

Letter from the Editor



We are a community of hard-working people. A community is like a big family. When someone in the family needs help, everybody pitches in. Now is the time to pitch in with your money or your time. **Meals on Wheels** needs help. This group of seniors helping seniors needs some younger seniors. Can you volunteer to help a day or two a week? **SPDC** needs more participating members in order to continue their programs.

One question is asked over and over. How do we get young people involved? We understand time constraints particularly if two people are working and kids' activities fill the evening hours. However, we believe the residents of Brookline live here because they like the area. Local organizations need your help now to keep Brookline a great place to live, work and shop.

We put forth this challenge! Find a volunteer opportunity. Look over the calendar of events and pick one meeting to attend. Every group dynamic is different. If the first meeting you choose doesn't suit you, find another for the next week or next month. If you are a regular at a community meeting, ask a neighbor to join you for the next meeting. If parenting and working leaves little time, team up with a couple of other neighbors and trade-off attending a meeting and reporting back.

We are Brookline, every one of us. Remember the old adage. If you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem. Volunteer to be part of the solution.

Pittsburgh Thrift

924 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Hours: Mon.– Sat. 10:00AM – 5:00PM

When I walked into **Pittsburgh Thrift**, my nose told me this was not the usual thrift shop. There's no musty basement or attic smell. In fact, my immediate impression of **Pittsburgh Thrift** was "local department store." **Christine DiDiano** has taken second hand shopping to a new level. Clothing, shoes and accessories are in the front of the store, while household goods are in the back. On one visit I noticed an office style printer and a Selle Royal bicycle.

There is truly something in every price range at **Pittsburgh Thrift**. There's a \$3.00 bargain bin separating the clothing section from the household goods. Shoppers looking to supplement kids' summer camp wardrobes or to create a costume for a play or a party will want to go through the bin. If you have more to spend, then peruse the racks of clothes including some designer outfits and brand new clothing. I spotted one outfit with a Penney's tag at \$60, and the **Pittsburgh Thrift** price was \$30. Do not confuse second hand with cheap. While there are bargains here, remember this is quality second hand clothing. Christine personally goes through all donations and passes clothing that is too worn to other organizations. I encourage anyone who lamented Take Two leaving to check out **Pittsburgh Thrift**.

All clothing is steamed or laundered before it goes out so everything looks and smells good. Women's sizes range from 0 to 3X. There's a growing selection of men's and children's clothing, too. She accepts donations which will help her increase the inventory she has to offer. The jewelry case featured several interesting pieces.

Christine grew up in Brookline and wants to give something back to the community. She remembers "practically living at the park with her kids." She likes the family and community feeling that is fostered in Brookline. She opened **Pittsburgh Thrift** at a perfect time for many of us. If I can get a pair of second hand jeans for \$10 or \$20 less than new, that works for me.

Mother's Day is this month, and Christine has gift certificates. If your mother loves to shop, this would be a great opportunity to introduce her to Brookline's newest shopping experience.

-Pamela Grabowski with photos by Catia Fath





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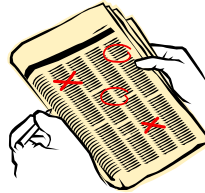
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SAMPLE AD

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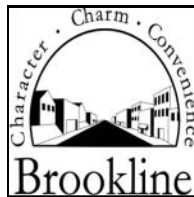


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A VALUABLE GIFT FOR MOM

Mother's Day is right around the corner. It's always nice to give Mom a card, flowers, and candy. But this year people all over the country are helping their moms save nearly \$4,000 a year on the cost of prescription drugs. You can help your mom too — and it won't cost you a dime.

The high cost of prescription medication can be a burden on mothers (or anyone) who have limited income and resources. But there is *Extra Help* — available through Social Security — that could pay part of her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. That *Extra Help* is worth an average of almost \$4,000 a year.

To figure out whether your mother is eligible, Social Security needs to know her income and the value of her savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home she lives in). To qualify for the *Extra Help*, she must be enrolled in Medicare and have:

Income limited to \$16,335 for an individual or \$22,065 for a married couple living together. Even if her annual income is higher, she still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if she or her spouse:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- Resources limited to \$12,640 for an individual or \$25,260 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count her house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your mom. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. Just select the link on the left of the page that says, "Get extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs." To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs* (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

-Robert Smith

Social Security Manager in Pittsburgh

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PITTSBURGH WEST LIBERTY K-5?

On Friday, April 8, 2011 we had our annual staff versus students basketball game where our first place championship basketball team played against our staff members. Our staff had some additional support from the staff of **South Brook Middle School**. The students were presented with trophies at half time. The final score was staff 38 - students 30. A

good time was had by all.

Our Lady of Loretto preschool children came to visit our kindergarten classrooms. Our kindergarten teachers, **Joyce Eberz** and **LeeAnne Kreuger**, did a great job in teaching lessons with a combined group of preschoolers and kindergarten students that included working with numbers and the alphabet. We're also looking forward to a visit from the preschool students from the **Seton Center**. They plan to visit us during the month of May.

In addition to our focus on transitioning younger children to kindergarten, we had a family fun night this month for the parents of our school-age children. We sponsored a Pasta, Parenting and PSSA Night. It was a big hit! The **Carrick High School Culinary** students prepared rigatoni, meatballs, salad and rolls for our families. A variety of desserts were donated by our staff members.

Most of our staff members stayed to serve the

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JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part 26

When I was a schoolgirl at **Resurrection** during the 1940s, our main focus for the month was our May altar. We always had one at school and at home. Mine at home was always in my bedroom. It consisted of my Dad's old Marsh Wheeling cigar boxes set up as steps going up to the altar, usually a chair and all were covered with a white sheet. (What other color were sheets back then?)

Everyone had a Blessed Mother statue which stood on the chair and was decorated with fresh flowers and a crown composed of lilacs, bridal wreath and forsythia. We also took turns making spring flower crowns for the larger statue in our classroom. We would have a May crowning at least once a week. When it was your turn, your mother or father would cover wire with only fresh flowers made into a crown. It would be wrapped in wax paper and carefully carried to school. Also, the life-size statue of Mary in the courtyard would be crowned by the May Queen. What a beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother it was.

-Joanne Fantoni

Questions of the Month:

What was the name of the group that all the **Resurrection** girls joined when they graduated from 8th grade?

Last Month's Questions:

Can you name a barber who started cutting hair at **Angie's Barber Shop** who then opened his own shop on the Boulevard? **Bernie** and **Rafael**

Can you name the first trio or the female jazz vocalist (who still performs in the Pittsburgh area) who played at the **BYM**? **The Bill Cotton Trio** and **Michele Bensen**



READER'S RESPONSE

I enjoyed reading in **The Brookline** that the Port Authority was going back to the number 39 for the Brookline bus. A wonderful woman in our church, **Amelia Arthur**, taught us that we could always remember the number of books in the Old Testament because it was the same as the number on the Brookline streetcar, 39. The number of books in the New Testament could be obtained, she taught us, by using the number 39 and multiplying 3 x 9 which equals 27. Our teachers were distressed when the number 39 was taken off the Brookline streetcar!

**-Carolyn R. Wood, Clerk of Session
Brookline Blvd. United Presbyterian Church**



BREEZE FEST

Wanted – Arts & Craft Vendors, buskers and community organizations for our Blvd. Breeze Fest event on August 13, 2011. The Blvd. Breeze Fest will be held from Pioneer to Queensboro on Brookline Blvd. Choice space is available for \$30.00 and General space for \$20.00. For information, call Linda Boss at 412.563.0759 or email Blvdbreezefest@hotmail.com.

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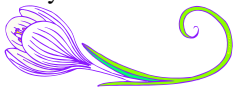


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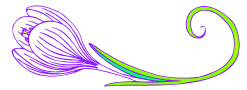
PROJECT BENEFITS SCHOOL

Boy Scout **Brandon O'Toole** is currently working on his Eagle Scout Project at **Brookline Regional Catholic School**. With help from family, friends and the scouts of Troop 6, **BRC** is getting a facelift for its library. The renovation will include new lighting, fresh paint, carpeting and a reorganization of current technological devices. When it is complete, teachers will be able to access the room with their classes to use video conferencing equipment, Smart Board Technology, laptop computers and an up-to-date reference library. Making the library "technology friendly" is the goal of Brandon's project. In addition, the school's Robotics Team will continue to use the room as its practice space for competitions. It is a very large undertaking for Brandon as he is also creating a new meeting room on the first floor for the school and parish use. Phone and data lines are also being upgraded. On March 5, a Pasta Bar fundraiser was held to raise funds for the project. Brandon is a graduate of BRC and currently is a sophomore at **Seton-La Salle High School**. **Brookline Regional Catholic** is currently accepting registrations for the 2011/2012 school year. You can call the office at 412-563-0858 for information or stop by to pick up information and see our renovations.

**-Janet Salley Rakoczy
Principal**



HAPPY SPRING FROM JACQUELINE'S!



We all need to feel and see the sun. The sun has the great capability of instantly “brightening us up” (no pun intended). It truly has the power to make us happy and provide the sense of a “fresh start” to the day.

May is such a wonderful month: a time to celebrate women. As Mother’s Day approaches, we need to see the true beauty in women. Women were made to be nurturing beings, and many women are just that, beautiful, nurturing, caring beings from the inside, out.

This coming fall **Jacqueline’s** will be launching a new program to help celebrate women. Our new program, “Inside-Out” invites you to join us! This special program has been designed to take women to a new, refreshing place. Inside-Out will include mentoring workshops, beauty consulting, and makeovers...from the inside, out; of course!

Join our Facebook Page (**Jacqueline’s Salon**) or “tweet” with us (**@JacquelineSalon**) to keep up with what’s happening with Inside-Out. We look forward to this new journey and would love for you to be a part of it!

Also, in May

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Any questions, or if you are interested in being a part of Inside-Out, please email **Shaylee Capatolla** at shaylee@jacquelinesnews.com



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-Jacqueline Capatolla

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT PITTSBURGH WEST LIBERTY K-5?

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dinner and to decorate the cafeteria. During the evening, parents were given tips for preparing their children to take the state assessments and given suggestions in supporting their children with their homework.

Our dancing classrooms team (a group of fifth grade students who are participating in ballroom dancing with other city schools) visited **Seton Center**. Some of the dances the students performed in front of the children in the preschool and the senior citizens included the fox trot, the meringue, the rumba, the tango and the swing. Their visit was enjoyed by the young and the young-at-heart.

That’s all of the news for this month. Stay tuned to see what **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** students are up to next month. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is the school “Where Learners Excel and Character Counts!”

-Kathy Moran, Principal

-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher



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Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5 staff versus students basketball game.



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Last month, I joined with my fellow Senate Democrats in unveiling a six-point proposal that is aimed at helping businesses create jobs, rebuilding the state's aging infrastructure and energizing Pennsylvania's economy. Our plan will spur the creation of over 28,000 jobs, leverage over \$2 billion in new private investment, and will result in more than \$150 million in general fund savings.

The program, PA WORKS, focuses on six core areas: Small Business, Workforce Training, Critical State Investments, Clean & Green Energy, Infrastructure Investment and Tax Fairness. As Democratic Chairman of the Senate Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, I was part of the working group that developed these issues and coordinated the legislative proposals.

Some of you may wonder what this has to do with you, or Brookline at all, but it is exactly what it does have to do with you that makes it so important. Our community is made up of small businesses. Just take a look at the Boulevard – **Kribel's Bakery**, **Fox's Pizza Den**, **Keystone Rehabilitation Systems**, **Boulevard Tobacco outlet**, **Cannon Coffee**, **Brookline Plumber**, and **DeBor Funeral Home** are just a few of the small business that dot the business district. New arrivals like **Vinnie's Pretzel Shoppe**, **Melissa Distal Photography** and **Cuts & Styles** only emphasize what a safe and friendly place Brookline is – and that it is also a great place to call home. Wouldn't it be great to make that list even longer and continue to add businesses?

That's what this plan does. In this economy, job creation remains the number one issue in our Commonwealth. As elected officials, we should look at every issue through a "job creation lens" and determine whether proposals grow Pennsylvania's economy. We must also be mindful of our state's current budget challenges as well, which is why much of our focus was on identifying what works and finding the resources to continue those investments, while eliminating or re-focusing what doesn't work.

Small businesses are an important part of this plan. They are the lifeblood of our economy. We are friends of small business and want to encourage their development because we know that a thriving small business sector is essential to Pennsylvania's economic recovery. Our plan focuses on removing unnecessary impediments, competitive disadvantages and red tape, and providing additional resources to allow these companies to help themselves -- and our state's economy. Job creation and economic development must be at the forefront of our legislative agenda this year. A strong economy is the best medicine for our Commonwealth and I pledge to work with my colleagues, in both chambers and on both sides of the aisle, to move the Commonwealth forward.

As always, I look forward to communication with you on this and other issues that are of interest and importance to you.



REPRESENTATIVE CHELSA WAGNER

Governor Corbett's proposed budget has been much talked about since it was unveiled in March, but community members may still be wondering how it could affect them.

First, it is important to understand that the budget as proposed is likely to see many changes before it is enacted. The Governor's proposal is essentially a starting point for negotiations with the House and Senate.

However, with both houses of the legislature and the governorship under control of the same party, the proposed budget could be closer to what is enacted than we have seen in a number of years.

The governor has sought to portray his proposal as a "no tax increase" budget. This would be true in the sense that no taxes levied by the state would rise. However, given the significant funding cuts proposed to public education, school districts could be left with little choice but to raise taxes.

Under the governor's proposal, funding for the **Pittsburgh Public Schools** is slated to be cut by 19.5 percent. That amounts to more than \$1,200 less per student than last year. Funding streams from which PPS has greatly benefitted would be eliminated: The Accountability Block Grant, which supports early childhood education (\$5.4 million last year), the Education Assistance Program, which provides tutoring for struggling students (\$2.5 million last year), and School Improvement Grants (\$1.3 million last year).

Reimbursements for a portion of costs of students attending charter schools would also be eliminated, which would amount to a cut of more than \$9 million for the district. The proposal also would reduce the amount of district employees' Social Security paid by the state, adding costs for the district.

The inequity between districts with significant poverty and affluent districts in this proposal is shocking. With much of the federal stimulus funding of last year directed to districts with high poverty, state funds were actually shifted away from these districts to hold the line for everyone. As the stimulus ends, state funding levels would return to normal under the funding formula used for the past several years. But the governor's budget abandons this formula and uses last year's state spending as a baseline. Consequently, PPS and other districts that received significant federal funds essentially are cut twice in this proposal.

I commend the PPS administration and board for being proactive in seeking cost-saving measures. While we have managed to give modest increases to schools despite the difficult budgetary climate of the past few years, it is clear that the governor and the new legislative majority will insist on cuts. But there is no question that cuts at the level proposed would be devastating for the district, causing property tax increases, a decline in the quality of education, or both. Either way, our district could find it much more difficult to retain and attract students and residents.

The governor's proposal jeopardizes our district while ignoring common sense revenue options like a reasonable tax on gas drilling, taxes on smokeless tobacco, or closing corporate tax loopholes. I will be working over the coming weeks to promote an equitable budget that restores funding and protects our students and homeowners.

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COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

The temperatures are slowly rising, and the snow is slowly melting, and as our community shakes off the bitter cold winter we need to prepare for a beautiful and sunny spring and summer. Frequently, my staff and I go out across the district with our notepads and phones at the ready, reporting potholes, litter, buckled sidewalks, and abandoned cars to try to keep our neighborhood clean. What we see are great communities that need to be picked up after a long winter!

We need your help, too. When you are out in the neighborhood, please take notice of fallen tree limbs, downed power lines, potholes, buckled sidewalks, trash, and any other eye sore, and call it in to our office or 311 so we can help keep our neighborhood clean! To call 311, just pick up any landline in the City and dial 3-1-1.

But, as we all know, there are some properties that continue to be problems time and time again. The **City of Pittsburgh** has a disruptive properties ordinance that allows these properties to be charged increased fees every time a public safety or code enforcement official is called out to their property. In order for a property to be considered "disruptive" it must have had either the police, animal control, BBI or environmental services write a citation to the property owner or occupant three times in a 90 day period. If that occurs, the Public Safety Director may designate the property as disruptive at his discretion.

If you are having issues with a disruptive property, please call my office first, as we keep track of these properties and monitor them across the District. But you should also call 311 to report any non-emergency code violations from the property, or 911 for any problem that requires the police, fire, or the paramedics. And remember, a clean and vibrant neighborhood requires committed and diligent neighbors that work together to solve problems.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 255-2131.

BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Status report as of March 31, 2011:

Preliminary Design

- Received approval for design exception from PennDOT safety review committee on March 8, 2010.
- Made design field view submission on July 23, 2010.
- Received review comments of DFV submission from City and Maguire in September 2010.

Final Design

- Received NTP for final design on March 9, 2011.
- Met with **Lisa Ceoffe** on March 25 at the project site to review potential areas to plant new trees / landscaping.
- Reviewed preliminary tree layout prepared by LaQuatra Bonci to check for utility conflicts, vault conflicts, drive way or curb ramp conflicts, sight distance issues, etc.
- Began to develop final design schedule.

Anticipated in April 2011

Final Design

- Finalize design schedule.
- Address review comments from DFV submission
- Initiate Final Design Tasks (final right-of-way plan, final roadway plan, final traffic control plan, final signal plan, final signing and pavement marking plan, final lighting plan, final streetscape plan, final utility coordination).

Schedule for construction is to begin in the spring of 2012.

-Lois McCafferty

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May 9 Monday

Chamber of Commerce 5:45PM at **Carnegie Library** 708 Brookline Blvd.

May 10 Tuesday

Brookline Block Watch 7:00PM at **Magistrate Jim Motznik's** office 736 Brookline Blvd.

May 16 Monday

South Pittsburgh Development Corp. 7:00PM at **Brookline Blvd. United Presbyterian Church** 1036 Brookline Blvd.

May 23 Monday

Brookline Area Community Council 7:30PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. This is the last meeting of the season. The meeting is moved up a week because the last Monday in May is Memorial Day. This will be the Third Annual Pot Luck Dinner Meeting. The **BACC** will supply all the paper products and supplies, along with the drinks and the main dishes of chicken and ham barbecue. Everyone attending is to bring a covered dish to serve 8-10 people in a disposable container. If your last name falls between A-H bring a salad, J - Q bring a side dish and R-Z is asked to bring a dessert. Doors open at 6:30PM and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. Hope to see all of you there. Have a safe, happy and peaceful summer. The first meeting of the 2011-2012 season will be Monday, September 26, 2011.

May 30 Monday

South Hills Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10:00AM From Flatbush Avenue to Mt. Lebanon Cemetery where memorial services will take place after the parade.

BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

- **Boxing** is back in Brookline Wednesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM for ages 8 to adult.
- **Art class** - Saturdays 11:00AM to 1:00PM for ages 12 through adult. Cost is \$3 plus materials.
- **Kick ball** for ages 4 through 9 - games to be played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30PM to 6:00PM. Cost will be \$10, and each child will receive a T-shirt.
- **Adult Craft Classes**- Monday 1:00PM to 2:30PM and in the evening 7:00PM to 8:30PM.
- **Yoga Class** - Tuesday 6:15PM to 7:30PM - cost is \$50 for 6 weeks.
- **Body Sculpting Class** Monday & Thursday 6:15PM to 7:30PM. Cost is \$30 for 5 weeks.
- **Fitness Challenge** - Thursdays 7:00PM to 8:00PM - We'll help you get ready to join us in the Brookline Breeze. This is a free program.
- **Martial Arts** - Mondays 6:00PM to 8:45PM for ages 10 to adult. Learn Tae Kwon Do fundamentals with a trained instructor. Cost is \$15 a year.
- **Summer Basketball** signups begin April 1 for boys and girls ages 9 through 14. 11-Under Instructional and 14-Under. Leagues begin in mid-June and run through the end of July. Games are played on weekdays in the morning and afternoon. Cost is \$25/player. Deadline for registration is May 15, 2011. Roster positions limited. Sign Up Now!!!
- **Instructional Basketball Clinic** for boys and girls ages 6 to 8 will be held on Saturdays beginning in mid-April. Call for more information.

Call the center for more information 412-571-3222.



Call for Volunteers

- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or BeagleHQ@msn.com Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** call 412-343-8144
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **Lutheran Service Society** call 412-366-9490
- **SENIOR VAN TRANSPORTATION** call 412-344-4222
- **BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** call **Pat Erny** 412-344-8451
- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590

Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations. **Meals on Wheels** accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038**

“Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us. Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage.”

-President Bill Clinton



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-Photo by *Catia Fath*

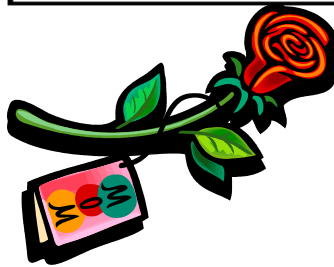


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95 YEARS YOUNG



Silver Sneakers celebrated **Mary McGough's** 95th birthday at a party on April 1. Her birthday was actually January 16, but this winter's snow kept pushing the celebration first to February, then March. Thank you to **Bob McGough**, Mary's son, for sharing these photos. The photo above is from a granddaughter's wedding. At right, instructor **Gerri Delaney** leads the morning exercise program. That's Mary in the background.

