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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A FATHER'S INFLUENCE

Is there any real evidence that dads really have a uniquely important impact in the lives of their children? Our culture seems to place little value on the role of fathers. I see evidence of this everywhere, from pop culture and media to government policy. My own experience and belief system tell me that fatherhood is important, but I'd like to be able to explain exactly why this is the case.

Dr. David Popenoe, Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University and Co-Director of the National Marriage Project, has provided us with a good summary and overview of the subject. Here's what he has to say:

Fathers are far more than just "second adults" in the home. Involved fathers – especially biological fathers – bring positive benefits to their children that no other person is as likely to bring. They provide protection and economic support and male role models. They have a parenting style that is significantly different from that of a mother, and that difference is important in healthy child development. David Popenoe, *Life Without Father*, (New York: The Free Press, 1996), p. 163.

Dads, for instance, they play "rouger" and are more likely to encourage risk-taking. They provide kids with a broader diversity of social experiences. They also introduce them to a wider variety of methods of dealing with life. They tend to stress rules, justice, fairness, and duty in discipline. In this way, they teach children the objectivity and consequences of right and wrong. They prepare them for the challenges of life and demonstrate by example the meaning of respect between the sexes.

**Join us for the 1st Men's luncheon with Corn Hole challenge at 11am in back parking lot
12pm Pizza & Beer– sign up required \$5 fee
Limited to 30 men**



Meet George Hersom



Congratulations to George Hersom -for being chosen **Volunteer of the Month for our Senior Center!** But, where do we begin to sing his accolades...? George not only serves on the Center's Board of Directors, and the building committee along with running our weekly Bingo on Wednesday evenings for several years—handling all that is involved with that behind the scenes from licensing, food shopping, supplies, setting up the hall, cleaning up, calling out the Bingo numbers, etc. He tirelessly organizes our annual Yard Sale, which is a tremendous amount of work - physically and mentally. George serves as our handsome Tuxedo Host at the annual Fashion Shows, and last year George sold the highest amount of Wine Raffle tickets hands down. The list goes on and on - when something needs to be done around here George is often our go-to-guy, for which we are most grateful.

Thank you, George, for all you do.

Upcoming Events: Save the dates!!!

June 3rd: Pancake Breakfast: Starts on Saturday mornings 8-10am— donation price is \$8—

June 9th: 20th Annual Fashion Show: 11am to 3pm
Tickets \$40 each-Limited space-Sign up to reserve your spot. Tickets go on sale on May 1st— see Rita for your ticket and pick out your table

June 12th -Medicare information
When you or a loved one is new to Medicare, understanding your options can seem daunting. Southern Maine Agency on Aging Medicare Program will be coming to Wells Library every second Monday of the month, starting on June 12th, 2023, from 10am to 1pm to help you understand the Medicare coverage. Our trained Medicare Counselors will be there to help answer any questions you may have on Medicare, such as how to enroll, help understand your Medicare coverage or help you understand your billing issues. This unbiased free service is offered through a partnership with the Wells Library to help better serve the community, by helping you make an informed decision about your health insurance.

If you have any questions, please call 207-396-6524

June 16th-3:30-5:30pm- 100 Club– Tickets \$20 each
only 100 tickets sold— win win **CASH**

June 16th– 1st Men's Luncheon– Corn hole challenge at 11am/ Pizza & Beer at 12pm— sign up required \$5

June 26– Book Club 11-12pm- The Boston Girl - Anita Diamant
Eighty-five-year-old Addie tells the story of her life to her twenty-two-year-old granddaughter, who has asked her "How did you get to be the woman you are today?" She begins in 1915, the year she found her voice and made friends who would help shape the course of her life. From the one-room tenement apartment she shared with her parents and two sisters, to the library group for girls she joins at a neighborhood settlement house, to her first, disastrous love affair, Addie recalls her adventures with compassion for the naive girl she was and a wicked sense of humor

Yearly Yard Sale on July 21st & 22nd: Now accepting items for the sale—**drop off items the week of June 12th in the hallway**—not accepting clothing—sorry.