



THE
**OAKHAM
HERALD**

Number 10

NOVEMBER 2016

Back Door Café 508-882-5251

COA Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Senior Center Council on Aging to identify the total needs of the community's Senior Citizens, to link services to those needs and to improve the quality of life of our seniors by providing an active outreach program, providing intergenerational opportunities, opportunities for community involvement, and providing services as needed.

NOVEMBER

Merci beaucoup. Danke Schon. Muchas Gracias. Dekuji. Achiu. Paldies. Dziekuje. Spazibo. Thank you.

No matter how one says it, there are many ways to say thank you and November gives us three very special days in which we can show our appreciation.

First – Remember our veterans and those who are serving in the protection of our freedoms and our rights. Fly your flag on November 11, 2016 in gratitude for their service, dedication and sacrifice.

Second – Be thankful for what we have. Even in these difficult and most imperfect times we are still living in the greatest country.

Third – We are privileged to have the opportunity to practice one of our greatest freedoms for which many have

died- **OUR RIGHT TO VOTE!** On November 8 we have the distinct privilege to choose our leaders who will work for us and our country to preserve our precious freedoms.

VETERANS' PROGRAM AND LUNCH

On Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. the chorus of the Greendale Retired Men's Club will be in Oakham to present their program honoring all veterans on this day of remembrance. All residents of Oakham are cordially invited to meet at the Oakham Congregational Church for this moving tribute. Following the music program a delicious lunch, prepared by members of the church, will be served. Please make your reservations by calling 508-882-5251 on or before November 7. This event is sponsored by the Oakham Church as part of its 200th anniversary celebration.

A REFLECTION BY:
A Soldier of WWII

Look, God, I have never spoken to you,
But now I want to say, "How do you
do?"
You see, they told me you didn't exist
And I believed all this

Last night from a shell hole I saw your
sky
And figured then I had been told a lie.

If only I had taken the time to see the
things you made
To see you face to face

I wonder if you'd shake my hand?
Somehow, I feel you will understand.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to
say.
But, I am sure glad I met you today.

I guess the zero hour will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you are
near.

There's the signal....I've got to go.
I like you lots, I want you to know.

Look now, this will be a horrible fight,
Who knows, I may come to your house
tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder if you'll wait at your door?

Look, I'm crying...me, shedding tears.
I wish I had known you these many
years.

Well, I have to go now, God, good-
bye...
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid
to die.

(This note, prayer, was found on the
body of a young American soldier killed
in action on the beachhead in Anzio,
Italy.)

**ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8**

**This is a most important election not
just for our country but also for
Oakham.**

**Don't forget, you will receive 2
separate ballots this year.**

The first ballot will be for choosing the
leaders (president and vice-president) of
our country for the next 4 years, our
state senator and our state rep. Also,
there will be a series four questions for
you to think about. The results of these
questions will help govern the direction
in which our state will go. PLEASE,
study the voter advisory that came in the
mail that explains these questions. If you
did not receive one or if you want one
with large print, please let us know, we
have them at the senior center. Think
carefully before voting.

The second and smaller ballot contains
two questions to determine how the town
will pay some of its debt.

The first question is asking for a yes or
no vote for a 2 ½ over ride

The second question is for a debt
exclusion to help pay a town bond due
each year to pay for the municipal
building.

See you all there!!! Voting is your right
and responsibility. How lucky we are to
have it. Thank a vet for keeping it safe.

BAKE SALE

The Council on Aging is holding its usual presidential election day bake sale. Of course, we need lots of baked goods to sell and workers in order to be successful. Won't you please consider helping us? We can sell everything that is brought in. We will start selling at 7 a.m. and continue through the day until the food is gone. We hope to have enough so that those who vote later in the day will have some good choices. All proceeds will go to the senior center and its friends.

What do we need? A large variety of items. Pies always go great as do cookie assortments, holiday breads, squares, cupcakes, cakes, anything you enjoy making. Food can be dropped off at the senior center on Monday, November 7 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or the Town Hall between 6 p.m. – 8p.m. Baked goods can also be brought in anytime during the election on November 8 when you come to vote.

LUNCH AT CHARLIE'S

The annual most delicious \$5 pre-holiday turkey lunch at Charlie's is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016. We still have 5 seats open as of this printing. So call for reservations as soon as possible at 508-882-5251.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY NOTES:

We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate two special birthdays this month.

MR. ROBERT HAHN of E. Hill Rd. will be celebrating his 100th birthday on November 1, 2016. We extend our most sincere congratulations and best

wishes as he reaches this milestone. Mr. Hahn is very active, takes care of his yard and garden on his own and beyond that he is a caretaker for two homeless horses. He still likes to walk in his neighborhood and go canoeing with friends. Way to go, Mr. Hahn. Enjoy your day.

(We will be honoring Mr. Hahn on Monday, October 31 at the Back Door Café. All his friends are invited to lunch with us on the 31st at 11:45 or come at 12:15 to take part in the cake and ice cream. We hope that everyone who has ever come to the Café will attend on the 31st whether or not you know him. We'd love to have a good showing. Let us know.)

ALSO, we are wishing Catherine Grinke a Very Happy 101st birthday on November 14, 2016. We are sure she would love to see all of her friends there. Please call for a reservation to come and congratulate her.

Thanksgiving Holiday Lunch at the Back Door Café will be served on Tuesday November 22, 2016 at 11:45 a.m. This is an excellent time to come and wish all of your friends and neighbors a Happy Thanksgiving. The menu will include a sliced turkey dinner with stuffing mashed potatoes and vegetables with a delicious cream puff for a special dessert. Please come and join us. Call for your reservations on or before November 18. 508-882-5251. We will also be celebrating all November birthdays at this lunch.

OAKHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
2 COLDBROOK RD. #6
OAKHAM, MA 01068

The printing of this newsletter is partially funded by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

All seniors celebrating a November birthday are cordially invited to join us for a complimentary lunch on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. This is the same day that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving at the Back Door Café. The menu consists of roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, potato, vegetables and, in the place of cake and ice cream, we will be having a delicious cream puff. So, do come and join us, celebrate and enjoy an excellent lunch.

A very Happy November birthday to the following:

Robert Hahn, Kenneth Whitman, Bettyanne Parsons, William Johnson, Patricia Kozberg, Walter and Nancy Carroll, Kristen Cairns, Donna Happy,

Claudia LaCerte, Theresa Levins, James Cameron, Ray Nahkala, Robert Hallberg, Daniel Lake, Thomas Murphy, Gail Osborne, Anita Rosiello, John Sokol, Bettyanne Tortora, Jim Fayton, Don Jodray, Ernie Nichols, Joseph Beauregard, Gail Truedson, Shirley Green, Arthur Place, Charles Cross, Mike Russ, Lee Lajoie, John Bohdiewicz, Neal Novak, John Austin, Richard Qualters, Sally Jameson, Norman Young, Peter Joyce, Joan Kimball, Ed Pease, Raymond Savignac, Kathleen Van Schoik, Judy McCaffrey, Alan Stanhope, Judith Menard, Timothy Lyden, AnnMarie Creed, and James Szafarowicz.

Be sure to make your reservations on or before November 18. Hope to see many of you there☺.