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The Rainbow Seniors Newsletter

June 2005

Sunday, June 19 potluck and birthday celebration

- June 19 is our annual meeting and election of officers. All current members are eligible to vote. Our June theme is Summer Fun! Wear your beach garb and bring picnic foods. We'll have a birthday cake to celebrate RSWNY's second birthday!
- This meeting will also be the time when members will vote on any proposed changes to our Bylaws.
- If your last name begins O-S, please assist with set up and if your last name begins T-Z, please assist with clean up. Thanks for pitching in!

Yoga classes

Because of the great response to our Yoga workshop back in April, Laurie Brewer has been teaching us Yoga on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 175 Norris Drive off Culver Road (by Cobbs Hill Park). Classes will continue on June 7, 14, 21, 28; no classes in July; classes on August 2, 9, and 16. We will be asking members for \$3/class and nonmembers for \$5 to help cover cost of space rental beginning June 21. Movement is gentle and great for arthritis sufferers. You don't have to attend every class to benefit!

Summer swim

Sherlea and Nan invite you to join them at their pool on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. beginning June 16. The pool is heated and accessible via steps (not a ladder). Come wrinkle with them! Contact them at 585.544.2633 to RSVP and get directions.

Get psyched for summer events!

- July is a busy month for Rainbow Seniors!
 - Sunday, July 10: Rochester's Community Pride Picnic 2005 at Genesee Valley Park. We'll have a table of materials like we've had in the past, and rumor has it that there will even be a raffle! Want to help out at the table for an hour? It's fun! Contact Paul at p_mykins2002@yahoo.com or Nan at 585.544.2633. And let us know if you need assistance getting into the park. Handicap parking may be difficult to find, but Sherlea will have her truck and can pick you up. Call her on her cell phone at 585.451.3530.
 - Saturday, July 16: Pride Parade, "Broadway in the Bowl." We'll be in the parade with an Andrew Lloyd Webber theme. Want to walk or ride? Contact Paul or Nan. The parade ends at Highland Park. We're checking into handicap accessibility there.
 - Sunday, July 17: RSWNY monthly potluck. We can kick back after Saturday's Parade and festivities, 1st Universalist Church, 4 p.m. Paul and his committee will tell us about The KISS Theory.
- The final summer event is our annual picnic and Brown Bag Auction on August 21 at Ellison Park. Please note the time change to noon.

Euchre Club

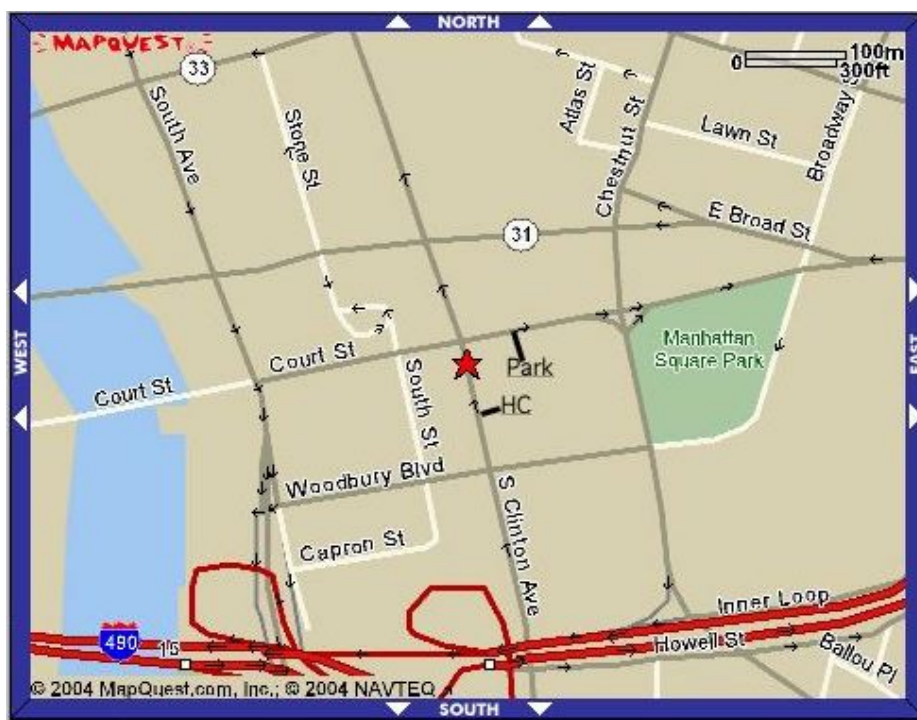
The Euchre Club meets on the first Sunday of the month from 3-6 p.m. Rainbow Seniors play for free; non members pay \$2. Please call Judy at 585.764.6093 to RSVP for June 5 at her house. There may also be pinochle on that date. The Euchre Club is on hold for July and August but will resume in September. It would be great to have men join this group. We know you're out there and ready to play!

Potlucks and other dates of interest

- **Sunday, June 19** - Summer Fun! Beach wear. Bring picnic foods. Annual meeting/election of officers. RSWNY birthday party.
- **Sunday, July 10** - Community Pride Picnic 2005. Genesee Valley Park.
- **Saturday, July 16** - Pride Parade, "Broadway in the Bowl." Parade ends at Highland Park.
- **Sunday, July 17** - The KISS Theory. Bring whatever food you'd like.
- **Sunday, August 21** - RSWNY Annual Picnic and Brown Bag Auction, Ellison Park, noon.
- **September 18, 2005** - Back to School. Bring box lunch foods. Announcing donations for holiday baskets.
- **October 16, 2005** - Halloween, dress in costume! We'll have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place contest. Collection of donations for holiday baskets. Bring a dish to pass for potluck.
- **November 20, 2005** - Thanksgiving dinner. Continue collecting donations for holiday baskets.
- **December 18, 2005** - Holiday dinner. Gift exchange (voluntary). Announcing February Baby Picture contest!
- **January 15, 2006** - Take the chill off winter with soup and breads. Brown Bag Auction.
- **February 19, 2006** - Valentine's celebration: bring red foods. Baby Picture Contest.
- **March 19, 2006** - St. Patrick's theme, Irish food favorites. Bring anything green!
- **April 16, 2006** - Intergenerational panel. Spring is in the air! Bring light and airy foods.
- **May 21, 2006** - Garden theme, dress in your favorite garden garb. Bulb or seed exchange. Bring cold cuts, breads, or salad.

For transportation, call DeeDee at 585.872.2631.

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A Special Article

Do you Remember Fender Skirts?

Words That Have Disappeared

What a great blast from the past! I haven't thought about "fender skirts" in years. When I was a kid, I considered it such a funny term. Made me think of a car in a dress.

Thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

"Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "worldwide" for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, "wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting."

Apparently "brassiere" is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just "bra" now. "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.

It's hard to recall that this word was once said in a whisper - "divorce." And no one is called a "divorcee" anymore. Certainly not a "gay divorcee." Come to think of it, "confirmed bachelors" and "career girls" are long gone, too.

I always loved going to the "picture show," but I considered "movie" an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure-'60s word I came across the other day - "rat fink." Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss - "percolator." That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffeemaker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "DynaFlow" and "Electrolux." Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "SpectraVision!"

Food for thought - Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening their kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most - "supper." Now everybody says "dinner." Save a great word. Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

Someone forwarded this to me, and I thought some of us of a "certain age" would remember most of these.

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