

SENIOR Services

Senior Services strives to create a safe, welcoming and respectful community where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in their 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and beyond can come together to learn, connect, build friendships, gain support and thrive!



The Village at Ed Gould Plaza 1125 N McCadden Pl Los Angeles, CA 90038

RSVP/Message Line

323-860-5830 Toll Free 877-688-4833

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GO GREEN

Remove yourself from the mailing list and access the newsletter and calendar online through our e-mail list. Send an e-mail to seniors@ lalgbtcenter.org requesting to "Go Green."

HOLIDAYS

As I write, the weather has turned to winter. The air is crisp, cool and clear. I cherish these times in Los Angeles. As always, we have a packed calendar for the month of December. The holiday party is on the 14th of December at Friendship Auditorium. If you have not made an RSVP call yet, please do it today. Seats are filling up.

We will also have a wonderful new cooking course starting in January with the Tower Cancer Foundation, the same group that brought us Mudwalking.

If I don't see you before the end of the year, my deepest love and hope for a delightful new year to you all!

Kathleen Sullivan

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NEWSLETTER RSVP INSTRUCTIONS

RSVP requests must be made on or after December 1st. Check the event for an RSVP deadline, when applicable. Events are free of cost, unless price is noted.

Unless noted, our events are limited in number of open spots or tickets. Due to the high volume of interest, you may not receive a spot on the list or a ticket to an event. If you do, you will receive a reminder call or e-mail prior to the event. In case of an event cancellation, only those participants who made an RSVP call or e-mail will be notified. If we do not reach you, we will leave a message, when possible. Please be advised that ONLY confirmed guests will receive call backs for RSVP Events.

Please only come to The Village to pay for ticketed events, to pick up ticket(s) or to attend a ticketed event if you have received a confirmation call or e-mail for the event.

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SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special needs such as dietary restrictions, wheelchair or disabled seating requirements for theater events or other venues, we will always do our best to accommodate!

Please let us know by calling 323-860-5830.

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

Established by seniors and intended for seniors, this special fund is available to you on a limited basis for select activities, classes & events. If you need financial assistance to attend a class, dinner or event, please call us at **323-860-5830**.

All requests are completely confidential. The fund's availability depends on the generosity of seniors like you. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation to the Seniors Helping Seniors Fund!

BIRTHDAYS!

Allegra

Chris Beverlv Pennv Kathy Ray Kate Cassandra Norman Edward David Jackie Frank Leigh Tom Frances Leslie Shirley Guy Sue Herb Brooke Acrian Harry William Richard Andy Frrol Jav John Kenneth Jim Larry Dakota Russell Richard Trudy Lanny Marcel Tibby (Marylin) Rita John Vince Zalmen Richard Loryn Howard David Odetta Celeste Tony Ron Roger Erika Bonnie Holland

Bob Merri Shirlev Sallv Robin Lex Casev Margaret Alan Vincent Marlene Michael I awrence Tammv Marilyn Bill Richard Jim Constance Herbie Jacinto Caroline Richard Frank Jerrv Eric Robin Anthony Jon Jon Bud Jerrv Stephen Allan Michael Rov Paula Dave Pavel Chris Frank Peter Marc lan Norman David Dunn Edgar Larry Michael Paul Michael Virginia Dan John Sharon Daniel

Belinda Audrev Chervl Tamev Alberto P. Walter Roger "Butch" Ken Dominic Blanche Monica Elizabeth Marilvn Joe Jefferv Nancy Annette Funice William Peter Dan Sandra Μ Jerry Kip Dennis Murray Kenneth Steve Javier Clarence Paul Gerri Doug Sergio Ygnacio Clarissa Albert Stephen Joyce Michael Rita David Mel Yeung Evelyn Steve Oliver Clifford Isabel Alfredo Robert F Ken Sydney Barbara Omar 3 Joan

EVERYONE



Stretch & Balance Wednesdays 11 a.m. Last class with Bobby is Dec 16! Come wish him well before he moves to NorCal! Drop in!

Larry's Computer Club Will return in 2016!

Art Lab Fridays 10 a.m. Drop in!

Come join our new art instructor, Chanena, in making crafts and art projects with family and friends. **Will not meet Fri, Dec 18, Fri, Dec 25 & Fri, Jan 1. Tell a friend!**



Master Lakshmi Chair Yoga Wed, Dec 2 & 16 11 a.m. Drop in!

Kathleen's 50th Birthday!

Fri, Dec 4 1 p.m. Event 1200

Come celebrate Kathleen's 50th Birthday with her and enjoy special treats. **RSVP Required:** 323-860-5830

Mattel Game Day Fri, Dec 4 1:30 p.m. Event 1209

Mattel is coming to The Village and they are bringing board games, snacks & singers! Immediately follows *Kathleen's 50th Birthday!* **RSVP Required: 323-860-5830**

CATS: The Musical Brain Power Mon, Dec 7 1 p.m. Mon, Dec 21 1 p.m. Event 1201

In conjunction with The Brain Power Project , the smash-hit Broadway/London musical with stellar cast, and celebrated score will raise Holiday spirits, and will revive joyful times with our feline friends, and companions. Lloyd Webber takes T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," and creates a true stage spectacle. Join us for laughs and nostalgia. FUN TIMES.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Mudwalking Mon, Dec 7 3 p.m. Event 1214

Last class of the series! Four thousand years ago, in the mountains of China, a group of monks transformed the simple act of walking into a complete physical, mental and neurological training system, a moving meditation with powerful rejuvenating effects. **RSVP Required: 323-860-5830**



Go Metro: LACMA Tues, Dec 8 10:30 a.m. Event 1216

Enjoy free admission to LACMA on the first Tuesday of the month (Does not include Rain Room or other special exhibits). Eat lunch with the group. Must be able to walk long distances. Bring your Tap Card! **RSVP Required:**

323-860-5830

Reading Opens Minds

Tue, Dec 8 & 22 11 a.m. Plummer Park 7377 Santa Monica Blvd West Hollywood, CA 90046 Event 1202

Love reading? Come share that love of reading with others! All books chosen are engaging and well written, containing themes for discussion revolving around life-skills, personal perceptions and existential questions.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Tech Support with Mom's Computer Tues, Dec 8 & 22 1 p.m. Drop in!

Get support for your computers, phones, tablets and all things technology! Feel free to bring in your devices and any and all questions that you may have. E-mail, video chatting, online searching, smartphones, digital books. **Please Note:** Cannot fix broken devices, but can teach you how to use working devices.

Tell a friend!

Finding Your True Self with Lois Wed, Dec 9 1 p.m.

Drop in! Explore and find your

true self with Lois and learn life practices to better understand and take care of yourself. Open to everyone.

Tell a friend!

Talk Amongst Yourselves 65+

Thurs, Dec 10 2 p.m. Drop in! Join LGBT women & men for treats, beverages and great chat. 65+ only. Tell a friend!

Bingo! Fri, Dec 11 1 p.m. Event 1205

Enjoy bingo at this earlier time to help accommodate with traffic.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Holiday Party An Alcohol-Free Event Mon, Dec 14 1 p.m. Friendship Auditorium 3201 Riverside Dr Los Angeles, CA 90027 \$5 Suggested Donation, No One Turned Away Due to Lack of Funds Plenty of FREE Parking! RSVP by Noon on 12/04 Event 1221

Looking for community camaraderie? It's right here! Join Senior Services for delicious food, fabulous music and great raffle prizes. Let's eat, drink and be merry!

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Lunch for Everyone Tues, Dec 22 12:30 p.m. Event 1207 RSVP by Noon on 12/21 Join us for lunch at The Village. \$2 Suggested donation. RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



Movie for Everyone The Gift (2015) Tues, Dec 22 1:30 p.m. 108 Minutes Event 1212

As Simon and his wife, Robyn, are trying to revitalize their relationship, a string of encounters with someone from Simon's high school days and a shocking 20-year-old secret threaten to unravel the couple's lives. **RSVP Required:**

323-860-5830

Song and Dance Series with Joe Levy Mary Martin and Ethel Merman (1953) Wed, Dec 23 12:30 p.m. 27 Minutes Event 1217

Mary Martin and Ethel Merman's appearance on The Ford 50th Anniversary Show on June 15, 1953, united two of the 20th century's greatest musical stars. Screening is accompanied by special Holiday treats.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

WOMEN

MEN

Men's Drop-In Support Group Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Drop in! Come meet new friends. Share your stories & experiences with men each week! **Tell a friend!**

Men's Hike Griffith Park Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

Drop in! Meet at the corner of Fern Dell & Black Oak Drive, 200 ft. north of Los Feliz Blvd. Parking is available along Fern Dell Dr or take public transit. Bring water, a snack & comfortable shoes. This group is co-ed every third Thursday. **Bring a friend!**

Men's Dinner

Will return in January.
Please join the group:
Holiday Party
at Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Dr
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Mon, Dec 14 1-5 p.m.
\$5 Suggested Donation
Event #1221
Join us for the annual
Holiday Party! See page 5.
RSVP Required:
323-860-5830

"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."

-Terri Marshall

Women's Chat Mon, Dec 7 1:30-3 p.m. Mon, Dec 21 1:30-3 p.m. Drop in!

Women's Chat is Back! We would like you to be part of the conversation with this group of dynamic women. And bring a bag lunch, if you'd like. This group is facilitated by our experienced facilitator and case manager, Jean. **Tell a friend!**

L50+ Spirituality Salon with Lois

Sat, Dec 19 11 a.m.

Drop in! Lois will screen *The Flowering of Human Consciousness Disc 2.* Eckhart Tolle shares his New Age philosophy in this insightful video.

Tell a friend!

L50+ Dinner

Callender's Grill 5773 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90036 Sun, Dec 27 6 p.m. Event 1210

Please join us for a wonderful evening out with the gals! Look for Alice. Validated parking in the rear or street parking.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Proper hand washing is one of the best things we can do to prevent the spread of disease.

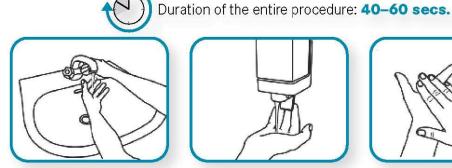
How to wash and dry hands with liquid soap and water

apply enough soap to

all hand surfaces

palm to palm with

fingers interlaced



Wet hands with water



right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa

rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in palm and vice versa



dry thoroughly with single use towel



use towel to turn off faucet



rub hands palm to palm



backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



rinse hands with water



...and your hands are safe.

Remember to moisturize your hands after they are washed clean. 9

HEALTH

DROP-IN CASE MANAGEMENT (FIRST-TIME NEW CLIENT) Drop-In Every Wed 10 a.m.-Noon, 1-3 p.m.

Senior Services has expanded drop-in case management hours for first-time new clients only. Come meet with a case manager and learn about valuable programs and services that may be available to you: Housing, employment, medical, mental health, legal, social support and more! First come, first served basis!

HEALING HEARTS and CARING HANDS (HOLIDAYS EDITION)

Fri, Dec 4 and Fri, Dec 11 1:30-3 p.m. Event 1206

Caregiving during the holiday season presents unique situations. We are creating an environment for our community to express challenges, share suggestions and find support.

LGBT BEREAVEMENT

Grieving Less Than 1 Year Tues, Dec 8 & 22 1 p.m. Event 1204

If you are experiencing pain from the loss of a loved one, please call to join the group. If you would like to attend our bereavement group, please call one of our case managers who can refer you to the group or to individual counseling. A referral from one of our case managers is required for participation in the bereavement group. This group is temporarily closed to new members.

TRANSGENDER PERCEPTIONS

Fridays at The Village, 8-9:30 p.m. \$3-\$5 Suggested Donation (Optional)

Questioning your gender identity can be a lonely process and, if you're considering or in the process of living your true gender, you likely have many questions. This social networking group is for all who identify as transgender. **Will not meet Fri, Dec 25.**

HIV TESTING

You can get tested on a walk-in basis, for free, at the Center's McDonald/Wright Building (1625 N Schrader Blvd) on weekdays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. or at The Spot (745 N San Vicente Blvd) Mon-Fri from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Los Angeles LGBT Center's medical providers are experts at treating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and understand the health issues that affect our community. We accept Medi-Cal, Medicare, most major insurance plans and some HMOs. If you lack insurance or have limited financial means, we will help you determine your eligibility for medical and drug assistance programs. **For Hours & Locations, Call: 323-993-7500**



The Valley Group celebrated Halloween at their weekly meeting on Thurs, Oct 29.

VALLEY THURSDAYS IN NOHO

Game Day Thurs, Dec 3 12:30 p.m. Drop in! Play and win! Tell a friend!



The Man Who Came to Dinner (1942) Thurs, Dec 10 12:30 p.m. 113 Minutes

Drop in! When acerbic critic Sheridan Whiteside slips on the front steps of a provincial Ohio businessman's home and breaks his hip, he and his entourage take over the house indefinitely. **Tell a friend!**

Holiday Traditions Thurs, Dec 17 12:30 p.m.

Drop in! Enjoy special treats and sing some holiday classics with the group. **Tell a friend!** Holiday Potluck Thurs, Dec 24 12:30 p.m. Drop in! Bring a dish to share. We'll cover the main dish. Tell a friend!

New Year's Eve Celebration

Thurs, Dec 31 12:30 p.m. Drop in! Enjoy special treats and share your hopes and dreams for 2016. Tell a friend!

This group meets at the MCC Church located at 5730 Cahuenga Blvd, North Hollywood, 91601 (unless otherwise noted in the newsletter). Questions? Call 323-860-5830.

HIV+

HIV+ Men's Support Group Thursdays 1 p.m.

Drop in! Come meet new friends. Share your stories and experiences with men living with HIV. **Tell a friend!**

Lunch for Those Living with HIV Wed, Dec 30 12:30 p.m.

Event 1208

We'll provide lunch (\$2 donation requested). Share your stories of living, surviving & thriving.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



Movie for Those Living with HIV *The Gift (2015)* Wed, Dec 30 1 p.m. 108 Minutes

Drop in! As Simon and his wife, Robyn, are trying to revitalize their relationship, a string of encounters with someone from Simon's high school days and a shocking 20-year-old secret threaten to unravel the couple's lives. **Tell a friend!**



Monday, December 14 1-5 p.m. at Friendship Auditorium \$5 Suggested Donation No one turned away due to lack of funds!

RSVP Required Event 1221 RSVP Now! 323-860-5830 seniors@lalgbtcenter.org Celebrate the Holiday Season with us! Enjoy delicious food, raffle prizes and friends! Let's eat, drink and be merry!

