



# SHARON MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS KICK OFF  
BOCCE SEASON AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

## *Programs For Our Upcoming Meetings*

August 2	<b>Breakfast Get Together</b> (Wives, Significant Others, Girl Friends Invited)
August 9	<b>Josh Sheperd, UBS Financial Services</b> "Status of Financial Markets Today" (Thanks to Stan Roseman for this speaker)
August 16	<b>Men's Club Drama Group</b> "You Can't Take It With You" (Thanks to Bill Appel for this program)
August 23	<b>Susan Edinger, MSW, LICSW,</b> <b>Sharon Adult Center</b> "The Role of the Adult Center Social Worker"
August 30	<b>Dr. Charles Blatt, Cardiologist</b> "Bypassing the Bypass - The Overuse of Coronary Bypass Surgery in America" (Thanks to Ed Neiterman for this speaker)
Sept. 6	<b>Reuben Herman</b> "The Mexican War"
Sept. 13	<b>Breakfast Get Together</b> (Wives, Significant Others, Girl Friends Invited)
Sept. 20	<b>Liz Walker, TV Personality and Minister</b> Subject to be announced (Thanks to Bob Howard for this speaker)
Sept. 27	<b>Gary Hylander</b> "D-Day"

## GLAD & SAD



If you know of a club member or a member of his family who has become ill, the death of a club member, or a member of his family, please contact **Harvey Tobolsky** at (781) 784-7967. He is in charge of sending a Get Well or Condolence Card to the member or his family. The Club also sends a fruit basket to a Men's Club member's family after his passing.

**Milton Kline's** grandson, **Gregory Baker**, passed away in July.

**Jay Chin** had surgery to repair two torn menisci in his right knee; **Reuben Herman** is home after repair surgery; **Milton Dean** and his wife, **Marilyn**, are both home after a stay at Mass. General Hospital; **Jack Berman** is recovering from surgery at the NE Sinai Hospital in Stoughton; **Carl Goldman** was in the Mass. General Hospital for a heart problem and **Irwin Rosenthal** had an angioplasty and is home.

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## Ongoing Activities of the Sharon Men's Club



**CRIBBAGE GROUP**, led by **Henry Victorson**, plays on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**.

**MOE FINE WHIST CLUB**, led by **George Kostick**. They play on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. at the **HIXSON FARM CLUBHOUSE**.

**CHESS GROUP** led by **Bill Appel**.  
Monday Evenings from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Sharon Community Center – Arts & Crafts Room – 2nd floor



**BILLIARDS** led by **Al Ferrin** - Every Tuesday  
from approx. 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**.

**DISCUSSION GROUP**, led by **Jim Heller**, meets at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER** following the meeting. Next Meeting on August 9. Subject: "The Internet and Muslim Uprisings"



**TENNIS GROUP**, led by **Bill Appel**.  
Check with Bill for further info.



**CHORAL GROUP** is back in in action –  
Contact **Bud Adler** for more information.

**SUMMER IS HERE WHICH MEANS GOLF TIME –**

Contact **Paul Berger** for more information.



**SMC INVESTMENT ASSOCIATES** meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**. Any member of the Men's Club is welcome to attend as a guest. **Dave Berger** is president of the Sharon Men's Club Investment Associates.

# Sharon Men's Club Profile Of The Month

## ED NEITERMAN, LIFE-LONG RED SOX FAN



Ed was born on October 24, 1928 in Roxbury. He lived on Elm Hill Avenue next to Congregation Mishkan Tefila for a short period of time and then moved to Humboldt Avenue. He attended the William Lloyd Garrison Elementary School until the end of the 5th grade. His family moved to Allston and he was a student at the Alexander Hamilton School. He attended the Thomas A. Edison Junior High School and graduated from Boston English high School in 1946. He continued his education at Bentley College, majoring in accounting, and graduated in 1951.

He was drafted into the Army in August 1951 and went through 16 weeks of infantry basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey preparing to be shipped to Korea. It is said that luck plays a very important part in a person's life and indeed it did with Ed. He received orders to go to the Army Finance School in Germany. After graduation, he was sent to the headquarters finance office in Kaiserlauten. A year later, he and two others opened a small service finance office in Zweibrucken whose responsibilities were to handle payroll for the troops.

Ed met his wife, Janice in, of all places, a Hayes-Bickford Restaurant in Brookline. She was with a group of young women sitting in a booth and she asked Ed if he could get her a cup of coffee. The rest is history and they were married on March 17, 1957. They lived in Waltham and Framingham and in 1979 moved to the Royal Crest Country Club Condominiums in Walpole where they have resided for 32 years.

Their son, Steve, was born in 1959 and, tragically died in 1998 at the young age of 29. Steve, of blessed memory, was a Senior Analyst programmer in information systems at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who developed the prototype for the World Wide Web. He was well known throughout the MIT community.

Ed started his accounting career after leaving the service in 1953 working in public accounting for Peat, Marwick & Mitchell. In 1956, he was offered an opportunity to go to work for State Properties of New England, Inc. as their Controller and Treasurer. The company built and managed residential properties, nursing homes, strip malls, shopping malls and office parks. In 1981, he joined New England Development Company as Financial Assistant. The company constructed and managed 14 regional shopping centers. The shopping centers were sold to Simon and Company in 1993 and Ed decided to retire after 40 years of accounting service.

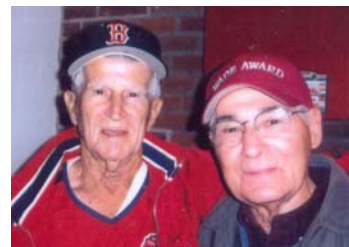
Ed joined the Sharon Men's Club in 1996 and started a tennis club. There were four players at the beginning and grew to ten members not long after. He retired as group leader in 2008.

He is currently treasurer of the Koretz Cemetery in West Roxbury. Through his connections in the financial field, he was instrumental in obtaining \$70,000 from Sheldon Adelson, owner of the Venetian and Ballagio Hotels in Las Vegas. The money was needed for major renovations at the cemetery.

He is a member of JWV Post #735 and is a former member of Cardoza Lodge Knights of Pythias where he served as their financial secretary. He was also a member of Perfection Lodge of Masons in Framingham. Some of his hobbies are stamp collecting, photography and chess. His major hobby is cheering on the Boston Red Sox.

Ed became a rabid Red Sox fan in his teenage years. When he was 15 years old, he wrote letters to Ted Williams and Johnny Pesky who were taking flight instruction in Amherst, Massachusetts during World War II. What a surprise to find letters from both of them in his parent's mail box. Ed and Johnny Pesky have stayed in touch after all those years and he visited with Johnny in the Red Sox Clubhouse awhile back. He went to Fort Myers, Florida in 2010 on a Red Sox Spring Training Tour sponsored by the Sox.

Keep cheering for the Red Sox, Ed. We may win another pennant this year.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



David Sunderland	August 1	Edwin Dunn	August 14	Irving Snyder	August 26
Matthew Cain	August 1	Harris Holstein	August 15	John Romanowicz	August 26
Mel Diamond	August 4	David Kobey	August 21	Philip Rittenberg	August 28
Jerome Greenspoon	August 4	Warren Rosenberg	August 24	Sidney Karlin	August 29
Robert Abbot	August 9	Richard Rutfield	August 25	Joseph Greenberg	August 30
Edward Lewis	August 9	Edward Shifman	August 26		

*Mazel Tov* to **Wally and Rosalind Heller** who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary; to **Robert and Claire Waldman** who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary and to **Milton and Selma Kline** who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

We welcome new members **Harold Kravits** and his wife, **Cynthia**; **Norman Krivitsky** and his wife, **Rosalyn**; **Barry Lewis** and his wife, **Celia**; **Robert Dumas** and his wife, **Diane**; **Harvey Blackman** and his wife, **Estelle** and **George Weiner** and his wife, **Helena**.

## Thank You...

to all the Sharon Men's Club members and their wives who were present at the funeral service and the *shiva* house in memory of our grandson, **Gregory Baker**.

... **Milton and Selma Kline**

## Congratulations ...

to Len Litt and Bernie Rosenthal on their being honored at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held on Sunday, May 1 at the department of Veterans Affairs.



## and to ...

the Jewish War Veterans Sharon Post #735 who held their election of officers recently. Men's Club members were well represented:

Commander: Herb Shostek, P.C.; Senior Vice Commander: Jeffrey Weitzenkorn; Adjutant: Isadore (Sonny) Freedman; Quartermaster: Paul Maltzman; Chaplain: Cantor Harold Lew; Officer of the Day: Ted Blank; Trustee: Milton Kline, P.C.; Trustee: Morton Kaufman; Trustee: Sherm Palan.



## OOPS!

**Our apologies to Vic and Eleanor Esterman (pictured on the left) and Henry and Evelyn Goulston (pictured on the right) whose photos we missed in the July newsletter that were taken at our Installation Luncheon in June. Better late than never.**



# ***THE VIEW FROM THE ADULT CENTER***

## **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

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The Lakeside Gallery at the Sharon Adult Center is pleased to announce the next exhibit "Art is Ageless". The show will feature the beautiful watercolors of **Ruth Adjolorlo** and the amazing photographs of **George Caster** whose creativity and passion for their art has continued throughout their lives.

***"Art is Ageless" opens on August 16 and ends October 11. The opening reception will be held at the Sharon Adult Center on Wednesday Evening, August 31 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.***

Both Ruth and George are New England transplants who lived very fulfilling and interesting lives in many places before moving to Sharon to be near their children. Ruth, born in the West Indies, lived with her husband and family in Ghana, Canada and Ethiopia and Equatorial Guinea. George, born in New York, lived in New York and Florida. Since they both arrived in Sharon they have become involved in the community and continue to be inspired to create beautiful works of art.

Ruth has had formal art training and had an art gallery in Ghana and worked as a public relations consultant. When she moved to Sharon, she taught art for a few years at the Sharon COA and has participated in many art shows. George is a self-taught photographer who has always had an artistic bent. He spent his working life fabricating dental prosthetics in his own dental laboratory.

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**Wondering what to get a special someone for a gift?** It's easy to shop at the new Adult Center's CRAFT CORNER displaying contemporary and country crafts from Sharon artisans. The Craft Corner is at the end of the corridor (follow the gallery photos/paintings) and is currently open Mondays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; other hours by appointment. At this time, items on display include handmade pens, bottle stoppers (for wine bottles), jewelry, ceramics, and crocheted baby items. All crafts are available for purchase (cash or check only please). We are also looking for additional artists (Sharon residents) who work in ceramics, glass, wood, and jewelry-making. For further information or to arrange a visit to the Craft Corner, call Doris Gladstone, manager, at (781) 784-5376, or email her at [adultcentercraft@aol.com](mailto:adultcentercraft@aol.com).

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## **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT IS CHANGING! NEW DATES ARE OCTOBER 15 TO DECEMBER 7**

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment (**October 15 - December 7**) is the time to enroll in or CHANGE your Medicare coverage for next year. State-certified SHINE (Medicare) Counselors can help you understand your plan, as well as other options you may have. Call now to schedule a SHINE appointment during the Open Enrollment.

In September, if you are a member of a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan, you will be getting information in the mail about changes to your current plan. Be sure to save this information and bring it, along with your prescription drug list and Medicare card, to your SHINE appointment.

**Remember: The Medicare Open Enrollment ends on December 7!**

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# MEN'S CLUB GOES BONKERS OVER BOCCE!

by Bill Appel

On Wednesday, June 8th, the Men's Club had their real first day at the new Bocce Court. It was a warm, sunny day. It seems that most of the men that came out also belong to the Whist Club. We also have a lady regular named Alice. It was an official start because we had Norma Fitzgerald's blessings in person and our two official photographers Jay Chin and Harris Cohen on hand.

Mario Serretti (my man) is the motivator of this new activity and he is doing a wonderful job. He is the glue that has held this group together so that we finally got started.

Joe, Sunny, Bud, Ralph, Al, Pete, Mario, Bill, Lou and some others are off to a great start. Except me. I broke my foot and had a cataract done.

So I have had to wait to get back in the game. One last note! The great enthusiasm of the club. Joe Kessler made a "Rube Goldberg" type of measurer for close calls on the court. You have to see it to believe it. It really works, and we love it.



(Photos by Jay Chin)

# ***THE VIEW FROM THE ADULT CENTER***

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## **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!**

Trained SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) volunteers offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. Call your senior center and ask for a SHINE appointment. You can also call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say 3. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back as soon as possible.

For assistance from a Medicare customer service representative 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
Call 1-800-MEDICARE.

**The LAKESIDE BARBECUE FOR LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) SENIORS, FRIENDS, AND ALLIES will be held at the Sharon Adult Center on Monday, August 15, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of socialization and "rainbow" bocce. The suggested meal donation is \$2.50 for anyone age 60+ and there is a \$5 charge for those under 60. For further information or to register, call Jayne Davis at HESSCO, (781) 784-4944. To insure a meal, please RSVP by August 10.**

Don't forget that the Adult Center can be a great COOLING CENTER throughout these hot summer months! During regular business hours (Monday-Wednesday, 8:30-4:30; Thursday, 8:30-8:00; Friday, 8:30-12:30)

Come to the Center and bring a snack; a favorite book or game; or make use of the game room, computer room, or arts & crafts room. A number of card/game groups are on-going and we do have some board games available. Call us at (781) 784-8000 regarding transportation options.

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## **17th Annual Sharon Square Jam**

**Thursday Evening, August 4**

**from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Post Office Square**

Food, Music and Fun for Sharon Residents of All Ages

--- Special Entertainment ---

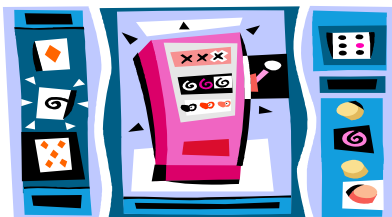
**"Roomful of Blues"**

**Specializing in Blues and Big Band**

**Entertainment**



*Norma*



*Upcoming Casino Trips*

**Foxwoods – August 4**

**Mohegan Sun – November 3**

(See Harold Cohen to make reservations)

# MARK WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Enjoy a 90 minute cruise aboard the Winnepesaukee Belle, a 65 foot replica of the turn-of-the-century paddle wheeled boat.



Relax on the upper deck and take the opportunity to see the big lake close up, including its shores, islands and surrounding mountains.

A delicious luncheon will be served at the spectacular lakefront Wolfeboro Inn built in 1812.

We will stop at the “Yummies Candy and Nut Store” on the way home.

The price? **\$70.00 per person** includes everything.

(except the goodies that you will buy at Yummies)

TIME OF DEPARTURE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

*To make reservations, see **Ed Shoenig** or **Bob Howard** at the travel table at our meetings.*