



We will be OPEN some days between Christmas Day and New Year's Day this year—see more details inside, on pages 4 and 5.

Thank you for remembering Leader Center in your **YEAR-END GIVING!** We rely a great deal on the generous contributions of our members. No donation is too big nor too small!

Note these days that we will be **CLOSED** during the holiday season:

- Wed., Dec. 24
- Thurs., Dec. 25
- Fri., Dec. 26
- Wed., Dec. 31
- Thurs., Jan 1

From the Director's Desk

The end of the year is upon us! We hope that time spent here has been a happy, fulfilling part of it for you!

At Leader Center, we strive every day to provide high-quality programming in a welcoming, enjoyable environment. *Did you know that we currently are doing this without receiving any government funding?* That leaves us working hard to fundraise and secure other, diverse funding streams, all with the goal of keeping members' annual membership contributions low. Thank you for supporting these efforts, by patronizing our sponsors, recommending us to friends, and participating in our fundraisers.

Additional donations remain critical to our success. So many of you help underwrite classes or include extra gifts with your membership or at end-of-year, all of which adds up to make a beautiful impact! Thank you to all who continue to give. We appreciate and accept it year-round. *Did you know that for those of you who itemize deductions on your income tax return, there may be special benefits to giving to your favorite charities still in 2025?* Please consider talking with your tax professional about the advantages of increasing your charitable giving this year in particular, before the laws change in 2026. We will be most grateful for your support!

Our dedicated Board of Directors provides expert leadership and guidance as we navigate the financial realities that confront consumers and businesses everywhere. I want to thank the board members for balancing careful planning and stewardship with a commitment to constant improvement and progress.

Renting our fabulous space here at the Derry Township Community Center, investing in increased staffing hours (*Did you know that I am the Center's first full-time Director?*), and contracting with excellent instructors all are initiatives that ensure value and expand our capacity to serve. Furthermore, they fortify Leader Center's position as one of the state's most active and robust senior centers and help align us for future success.

In all we do, our overarching priority is providing top-notch service to you, our members! Each of you is important to us and to Leader Center. On behalf of Kathy G., Kim, and Kathy R., I wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons. Please know that we will be thinking of you fondly through the holidays. We are grateful to you for making the Center the special, unique place it has been for decades—and will continue to be in 2026 and beyond.

Annamarie

P.S. This month we will email you a link to another Member Feedback survey. Participation is entirely optional, but we hope you will take a moment to complete it. Your input is helpful and appreciated!

Class Schedule Updates:

Beginner Line Dance will not be offered in December. We will offer it again when we have our next group of newcomers. All novice line dancers are encouraged to join class on Mon/Wed/Fri at 10:30 AM. The line dancers will be happy to have you and to continue helping you learn your steps! Remember, everyone was a "newbie" at one time or another!

Dec Class Underwriting

Tai Chi: Michael & Karen Leader

Tap: Brenda Berman

Zumba: Anonymous

Pilates: Sally Kurtz

Thank you to our generous underwriters! The cost of underwriting a class for the month is \$300. Every underwriting gift helps—please see Annamarie for info!

Coming Events:

Tuesday, December 2—Leader Crafts—1:00PM. LCAL member Xavia S. shows us how to make pretty paint-swirled ornaments. Create three ornaments to take with you to brighten the holiday season! Cost is \$10 for all supplies (but bring a Styrofoam egg carton if you can!). Reserve your spot today!

Wednesdays, December 3 and 10—Special Art Clubs— 1:00PM. On 12/3, LCAL members Karen and Beth will help participants create lovely holiday cards using watercolors and/or stamping and die cutting. On 12/10, community friends Karen and Lisa will help members make unique holiday cards using collage techniques. Each class is \$5, which covers all supplies. Participate in one/both of these special art club sessions. RSVP at the front desk today!

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17— “Batter Battle”—Mornings in the Lobby. Friends Karen and Lisa will drop off two types of homemade cookie to sample. Participants will vote for their favorite, with the winning cookie moving on to the next week's friendly (and delicious!) “competition”. No registration required—cookies available while they last!

Thursday, December 11—Tech Time with Kim—1:00PM. Kim helps you get familiar with AI (artificial intelligence) and its potential applications.

Friday, December 12—Free Jewelry Repair—11AM to Noon. Need a jewelry repair? Come see members Cathy and Sabrina! Bring broken jewelry that does not require soldering nor need gold/silver replacement pieces.

Friday, December 12—Friday Flix (Movie)—1:00PM. We'll show *The Apartment*, a black & white rom/com set in the holiday season that won Best Picture in 1960. Insurance worker C.C. Baxter (Jack Lemmon) lends his Upper

West Side apartment to company bosses to use for extramarital affairs. When his manager, Mr. Sheldrake (Fred MacMurray), begins using Baxter's apartment, Baxter is disappointed to learn that Sheldrake's mistress is Fran Kubelik (Shirley MacLaine), a work colleague who Baxter is interested in himself. Soon Baxter must decide between the girl he loves and the advancement of his career. Hot dogs and popcorn will be served!

Friday, December 19—Members Monthly Social—11:30AM. Country Meadows caters a delicious meal of holiday vegetable salad, baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, and dessert. Other fun will include a 50/50 raffle and a sing-along of holiday tunes. Cost is \$12 and you must RSVP by Thurs., 12/11/25. Please remember that this is a *members only* event!

Monday, December 22—Book Club—2:30PM. *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. (For those reading ahead, the January book is *Before She Disappeared* by Lisa Gardner.)

**Dec. Intermediate Bridge Coordinator:
Donna Friedrich, 717-838-8286**



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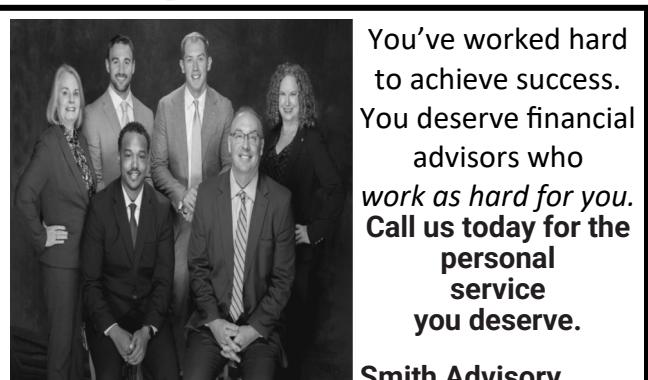
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2025 HOLIDAY SALE by donating handmade goods or
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We made a little over **\$2000** to benefit LCAL. **WOW!**
And the *best* part is getting to see so much
member talent on full display!



All members are invited to donate their
handmade wares any time we hold a
sale. Please be on the lookout for future
sales. We appreciate your generosity.



Smart Driver 2026

We once again will offer in-person AARP Smart Driver Training Classes at Leader Center for Active Life. Cost is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members. Checks payable to AARP. Register by calling 717-533-2002. Payment in advance will be sent to:

Jim Stough
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- **February 12 & 13: *8-Hour Class**
- **March 12: 4-Hour Refresher**
- **April 23 & 24: *8-Hour Class**
- **May 14: 4-Hour Refresher**
- **August 20 & 21: *8-Hour Class**
- **September 17: 4-Hour Refresher**
- **October 8 & 9: *8-Hour Class**
- **November 19: 4-Hour Refresher**

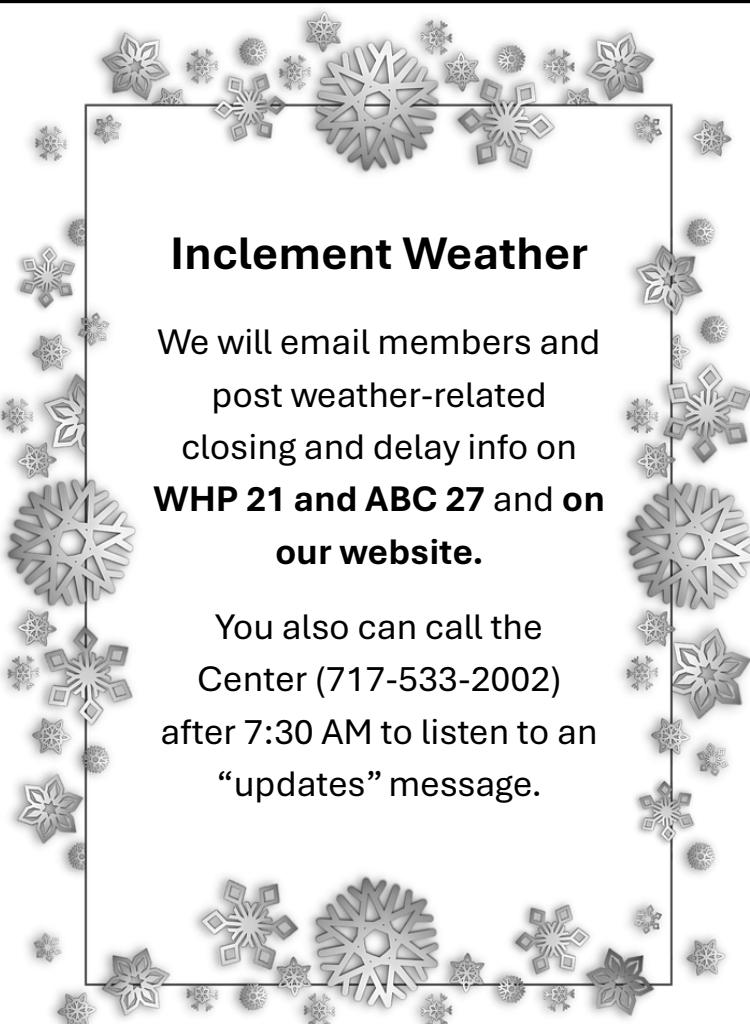
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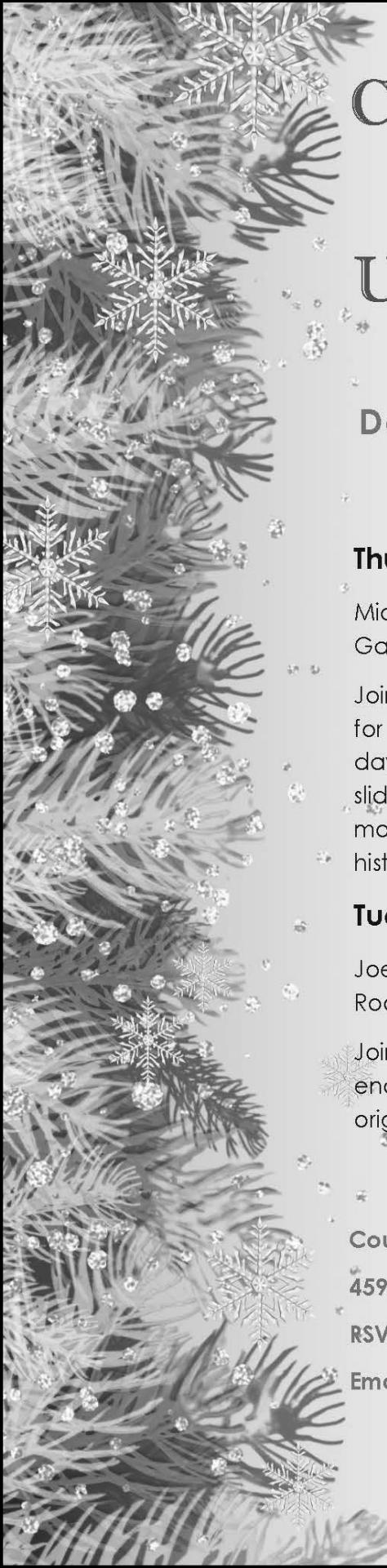
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Inclement Weather

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post weather-related
closing and delay info on
**WHP 21 and ABC 27 and on
our website.**

You also can call the
Center (717-533-2002)
after 7:30 AM to listen to an
“updates” message.





Country Meadows of Hershey

Upcoming Events

December Highlights in the Colonnades

Thursday, Dec. 4th at 6:30PM

Michael Jesberger Presents: "The Attack on Pearl Harbor" – Gathering Room

Join military historian, lecturer, and tour guide Michael Jesberger for a compelling discussion on the events leading up to the fateful day of December 7, 1941. This presentation will feature a powerful slideshow with authentic photographs from the time, offering a moving look at one of the most significant moments in American history.

Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 1:30PM

Joe McDevitt Presents, "The History of Christmas Carols" – Dining Room

Join in this engaging presentation exploring the rich history and enduring tradition of Christmas carols. Discover the fascinating origins and stories behind some of your favorite holiday songs!

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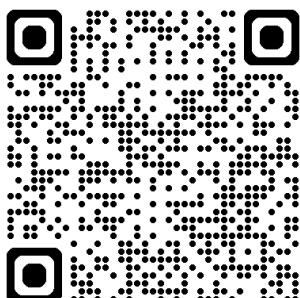
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Leader Center for Active Life strives to positively impact our community by promoting healthy aging through social engagement, physical and emotional well-being, civic involvement, creative offerings, and lifelong learning for those over 50 years of age.

Leader Center for Active Life is an independent, non-profit organization, depending solely on private funding and endowments to operate. Although there is no formal dues structure, members are expected to contribute a donation of at least \$100 per year.

Megan Marshall:
President of the Board of Directors
Annamarie Fazzolari: Executive Director
Kim Reese & Kathy Sicher: Office Coordinators
Kathy Giovanniello: Administrative Assistant

Dates to Remember

12/2—Leader Crafts

12/3 and 12/10—Special Art Club

12/11—Tech Talk

12/12—Jewelry Repair, Friday Flix

12/19—Members Monthly Social

12/22—Book Club