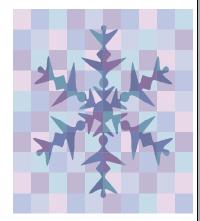
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Celebrate the New Year!

"Out with old, in with the new; may you be HAPPY the whole year through! Happy New Year!" ~author unknown

We begin this newsletter with positive comments and a sincere wish for happiness to all in the New Year!

2017 holds a milestone for the Office for Aging, 30 years ago the first Senior Picnic was held! We will be celebrating 30 years of picnics on Thursday, August 3rd, 2017 at the Concordia Park! More details to come on this great event!

In addition we will be planning for the Office for Aging's 40th Birthday in 2018—The Fulton Co. Office for Aging opened in the Spring of 1978 and we hope to bring many warm memories of this great agency's history around the county thruout next year! If you have any photos you would like shared, please let us know!

Stay Happy & Healthy!

Andrea Fettinger, Director and the staff at the Office for Aging

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Help Us Select & Honor Exceptional Seniors in Fulton County!

Winners attend **SENIOR DAY in Albany** May 2017

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthdays. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing, however. In April of 1963, President John F. Kennedy's meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens served as a prelude to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month."

Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of Thank you for your help!

past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since JFK has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities.

Please use the form on the page 7 of this newsletter to submit your nominee(s) for Senior of the Year and/or Volunteer of the Year 2017. You may submit more than one name!

A committee at the Office for Aging will select the two (2) top winners who will attend Senior Day in May 2017at the Hart Lounge in the Egg, Albany, NY.



Senior Nutrition

Program Education ~



What is Diabetes, really?

Submitted by Shannon Davis, RD

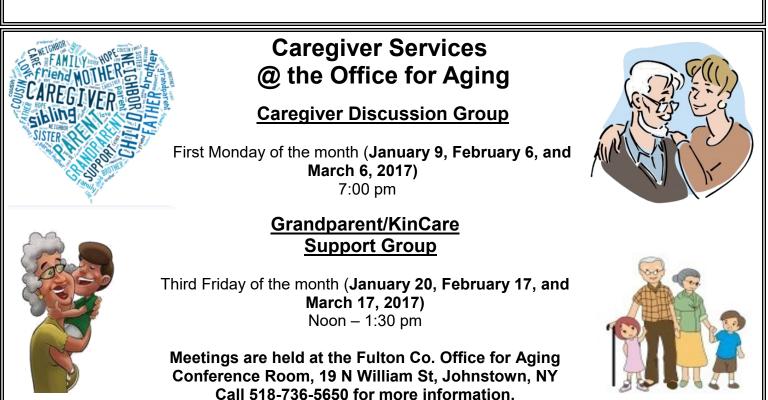
Most of us know someone who is dealing with diabetes. Whether they are managed by diet only or are taking insulin, the consequences of the disease can be far reaching. Untreated diabetes can lead to neuropathy, retinopathy, blindness, kidney disease, and even death. Diabetes is a disease that affects how your body uses blood sugar (or glucose.) Glucose is an important source of energy for our cells that make up muscles and tissues. It is also the brain's most important fuel source. If you are a diabetic, it means that you simply have too much glucose in your bloodstream. And this can lead to serious complications, as mentioned above.

Symptoms of diabetes vary greatly from individual to individual. The symptoms also differ based on how elevated your blood sugar is. People with Type I diabetes (those people whose pancreas has stopped producing insulin) generally present with more dramatic symptoms. They are usually more severe and come on quite suddenly. Symptoms can include any of the following: increased thirst, frequent urination, extreme hunger, and unexplained weight loss, presence of ketones in the urine, fatigue, irritability, blurred vision, slow-healing sores, and frequent infections such as gum or skin infections. While there is generally not a cause of Type II diabetes, it can be caused by the body's cells becoming less sensitive to insulin (possibly as a result of being stretched from obesity.) Insulin may still be in your system, but your body's cells are not responding efficiently to it. Because of this fact, weight loss is often recommended as a first line "treatment."

Controlling your blood sugars can come from dietary changes, weight loss, exercise, oral medications, or insulin. Different medications have different mechanisms to help control your blood sugars. For example, metformin (a very common diabetes medication) works by decreasing the amount of glucose that is dumped into your bloodstream by the liver. Glipizide and glyburide, however, work by stimulating the pancreas to increase its production of insulin. Knowing the mechanism of the medication you take can help you manage any possible side effects.

Lastly, meeting with a certified diabetes educator in addition to your doctor can help you customize your diet to help you gain the best control possible over your blood sugars. All foods can fit into a diabetic diet-it's all about moderation, portion size, and spacing of your meals.

Call 518-736-5650 for more information or an appointment with the dietician.



	Janu	lary 2	2017	
January 2 HAPPY NEW YEAR!! No Meal Delivery today.	January 3 Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, White Bread, Mandarin Oranges	January 4 Baked Fish with Lemon Sauce, Seasoned Rice, Spinach, Rye Bread, Brownie	January 5 Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Pie **Test Meal**	January 6 Roast Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Corn, Dinner Roll, Cookie
January 9 Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, White Bread, Fruit Cocktail	January 10 Pancakes with Fruit Compote, Sausage, Applesauce, Pudding	January 11 Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Frosted Birthday Cake	January 12 Ham Dinner, Scalloped Potatoes, Lima Beans, Wheat Bread, Pineapple	January 13 Pot Roast, Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Carrots, Oat Bread, Ice Cream
January 16 CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY No Meal Delivery Today.	January 17 Lasagna, Italian Blend Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Garlic Roll, Tropical Fruit	January 18 Cream of Broccoli Soup, Hot Dog with Sauerkraut, Hot Dog Roll, Cinnamon Crumb Cake	January 19 Turkey Divan with Broccoli Sauce, Egg Noodles, Brussels' Sprouts, Italian Bread, Rice Pudding	January 20 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Winter Squash, Hamburger Roll, Fruited Gelatin with Topping
January 23 Chicken and Wild Rice Casserole, Beets, Green Beans, Rye Bread, Pears	January 24 Salisbury Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Red Cabbage, White Bread, Cookie	January 25 Chicken Marsala, Rotini in Sauce, Italian Blend Vegetables, Italian Bread, Orange	January 26 Baked Fish on a Bun with Tartar Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Spinach, Pudding Square	January 27 Roast Pork with Gravy, Stuffing, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Brownie
January 30 Cheeseburger Deluxe on a Bun, Potato Puffs, Broccoli, Peaches	January 31 Omelet, Sausage, Hash Browns, Muffin, Whipped Cream Fruit Medley	February 1 Ziti with Meatballs, Italian Blend Vegetables, Italian Bread, Pie	February 2 Loaded Baked Potato, Chicken Nuggets, Rye Bread, Banana	February 3 Lemon Chicken, Confetti Rice, California Blend Vegetables, White Bread, Ambrosia
Mission Vikilion Food & Nutrition				

	Febru	uary 2	2017	
February 6 Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Corn, Baked Beans, Fruit Cocktail	February 7 Chicken Croquette, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, White Bread, Ice Cream	February 8 Cheesy Ham and Rice Casserole, Beets, Applesauce, Rye Bread, Cookie **Test Meal**	February 9 Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Peas, Dinner Roll, Pudding with Topping	February 10 Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, Apple Crisp
February 13 Chicken Riggies, Egg Noodles, Broccoli, Italian Bread, Mandarin Oranges	February 14 Shepherd's Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Wheat Bread, Valentine Cookie	February 15 Cream of Potato Soup, Egg Salad, Kaiser Roll, Peaches	February 16 Fish on a Bun with Tartar Sauce, Confetti Rice, Spinach, Frosted Birthday Cake	February 17 Pot Roast with Gravy, Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Carrots, White Bread, Tropical Fruit
February 20 CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY	February 21 Turkey Tetrazzini over Spaghetti, Peas, White Bread,	February 22 Stuffed Peppers, Applesauce, Corn, Italian Bread,	February 23 Roast Pork with Gravy, Stuffing, Red Cabbage,	February 24 Chicken Cacciatore, Rotini in Sauce,, Italian Blend Vegetables,
No Meal Delivery today.	Pineapple	Gelatin	Dinner Roll, Pie	Garlic Roll, Lemon Lush
February 27 Chili, Cauliflower, Wax Beans, Corn Bread, Pears	February 28 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Japanese Blend Vegetables, Rye Bread, Ambrosia	March 1 Ash Wednesday Three Cheese Penne Pasta, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Vegetables, Garlic Roll, Brownie	March 2 Cheese Omelet, Sausage, Hash Browns, White Bread, Chef's Choice Dessert	March 3 Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Whipped Cream Fruit Medley

Cold Weather Tips from the American Red Cross

Heat Your Home Safely

As families turn to alternative heating sources out of necessity or to avoid the rising cost of fuel, they should take the following precautions:

- Always operate portable generators outdoors never inside, including the basement or garage. Do not connect a generator directly to your home's wiring – leave that work to a professional electrician and buy a generator designed for that purpose. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator. Connecting a cord from the generator to a point on the permanent wiring system and back-feeding power to your home is an unsafe method to supply a building with power.
- Don't overload your electrical outlets. Be careful of extension cords that present hazardous walkways.

Prevent frozen pipes

Now is the time to protect your house pipes from freezing and bursting. With the cold weather upon us, preventive action may make all the difference.

Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the

garage.

- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- When the temperature is very low outside, let the cold water drip from faucets served by exposed pipes or pipes in exterior walls. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

Download our Red Cross First Aid App for your smartphone. It has lots of information on safety in all situations, including cold weather hazards like Hypothermia and Frostbite.

March 2017				
March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Beef Patty,	Turkey Divan with	Goulash,	Chicken and	Vegetable Lasagna,
Rice Pilaf,	Broccoli Sauce,	Corn,	Biscuits,	Italian Blend
Brussels' Sprouts,	Egg Noodles,	Wax Beans,	Mashed Potatoes,	Vegetables,
Hamburger Roll,	Wax Beans,	Rye Bread,	Red Cabbage,	Tossed Salad,
Ambrosia	Wheat Bread,	Cookie	Jell-O	Garlic Roll,
	Banana Cake		**Test Meal**	Ice Cream
March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
Chicken and Wild	Beef Stew with	Ziti with Meatballs,	Roast Pork with	Fish with Lemon
Rice Casserole,	Vegetables,	Country Blend	Gravy,	Sauce,
Beets,	Biscuit,	Vegetables,	Stuffing,	Confetti Rice,
Green Beans,	Yogurt Whip	Italian Bread,	Sonoma Blend	Spinach,
Wheat Bread,		Brownie	Vegetables, Rye Bread,	
Mandarin Oranges			Dinner Roll,	Pie
			Peacheasy Dessert	
March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
BBQ Chicken,	Pizza Burger,	Cream of Broccoli	Salisbury Steak	Macaroni and
Baked Beans,	Potato Puffs,	Soup,	with Gravy,	Cheese,
Carrots,	Broccoli,	Hot Dog with	Mashed Potatoes,	Zucchini and
Oat Bread,	Hamburger Roll,	Sauerkraut,	Pacific Blend	Tomatoes,
Fruit Cocktail	Frosted Birthday	Hot Dog Roll,	Vegetables,	Green Beans,
	Cake	Mousse	White Bread,	Wheat Bread,
			Fresh Fruit	Apple Crisp
March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31
Spanish Rice,	Chicken a la King,	Meatloaf,	Roast Turkey with	Tuna Noodle
Wax Beans,	Mashed Potatoes,	Sweet Potatoes,	Gravy,	Casserole,
Cauliflower,	Lima Beans,	Mixed Vegetables,	Stuffing,	Peas,
Corn Bread,	Wheat Bread,	White Bread,	Corn,	Beets,
Rosy Pears	Cookie	Ice Cream	Dinner Roll,	Rye Bread,
			Lemon Cake with	Apple
			Glaze	

Fulton County Council of Senior Clubs

President: Grace Bevington-Eglin

2017 Council Meeting Schedule:

Coffee at 9:30am Meeting 10am sharp!

January 19, 2017 April 13, 2017 June 29, 2017 October 12, 2017



All meetings are held at the Johnstown Senior Center, 109 E. Main St., Johnstown. Senior Club leaders attend to share events, plan for the future, and network over refreshments and camaraderie. All members are welcome to attend!

Outstanding Senior Volunteer Nomination Form

Phone		35725
Nominator	Phone	
Does your nominee have	e children? e grandchildren?	
Does your nominee have	e grandchildren?	
How many years has yo	ur nominee devoted to volunteer service in our	community?
Where did your nominee	work in the past? e service? Branch	
Was your nominee in the	e service? Branch ominee has volunteered:	
		Volunteers!
Please tell us some th helpful!	nings about your nominee, some biographic	al information would be very
	BY FEBRUARY 1 st , 2017	

Each May, the Office for Aging participates in the nomination of exceptional Senior Citizens for celebration of their many talents, volunteerism, pride and spirit. We would like to give you the opportunity to nominate special individuals beginning now until the <u>deadline February 1st, 2017</u>. We hope that by giving you a broad timeline, we will receive more nominations of people 60 years of age or more who deserve recognition. The Fulton Co. Office for Aging will choose 2 of the nominees to attend Senior Day in May 2017.

Weather Emergency:

If the weather is inclement to the point in which we are unable to provide services, the Fulton Co. Office for Aging will announce the program closings in different ways:

ON THE RADIO <u>WENT</u>, ON TV <u>Channel 6, 9, 10 & 13 watch the scroll at the bottom of</u> <u>the screen</u>, and on the Office for Aging <u>answering machine</u>. Be informed! Be safe!

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Because the needs often outweigh the means, we ask that you consider making a donation to the Fulton Co. Office for Aging, if you are able. You can designate which program area you wish your voluntary contribution to support from the list below:

Home Care Uutrition Services Trust Fund

Care Management Transportation Caregiver Services

Health Insurance Counseling Where there is the most need

_____In Honor or In Memory of______

Please send your donation to the

Fulton Co. Office for Aging, 19 North William Street, Johnstown, New York 12095