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# Absalom Jones Senior Center

310 Kiamensi Rd., Wilmington, DE 19804 995-7636

Open Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm

Hot lunch and salad bar served daily at 11:30am

**May  
2022**

## From the Director's Desk

This is a different year for sure. Who would have expected what has happened to the USA? Can you even believe it's been over a year since everything got turned upside down? The good news now is the vaccine is out and most of the population has received their vaccination. With that being said, the stores, schools, restaurants should be opening.

The weather is still a bit cool. But I'm thinking it is time to start the garden. We will need some helping hands for planting, weeding, watering and of course eating (when we open that is).

Absalom Jones planned on celebrating our 45 year anniversary, however it will take place at another time. Had several trips and activities planned, but as you know they are on hold for now.

The tax season was extended so our waiting list is getting shorter. No problems ... it's running smooth. It's good to see some of our members. They keep asking when will the center open. We say we'll let you know when the county gives us a date.

The center continues to deliver lunch meals to our members. Judy and Wayne have never let us down. They are here everyday since March 16 to get lunch to your house through rain, wind and snow. The center staff is decated to their job and you. You have to love them. Sheila K. has also been on the job every day. When Meals on Wheels is missing a driver Sheila and I make the delivery. I can't even guess how many phone calls were made in the last year for one reason or another. Staff keeps busy.

We miss you and hope you're all doing well. Hope to see you all soon.

A HUGE THANK YOU to my staff who is always ready to help. All of you are wonderful and appreciated.

Take care, stay healthy, be safe and see you soon. Best regards ~ Joan

## New Castle County Senior Center Mission Statement

New Castle County provides recreational, educational and nutrition services for seniors 55+ years of age regardless of race, religion, sex, ethnic origin or handicap. All those attending the Center must be able to take care of their personal needs and make independent decisions as they participate in the activities of the day.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Anthony	Beverly Gorski	Susan Naughton
Carolyn A. Butler	Theodore Hein	Delores Moore
Aritha Brown	Susan Joseph	Joanne Nagy
John Barnes	Kathleen Lewis	Harry Ruth
Giann Chang	Ruth Lambert	Dolly Ray
Pat Gardiner	Kathleen Lewis	Irene Sama
Donald L. Crumley	Mary A. Mensinger	Evelyn Smith
Lynn Gray Beal	Peggy Miles	Peggy Smith
Callie Davis	Grazia Markland	
Diana M.Ford	Peggy Miles	P.S. & Fran, too!

In case of inclement weather, please listen to **WDEL (1150) or WILM (1450) am radio stations** To check for Center closings & transportation cancellations.

**Please DO NOT call the Center.**

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

May 9, Grounds for Sculpture, \$15 ticket. Lunch not included.

May 13, Book Club Breakfast at the Riverfront, leave the center 8 A.M.

May 19, Mini Bazaar, \$5 Table, Bake Sale, volunteers to help. Thank you

June 1, Platinum Picnic, theme Sock Hop. Save the date!

June 6, Rehoboth Beach 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$5 per person.

June XX. Lobster House lunch, then Cape May. Coach. Cost does not include lunch. **NEED COST & DATE**

June 15, Philadelphia—info to be posted.

June 27, Wind Creek, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$40 per person, slots \$25.

June 28, Drama Club Play, 12:30 p.m. Evening show June 29 6 p.m.

July XX. Harrington State Fair. **NEED COST & DATE** 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

August 24, Thunder Over the Board Walk coach \$40 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Registration and payment required for above trips.**

**PAYMENT DUE WHEN YOU SIGN UP. FOR INFO CALL 302-995-7636**

**NO TRIP OR SHOW REFUNDS UNLESS WE HAVE SOMEONE TO REPLACE YOU!**

## STAFF

**Director**

Joan Budrow

**Assistant Director**

Judy Panchisin

**Site Manager**

Sheila Kellam

**Secretary**

Sheila Carlisle

**Drivers**

Wayne Winters

Don Myers

## Thinking of You

Marlene Coughlin	Clara Snyder
Joan Murphy	Harry Jump
Annette Tomasello	Marie Catullo
Joyce Johnson	James McKeller
Sandy Poe	Blanch Barlow
Charles Coover	Irene Murphey
Sharon Ball	Jean Heine
Ruby Malachi	Barbara McCarnie
Nancy Welden	Victoria Alleyne
Nancy Anthony	

## Welcome New Members

John Bezerra	Denise Parks
Kathy & Paul Kelly	Elice Bloom

**50/50 Winner: Joe Smolka, \$26**



**Wednesday, June 1**  
**9 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Hockessin PAL**  
**7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin**

Costumes Encouraged ♦ Door Prizes  
 Disc Jockey ♦ Entertainment ♦ Dancing

Hot lunch \$5. Registration required.  
 Call (302) 395-5652 or visit  
[newcastlede.gov/specialevents](http://newcastlede.gov/specialevents).

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**Check with Sheila for your reservation!**

## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

There are more than \_\_\_\_\_ species of bats?

Paper can be made from \_\_\_\_\_?

It's against the law to \_\_\_\_\_ at the mayor of Paris.

## Senior of the Month: Charles Hutt

Charles was born March 7 in Wilmington. He claims to be a lifelong Delawarean and now lives in New Castle.

Charles graduated from Howard H.S. He worked for the City of Wilmington water department for 43 years and also trained new employees. He retired from there. Charles has one son and two daughters. His grandchildren include three boys and three girls.

His favorite TV show is In the Heat of the Night, Maverick, and Old Westerns and Army Movies. Charles likes fried chicken and ice cream.

His hobbies include fishing, target practice and helping people. He is always donating to the center. Charles likes visiting his children and likes to vacation in North Carolina and New York. Charles would like to have lunch with Michael Jackson because he was a talented singer and dancer.

**Thanks for sharing some of your life with your friends at the center.**

**We are awarding a monthly gift to a lucky birthday person. Every time the birthday person for that month comes to the Center for a meal or trip, we will enter their name in a drawing for a gift to be awarded at our birthday party. So the more times you get your name in the basket, the better chance you will have to win!**

**Daily Activities**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Game Room and Fitness Center Open	Game Room and Fitness Center Open	Game Room and Fitness Center Open	Game Room and Fitness Center Open	Game Room and Fitness Center Open
Bank & Post Office (1st Monday)	Tax Aide	Tai Chi	Sitting Tai Chi	<b>Trip Day</b>
Computer Class	Bingo	Armchair Exercise	Pinochle Club	Tai Chi
Zumba Gold	Sitting Tai Chi	Open Art Studio (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)	Personal Trainer	Line Dancing
Sewing/Quilting	Sewing/Quilting		Drama Club Practice	Bid Whist
Wii Team Bowling	Personal Trainer		Progressive Line Dancing	
Cardio	Drama Club Practice		Basic Beginners Line Dancing	
	Advisory Board Meeting (3rd Tuesday)		Wii Bowling	
	Arthritis Wellness Class		ShopRite	
				<i>On occasion there may be other trip days. Check your newsletter or call the Center. Times for all programs can be found on page 4.</i>

**Activities & Services Offered Throughout the Year**

- GAMES:** Bingo, pinochle, billiards, shuffleboard, pickle ball, Wii.  
**Game room is open daily from 9am-2pm.**
- HEALTH:** Blood pressure screening, Delaware Assistance Prescription Program, Vial of Life, Medicare information, Speakers
- FITNESS:** Dance classes, water aerobics, tai chi, group exercise, walk the gym, cardio
- SERVICES:** Elderinfo, Legal Aid, Tax assistance by AARP, defensive driving, computer classes, caregiver information, book and video lending library, Delaware Energy Assistance Program
- GROUPS:** Advisory Council, Red Hat Society "Sassy Ladies", Chess Club, Drama Club, Shuffleboard Club, Wii Bowling, Book Club
- ARTS & CRAFTS:** Watercolor class, paper flower making, candy making

*Look for dates and times in the newsletter or ask the Senior Center staff!*

## ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> <b>Trip sign up begins at 9:30</b> 9:30: Zumba Gold 12:30: Cardio Class 12:30: Computer Instructor	<b>3</b> 9:30: Bingo 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10-12:30: Sewing/Quilting 10:30: Arthritis Wellness Class <b>11:30: Speaker: St Francis</b> 12:30: Group Exercise 12:30: Sassy Ladies MT 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>4</b> <b>Trip 9-11:30 Dollar Store Run Lunch The Center</b> 9:30: Tai Chi 10: Armchair Exercise, Tai Ch	<b>5</b> 9: ShopRite 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10:20: Progressive LD 11:15: Basic Beginners LD 11:15: Pinochle Club 12:30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>6</b> <b>Trip 8:30-2 Bird &amp; Hand Farm Market \$5</b> 9:30: Tai Chi 10:30: Soul Line Dancing 12: Bid Whist
<b>9</b> 9:30: Zumba Gold 12:30: Cardio Class 12:30: Computer Instructor	<b>10</b> 9:30: Bingo 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10-12:30: Sewing/Quilting 10:30: Arthritis Wellness Class 12:30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>11</b> <b>Trip 9:15-2 Mystery Ride \$6 + lunch</b> 9:30: Tai Chi 10: Open Art Studio 10: Armchair Exercise, Tai Ch	<b>12</b> 9: ShopRite 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10:20: Progressive LD 11:15: Basic Beginners LD 11:15 Pinochle Club 12: 30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>13</b> <b>Trip 9:30-2 Delaware Park</b> 8:30-12: Book Club 9:30: Tai Chi 10:30: Soul Line Dancing 12: Bid Whist
<b>16</b> 9:30: Zumba Gold 12:30: Cardio Class 12:30: Computer Instructor	<b>17</b> 9:30: Bingo 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10:30: Arthritis Wellness Class <b>12: ADV MT</b> 12:30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>18</b> <b>Staff Zoom Meeting 10-12</b> 9:30: Tai Chi 10: Armchair Exercise, 12:30: Ice Cream @ Dairy Palace	<b>19</b> <b>Bake Sale &amp; Mini Bazaar</b> 9: ShopRite 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10:20: Progressive LD 11:15: Basic Beginners LD 11:15: Pinochle Club 12:30: Group Exercise, 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>20</b> <b>Trip 10:30-2 Cream Valley Custard</b> 9:30: Tai Chi 10:30: Soul Line Dancing 12: Bid Whist
<b>23</b> <b>Trip 8:30-2:30 Shady Maple \$5</b> 9:30: Zumba Gold 12:30: Cardio Class 9: Computer Class	<b>24</b> <b>Trip 9:30-2 Cowtown &amp; Cracker Barrel N.J.</b> 9:30: Bingo 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10:30: Arthritis Wellness Class 12:30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>25</b> <b>Trip 8-2 Willey's Farm Market</b> 9:30: Tai Chi 10: Open Art Studio 10: Armchair Exercise	<b>26</b> 9: ShopRite 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi <b>10: SPEAKER</b> 10:20: Progressive LD 11:15: Basic Beginners LD 11:15: Pinochle Club 12:30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice	<b>27</b> 9: 30 Tai Chi 10:30: Soul Line Dancing 12: Bid Whist
<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Center Closed</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30: Bingo 9:30: Sitting Tai Chi 10:30: Arthritis Wellness Class 12:30: Group Exercise 2: Drama Club Practice		<b>Thursday, May 26</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Steve Gonzer</b> <b>Topic:</b> <b>Delawareans who survived or served in the military during the Holocaust.</b>	<b>MAY 2022</b> <b>Every Day:</b> <b>Scrabble</b> <b>Upwords</b> <b>Puzzles</b>

**Absalom Jones Senior Center**  
**Advisory Board**

**President:** John DuVernay  
**Vice-President:** William Kaper  
**Secretary:** Castella LaCompte  
**Assist. Secretary:** Joan Gay  
**Goodwill Ambassador:**

**Staff**

**Director:** Joan Budrow  
**Assistant Director:** Judy Panchisin  
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**Drivers:** Wayne Winters, Dawn Myers

**Advisory Board Meeting**  
**May 17, 12 p.m.**

**Legacy**

You joined the ABJ Center because you found a place to call home. The Center offers trips, activities, educational offerings, and resources that help you live a more fulfilling life. You have made friends that you accompanied on many trips. Some of you have made life-time friends. By remembering the ABJ Senior Center in your will or even a donation, you can help preserve a place for others to come for many years. For more information and assistance, contact the Center Director.

**Friendly Reminder**

For your health and safety, **please** do not take items from the lunch trays and store them in your bag or purse. It is risky to have food items sit at room temperature. Please consume all food items at the Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Book Buddy Program**

This is a program to provide reading material to homebound seniors who are unable to visit their County library. To find out more or to sign up for this free service call **395-5656**.

**Greeting Cards**

Check out the rack of cards in the game room. They are \$.25 each and the money benefits the Center.

**Emergency Food Assistance**

New Castle County Department of Community Services/Division of Community Resources, in partnership with the Division of State Service Centers is pleased to offer emergency food assistance for seniors. If you are in need of food, call Absalom Jones Senior Center at (302) 995-7636 or the State Service Center at (302) 892-5972.



**Old age used to be  
all in my head,  
Now it's in my  
joints too.**

