March 2023 Newsletter

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# Bacoa aging redefined

#### A NOTE FROM BACOA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Every day, our Bacoa community of belonging grows, and I'm so proud to continue our journey of redefining aging with you all. On February 4th, Bacoa held our most successful <u>Dancing with the Barrington Stars</u> fundraiser to date, raising funds for critical programs that provide access to fundamental needs like food, transportation, and healthcare.

Our clients are at the heart of everything we do at Bacoa, which is why I'm excited to share their inspiring stories in a new addition to our newsletter, "Community Connections" (see page 2).

To support Bacoa's rapidly growing community of older adults, caregivers, and families, please visit <a href="www.bacoa.org">www.bacoa.org</a>. I hope to see you at one of Bacoa's upcoming events (see our events and programs calendar on page 4). Please, join us on March 13th for a free lunch and entertainment at our St. Patrick's Day Lunch and Bingo celebration!

Terri Channer
Executive Director

## Community Connections Lu's Story



Lucile (Lu) Watson has lived in Barrington for 13 years. She's 96, and she, "doesn't feel old at all." A regular attendee of Bacoa's Cuisine Club, Lunch & Bingo Program, and Never Idle Hands Knitting Club, Lu has built long-term friendships at our fun and engaging programs.

### "I'VE MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS HERE, AND THAT MAKES ME VERY HAPPY" -LU

After an overnight hospital visit, Lu called Bacoa's Program Manager, Janine O'Leary, to pick her up. Not only did Janine make sure Lu got home safely, Bacoa's social services staff helped Lu with insurance paperwork to pay bills from her hospital stay. As part of the Bacoa community, Lu knew she would be supported and cared for by Bacoa at the moment she needed it most.



## "I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR BACOA" -LU

To support Active Aging
Programs that provide
community and social
engagement for older adults
throughout the Barrington
Area, visit <u>www.bacoa.org.</u>



# MARCH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

March 3rd Ne

Never Idle Hands Knitting & Crochet Club, Pepper Park Coffee, 10am-Noon, Free

March 6th

Lunch & Bingo, Barrington Park District, 10:30am-1pm, \$12 Adult Day Program, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847-381-5030)

March 7th

**Virtual Bingo**, Zoom, 11am-Noon, Free (3 prizes per week)

**Barrington High School Choir Concert,** 7:00–8pm, Free, RSVP to Bacoa by 3/1 **Movie Maniacs** (location and movie TBD, call Bacoa at 847–381–5030 for more info)

March 8th

**Cuisine Club at McGonigal's Pub in Barrington**, Noon-2pm, \$25, RSVP to Bacoa by 3/1

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group, 10:30-Noon, Zoom, Free

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**Adult Day Program**, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847–381–5030)

MakersLab-Monogramed Mugs at Barrington Area Library, 1-2pm, Free RSVP by 3/1 (12 person sign up limit) Outsiders Trail Walking Club, Citizens Park, 9:30am, free (event is weather

Low Vision/Blind Support Group, 1-2:30pm, Lake Barrington Woods, Free, must call Bacoa at 847-381-5030 to register before first meeting

March 10th Activities and Upcoming Never Idle Hands Knitting & Crochet

Club, Pepper Park Coffee, 10am-Noon, Free

March 13th

Free St. Patrick's Day Special Lunch & Bingo Celebration, Barrington Park District, 10:30am-1pm, Free Adult Day Program, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847-381-5030)

March 15th

**Virtual Bingo**, Zoom, 11am-Noon, Free (3 prizes per week)

March 16th

**Adult Day Program**, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847-381-5030)

March 17th

**Zen at 10: Chair Yoga**, Zoom, 10-11am, Free

March 20th

Lunch & Bingo, 10:30am-1:00pm, Barrington Park District, \$12

**Adult Day Program**, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847-381-5030)

March 21st

**Virtual Bingo**, Zoom, 11am-Noon, Free (3 prizes per week)

Memory Cafe, Ela Area Public Library, 10–11am, free (for individuals with dementia and their care partners)

March 23rd

Trip to the Art Institute with lunch at Miller's Pub, 8:30am-2pm, \$65, contact Bacoa at 847-381-5030 for more information)

March 24th

**Never Idle Hands Knitting & Crochet Club,** Pepper Park Coffee, 10am-Noon, Free

March 27th

**Lunch & Bingo**, 10:30am-1:00pm, Barrington Park District, \$12 **Adult Day Program**, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847-381-5030)

March 28th

**Virtual Bingo**, Zoom, 11am-Noon, Free (3 prizes per week)

March 29th

**Rules of the Road**, 10am-Noon, The Garlands of Barrington, Free

March 30th

**Outsiders Trail Walking Club**, 9:30am, Citizen's Park, Free *(event is weather permitting)* 

**Adult Day Program**, \$45 (Prior evaluation is required, call 847–381–5030)

March 31st

Never Idle Hands Knitting & Crochet Club, Pepper Park Coffee, 10am-Noon, Free



## Join our monthly Cuisine Club









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Noon-2pm

McGonigal's Pub 105 S Cook St. Barrington

Call Bacoa by 3/1 to RSVP: 847-381-5030

**COST \$25** 









PRESENT TM FIT & STRONG!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS \$8 PER CLASS 1:30-3PM

MARCH 7TH-MAY 25TH Includes 60-minutes of exercise and 30-minutes of group discussion/health education

Fit & Strong!<sup>™</sup>is an exercise/behavior change program for older adults with lower extremity osteoarthritis.

#### **Benefits Include**

- Manage arthritis
- Exercise safely
- Decrease joint pain & stiffness
- Improve daily function
- Reduce anxiety & depression
- Develop & maintain an active lifestyle

Classes Held at NeuroBalance Center: 1529 S. Grove Ave. Barrington For More Information: Call 847-800-6162 Join Bacoa for a free St. Patrick's Day meal and \$1 bingo at the Barrington Park District on Monday, March 13th.



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