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*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Programs For Our Upcoming Meetings

Feb. 7	Breakfast Get Together (Wives, Significant Others, Girl Friends Invited)
Feb. 14	Tony Attaro "My Professional Bowling Career" (Thanks to Jerry Katz for this speaker)
Feb. 21	Paul Bergeron Sharon Veteran Affairs Representative "Veterans Affairs" (Thanks to Dave Berger for this speaker)
Feb. 28	Michael Yawitch "Clock Making As A Hobby"
March 6	NO BREAKFAST BUILDING CLOSED FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
March 13	Breakfast Get Together (Wives, Significant Others, Girl Friends Invited) - Program - David Clifton, Rotary Club Governor "Eradication of Polio" (Thanks to Dave Berger for this speaker)
March 20	Senator James Timilty - subject to be announced - (Thanks to Ralph Generazzo for this speaker)
March 27	Les Sutton "Music of Glenn Miller"

GLAD & SAD



If you know of a club member or a member of his family who has become ill, the death of a club member, or a member of his family, please contact **Harvey Tobolsky** at (781) 784-7967. He is in charge of sending a Get Well or Condolence Card to the member or his family. The Club also sends a charity donation in memory of a Men's Club member's passing.

Henry Goulston was in the Norwood Hospital with heart problems. **Jay Chin's** wife, **Carol**, is very ill in the South Shore Hospital. **Morris Factor** fell and broke some ribs. **Stan Bello's** wife, **Phyllis**, is having chemotherapy treatment. **Eli Factor** was in an auto accident and is in the Braumor Nursing Home in Brockton. **Harold Hoffman** is in the Copley Nursing Home of Stoughton. **Barry Lewis** is recuperating at the Copley Nursing Home of Stoughton. **Haskell Williams** is residing at the Hebrew Senior Rehab Center on Centre Street in Roslindale.

We sadly report the passing of **Joseph Schwartz's** wife, **Eleanor**, and club member **Don Doniger**. The son of former member **Irving Shane** and his wife, **Anita**, passed away at age 65 in Baltimore. Anita was the long-time Men's Club Choral Group Musical Director.

Ongoing Activities of the Sharon Men's Club



JACK BERMAN CRIBBAGE GROUP, led by **Henry Victorson**, plays on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**.

MOE FINE WHIST CLUB, led by **George Kostick**. They play on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. at the **HIXSON FARM CLUBHOUSE**.

CHESS GROUP led by **Bill Appel**.
Monday Evenings from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Sharon Community Center – Arts & Crafts Room – 2nd floor



BILLIARDS led by **Al Ferrin** - Every Tuesday
from approx. 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**.

DISCUSSION GROUP, led by **Jim Heller**, meets at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER** following our business meeting.
Next Meeting on **FEBRUARY 14** - Subject: "EXECUTIVE POWERS IN WARTIME"



CHORAL GROUP is back in in action –
Contact **Bud Adler** for more information.

SMC INVESTMENT ASSOCIATES meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**. Any member of the Men's Club is welcome to attend as a guest. **Dave Berger** is president of the Sharon Men's Club Investment Associates.

DUES REMINDER

Dues for the **Men's Club 2012 Year** are due no later than **MAY 31st**

Bring your check for \$10.00 to a meeting
or mail to our Treasurer **Ed Schwartz**
at 16 Hartshorn Place, Walpole, MA 02081



Sharon Men's Club Profile Of The Month

MICHAEL YAWITCH, OUR WORLDLY MEMBER



Michael was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, on October 7, 1936. He received his elementary school education from first to seventh grade at the Orange Grove Primary School and attended grades eight through twelve at the Highlands North High School graduating in December 1954.

Michael enrolled in the English-speaking University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg in February 1955. He graduated in 1958 with four year degrees in Bachelor of Science and Engineering.

He went to work as a Consulting Engineer for ARUP International, a civil and structural engineering firm. He spent nine years with the company, one of them in London in 1961.

In 1967, he was offered a junior partnership at Kampel & Abromavitz, consulting engineers with a staff of about a dozen people. It grew to a company with sixty people and branched out into Greater Africa. Michael became a senior partner and the firm's name was changed to Kampel, Abramovitz & Yawitch. The company eventually became a world-wide operation, including an office in Dubai, to be known as KAY. He retired in 1999 after spending over 30 years with the firm.

Michael met his future wife, Freda, who was also a student there, in his first year at the university. They started dating in 1955 and were married on December 4, 1960. Freda graduated with a Liberal Arts Degree and was employed as a librarian. They have two daughters – Leonie Shapiro who first moved to San Diego in 1987 and then moved to Sharon in 1995. Leonie is a paralegal for a large law firm in Boston – and Benita Graumin who has lived in Los Angeles since 1996 and is a licensed clinical social worker. Michael and Freda have been blessed with four grandchildren.

Starting in 1987, Michael and Freda visited Leonie at least once a year. In 1999, they moved to the United States and came directly to Sharon. Although he is “retired,” Michael continues to do consulting work as a Forensic Engineer.



In 1981, Michael started a hobby of precision metal work specializing in clock making. He has a complete workshop in his home and has built some amazing products. One of the clocks shown on this page was manufactured piece by piece with his precision equipment. Also shown is a full-size clock he built with Michael standing next to it. He will be our speaker on February 28 to talk about his clock making.



He joined the Men's Club about 10 years ago and plays chess on Monday evenings. He is a member of the Investment Club and takes part in our monthly discussion group. He is also a member of our Golf Group.

The Sharon Men's Club is honored to have Michael as one of our members.

THE VIEW FROM THE ADULT CENTER

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Mark these important dates!



Today! Ride our new buses! The Sharon Adult Center & Council on Aging was awarded three new vehicles through state grants. The last of the three is due to arrive as you read this article. Our bus driver, Clinton, notes “it feels like a Cadillac!” so don’t hesitate. Call us if you need a ride or read our schedule and make a reservation now!

February 22 – “Reflections”

Vera Cross, Karen Gordon, and Sheila Pallay have been involved with the Lakeside Gallery since its inception nearly four years ago, hanging the works of many artists. They decided it would be fun to hang a show of their own - the result is “Reflections.” Check out the exquisite work in various media of Vera, the gorgeous watercolors of Karen, and the stunning photography of Sheila. The exhibit will run from February 14 through March 29. The opening reception will be held Wednesday, February 22, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and musical entertainment will be provided by Vera’s son. Come meet the artists, chat about their work, ask questions and support the arts.



March 16 – A Legislative Breakfast will be held at the new Walpole Public Library, 65 Common Street (next to Walpole Town Hall), from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Issues of concern to the elders in the Norfolk South region will be addressed by your state senators and representatives as well as regional and local elder organizations (HESSCO Elder Affairs, Councils on Aging). Please RSVP to the Walpole Council On Aging, (508) 668-3330. If you need a ride from Sharon, please call us at (781) 784-8000 and we will try to help you.

March 19 – Rotary Club of Sharon to recognize **Arnold Kublin** at its 70th Anniversary Celebration. Longtime Sharon resident and community volunteer, Arnold Kublin will be awarded the “*Rotary Service Above Self Award*.” This award is presented to an individual for their outstanding leadership and dedication to the ideas of Rotary. The recipient must also be actively involved in improving the quality of life within the Town of Sharon. Mr. Kublin exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism. He is best known for his doggedness and commitment to creating a vibrant Sharon Adult Center. Mr. Kublin presently serves on the Sharon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Friends of the Sharon COA, and Sharon COA and HESSCO boards. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Sapphire Manor in Sharon. Cost of the dinner is \$40. Please send your name and check to the Rotary Club of Sharon, P.O. Box 534, Sharon MA 02067. Reservations will be accepted until March 5.



The Adult Center offers our condolences to the family of Eleanor Schwartz, our Friday morning receptionist. She will be missed by staff, volunteers, and the community.

On a happier note, we welcome back to the reception desk Lenore Watts and Loretta Landolfi.

Norma

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From the National Council on Aging – Scams Targeting Seniors –

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're now considered "the crime of the 21st century."

Why? Because seniors are thought to have a significant amount of money sitting in their accounts. Financial scams also often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they're considered a "low-risk" crime. However, they're devastating to many older adults and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses. It's not just wealthy seniors who are targeted. Low-income older adults are also at risk of financial abuse. And it's not always strangers who perpetrate these crimes. Over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by an older person's own family members, most often their adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others. Here's an example:

Every U.S. citizen or permanent resident over age 65 qualifies for Medicare, so there is rarely any need for a scam artist to research what private health insurance company older people have in order to scam them out of some money. In these types of scams, perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information, or they will provide bogus services for elderly people at makeshift mobile clinics, then use the personal information they provide to bill Medicare and pocket the money.



Jerome Cohen	February 4	Marvin Kaplan	February 19	Robert Corman	February 26
Fred Kaplan	February 5	Samuel Faber	February 21	Nelson Garber	February 26
Leonard Heifetz	February 7	Sidney Feldman	February 21	Irving Hershman	February 26
Norman Levine	February 19	Dr. Eli Factor	February 23	L. Arnold Goralnick	February 26
Melvin Pearlmutter	February 19	Salvy Triolo	February 24	Grant Southward	February 28

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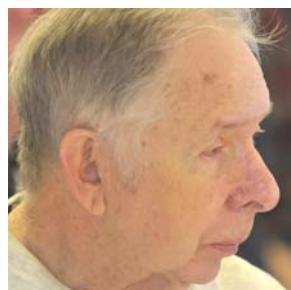
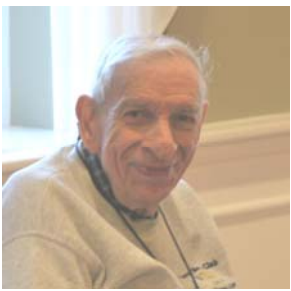
Jerry and Jean Kerzner who welcomed the birth of their grandson, Jacob Edward Kerzner, on January 13.

Welcome to our two newest members – **J. George Stuopis** and his wife, **Roma**, and **Walter S. McConnell** and his friend, **Cheryl**.

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS!

There will be no meetings if public schools are cancelled in Sharon due to inclement weather or snow. Please check the weather reports on television or radio to be sure that you should venture out in bad weather.

WERE YOU CAUGHT BY JAY CHIN AND HIS CANDID CAMERA?



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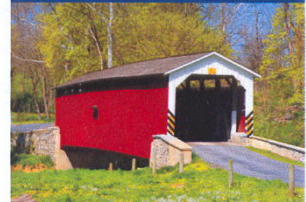
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(Tue - Fri)

May

15 - 18, 2012



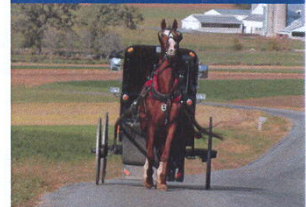
View Lancaster's picturesque landscape



Enjoy a Taste of Local Jams



Spend time at LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM & VILLAGE



Experience the Amish lifestyle

Departure: Sharon Recreation Center, Sharon, MA @ 8 am

Day 1: Board your spacious, restroom and video equipped Motorcoach and set off for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your Pennsylvania-area hotel for a 3 night stay.

Day 2: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go on a GUIDED TOUR OF LANCASTER including Amish Country. Next you'll visit the KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE – a charming marketplace of shops and restaurants. Then, you'll see the musical "JONAH" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre®, one of the world's largest live performance stages. Take an extraordinary journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets! Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship – right before your eyes. Then be immersed in an underwater world and witness the giant fish that swallows Jonah. Later, you'll have Dinner at a local restaurant before heading back to your hotel for the evening.

Day 3: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go to the MENNONITE INFORMATION CENTER, where you will learn more about the unique way of life of the Amish and Mennonites. You will see a short film and experience biblical history come alive during a guided lecture tour of the Center's full-sized Biblical Tabernacle Reproduction. Then, you will have lunch on your own in a nearby village. This afternoon, you will explore the LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM & VILLAGE, filled with historic buildings and costumed interpreters who demonstrate the daily life, activities, and customs of a 19th Century Pennsylvania Dutch Village. This evening, you will have Dinner and head back to the hotel for the night.

Day 4: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll depart for home. A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

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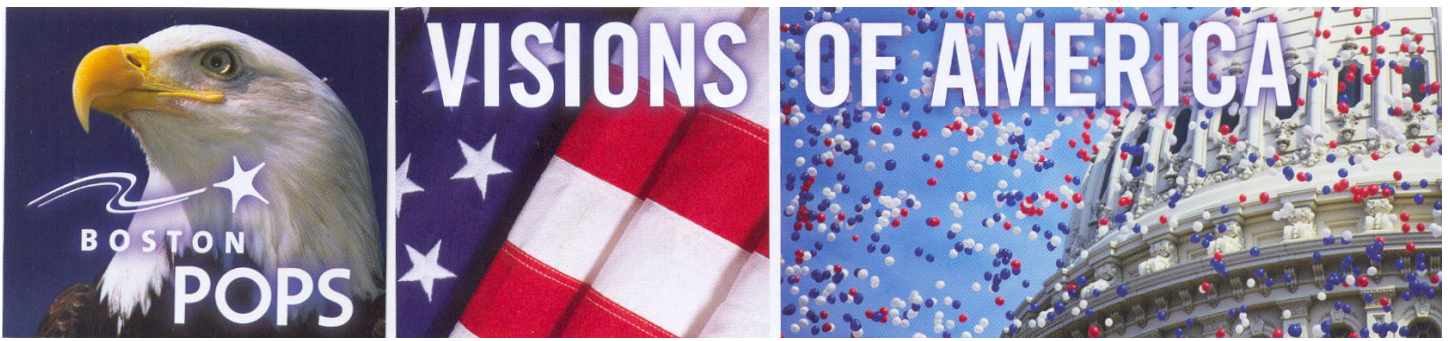
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FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

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RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!



Dear Friends,

This spring, “America’s Orchestra” celebrates what unites us, the United States - the heart, imagination and spirit of American musical traditions, inspired by photo-historian Joseph Sohm’s striking images, this special season includes selections from his epic “Visions of America” book featuring all fifty states. Joe and I, along with Hollywood composer Roger Kellaway and the legendary song-writing team Alan and Marilyn Bergman, partnered to create an exceptional live concert experience. Our vision is to share the iconic sounds and magnificent sights of our great nation with you. What is your vision of America?

Keith Lockhart

Sharon Men’s Club at Symphony Hall
SATURDAY EVENING
JUNE 16

at 8:00 p.m.

An Entirely New Program
“Visions of America”

First Balcony Tickets are \$55. pp

Second Balcony Tickets are \$30. pp

Bus transportation from Sharon Community Center is \$20. pp

Tickets are on sale until March 30 or when sold out.

Refunds until April 12.

**Stan Goldstone is handling tickets while
Arnold Kublin is away.**