

GILDERSLEEVE GAZETTE

Kirtland Senior Center Monthly Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Well, I hope and trust that you all had a great Easter holiday. I almost did. I use the word almost only because, late in the afternoon on Good Friday, I took an absolute beating on the new outdoor pickleball court from Service Director Joe Fornaro. And yes, I'll admit, it was an 11-4 drubbing (Editor's Note: when Teresa was outside to make sure no one was hurt, she was pretty convinced the final was 10-1).

I will also confess to the fact that I fully expected to beat Joe. After the embarrassing loss, I tried to make excuses like, he had the wind at his back or that he's more comfortable than I traversing the court in work boots. But none of those were valid or even pertinent given the final score. Not that I like to, nor think it's wise to telegraph my deficiencies, but when any of you do get a chance to play me, know that my backhand is disastrously weak.

Moving on to better news – I can report that the Easter Egg Hunt at City Hall was a tremendously well coordinated and attended event. Thank you to Teresa and Sharon for all they did to make it a success and thank you to the special efforts of Junior Orick, Marcia Haymer, Penny Everson, Bill and Diane Russ, and Howard Jackson for their hard work and commitment to the cause.

I can't say it enough, we live in a great community and are so blessed to have so many folks that make Kirtland a great place to live, work, and play! Thank you!
~Mayor Kevin Potter



ALL THE THINGS

We knew going into this past month that it was going to be crazy. I don't think any amount of preparation would have... prepared us for how crazy it actually was.

I try to always have an attitude of "we get to" instead of "we have to." This way, I am always reminded of what a privilege it is to work in this City. On those weekends when I am at an event by 8:00 am, this certainly comes in handy!

This past month, the City of Kirtland got to: celebrate the ribbon cutting at Auntie Tam's Signature Meals and More here in town, enjoy Shenanigans during a typical Kirtland spring day, welcome hundreds of children to our annual Easter Egg Hunt, attend a presentation by the Lake County Auditor and Treasurer, and host our first ever Chair Volleyball Tournament! All of these events remind us of how fortunate we all are to be part of this community.



I generally use this space to inadequately express my gratitude, and this month is no different.

4,000 eggs. FOUR THOUSAND EGGS. To those who jumped in to stuff these treats for our littlest neighbors, I cannot thank you enough. And to those who were disappointed when they were all done, trust me. Next year, there will be more eggs. And we will need all hands on deck! (The aforementioned 4,000 eggs were completely gone in about fifteen minutes...)

I also have to thank everyone for their patience with me as I come up with crazy ideas that I think could be fun and somehow we all make happen. All of the Senior Center Directors as well as other organizations around the County meet every other month or so. A few months ago, I challenged everyone to a Chair Volleyball Tournament, Have you ever hosted a Chair Volleyball Tournament, Teresa? Did you have any idea what this would look like? Nope. Not a teensy little bit. Someone asked me today what I would have changed if we could do it all over again, and the list is very short. Thank you to our new friends from Mentor and Perry, thank you to Sharon for all that Sharon is, thank you to Sweetberry for individually wrapping our lunches, thank you to YOU for showing up to support your teams. And most importantly, THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS to our teams, who took home both the Champion and the runner-up!

PS - I was going to change my picture, but it's snowing today. In April. So I'm keeping it. At least picture-me will be warm.

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KIRTLAND SENIOR CENTER

MAY 2022 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

For a complete listing of services and classes available, check out our website at www.kirtlandcommunity.com

MONDAY

9:00 – 9:45 am
10:00 – 1:00 pm
10:00 am
1:00 – 2:00 pm
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Strength Training
Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Knitting Group (*drop-in*)
TaiJi Fit
Chair Volleyball (*drop-in*)

TUESDAY

8:30 – 9:30 am
9:30 – 12:00 pm
10:00 – 11:00 am
11:30 – 2:30 pm
12:30 pm
12:30 pm

Advanced Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Piano Lessons (*May 3, 17*)
Aerobics
Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Bingo (*drop-in*)
Game Day (*drop-in*)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 – 9:45 am
9:00 – 10:00 am
10:00 – 1:00 pm
10:00 – 11:15 am
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Strength Training
Tai Chi – Bamboo Fusion
Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Fit Yoga
Reflexology/Light Therapy
May 11, 25
Chair Volleyball (*drop-in*)

COMING IN JUNE

Card Making Class
Kirtland Heritage Run
Ladies Lunch
Birthday Lunch
Kiwanis Strawberry Festival

Wednesday, June 1
Saturday, June 18
Wednesday, June 22
Tuesday, June 21
June 16 – 18

THURSDAY

8:30 – 9:30 am
9:00 – 1:00 pm
9:30 – 11:30 am
10:00 – 1:00 pm
10:30 am
12:30 – 2:30 pm
1:00 – 2:00 pm
1:00 – 2:00 pm
2:00 – 3:30 pm

Advanced Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Polarity (*May 12, 26*)
Watercolor Painting
Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Cards – Hand and Foot (*drop-in*)
Acrylic Painting
Tai Chi
Pickleball Lessons
Beginner Pickleball Hour (*drop-in*)

FRIDAY

9:00 – 10:00 am
10:00 – 1:00 pm
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 – 2:00 pm
1:00 – 3:00 pm
12:00 – 3:00 pm

Gentle Yoga
Pickleball (*drop-in*)
Reiki (*May 6, 20*)
Aerobics (*w/ cardio drumming*)
Chair Volleyball (*drop-in*)
Pinochle (*drop-in*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Podiatry
Senior Board Meeting
Attorney
Men's Lunch
Book Club
Slate Workshop
Public Works Open House
Trash to Treasure
Birthday Lunch
Mind Challenge

Tuesday, May 10
Wednesday, May 11
Friday, May 13
Wednesday, May 18
Thursday, May 19
Friday, May 20
Friday, May 20
May 23-27
Tuesday, May 24
Team Formation – 05/16
Round 1 – 05/23
Friday, May 27
Monday, May 30

Memorial Day / New Member Lunch
Center and City Offices CLOSED

Drop-in activities require NO pre-registration

MAY CLASS & WELLNESS SCHEDULE

Registration is required for the following classes or wellness appointments:

Fitness Class	Time	Dates	Cost
Aerobics Instructor: Cheryl	Tuesday 10:00-11:00	May 10, 17, 24 & 31	\$15 4 classes Drop-in: \$4
Aerobics w/drumming Instructor: Cheryl	Friday 1:00-2:00	May 6, 13, 20 & 27	\$15 4 classes Drop-in: \$4
Fit Yoga Instructor: Dawn	Wednesday 10:00-11:15	May 4, 11, 18 & 25	\$12 Drop-in: \$3
Gentle Yoga Instructor: Anne	Friday 9:00-10:15	May 6, 13, 20 & 27	\$12 Drop-in: \$3
Strength Training Instructor: Nancy	Mon/Wed 9:00-9:45	May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25	\$24 (8 classes) \$12 (4 classes) Drop-in: \$3
Tai Chi for Wellness Instructor: Eb	Thursday 1:00-2:00	May 5, 12, 19 & 26	\$12 Drop-in: \$3
TaiJiFit Instructor: Tim	Monday 1:00-2:00	May 16, 23	\$6 Drop-in: \$3
Tai Chi Bamboo Fusion Instructor: Tim	Wednesday 9:00-10:00	May 11, 18 & 25	\$9 Drop-in: \$3
Workshops	Time	Dates	Cost
Knitting Group	Monday 10:00	Every Monday	FREE
Card Making Class Instructor: Carol	Wednesday 1:00-3:00	June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5	\$10 per class
Spring Slate Painting Workshop Instructor: Connie	Friday 11:00	May 20	\$15

Classes	Time	Dates	Cost
Acrylic Painting Instructor: Connie	Thursday 12:30-2:30	May 5, 12, 19, 26	\$28
Watercolor Painting Instructor: Connie	Thursday 9:30-11:30	May 5, 12, 19, 26	\$28
Piano Lessons Instructor: Karen <i>*must register 2 per month*</i>	Tuesday 9:30-1:00	May 3 & 17	\$15 per 30 minutes
Wellness/Other	Time	Dates	Cost
Attorney Deborah Loughner	Friday 9:00-11:00	May 13, June 10 July 8	FREE 30 minutes
Podiatry Dr. Kelly Whaley	Tuesday 9:00-12:00	May 10, June 14 July 12	\$25 per 15 minutes
Reiki Anne Owens	Friday 10:30-12:00	May 6 & 20	\$25 / 25 minute session
Polarity Tim Polak	Thursday 9:00—1:00	May 12 & 26	\$45 per 1 hour
Reflexology or Light Therapy Linda McMahon	Wednesday 10:00-12:00	May 11 & 25	\$40 (Reflexology) \$45 (Light Therapy)
Swedish Massage Natalie Lopez	Friday 10:00-3:00	No April or May sessions	\$55 per 50 minutes
Walk & Talk		Every Tues 2:30-3:30 & Fri 9:00-10:00	FREE

BUS TRIPS??

By popular demand, we are in the midst of exploring options to contract with different bus companies. As we wade through the weeds in this, we need your help on the fun part! If you have any suggestions for a trip, please stop by and let Teresa or Sharon know. Keep an eye out for more information.

KNITTING GROUP

Grab your knitting needles & yarn and come on down to the Center on Mondays at 10:00 am. Set aside an hour or so every week and join our group. Knitting is a great way to release stress, be with friends (or make some new ones), relax and have a good time! No registration is necessary.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Chair Volleyball includes physical activity, social interaction, competition, and most of all, lots of laughs! The game is played with a beach ball and a five foot high net. More fun than you can possibly stand while seated! We play every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 1:00-3:00.

TAICHI – BAMBOO FUSION

Join us as we experience the flow when the mind and body connect, by following along to the gentle mindful movements of Tai Chi. This class you will discover Bamboo Fusion, where we combine Tai chi with standing Yoga poses. Anyone can do it, no experience necessary. Just move, breathe and have fun! This class is offered by Tim Shea on Wednesday mornings at 9:00.

CARDS

Calling all card players! We are looking for anyone interested in playing cards. On Thursdays come to play Hand & Foot cards Games begin at 10:30 & our Pinochle Group meets on Fridays at 12:00. Come join the fun. All are welcome!

CHESS

Are you a chess player? Looking for somewhere and someone to play chess with? We are currently looking for players to start up a Chess Club here at the center. If interested please contact us so we can get a list of players and determine a date and time that may work for everyone.

BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS

New to Pickleball? Need to learn the basics? We got you covered with the ins and outs of pickleball. Lessons are every Thursday from 1:00-2:00. Our next session (4 classes) will begin on May 5. This is a FREE class.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Make sure to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing that you can move in!

EXPANDED PICKLEBALL HOURS

Advanced Pickleball:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 9:30 am. This is an opportunity for our more seasoned players to play a bit more competitively. If you join us, get ready for great shots and fast games!

Beginner Open Play:

Thursdays from 1:00-3:30. If you want to start playing, get some practice, or work on your game, this is a great time to do it!

Outdoor Pickleball:

The weather is breaking, so let's get playing on those outdoor courts! Courts are open for anyone to use at anytime during daylight hours. Every weekday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm is reserved for Senior Center members. Play is first come, first served (no pun intended). Be patient, be polite, and be awesome!



THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 30

MONDAY, JULY 4

MIND CHALLENGE 2022

You've been practicing all winter and the time is finally here for the 2022 Mind Challenge sponsored by Scores Communication. On Monday, May 16 at 9:00 am we will be doing team formation and practice rounds in the Sunflower Room. As an added incentive, this year Mind Challenge will give \$500.00 to the city that has the most teams! To qualify for this we must have at least 3 teams of 4-6 players. Once teams are formed then the real competition begins! Kirtland Senior Center will be hosting the "Knockout Round" on Monday, May 23 at 9:30 am and then on Tuesday, May 31 we host the East Region "Smart Sixteen".



LADIES LUNCHEON



Our next Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$7. Please RSVP by June 15. The menu is either a grilled steak salad or a grilled chicken salad. Please let us know which one to order when you register for the lunch. The next lunch will be on August 17.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

The next Men's Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 18 at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$7. Weather permitting, we will enjoy burgers grilled outside. If not, we will have chicken parmigiana. Please RSVP by May 12. The next luncheon will be on July 20 and weather permitting we will be grilling steaks.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH CELEBRATION

April's Birthday Lunch will be held Tuesday, May 24 at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$7. Please RSVP by May 18. We will be enjoying a Baked Potato & Salad Bar. EVERYONE is welcome, regardless of your birthdate! Our next Birthday Celebration will be on Tuesday, June 21 at 12:00 pm.



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC & NEW MEMBER LUNCH

Come join us for a Memorial Day Picnic and New Member Lunch on **Friday, May 27 at 12:00 pm**. Enjoy Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & other picnic favorites. **Free for any NEW member registered between November, 2021-May, 2022.** Cost for everyone else is \$5.00! Hang out and play some corn hole, bocce, pickleball or just sit and relax and be with friends. RSVP by May 20.

TRASH TO TREASURE

Our next Trash to Treasure Sale will be held from May 23-27. Drop off any household items you would like to donate for our sale. No personal items, clothing or electronics please! We will be accepting items during business hours (8:30 am - 3:30 pm).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to our new members this month!!!

Marla, Debbie, Patrick, Leonard, Renee, Jerry, Barry, Richard, Karen, Christie, Kevin, Lisa, Kathleen, Sally, Todd, Ann, Robert, Rita, Diane, Carol, Donna, Elizabeth, Dave, Debbie, Sharon, Denise, Marsha, John, Sharon



GREETING CARD CLASS

Make your own greeting cards! Come to enjoy creating three original cards and have fun socializing while stamping, coloring, and gluing. We will do an assortment of cards during each monthly classes. Cost is only \$10 per class and that includes all the paper, stamps, ink, die cuts, and embellishments. All you need to bring is a pair of scissors and adhesives. **Our first class will be Wednesday, June 1 at 1:00 pm** and then will be held the first Wednesday of each through October. Class is limited to 10 per month. Registration is required.

SPRING SLATE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Come join our resident artist, Connie, as she guides you in creating a beautiful Spring slate painting workshop on Friday, May 20 at 11:00 am. Cost of the class will be \$15 and includes all supplies and the slate. Registration is required by May 15.



PIANO LESSONS

Sounds Inspirations Music Therapy provides 30 minute individual private piano lessons. Tailored to the learning styles of the adult students. Students are welcomed to bring their own music to lessons for evaluating it as a useable resource. Lessons will be held the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. **You must sign up for two classes a month (\$30 per month). Next classes will be May 3 & 17 from 9:30-1:00. Due to popular demand, two more class times have been scheduled!**



BOOK CLUB – MAY 19 AT 11:00 AM

Our May book selection is "70 Years of Living in Kirtland" by James E. Naughton. The Library has some copies to read or you can purchase a copy for \$20 from us here at the center. Proceeds go to the Kiwanis. The June Book Club is set for June 16 at 11:00 am and we will be reading "Recipe for a Perfect Wife" by Karma Brown.

SENIOR DAY AT THE LAKE COUNTY FAIR!

After a great deal of discussion, the partners of our Senior Services Coalition have had to make the difficult decision to cancel Senior Day at the Mall for 2022. The event was scheduled for May 24th. The good news is that we will be expanding our activities at Senior Day at the Lake County Fairgrounds this year! Please mark down Friday, July 29 for a special salute to Lake County Seniors as we gather at the Fair! The day will include free admission to the fair for seniors untill 1:00pm, free transportation by Laketrans, free boxed lunch compliments of the Lake County Council on Aging, musical entertainment and games planned by the Senior Centers. The highlight of the day will be our presentation of the "Outstanding Seniors Awards"! More information to follow soon.

COMMUNITY GARDEN



Do you have a green thumb? Would you like to have a garden but just don't have the room in your yard? Well, look no more! The Garden Club of Kirtland has garden beds for rent at the Kirtland Community Gardens located across from the Temple. There are 30 beds available. Each garden bed is 4'x8' and the cost is \$15 for the season. **For more information email gardenclubofkirtland@gmail.com or call Pat at 440-256-1341.**

LAKE COUNTY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

NEW DATES & LOCATIONS!

**RESERVE YOUR PICK-UP BY CALLING 2-1-1
OR COUNCIL ON AGING AT 440-205-8111.
FREE TO HOUSEHOLDS WITH A SENIOR!**

PARTICIPANTS MUST CERTIFY ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW \$25,759 FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF 1 AND \$34,839 FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF 2. INCOME IS SELF-DECLARED; VERIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

ALL DISTRIBUTIONS ARE TUESDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

LAKE ERIE CHURCH
2300 HUBBARD RD.

MAY 3
JUNE 7
JULY 5
AUGUST 2
SEPTEMBER 6

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
428 JACKSON ST.

MAY 10
JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUGUST 9
SEPTEMBER 13

WICKLIFFE SENIOR CENTER
900 WORDEN RD.

MAY 17
JUNE 21
JULY 19
AUGUST 16
SEPTEMBER 20

MENTOR PARK-N-RIDE
8650 MARKET ST.

MAY 24
JUNE 28
JULY 26
AUGUST 23
SEPTEMBER 27



Thank you to our Community Partners:



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WATER & SEWER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Lake County Department of Utilities is offering a new Senior Citizen Water and Sewer Discount Program. You are eligible for this program if you are 65 year old, a Lake County Department of Utilities customer, own or occupy the property, and must meet the income qualifier established by the Ohio Homestead Exemption (2022 currently \$34,200). If you have any questions, please contact the Lake County Department of Utilities Billing and Customer Service office at 440-350-2070.

KIRTLAND PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE



FRIDAY, MAY 20

5 - 8:00 PM

FREE

PACK A PLOW WITH
FOOD DONATIONS TO
SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES

TOURS
TRUCK RODEO
SKID STEER SLIDE
REFRESHMENTS
MEET AND GREET

10282 CHILLICOTHE ROAD



5K Race/ 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, June 18, 2022
Race/Walk Starts at 8:00am

Kirtland City Hall
9301 Chillicothe Rd
Kirtland, OH 44094

Register @ gexcrcing.com/kirtland

Part of Kiwanis Strawberry Festival.

Non-Perishable Food Drive for

Old South Food Pantry in Kirtland.

Sponsored by the Kirtland Ohio Stake of
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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Kirtland Kiwanis 2022 Rummage Sale



DONATION DAYS!

**Donate Unwanted and Useful
Household Items!**

Drop Off: Pumpkinville Barn
9337 Chillicothe Rd,
Kirtland

When: May 29 - June 1
10 am - 6 pm

**We CANNOT accept TV's,
Chemicals, Upholstered
Furniture or Tires!**



*Proceeds help support the Kirtland Kiwanis Scholarship Fund



SENIOR BOARD SHIRT SALE

The Senior Board is selling Kirtland Senior Center T-shirts and Polo's. Cost is \$12 for t-shirt & \$25 for Polo's. Order forms will be available in the office. Make checks payable to Kirtland Senior Guild. Please note that there are additional charges for plus sizes.



GYM EVENTS CANCELLED

On the following dates the gym will be closed due to various events. Indoor Pickleball will be **CANCELLED** but all other classes will be moved to other rooms in the building. **Monday, May 2 (Voting Set-Up), Tuesday May 3 (Voting), Monday, May 9 (Service Council Lunch) & Monday May 23 (Mind Challenge).** Thank you for your understanding!



COUNCIL ON AGING

The Lake County Council on Aging will begin Outreach visits in June here at the Kirtland Senior Center. Terri Orosz will be here the first Wednesday every other month from 10-11:00 am. She will be bringing information on the Council of Aging and other information on specific services they can help with or recommend. Feel free to stop by and ask any questions you may have.

FROM THE SENIOR BOARD

As the warm weather returns our Senior Center seems to get busier everyday. Between chair volleyball tournaments, lunches, trivia contests; there is always something to do there. I hope you are taking advantage of our opportunities.

If you notice there seems to be a lot of new faces around. To our "newbies" welcome, we are glad you joined us and look forward to meeting all of you. To our current members, welcome the new members and encourage their involvement.

April and May seem to be competition months. We already hosted a chair volleyball tournament. We invited all Lake County Senior Centers, and had Mentor and Perry show up with 2 teams each. I am happy to say that our center took First and Second with Perry coming in third. Mind Challenge begins in May. This is a unique trivia contest against Lake County seniors, leading to North East Ohio seniors.

The champions win money for their center. Last year, Willoughby Hills came in second (some of us have invaded their practices in preparation). Please join us in May as we start the real prep for the June event. Finally, we are beginning to organize a pickleball tournament as a fundraiser this summer. We look forward to your participation. If you can't participate, come cheer us on!

As the Center fills with new people, and events keep getting planned, we need your help. Get involved, or come support - both are needed. If you want to help, stop in the office and let them know. But, get involved! ~ David

SENIOR BOARD

Our Senior Board serves as an advisory committee to the Director and sponsors meals and events while fundraising for different activities. If you have any issues or ideas that you would like to have heard, please see one of the board members to pass along. Our 2022 Senior Board consists of: David Saywell (President), Junior Orick (Vice-president), Marcia Haymer (Secretary), Penny Everson (Treasurer), Bill Wright, Bill Russ, Karin Saywell, Jean LaRiche, Janet Johnson, and Jean Orick.

Just a reminder to please sign-in whenever you come into the Center. Make sure to sign-in for ALL the activities that you will be doing that day. Thank you in advance for your help!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



As I've said before, almost every single person who is asked to be the Senior spotlighted in this here column has the same reaction. Confusion, suspicion, denial. "Why me?" "What are you going to ask?" "I'm not interesting enough!" I take pleasure in consistently proving them wrong. Every person who walks in these doors has a story, and it is an honor to be able to tell them here.

Giuseppa Maria Quattrocchi's parents were from Sicily, where her older brother Salvatore (Sam) was born. Her father decided to emigrate the family to the United States; this journey continued in Belgium, and thus begins the story of the young woman we now know as Jo Campbell. Her younger sister Dora was born in Toronto, and the journey continued south to Chicago. After a short stint in the Windy City, her father decided that he wanted to be his own boss rather than working in "the family business." Six years after their initial dream of settling in the USA, they landed in their final destination of Cleveland.

Now known as Josephine, she went through the Lakewood school system, eventually graduating from Lakewood High School. Her dad was an extremely hard worker; he did indeed become his own boss and opened Anna's Pizzeria right next to the high school on Brown and Madison Avenue. Mom was the more light-hearted of the two, balancing the serious determination of Jo's father, creating a true partnership. Anna's Pizzeria became a family endeavor, with all of the kids helping out whenever necessary (which, we assume, was quite often!).

Jo moved out of her parent's house at 20, and had two children in her first marriage. She learned at a young age how to be domestic, and not only raised her own family as a homemaker, but also sewed their clothes (and her own!) while running a neighborhood daycare out of her house. There were several working mothers in the area who were appreciative of the care their children received from a nurturing neighbor who loved spending time with the young'uns.

Always one to stay active, Jo joined the women's tennis league in her development while continuing to exercise solo. This go-getter wanted to help others discover the joy of working out, and opened her own exercise studio in North Olmsted, which she ran and where she taught for ten years.

While her children Rob and Natalie were young, Jo met another single parent through school events. When she and her mother were taking the kids on a family adventure to Cedar Point in 1985, they ran into Bill and his children BJ and Kim. While the kids played the day away, Bill and Jo connected, and were married two years later.

In the next few years, Jo was placed by an employment agency in a position at Ferrow Corp. Starting in patents and trademarks, she made her way to general legal counsel, earning her certificate as a paralegal/legal assistant along the way. This chance placement led to years of fulfilling work, the last five spent as the executive assistant to the CEO. She loved her time at Ferrow, and retired in 2011. She was understandably anxious about the impending retirement, assuming she would be bored. Jo has always been "overly responsible," and couldn't imagine a world that wasn't structured around the needs of others.

Bill and Jo moved to the east side about six years ago to be closer to family. Prior to the move, she was commuting an hour each way to babysit her grandchildren in Chesterland. The new address proved to be helpful on her gas tank! While she may still be getting used to the snow out here, she does appreciate the hills, the lack of traffic lights, how much space there is between houses, the kind people, and the parks.

Retirement has brought with it time to enjoy grandchildren (Hope - 24, Joseph - 16, Ashley - 15, Chloe - 12, Camryn - 9, and Jacob - 8) both here and in California. She loves Kirtland and used to bring her granddaughter to the annual Halloween party hosted by y'all. Once here, she learned about all of you, and when they became east-siders, she jumped in. They learned very quickly to arrive to events early in order to get seats! It's difficult to meet friends when you move to a new place, and Jo is so thankful to have found a welcoming home here at the Center.

Over ten years post-retirement, I think we can all agree that Jo Campbell is certainly still not one to rest on her laurels. Between pickleball, chair volleyball, puzzles, worshipping at Unity Church of Christianity in Chesterland, reading, hiking, and quality time with the family, this go-getter still goes out and gets. Now that she has found time in her life to "play," we are thrilled that she does so here with us!

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Willoughby, OH

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Willoughby, OH

KIRTLAND SENIOR CENTER
7900 EUCLID-CHARDON ROAD
KIRTLAND, OH 44094

May Riddles:

Forwards I am heavy, but backwards I am not. What am I?

What is the leading cause of dry skin?

Answers inside!

KIRTLAND SENIOR CENTER

(440) 256-4711

communitycenter@kirtlandohio.com

www.kirtlandcommunity.com

The Kirtland Senior Center serves adults aged 55 and over with quality, affordable programming to provide opportunities for social interaction, recreation, fitness, and minor health and wellness services close to home. The aim to keep adults active, motivated, and engaged in their community for an optimal quality of life. Don't be misled by the term "senior!" Our programs are for the youngest Baby Boomers through those in their Golden Years.

Become a member at any time!

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