

# Opportunity House, Inc.

## Rectivity Newsletter

December 2023/January 2024



Kindness is like snow.  
It beautifies everything it covers.

Kahlil Gibran

# Announcements

Welcome to Winter, Rectivity Friends!

- \* What is a Rectivity? It's an awesome idea that our friends at Rec. created for us, rectivity adventures whether in-house or Out & About are always designed and planned by all our friends here in Rec.!
- \* Do you follow us on social media? Opportunity House Rec. Department is on Facebook and Instagram! Like and follow us for updates and photos!

**FB: Opportunity House—Recreation Department**

**IG: opportunityhouse\_rec**

- \* Please remember to rank your rectivity choices by preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice) when you send in your RSVPs.
- \* Rec. payments need to be made out in full by the end of each month for that month only. Payments need to be handed directly to Emily or left at the front desk of the main building with reception.
- \* Because space is limited, last minute cancellations should be avoided unless it is an emergency. If the cancellation comes less than 24 hours in advance, the attendee will still be responsible for paying for that rectivity.

# Announcements

- \* For rectivities that occur at the OH main building after business hours, please pick up/drop off everyone at Side Door #2. Please use the doorbell to alert us of your arrival if we're not there waiting for you! The Rec. cellphone number is **815-751-2924**, text or call if you need to communicate with us!
- \* Pricing for Out & About rectivities include transportation, ticket admission, and all meals/food/drink. We will let you know if there is ever additional spending money needed for souvenirs.
- \* We are always happy to accept donations for Bingo Prizes, individually packaged snacks for our in-house rectivities, and cases of water bottles for our Out & About rectivities. Thank you to everyone who had donated to us in the last few months!
- \* Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at our Happily Haunted Halloween Dance in October. It was a spook-tacular time thanks to our volunteers and friends who came to party!

Let's get ready for some fall fun!

- Emily Kvasnicka & Jil Cottone



# Looking Back!



Monica, Sara, Jenny, Mark, Michael, David, Shari, Chrysten, Kevin and Angela took a trip to Chicago for a day of adventure!



We explored the city, dined inside of Willis Tower, and had an amazing afternoon with friends!



# Looking Back!



Liz, Kerry, Lance, Craig, Janet and Lisa ready for a round of fun at Round 1 Arcade in Naperville!



We won so many plushies!



# Looking Back!



Autumn kicked off with an awesome craft! We melted plastic beads in the shapes of autumn leaves!



Joanna, Josh, Adam, Claire, Miss Jil, Lisa, Sam, Rick and Jane are Out & About and ready for an afternoon of hiking, an autumn scavenger hunt, celebrating a birthday, dinner, and a fantastic time with friends!



# Looking Back!



Spooky Season started off with a delightful ghost tour in Galena! Our tour guide Ted had showed us all the ghostly haunts.



Center & Flow Yoga buddies want to remind you to relax, do something good for your body, and try something new!  
Namaste!



# Looking Back!



David, Sandra, Matthew, Diane, Stanley, Claire, Liz, Miss Jil, Jane, Janet, Craig and Kevin grabbed some great pumpkins during an Out & About to Yaeger's Farm Market.



We brought them back, had some painting fun, and finished with a terrific taco dinner for Taco Tuesday!



# Looking Back!



Look at all these homies making gnomies!



# Looking Back!



Creating some crafty and cool cloth covered pumpkins during one of our Wednesday crafts!





# Looking Back!



We had perfect seats to see the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra perform their spook-tacular Halloween concert.



Kris, Lisa, Sara, BJ, Josh, Sean, and David out to dinner at Pizza Villa after the KSO Halloween Concert (above). We're waiting for our beer nuggets and pizza!



# Looking Back!



Opportunity House represented itself for the second year in a row at the annual Sycamore Pumpkin Fest Parade.



Sarah, Sam, Alanna, and BJ taking a warm up break before the parade started. It was cold and windy but, it didn't rain on our parade!

# Looking Back!



The annual mummy wrapping race was a close one this year! Austin and Cam are all under wraps!



The Happily Haunted Halloween Dance was so much fun this year! We had 84 party-goers dancing the night away.



# Some Fun at Home!

Q: What do snowmen win at the Olympics?

A: Snow Medals!

Q: How do polar bears make their beds?

A: With sheets of ice and a blanket of snow!

Q: How does a penguin build a house?

A: Igloos it together!



# Vintage Movie & Popcorn



## 12/18 Christmas in Connecticut (1945)

While recovering in a hospital, war hero Jefferson Jones grows familiar with the "Diary of a Housewife" column written by Elizabeth Lane. Jeff's nurse arranges with Elizabeth's publisher, Alexander Yardley, for Jeff to spend the holiday at Elizabeth's bucolic Connecticut farm with her husband and child. But the column is a sham, so Yardley hastens to arrange a publicity ploy by setting up single, nondomestic Elizabeth on a country farm.

## 1/17 Captain January (1936)

Star is a shipwrecked orphan girl growing up with a gentle lighthouse-keeper named Captain January, who rescued her from the waves when she was just a baby. While she loves her life of dancing and spitting with sailors, a bitter truant officer believes that Star belongs in a boarding school. When the authorities insist that Star must leave her only guardian, Captain January fears that he may lose his lovable companion for good.



# Sneak Peek at December Movies!

## 12/8 Planes, Trains, and Automobiles (1987) R

Easily excitable Neal Page is somewhat of a control freak. Trying to get home to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with his wife and kids, his flight is rerouted to a distant city in Kansas because of a freak snowstorm. Worse yet, he is forced to bunk up with talkative Del Griffith whom he finds extremely annoying. Together they must overcome the insanity of holiday travel to reach their intended destination.



## 12/22 Arthur Christmas (2011) PG

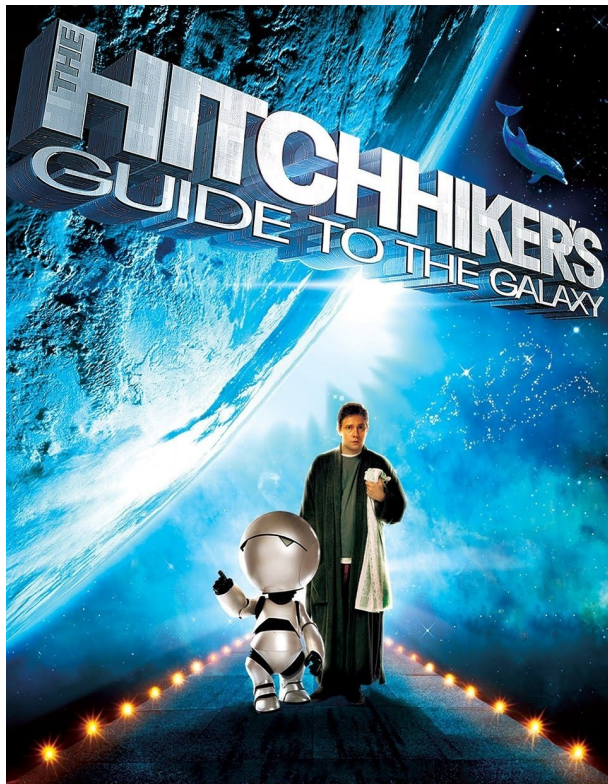
Each Christmas, Santa Claus delivers presents to every last child on Earth. But when the unthinkable happens, and Santa misses one child out of hundreds of millions, someone has to save the day. It's up to Arthur, Santa's youngest son, to deliver a present to the forgotten tyke before Christmas morning dawns.



# Sneak Peek at January Movies!

## 1/5 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005) PG

Arthur Dent is trying to prevent his house from being bulldozed when his friend Ford whisks him into outer space. It turns out Ford is an alien who has just saved Arthur from Earth's total annihilation. Ford introduces Arthur to his myriad friends. Arthur makes his way across the stars while seeking the meaning of life, or something close to it.



## 1/26 A Knight's Tale (2001) PG-13

Peasant-born William begins a quest to change his stars, win the heart of an exceedingly fair maiden and rock his medieval world. With the help of friends, he faces the ultimate test of medieval gallantry, tournament jousting, and tries to discover if he has the mettle to become a legend.

# Sneak Peek at December Craft Events!

There is a snack and beverage served during crafts.

## 12/6 Make Your Own Holiday Sweatshirt

Whether you want to create an silly, ugly or elegant holiday sweatshirt, we'll have fun showing off our creations! And you'll have the perfect outfit to wear. From bedazzling to bows to vinyl, you can showcase your holiday creativity!



## 12/20 Holiday Ornament Craft Bar

Join us for a charcuterie board of supplies to create some fun holiday ornaments. We will have 4 stations of different ornaments you can make. Add them to your own tree or give them as gifts to family or friends!

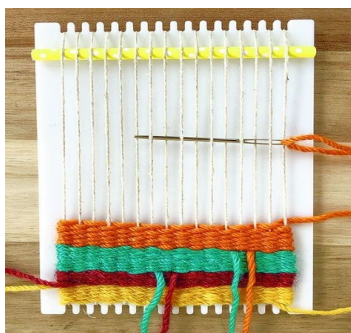


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## 1/15 Let's Learn to Weave

Have you ever wanted to learn to weave? Well the start of a new year is the perfect time to try something new! We will explore the weaving basics. You can create so many unique items with a simple loom and yarn. With this craft, you'll be able to make your own unique wall hanging, the perfect thing for a new door decoration!



## 1/29 Get Out the Duct Tape!

If you have a taste for the unconventional, enjoy do-it-yourself, or simply love arts and crafts, whip out that roll of duct tape and turn it into something useful. You can use plain gray duct tape or mix it up with fun colors. We'll be making a Duct tape wallet & lanyard.





# Sneak Peek at Out & About December!

## 12/1 Summerfield Zoo Christmas Town

Take a trip to Christmas Town! We will begin the holiday season by exploring tinsel town, a visit with Santa's reindeer, along with other outdoor cold climate animals. After our tour, we will have dinner at Wild Cherries.

Rec. will transport clients home when we are finished.



## 12/5 Illumination at the Morton Arboretum

We will be having dinner at Tom & Jerry's in Sycamore before taking a journey along a 1-mile paved walking path amid festive music and lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees in winter (hot chocolate included!).

Rec. will transport clients home when we are finished.



# Sneak Peek at Out & About December!

## 12/16 Winter Wonderland Party

Join the us for our Winter Wonderful Party at St. Mary's Memorial Hall in Sycamore. Wear your festive holiday gear and come celebrate! This is an open event to all clients and staff! Come celebrate the season with a pasta lunch, dessert, company and merriment!



## 12/27 Dinner at Mod Pizza + Bookstore

Let's head to the bookstore! Come along and enjoy browsing magazines, books, and fun at Barnes & Noble. **\*\* Spending money is encouraged!** We will have dinner at Mod Pizza in Geneva before returning home. Rec. will transport everyone home when we are finished.





# Sneak Peek at Out & About January!

## 1/3 Gal's Night Out

Let's start the new year off with Gal's Night Out! Join us for dinner at the Sycamore Parkway Restaurant followed by bowling at 4 Seasons. Rec. will transport everyone home when we are finished.



## 1/19 Rockford Ice Hogs

Let's hit the ice! Join us in watching the Rockford Icehogs v Chicago Wolves at the BMO Harris Bank Center in Rockford. **\*\* Ticket price includes a drink and concession at the game but, there is no dinner included.**

Rec. will transport everyone home when we are finished.



# Sneak Peek at Out & About January!

## 1/21 Train Ride to Chicago + Lunch

All aboard! We will depart from the Elgin train station and head into Union Station in Chicago. From there, we will walk to lunch at Potbelly's.

Weather permitting, we will walk down to the Chicago River before catching the train home. Rec. will transport everyone home when we are finished.



## 1/30 Guy's Night Out

We're rounding out the start of the new year with a Guy's Night Out! Let's gather the guys and have dinner at Sycamore Parkway Restaurant followed by bowling at 4 Seasons.

Rec. will transport everyone home when we are finished.





For any questions or RSVPs, please contact Emily at:

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					<b>1</b> Out & About: Summerfield Zoo Christmas Town Time: 3:00pm-TBA Location: DO @ 357 Cost: \$50 Limit: 6	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Movin' & Groovin' Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 12	<b>5</b> Out & About: Illumination at the Morton Arboretum Time: 3:00pm-TBA Location: DO @ 357 Cost: \$50 Limit: 6	<b>6</b> Craft: Make Your Own Holiday Sweat-shirt Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$20 Limit: 10	<b>7</b> Prize Bingo Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 15	<b>8</b> Movie & Popcorn: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 20	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> <a href="#">Merry Grinchmas Fun &amp; Fierce Fitness Performance</a> Time: 5:30pm Location: Sycamore HS Dancers meet at 4:00pm Limit: 8	<b>18</b> Movin' & Groovin' Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 12	<b>18</b> Vintage Movie & Popcorn Time: 3:00pm-4:45pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 20	<b>20</b> Craft: Holiday Ornaments Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 10	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Movie & Popcorn: Arthur Christmas Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 20	<b>23</b>
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