring construction loan obligations, and relocating our current operations. I am hopeful that these and other questions will be discussed during our November 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Center, and as always, the Board and I welcome your suggestions and input during our monthly Board meetings, regularly scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

As USC moves forward with plans to develop a new senior community center facility, we welcome your continued suggestions for this new project as well as your participation in these planning efforts. Your support is greatly appreciated and is essential to the success of the Center and its future.

## The Lunch Bunch

Providing respite for family members and caregivers in the care of their loved ones. Walk-ins welcome with 24-hour notice. Music, crafts, lunch and socialization with others.

Would you like to support us?  
Our needs for this month are:

**Decaf coffee, green tea, sugar-free hot chocolate napkins, kleenex, paper towels**

Thanks to those who support our activity!  
Your donations keep us running and our participants happy!



Mary Ann Anderson, Coordinator  
707-462-4343 ext.121  
lunchbunch@ukiahseniorcenter.org  
Have a special talent to share?  
Please give us a call!

# December Bartlett Hall Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Board Meeting</b> <b>Tuesday, December 13</b> <b>2:30 - 3:30 p.m.</b> <b>Administration</b> <b>Building, Lunch</b> <b>Bunch Room</b>		<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Medicare ★ <b>Presentation</b> 1:01-3:00 Bingo 4:00-5:00 Senior Aerobics 5:00-6:00 Line Dance 7:00-9:30 Square Dance	<b>2</b> 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 12:15 Movie Matinee 2:30 Line Dance	<b>3</b> <b>HOLIDAY DANCE</b> <b>PARTY WILL SIEGEL</b> <b>&amp; FRIENDS</b> 7:00-10:00
<b>5</b> 8:00-11:30 Piano 9:00-10:30 Cribbage and other Games 1:00-4:30 Bridge Duplicate 5:00-6:00 Line Dance	<b>6</b> 8:00-11:30 Pinochle [10:00-11:30 Computer Lab] 11:30-2:00 Singing Group 2:15-3:30 Block of Writers 4:00-5:00 Senior Aerobics 6:01-9:30 Bingo	<b>7</b> [10:00-11:30 Computer Lab] 3:30-5:00 Christmas Portraits ★ 4:30-5:30 Line Dancing <i>all levels</i>	<b>8</b> 1:01-3:00 Bingo 4:00-5:00 Senior Aerobics 5:00-6:00 Line Dance <i>intermediate/advanced</i> 7:00-9:30 Square Dance	<b>9</b> 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 12:15 Movie Matinee 2:30 Line Dance 3:30-5:00 Christmas Portraits ★	<b>10</b>
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Activity Room C will be closed for the month of December

The Christmas Room and Thrift store will be open on Monday, November 28 and remain open through Dec. 23. The Computer Lab will be held in Bartlett Hall during this time. All other groups please contact your group leaders or Debbie Zimmerer at 462-4343 ext. 107

## The Christmas Room

Every year, the USC elves are hard at work preparing for the holiday season with the Christmas Room. All those items needed for a happy Christmas will be available in the Thrift Store Christmas Room...gifts for all ages, decorations for the home, wrapping items and often something unique or special. This year the elves are very generous with their handiwork, offering everything in the Christmas Room at 50% off while supplies last! The last day to take advantage of this festive bargain is December 23.





# December Dining Room Lunch Menu

Lunch by Zack's Catering served Monday - Friday at 11:30 a.m. • \$7.00

Reservations required by 7:30 a.m. • Main reservation number (707) 468-9256.

Once a month: Jan's Birthday Lunch at 11:30 a.m. • \$7.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b> Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Soup Roll Dessert	<b>2</b> Hot Turkey Sandwich Stuffing Gravy Salad Dessert
<b>5</b> Chicken and Dumplings Soup Vegetable Dessert	<b>6</b> Beef Stew Potato Salad Garlic Bread Dessert	<b>7</b> Stuffed Cabbage Rice Salad Roll Dessert	<b>8</b> Pork Chop Scalloped Potatoes Soup Roll Dessert	<b>9</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Salad Garlic Bread Dessert
<b>12</b> Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Salad Roll Dessert	<b>13</b> Lasagna with Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Salad Dessert	<b>14</b> Chicken Enchilada with Salsa Verde Rice, Beans Tortilla Salad Dessert	<b>15</b> <i>Jan's            Birthday Lunch</i> Shepherd's Pie Soup Roll Dessert	<b>16</b> Hot Roast Beef Sandwich with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Salad Dessert
<b>19</b> Hot Dog on Bun Chili Beans Macaroni Salad Dessert	<b>20</b> BBQ Chicken Baked Potato Cole Slaw Roll Dessert	<b>21</b> Sweet & Sour Pork Rice Salad Roll Dessert	<b>22</b> Chicken Parmesan Salad Garlic Bread Dessert	<b>23</b> Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Vegetable Roll Dessert
<b>26</b> REGULAR OPERATIONS CLOSED	<b>27</b> Swiss Steak Roasted Potatoes Vegetable Roll Dessert	<b>28</b> Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice Soup Roll Dessert	<b>29</b> Macaroni & Cheese with Ham Salad Roll Dessert	<b>30</b> Ham Steak Black Eyed Peas Corn Bread Dessert

Dining Room Coordinator  
 for Volunteers  
 Debbie Zimmerer  
 (707) 462-4343 ext. 107  
 Please **do not** leave  
 lunch reservations at this  
 number.



## Holiday Dance Party!

Enjoy an evening of music, dance, food and spirits with Will Siegel and Friends from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Bartlett Hall on Saturday, December 3. No reservations are required but pre-ticket purchase is encouraged. Doors open at 6:30. See cover of *The Scoop* for more info. Admission is \$15 in advance \$20 at the door. 462-4343

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During October our volunteers donated 1,600 hours to the Center. If paid at minimum wage, the dollar value would be \$16,600! Thank you Volunteers!

## Free Technology Training Workshop

AT&T will present a technology training workshop introduction to tablets. Those who participate will learn the basics of using a tablet in a hands-on course covering touchscreen basics, surfing the web, taking and sharing photos, downloading apps and more.

This course is intended for beginners. Tablets (Apple iPads) are provided for hands-on practice during the workshop.

The workshop will take place at the Ukiah Senior Center Administration Bldg., 499 Leslie Street, RCHDC conference room #8 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1.

Please RSVP to Debbie Zimmerer by calling 707 - 462 - 4343 ext 107, or email [debbie@ukiahseniorcenter.org](mailto:debbie@ukiahseniorcenter.org) to reserve a seat.



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28. Anne Schuierer, Dwayne Wright
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31. Duell Parks

Please let us know if your birthdate is not listed correctly. 462-4343 ext. 115

## The Ice Cream Social Update

The Center will be closed because of the Holiday. There will be no Ice Cream Social in December.

Those who have a December birthday may celebrate at the January Ice Cream Social.

## Christmas Portraits!

The Ukiah 4-H Photography Project, a group of advanced photographers who are 10-13 years old would like to invite our local seniors to have a photo taken for the Holidays!

**December 7 and 9**

**3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**Bartlett Hall, 495 Leslie Street**

**Call Debbie Zimmerer**

**462-4343 ext. 107 to schedule a time.**

## VETERANS CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Saturday, December 17th**

**Held at the Norman Island Building**

The American Legion Lewis White Post 76 and the Ukiah Elks Lodge #1728 will co-host the annual Veteran's Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 17th. To reserve a ticket, call 707-968-7315 (message), email Commander Dottie at lewiswhitepost76@gmail.com and pay at the door or make payment online at <https://runsignup.com/veteranschristmasdinner>

Cost: Veterans – no cost; Veteran's immediate family \$5; Community \$10. Tickets are limited and we sold out last year. Dinner is a full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Doors open at 2 p.m., event starts at 3:45 p.m. with the entrance of the Color Guard, dinner at 4 p.m. LOCATION: Norman Island Building, 1200 Hastings Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482. Questions: Call Post 76 at 707-968-7315 (message) or email Commander Dottie at lewiswhitepost76@gmail.com. Make your reservations NOW.

## *Holiday Dance Party!*

Whether he is sideman or band leader, Will Siegel has mastered the art of bringing musicians and their audience together. Eclectic in style, his experience has grown from nearly four decades of playing for northern California audiences. Known as a versatile guitarist, Will also plays dobro, steel guitar, banjo, mandolin and tiple. His music has no boundaries and draws heavily from traditional Americana stylings including folk, country, blues, jazz, rock n' roll and Latin. His acoustic groups have been featured at numerous concerts and his dance bands always deliver infectious rhythm that keeps audiences on their feet.

Steve Baird has been a tried and true member of nearly every ensemble Siegel has played in over the last three decades. His lyrical bass playing and vocalizing is an important part of the "Friends" presentation. He plays acoustic and electric bass and takes center stage when he joins the horn section on baritone, flugelhorn or trombone.

Les Boek plays harmonica, guitar and percussion. His wailing country blues style of playing harmonica is distinctive in tone and his vocal stylings are reminiscent of Elvis mixed with Hank Williams.

Ellie Siegel is the group's multi-instrumentalist. She plays drums, percussion, saxophone, clarinet and mandolin.

With a lifetime of experience playing in a variety of bands, keyboard master Tom Aiken loves playing blues, jazz and rock. He enjoys stretching out on the Hammond organ when the rhythm section is in the groove.

Kevin Aiello is exceptional on the drums. Kevin has had a successful career recording, touring and playing gigs with some big names. His playing has unbelievable drive and dynamics.



Featured at this Holiday Dance Party event is Marilyn DeFrange, (left) local-singer-songwriter and musician. Marilyn shared the stage with "Willie and the Nighthawks" and is considered a long-time friend and contributor. Her dynamic voice can be heard on many local artists' CDs in Mendocino County.

For more information about this December 3rd event, check out the front cover of this issue of *The Scoop*.



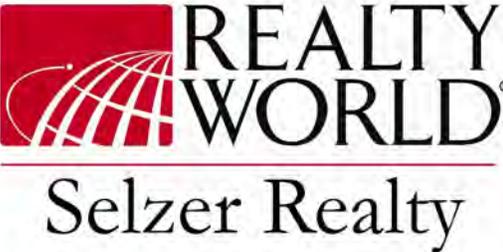
Back Row left to right: Les Boek, Tom Aiken, Kevin Aiello, Steve Baird, Ellie Siegel. Front: Will Siegel



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