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Upcoming Events: Save the dates!!!

- May 2nd 11- 1-2pm—wine committee meeting
- May 13th—10am Ladies Brunch— RSVP required— Members \$5—non member \$8
- May 20th:Plant & Pie & Craft Sale-9-Noon: Looking for plant Donations
Crafters needed- \$25 per 6' table Bakers Needed for this event
- May 22nd –Book Club 11-12pm-Have You Seen Luis Velez - Catherine Ryan Hyde "Raymond Jaffe feels like he doesn't belong. Not with his mother's new family. Not as a weekend guest with his father and his father's wife. Not at school, where he's an outcast. After his best friend moves away, Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he's tamed and to a blind ninety-two-year-old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: Have you seen Luis Velez? Mildred Guterman, a German Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust, has been alone since her caretaker disappeared. She turns to Raymond for help, and as he tries to track Luis down, a deep and unexpected friendship blossoms between the two.
- June 3rd: Pancake Breakfast: Starts on Saturday mornings 8-10am— donation price is \$8— teams are setting up now if interested in being on a team— contact Kathy Chase
- June 9th: 20th Annual Fashion Show: 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
- 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.



"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."
 — Unknown


The title "mother" comes with so much meaning. It's used worldwide to describe women who have co-created life and walk alongside their children to shepherd their hearts. Mother implies connection; it speaks of biology and describes those of us who have mothered through adoption and more. Being a mother to someone means having an irreplaceable role in another person's life. **Biological mothers, first mothers, foster moms, step-moms, adoptive moms - we all matter more than anything to the children we are entrusted with to care for.** Mothering is a special gift, a huge responsibility, and something ordained from the start of human history.

Mothering does not come without trials, worries, struggles, and failures. It's not an easy job to find the best way to love a unique, fearfully, and wonderfully made person, let alone several of them! To do this job, we have to give away our whole hearts to a person whose fate we can't control.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, it is important to recognize the beauty and sacrifice of motherhood. In taking time to honor our mothers and role models that were Mom's to us!! We want to remember in prayer the dear women who long to be a mom, but are without children. * But who may have reached out to mentor children who needed them. The desire to be a mom is natural and common for many women. Young girls pretend to be a mommy as they care for baby dolls, and as girls grow up into women, many continue feeling drawn to motherhood as they seek to marry and start families. Motherhood is something to celebrate and is truly a blessed journey through all the ups and downs.

Please join us for our **First Lady's brunch—Tuesday— May 16th, 2023— 10am to Noon**

Menu— quiche/fruit cup/muffins/OJ- coffee— tea and special mimosa if your would enjoy one!
Limit 30 women— RSVP required— Members \$5 /guest \$8
 Jo May has supplied us with materials to make a special bracelet "our gift to you"



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH – PEG NOONAN!

Peg has been a member of the Center since 2006. And, for many years, she has worn many hats like running the Craft Room, modeling in our Fashion Shows, working Bingo – Pancake Breakfasts – Days of Warming – Yard Sales – and all the various Fairs just to name just a few. When something needs to be done, Peg just digs in and does it, i.e., cleaning and organizing the Supply Room, washing kitchen shelves, cooking, doing dishes, and the list goes on. Peg is a staple here at our Center and we are so very grateful to have her on our team.

Thank you, Peg!

