



Island Seniors, Inc.

At The Sanibel Recreation Center

Newsletter

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From the Board of Directors

A modified return to Island Seniors programming is coming to the Recreation Center. Due to ventilation and air quality issues at the Center4Life building on Library Way, a return to programming there is not possible. The Recreation Center has graciously offered the Osprey Room for our use. Your Board and C4L Manager, Dave DeFonzo, are working hard to move some comfy furniture into that room, set up a table for coffee and chatting and getting gaming materials ready (mahjonn and bridge for starters). Good news, Amy Nowacki, Architect has been chosen to provide technical services to the City for the design and construction of the new Center4Life (SanCap bank remodel). The road to our new building is finally heading in the right direction. Although it may not be fully ready until late 2023, we are at least on our way. Mike Miller, City Councilman, is the liaison between the City Council and Island Seniors. He is quite knowledgeable of what we do and stand for, has been a kayak leader and is very supportive of our programming. We all feel this is a good step forward and another way to ensure both the City and the Island Seniors Board are cognizant of what is happening along the way to our new facility. As you all return to Sanibel, please remember that safety and health are the top priorities in making all our decisions. See you all soon!

Island Seniors Inc. serves as a support organization and advisory board to the City of Sanibel for Island Seniors programming. It was established as a separate not for profit entity. Island Seniors, Inc. raises funds to help defray the cost of program activities and materials. The Board established a membership fee of \$20 for the calendar year. Members enjoy reduced participation fees. The Board of Directors meet monthly.

Message From the Senior Program Manager-

Dave DeFonzo is originally from Toms River New Jersey. He has been employed with the City Recreation Department for 30 years. He attended the University of Lynchburg in Virginia where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design along with a Minor in Communications. As a child Dave spent many summers on Sanibel before permanently relocating to the island in 1991 where he was then employed by the city as a camp counselor and lifeguard. Dave's assignments ranged from work with the parks crew on local historical projects, youth programs and assisting at the Community House with the Senior food service program. He became the lead Program Coordinator for youth activities in 1995 and continued to develop the After School, Summer, and Holiday camp programs which are still an active part of the Recreation lineup today. Dave enjoys local island lure and history, vintage architecture and memorabilia, as well as exploring the outdoors at State and National Park locations whenever possible. He is looking forward to sharing new program ideas and interacting with members of the Island Seniors.

**Island Seniors, Inc Welcomes Back Activities and Social
begins October 12th at the Sanibel Recreation Center:****3880 Sanibel Captiva Road****Activities include:****Coffee Social****Monday– Friday 9:30am-11am****Bridge****Monday & Wednesday 12:30pm-3:30pm****Mahjongg****Thursday 12:30pm-3:30pm****Page Turners**

Beginning Tuesday, November 9th at 2:30pm will be meeting in person and by Zoom for more details see page 5.

*Several advertisements have been bought in the ISLAND SUN, and continue to appear. They are filled with errors about Island Seniors. Look throughout this Newsletter for **FACTOIDS** which will correct errors that these paid ads have presented.*

FACTOID #1: Island Seniors, Inc. IS NOT a club. We are a 501(c)(4) organization with pre-pandemic membership of over 800. Starting 44 years ago as a small group, it became a not-for-profit organization in 1992, recognized by the State of Florida and Internal Revenue Service. With an annual budget of \$72,224 and assets nearing \$250K, our tax return is prepared yearly by a local accountant.

Qi Gong:

Paul Lawrence is still offering his QiGong class via ZOOM for Island Seniors free of charge. QiGong can be described as a mind-body-spirit practice that improves one's mental and physical health by integrating posture, movement, breathing techniques, self-massage, sound and focused intent. Paul's class meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 in the afternoon. No need to pre-register for the class. To access the class simply log in on ZOOM and use the following -
ID: 881 9005 3793
Password: qigong

HOT DOG WELCOME BACK

Mark your calendars. On November 10, 2021, the Board of Directors will welcome back all members with a free hot dog lunch. Come by at 11:30 a.m. and have a good chat and a welcome lunch at the Sanibel Recreation Center



COMPASSIONATE CARE

Please continue to let Ann Moeder know about any member who has lost a loved one, or who has fallen or become ill. Just send her a note by email. Her email address is:
dmoeco@aol.com

ARE YOU 90 OR TURNING 90?

Get your free **LIFETIME** membership.

Notify Shirley Schulz at
schulzshirley@hotmail.com

FACTOID #2: Island Seniors is NOT a TRANSACTIONAL organization as other public buildings on Sanibel such as Big Arts, Sanibel Community Association, the Recreation Center, etc. People don't come, participate in their activity and then depart. Island Seniors accommodates and encourages people to congregate and converse; sometimes for hours. The space is available for all economic levels, all interests, all needs of the senior community. The other venues are a come in, participate, and leave. There is no room for just relaxing and conversing.

Bring Your Skills to the Island Seniors Board of Directors

Island Seniors, Inc. is looking for active and enthusiastic members to fill two vacancies on our Board beginning January 2022. Board members are elected by the membership at the December annual meeting. The Board of Directors carries out the mission of Island Seniors: to provide its members entertainment, pleasure, companionship, education, recreation, and participation in health activities and further to manage and conduct for its members entertainment, excursions, social meetings, and engage in such activities that will raise the standards of civic welfare through educational, recreational and social means. The Board meets monthly. Term of service is 3 years. There are nine members on the Board, including the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are an active member of Island Seniors for a minimum of two years, we encourage you to consider contributing as a Board member. For more information please contact one of the nominating members listed below. **Deadline is October 15, 2021.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Shawn Shaffer: fast2swim@aol.com

Shirley Schulz

Jane Hudson

Karen Sartoris

Judie Sharbaugh

Island Seniors, Inc. Board of Directors Application

Name: _____

Sanibel Address: _____

Sanibel Resident or Seasonal: _____

If seasonal, dates on Sanibel: _____

Other Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

How Long have you been a member of Island Seniors, Inc. _____

Island Seniors, Inc. Activities you participate in: _____

Brief Professional Statement: Skills, Experience, Expertise, Interests

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners has been meeting monthly via Zoom. We plan to offer in person and the Zoom option once the Center is open. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 pm. The Zoom link and reminder will be emailed a few days prior. If you would like to be added to the Page Turners email list, contact Louise Fitzgerald at sanibelbum22@gmail.com or call 304.707.1701. We have a wonderful selection of books to discuss this fall. We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesday, October 13, 2:30 EST– By Zoom

The Night Portrait by Laura Morelli

Milan, 1492: When a 16-year old beauty becomes the mistress of the Duke of Milan, she must fight for her place in the palace—and against those who want her out. Soon, she finds herself sitting

before Leonardo da Vinci, who wants to ensure his own place in the ducal palace by painting his most ambitious portrait to date. Munich, World War II: After a modest conservator unwittingly places a priceless Italian Renaissance portrait into the hands of a high-ranking Nazi leader, she risks her life to recover it, working with an American soldier, part of the famed Monuments Men team, to get it back. — harpercollins.com

Tuesday, November 9, 2:30 EST– Date change Meeting by Zoom & Sanibel Rec Center

The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Sarah Penner's debut novel, *The Lost Apothecary*, is an enthralling work of mystery, murder, trust, and betrayal. Set in an atmospheric London, Penner's immersive story flows skillfully from past to present, revealing the heartaches and lost dreams of three captivating main characters in a page-turningly tense drama that surprises right up until the final paragraph. — npr.org

Tuesday, December 7, 2:30 EST– Date change Meeting by Zoom & Sanibel Rec Center

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

Erik Larson is one of America's greatest writers of nonfiction, and with his latest book, he turns his sharp eye to Winston Churchill's first year as prime minister of the United Kingdom. Larson delves into Churchill and his family and also provides a gripping account of the Blitz, paying attention to its effects on ordinary Britons. You don't have to be a history buff to love this bravura performance by one of America's greatest storytellers. — Michael Schaub, book critic

FACTOID #3: Multiple inspections and studies show the current Center4Life is a NON-CONFORMING building. No amount of money or repairs will meet the needs of the Seniors nor retain the building within safety standards. The building can not be added on to for more room, the roof needs total replacement and the HVAC system requires a new sloped roof and trusses at a cost beyond FEMA's authorization for repair of a non-conforming building. Classes have been cancelled, dinners and socials have had to be moved outside the building, and parking is limited. All this led the City to purchase a new C4L building.

TO MASK OR NOT TO MASK

City Council voted on August 7th to mandate masks in all City of Sanibel owned facilities. This includes the Sanibel Recreation Center. The Board of Directors of Island Seniors, Inc. decided that until it is clear and the pandemic is under control again, all people participating in activities through the Island Seniors, MUST wear a mask upon entering the Sanibel Recreation Center.

FACTOID #4: CHR and Island Seniors, Inc are non-governmental organizations. Most cities own both public housing and senior centers. Sanibel City Council chose to organize them apart from the City government, saving taxpayers money and cutting red tape.

VOLUNTEERS

Front Desk Workers

Coordinating an orientation for those volunteers that are available. A date and time TBD. CPR/First Aid certification/ review. Please contact Ann Moeder (dmoeco@aol.com)

Kayak Leaders - Shawn Shaffer is contacting kayak leaders who have led groups in the past to see if they are willing to begin kayaking again and willing to be a leader. Everyone who volunteers to lead a group must have current CPR/First Aid training and a review of Island Seniors Rules and Regulations. Contact Shawn at fast2swim@aol.com if you are interested in being a kayak leader.

Leaders for Bridge and Mahjongg. Please contact Dave Defonzo (dave.defonzo@mysanibel.com)

FACTOID #5: Island Seniors, Inc does NOT compete with either the Recreation Center nor the Sanibel Community Association for membership nor activities. All three entities serve a very specific and similar, but different purpose. Yes, they have some overlapping programs, but the people they serve varies. And, Island Seniors keeps membership fees low so anyone on the Island can participate.

Arts and Crafts Fair

We have found a possible location for the Arts and Craft Fair. It may be out-doors at the Pavilion behind Sanibel School.

The committee is working to see if vendors feel comfortable displaying their wares and being out-doors. As of this date we look forward to holding the Arts and Craft Fair in February 2022. Watch upcoming Newsletters for the date, place and time.

Island Seniors, Inc activities currently available at the Sanibel Rec Center

As Follows:

Coffee Social

Monday-Friday 9:30a-11a

Games-

\$3 Member/\$5 Non-Member

Prices are awarded

Bridge

Monday & Wednesday 12:30p-3:30p

Mahjongg

Thursday 12:30p-3:30p

For additional Information call

239-472-0345

Florida Repertory Theatre

2021-22 Season

You must pay upon signing up. No additional tickets will be purchased *two weeks* before the show.

Tickets will distributed a week in advance of each show. If you are unable to pick up your ticket we can make arrangements. (*All titles and dates subject to change.*)

IN THE ArtStage STUDIO THEATRE

Let's Fall In Love – Not available through Island Seniors

- 2 p.m. Matinee -Saturday, October 16, 2021

***Driving Miss Daisy**

- 2 p.m. Matinee -Saturday, February 12, 2022
\$49 Member / \$54 Non-Member

A Doll's House, Part 2

- 2 p.m. Matinee - Saturday, March 19, 2022
\$49 Member / \$54 Non-Member

Maytag Virgin

- 2 p.m. Matinee - Saturday, April 30, 2022
\$49 Member / \$54 Non-Member

HISTORIC ARCADE THEATRE

The Woman in Black

- 2 p.m. Matinee -Saturday, November 6, 2021
\$46 Member / \$51 Non-Member

Westside Story

- 2 p.m. Matinee -Saturday, December 4, 2021
\$46 Member / \$51 Non-Member

Morning After Grace

- 2 p.m. Matinee - Saturday, January 15, 2022
\$46 Member / \$51 Non-Member

Into the Breeches

- 2 p.m. Matinee -Saturday, March 5, 2022
\$46 Member / \$51 Non-Member

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story

- 2 p.m. Matinee -Saturday, March 26, 2022



2021-22 THEATRE SEASON

10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33919

Men On Boats Comedy by Jaclyn Backhaus and directed by Rachel Endrizzi

- ♦ 2 p.m., Sunday, October 31, 2021
- \$27 Member

The Roommate Drama by Stephen Hooper and directed by Stephen Hooper

- ♦

Outside Mullingar Comedy by Bill Taylor and directed by Bill Taylor

- ♦ 2 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2022
- \$27 Member

**Group tickets unavailable due to not meeting
group sales minimum. May purchase
individually through Alliance of the Arts**

Name: _____

(Deadline for your ticket order is September 15, 2021. Payment at the Sanibel Recreation Center between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Address provided be-

PLAY	DATE	# TICKETS	MEMBER	ADULT
Alliance For The Arts -				
Men On Boats	10/31/21		\$27 ea.	
The Roommate	12/19/21		\$27 ea.	
Outside Mullingar	02/27/22		\$27 ea.	

TICKET TOTAL: \$ _____



Rent

2 p.m., Saturday Matinee, January 8, 2022

\$76 Member / \$81 Non-Member Seat Location - Orchestra or Front Balcony

Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

1 p.m., Sunday Matinee, February 6, 2022

Member / \$81 Non-Member Seat Location - Orchestra or Front Balcony

***Dear Evan Hansen**

Saturday Matinee, February 12, 2022

Member Seat Choice - Front Balcony or Orchestra

Times of the Temptations

February 26, 2022

balcony or Orchestra

\$76 Member

2 p.m., Saturday

\$76 Member / \$81 Non-Member

Jesus Christ Superstar

2 p.m., Saturday, March 19,

\$81 Member / \$86 Non-Member Seat Choice - Front Balcony or Orchestra

An Officer and a Gentleman

2 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2022

\$76 Member / \$81 Non-Member Seat Choice - Front Balcony or Orchestra

My Fair Lady

2 p.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022

\$81 Member / \$86 Non-Member Seat Choice - Front Balcony or Orchestra

* Florida Repertory Theatre - ArtStage Studio - Driving Miss Daisy is also scheduled 2/12/22.

Group tickets unavailable due to not meeting
group sales minimum. May
purchase individually through Barbara B. Mann

THEATER TICKET ORDER FORM**Name:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

PLAY	DATE	# TICKETS MEMBER	# TICKETS NON-MEMBER	TOTAL
ArtStage Studio Theatre - Florida Rep				
Driving Miss Daisy	02/12/22	\$49 ea.	\$54 ea.	\$
A Doll's House, Part 2	03/19/22	\$49 ea.	\$54 ea.	\$
Maytag Virgin	04/30 /22	\$49 ea.	\$54 ea.	\$
Historic Arcade Theater - Florida Rep				
The Woman in Black	11/06/21	\$46 ea.	\$51 ea.	\$
Westside Story	12/04/21	\$46 ea.	\$51 ea.	\$
Morning After Grace	01/15/22	\$46 ea.	\$51ea.	\$
Into the Breeches	03/05/22	\$46 ea.	\$51 ea.	\$
Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story	03/26/22	\$46 ea.	\$51 ea.	\$
Barbara B Mann Theater *				
Rent	01/08 /22	\$76 ea.	\$81 ea.	\$
Summer: The Donna Summer Musical	02/06 /22	\$76 ea.	\$81 ea.	\$
Dear Evan Hanse				\$
Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Time				\$
Blue Man Group				\$
Jesus Christ Superstar	03/19/22	\$81 ea.	\$86 ea.	\$
An Officer and a Gentleman	04/02/22	\$76 ea.	\$81 ea.	\$
My Fair Lady	04/09/22	\$81 ea.	\$86 ea.	\$

**Group tickets unavailable for
Barbara B. Mann**

*Please indicate your choice of seat location - Front Balcony or Orchestra.

TICKET TOTAL: \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Island Seniors, Inc.**

Mail to: Sanibel Recreation Center
3880 Sanibel Captiva Rd
Sanibel, FL 33957

ISLAND SENIORS, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1st Member

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Birth Month _____ Day _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

2nd Member

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Birth Month _____ Day _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

Local Address: _____ From _____ To _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Summer Address: _____ From _____ To _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Phone _____

Local Physician _____ Phone _____

Make check payable to: **Island Seniors, Inc.**

Mail to: Center 4 Life
3880 Sanibel Captiva Rd
Sanibel, FL 33957

Membership Fees are per person

Fee: **\$25** (September 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022)

\$20 (January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022)