

## 9/11 REMEMBRANCE



The video of the 9/11 remembrance event held at SHS is being shown on [www.southington.patch.com](http://www.southington.patch.com) and Cox Cable Local Access Channel 14. This community-wide event was a joint effort by many individuals and organizations. The video is an excellent portrayal of the heart and soul of the Town of Southington.

## TO YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY!!!

- ◆ **BLOOD PRESSURE:** with Marc Levesque, MS; CT Center for Healthy Aging Referrals & Resources  
**THURS, DEC 1st, 10:30 AM—12 NOON**
- ◆ **NURSE CLINIC:** with Tori Moore RN, BSN; Blood Pressure, Health Counseling & Referrals  
**DECEMBER 12th, 9:30 AM**
- ◆ **BLOOD PRESSURE** with VNA of Central CT  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC 28th, 11:00 AM– 12 NOON**
- ◆ **VNA FOOT CLINIC:** with Sue Zdeblick, RN  
By appointment only/nominal charge. Call: 860 982-9914
- ◆ **VNA WELLNESS & HOME CARE SERVICES:**  
Call Donna Brouillette RN, BSN 860.826.4517 for info

“IT’S NEVER 2 LATE” will not be available during the month of December, even though it is on the calendar page. Sorry about that.



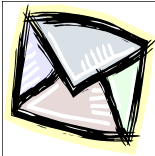
### BE PREPARED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!

Southington Commission on DisAbilities in conjunction with the Police Commission and Fire Department will present information on the 9-1-1 Special Needs Registry on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:15 in our Main Hall. Please register at 860.621.3014!



## NO BAKE BAKE SALE

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Membership Association’s 5th annual “NO BAKE” BAKE SALE. This annual fundraiser was very successful because of your participation! **THANKS** ever so much!!!



## LEGAL AID

**Senior Law Program of Greater Hartford Legal Aid (860) 541-5003** Free legal aid available to seniors 60+ for the following issues: housing evictions or unfair landlords, guardianships, divorce, nursing home rights, advance directives, unemployment compensation and other income benefits such as food stamps, SSI, or Social Security. They will also assist people who are denied medical coverage under Medicaid (Title 19) or homecare services.

**Consumer Law Project for Elders (CLPE)**  
**1-(800)296-1467 Hotline** open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm FREE legal assistance to CT seniors 60+ with consumer questions or problem including debt collection, home improvement, predatory lending, auto fraud or identity theft

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH HOLIDAY PARTY** at the Aqua Turf, in Kay’s Pier South beginning at noon. Family Style Menu: Tossed Salad; Penne Pasta; Roast Beef; Baked Scrod; Garlic Whipped Potatoes; Maple Glazed Carrots; Rolls & Butter; Beverage & Cherries

Jubilee. DJ Jerry Limmer. Tickets \$24. per person subsidized by the Calendar House Membership to keep cost as low as possible. Out of town guests must pay the full amount of \$29. per person. Tickets will be on sale now until **Thurs, December 1st**. If requesting to be seated at a specific table, please decide the designated person, before purchasing tickets, be sure to specify that name as the group you wish to be seated with.

**PLEASE NOTE: CALENDAR HOUSE WILL BE CLOSING EARLY AT 11:00 A.M. ON THURS, DEC 8TH FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**



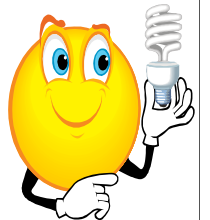
### DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Not in the holiday spirit yet? We have a remedy for that! The DePaolo Middle School Band and Chorus will be performing your favorite holiday music on*

**Thursday, Dec 15th, 1 pm**

*Come enjoy the enthusiasm and talent of these young folks. It’s a wonderful opportunity to share the holiday spirit with your friends! A very brief membership meeting, including the election of officers for 2012, will immediately follow the concert. Enjoy light refreshments, then grab a bucket of popcorn and sit back to enjoy a holiday favorite — “Miracle on 34th Street” in color on our BIG screen! Hope to see you there!*  
**Call 860.621.3014 to reserve a seat!**

**ENERGY BINGO** has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 26th. Presented by Yankee Gas/CL&P. Lots of tips to help lower your bill! Prizes incl: flashlights, surge protectors, night lights, umbrellas. Call to register: 860.621.3014



## TRY IT—YOU’LL LIKE IT!

**Genealogy Club:** Wed, Dec 7th, 1 pm  
**Financial Club:** Wed, Dec 14th, 1 pm  
**Digital Photo Club:** Wed, Dec 21st, 1 pm  
**Computer Club:** Wed, Dec 28th, 1 pm



**CURRENT COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER CLASSES & LAB SCHEDULES on website:**  
[www.calendarhouse.org](http://www.calendarhouse.org) and posted outside lab



**55 Alive Safe Driving Courses**  
December 9th \*\* January 13th \*\*  
8:45 a.m.—1 p.m.

**One day only class!**

Focuses on latest driving techniques with emphasis on defensive driving. No in-the-car training involved, only classroom.  
Cost: \$12 for AARP Members (**must provide membership #**) \$14 for Non AARP Members.  
Payable to AARP. Register at **860.621.3014**

## NEED TO KNOW



**Storm Closing:** Please be advised that announcements are made on WFSB Channel 3 (position 3 on Cox Cable) and WTIC 1040 AM if the Calendar House is closed. When closed, the nutrition program, all classes & activities are cancelled. Buses will not be on the road.

### ATTENTION!!! PLEASE NOTE!!

If anyone in your household or someone you know requires oxygen or medical support requiring electricity and would be endangered in the event of a power outage, PLEASE call 860.621.3014 and inform the Calendar House staff so that a confidential up-to-date list can be compiled. This list will only be used in the event of an emergency so that assistance can be offered if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation. PLEASE — do it now before it is needed!

## RESERVATION PLEASE..

**DIAL-A-RIDE BUS** provides transportation at no charge for Southington residents age 55 & over and for people with disabilities. Transportation is available to & from doctor & dental appointments. Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays rides are available to various shopping locations. Mon-Fri rides are provided to & from Calendar House for lunch, activities, programs & appointments. **ADVANCE notice is required**—two days (48 hours) is requested when possible. We ask that medical appointments be made between 9am-2:30pm for in town and between 10am-1pm for out of town. Please call **860.621.3014** Monday to Friday between 10 am and 12 noon to be scheduled.



## HELP NEEDED!!

For your convenience and to reduce mailing costs, request e-mail delivery of the newsletter at [www.calendarhouse.org](http://www.calendarhouse.org)



Volunteers are Calendar House's most valuable resources!!! Please consider these opportunities, and see Bob for info

- ◆ Front Desk Greeter—welcome folks coming in and direct them to where they need to go. Morning or afternoon, one or more days a week. (approx. 3 hrs)
- ◆ Income Tax Counselor— AARP TCE program. Provides full training. Time frame: January-Training; Feb—April 15th counseling. For more details see Cynthia.
- ◆ Bulletin folders-collate and fold monthly bulletins. One morning per month.
- ◆ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!!**

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*The Calendar House has a Memorial Fund for people wishing to make a donation in memory of a friend or relative. Checks may be made payable to the Calendar House Senior Center. Memorial donations will be placed into the Membership Association General Fund.*

**In memory of:**

**Joe Landry                      Cliff Kern**  
**Bob Rosenbaum**  
**Irene Swider**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION..

Appointments are now being scheduled for the **Energy Assistance 2011-12 PROGRAM** please call the office at **860-621-3014**.

*Individuals who heat with oil, propane or kerosene should **call their vendors before** applying to make sure that the vendor is still participating.*

### INCOME GUIDELINES

**\$30,485.00\*** single individual

**\$39,865.00\*** married couple

**\* Subject to change by State of CT**

You must bring **TWO COPIES (both sides!)** of the following income verifications from **2011** no older than one month prior to the date of your application.

**IF YOU DON'T PROVIDE ALL PAGES OF DOCUMENTATION, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED.**

**Proof of Income/Assets:** Connecticut requires that **ALL PAGES** of each financial statement be submitted (*even if blank!*) These documents need to show all income, including year-to-date interest and assets **AND MUST BE** the most recent available prior to your application date. **NOTE: LIQUID ASSETS INCLUDE:** *checking, savings, CD's, stocks/bonds, IRA's, annuities and any other accounts in which the principal amount can be accessed and cashed in at any time. (Some exceptions apply).*

- **Social Security**—a printout available through SS (1-800-772-1213) or a copy of a current SS check or a copy of your bank statement showing direct deposit
- **Pensions/Annuity**—check stubs or copies of check, if check is received without a stub or letter from the payer on the letterhead of the payer.
- If you are **still working**, your four most recent consecutive weekly pay stubs or two consecutive bi-monthly or semi-monthly pay stubs or a statement from your employer on their letterhead.
- If you are **self-employed**, a self-employment worksheet for the last six months.
- If you are receiving **Unemployment Benefits**, you must provide documentation from the CT Dept of Labor with start date and amount received weekly.
- **Rent receipts**, especially tenants of Flanders West, Wheeler Village & Southington Housing Authority sites
- **Gas/Electric/Oil**, the last statement you received.
- Please bring either your driver's license or Medicare card as a **form of identification**.
- Individuals who receive Social Security Disability benefits must provide as proof of disability a SSA **"TPOY"** form, **NO OLDER THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE DATE OF APPLICATION.**

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

### **SO MANY THANKS TO SO MANY FOLKS!!!**

During recent storm "Alfred", Calendar House opened our doors (and the kitchen) to provide a safe, warm shelter. It was a long week, but the staff considered it a privilege. Many hands and hearts pitched in. The CERT team was on the spot, SFD set up a command center and organized us. "Bob's Kitchen" was in full swing. The Aqua Turf donated food. Kevin Palladino & SHS Bandbackers did also! Folks brought in baked goods, volunteered to serve, and offered to help in any way. Southington demonstrated that we are a community that cares for one another! And that's a really "good thing"!

# The Calendar House Exchange

Contributors:  
Calendar House Members

December Birthstone: Turquoise  
December Flower: Holly

## In Cahoots

I have been in many places,  
but I've never been in Cahoots.  
Apparently, you can't go alone,  
you have to be in cahoots with someone.  
I've also never been in Cognito.  
I hear no one recognizes you there.  
I have, however, been in Şane.  
They don't have an airport; you have to be  
driven there. I have made several trips there,  
thanks to my friends, family and work.  
I would like to go to Conclusions, but you  
have to jump, And I'm not too much on  
physical activity anymore.  
I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place  
to go, and I try not to visit there too often.  
I've been in Flexible, But only  
when it's very important to stand firm.  
Sometimes I'm in Capable, And I go there  
more often as I'm getting older.  
One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense!  
It really gets the adrenaline flowing  
and pumps up the old heart!  
At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!  
I am not afraid of tomorrow  
for I have seen yesterday and I love today!!  
Hope you do too!

## From the Executive Director's Desk HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

The Holidays are approaching—  
with errands, parties, shopping,  
gifts, baking...and unfortunately  
very often additional pressures and  
extra stress! Please take some time along the way  
to “smell the roses” (or the poinsettias) and enjoy  
yourself and those you love! It's really all about  
family and friends!



Looking ahead to the new year, Calendar House  
will be offering new activities, programs and special  
events. A “new look” is being developed with a little  
bit here and a bigger bit there, complete with a fresh  
coat of paint!

This year has been interesting, exciting and chal-  
lenging—and I'd like to thank our faithful, hardwork-  
ing volunteers and my staff for all of their efforts in  
making things happen for the benefit of our members!

In the midst of the celebrations, please remember  
our service men and women and their families giving  
their best to protect and serve. And please, in whatever  
way you are able—help someone in need! Pulling  
together is what makes our community special.

On behalf of the Senior Citizen Commissioners; the  
Calendar House staff— Sharyn, Cindy, Martha,  
Vinny, Paula, Len, Figi, Ed and myself—

*We wish you a warm and safe holiday season  
and all the best in the new year!!*

Robert Verderame



***“The ornament of a  
house is the friends  
who frequent it.”***

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Six Gifts That Don't Cost a Cent To Give

### ***The gift of Listening...***

But you must **REALLY** listen.

No interrupting,

No daydreaming,

No planning your response. Just listening.

### ***The gift of Affection...***

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats  
on the back and handholds. Let these small  
actions demonstrate the love you have  
for family and friends.

### ***The gift of Laughter...***

Funny Pictures. Share articles, funny stories and  
funny greetings. Your gift will say,  
“I love to laugh with you.”

### ***The gift of a Written Note...***

It can be a simple “Thanks for the help” note  
or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten  
note may be remembered for a lifetime,  
and may even change a life.

### ***The gift of a Compliment...***

A simple and sincere, “You look great in red,” “You  
did a super job” or “That was a wonderful meal” can  
make someone's day.

### ***The gift of a Favor...***

Go out of your way to do something kind for some-  
one without expecting anything in return.



## Mark Your Calendar!

- December 1st ~ Marilyn & Dean Show  
1 pm
- December 6th ~ Christmas Tree Shop
- December 8th ~ Holiday Party  
@ AquaTurf 12 Noon  
Building Closed @ 11am
- December 12th ~ Meriden Square
- December 15th ~ Membership Mtg.  
DePaolo Music 1pm
- December 25th ~ Merry Christmas!
- December 26th ~ Center Closed
- December 29th ~ Bulletin Folding  
8:30am

**HAPPY NEW YEAR “2012”**

- New trips are **USUALLY** sold on the 1st or 2nd Friday of the month on a first come, first served basis.
- **PAYMENT** is due at time of sale. Make checks payable to: **CALENDAR HOUSE**. If paying in cash, you **MUST** have **EXACT AMOUNT**.
- **CALENDAR HOUSE I.D. MUST** be presented.
- Each individual may only purchase two (2) seats.
- Seating is **NON-TRANSFERABLE**.
- **CANCELLATION POLICY**: We will attempt to fill your place from a waiting list, if available.
- **DAY TRIP REFUNDS** are only made if replacement is found prior to trip departure.

p.p. = Per Person      T.B.D. = To Be Determined

**HURRY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET! CALL TODAY!**

**Wed. February 29, 2012**  
**Depart: 7:30 am**  
**Return: TBD**  
**Cost: \$158 p.p.**

**\*\$70 Non-Refundable Deposit Due for Ticket @ Sign-up—Balance due Feb 1, 2012!**

**Mary Poppins**  
**On Broadway**  
 N.Y.C.



Depart Calendar House to “The Great White Way,” **Broadway!** Enjoy the show “*Mary Poppins*” and lunch at the famous Italian restaurant Carmine’s!

Upon arrival in N.Y.C. your delicious lunch of Rigatoni & Broccoli and Chicken Parmigiana will be served family style complete with all the trimmings. After lunch you’ll head to Broadway’s magnificent New Amsterdam Theatre for the show. Based on P.L. Traver’s cherished stories and the classic 1964 Walt Disney film, *Mary Poppins* features the Sherman brothers’ original Academy Award-winning songs, and Oliver’s Award-winning director Richard Eyre. Amazing props and special effects bring to life the story of the Banks family and their magical nanny Mary Poppins. Her carpet bag is packed, her umbrella is unfurled... join Mary Poppins for a spectacular show!

**Your day includes:**

- \*Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
  - \* Lunch at Carmine’s \* Orchestra Tickets
  - \* Getaway Tours’ Tour Director
  - \* Driver’s/Tour Director’s Gratuities
- ~Itinerary subject to change and availability~



**UPCOMING TRIPS IN 2012**

- March 15th—“Luck of the Irish” Lunch & Show  
La Renaissance, East Windsor, CT
- May 2nd—Vicki Lawrence at Foxwoods Casino
- May 21st-23rd- “Jonah” at Sight & Sound Theatre, PA
- July 2nd- “Harborfest (Tall Ships), Boston, MA
- July TBA- Long Island Wine Country (3 days)
- August 15th- Connecticut River Dixieland River Cruise
- September 19th- The Osmond Brothers at Foxwoods
- Oct/Nov TBA- “The Million Dollar Quarter”  
on Broadway, NYC
- December 4th- Vienna Boys Choir, Symphony Hall

- Trips are offered to **MEMBERS ONLY** for the first week of the sale; after one week, nonmembers, (senior citizens) may purchase available seats.
- **DAY and OVERNIGHT PARKING** permitted in rear parking lot; **HOWEVER**, Calendar House is **NOT** responsible for loss due to damage, theft of vehicle or vehicle contents.
- **IMPORTANT**: Should you need to get into the building when trip returns, you **MUST** advise a staff member the day **BEFORE** the trip departs.

# ALL RETURN TIMES APPROXIMATE

## SEATS AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT

**NEW AND EXCITING**



**Tuesday, December 6**  
**Depart: 9:00 am**  
**Return: 2:30 pm**  
**Cost: Price of lunch and whatever you buy!**

**Christmas Tree Shops**,  
 Manchester, CT

Calendar House is sponsoring a shopping trip to the Christmas Tree Shops in Manchester, CT. Transportation will be provided by our Dial-a-Ride bus at no charge. Pick-ups will start at 8:30 am, leaving for Manchester at 9:00 am. Shop from 10:00—12:00, then lunch on your own at a designated restaurant from 12:15 –1:30 pm. Then we’ll head back to Southington—you should be home by 2:30 pm. Limit 55!!

**We were able to get A bigger bus!!!**  
 Call 860.621.3014 to reserve your seat.



**UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY SOLD TRIPS**

**The Ultimate Alaska & Yukon Experience**  
**May 12—23, 2012**

12 Days / 11 Nights Luxury Cruise & Land Tour  
 Alaska Yukon Explorer & Glacier Bay Experience



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**Highlights:**

- Two—1 night stays in Anchorage
- 1—night stay in Whitehorse, Beaver Creek & Denali National Park
- 2—nights in Fairbanks for the Museum of the North
- 4—nights inside passage cruise featuring Glacier Bay National Park

Please stop in the Calendar House office for a flyer or contact **Tours of Distinction** at 1-800-426-4324 for pricing & more