

# The Chatter

Engage whatever your age...  
helping seniors engage, enrich, and empower their lives!

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Franklin Active  
Adult Center



December 2025  
**Active Adult Center**  
Franklin, Indiana

# INFORMATION

## MANAGER'S MINUTE

Hello Members,

The Holidays are such a special time of year to spend with family and friends. December is such a busy month for everyone as well as the AAC. I would like to highlight a few things that will be occurring this month. Tuesday, December 9th is our evening activity which is Bingo sponsored by Voelz, Reed & Mount LLC starting at 6:15 pm. Friday, December 12 will be our Christmas Party and Matinee Musicale will perform in the afternoon. Willow Creek Band will perform on Friday, December 19th to celebrate the November and December birthdays.

Please note we will be closed on December 24—26 to allow staff and members to enjoy the holidays.

Weather closings will be on WTHR, WISH TV and our facebook page as soon as the decision is made. Please use your own judgement as to whether it is safe for you to be out. Safety is always first!

Merry Christmas to all!

*Glenna Escher,  
Center Manager*



*Have you shared your ideas  
with Glenna yet? Please do!*

## CENTER INFORMATION

**Active Adult Center** 160 Adams St. Franklin,  
IN 46131

**317-736-3696**

**Website:** [www.franklin.in.gov](http://www.franklin.in.gov)

**OPEN Monday through Friday**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm + 1 evening a month**

**Ages 55+**

**Membership fees:**

**City of Franklin resident \$25/year**

**Outside Franklin City limits \$50/year**

**The mission of the *Active Adult Center*  
is to engage with seniors in promoting  
healthy aging, social connection  
and lifelong learning.**

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You can view *The Chatter* online at [mycommunityonline.com](http://mycommunityonline.com) to receive it by email, [franklinparks.org](http://franklinparks.org) or pick up a copy at the Active Adult Center or Franklin Parks & Rec.

# APPRECIATION

*Thank  
You*

## BINGO SPONSORS

Franklin Meadows & Hickory Creek  
Women of the Moose  
The Insurance Guy  
Compass Park  
Grand Victorian  
Humana  
Vita of New Whiteland  
Main Street Hospice  
Greenwood Village South  
ComForCare  
Altra Home Group

## WELLNESS AWARD SPONSOR

Frechette Eye Center

## LUNCH SPONSORS

Morning Pointe of Franklin  
Shiloh Community Church  
Astral at Franklin  
Compass Park  
Vita of New Whiteland  
Main Street Hospice

## SPECIAL SPONSORS/PARTNERS

Johnson County Senior Services  
Franklin Parks & Recreation  
Zeta Chapter of Tri Kappa, Inc.  
Main Street Hospice  
A Senior Retreat

***Contact Johnson County Senior Services to learn more about senior transportation opportunities, including transport to the Active Adult Center. (317-738-4544)***

*Special Thanks*  
to

Morning Pointe of Franklin

Astral

Compass Park

Franklin Meadows

Hickory Creek

Humana

Grand Victorian

Vita of New Whiteland

Main Street Hospice

Affordable Dentures

ComForCare

Willow Creek Band

Franklin Parks & Rec

Johnson County Senior Services

AAC Members and Volunteers

**ALL sponsors/partners/friends, past, present, and future!**

Many thanks to Jordon Curtis for his expert assistance with insurance matters, his time and generous sponsorship of our center and it's members..

We appreciate you!



# SPECIALS

## Christmas Party

Friday, December 12, 2025

10-12:30 Santa (LO)

11:00 Christmas Dinner

1:00 Matinee Musicale( AUD)

FREE LUNCH FROM

Main Street Hospice

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 Noon

Morning Pointe

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Compass Park

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 Noon

### Bingo with Humana

Monday, December 1, 2025

### Bingo with Main Street Hospice

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

### Bingo with Franklin Meadows/Hickory Ck

Monday, December 8, 2025

### Bingo with Grand Victorian

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

### Bingo with ComForCare

Monday, December 15, 2025

### Bingo with Compass Park

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

### Bingo with Greenwood Village South

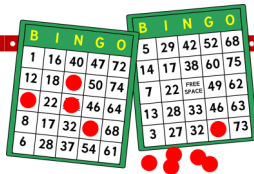
Monday, December 22, 2025

### Bingo with Altra

Monday, December 29, 2025

### Bingo with Vita Senior Living

Wednesday, December 31, 2025



## SPEAKERS

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 11:00 am

*Mariah-Main Street Hospice*

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:00 am

Eilenn Bridges, Bridges Alliance of Johnson Co

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 11:00 am

Kyle Morrissey, Home Care Liaison

Monday, December 29, 2025 11:45 am

Erika Buening, author

## AAC Short Documentary Festival

Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:00 pm

Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to view very special works of art!

Popcorn will be served.

## New Years Eve Celebration

11:00 Trivia Contest

11:30 New Year's Eve Pitch-In

12:00 Noon Year's Eve Toast

12:45 New Year's Eve Bingo

## TRIVIA

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 11:00 am

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WINNER, WINNER

**Kelly Roe** won a \$10.00 Kroger gift card, courtesy of **Frechette Eye Center**, in this month's *Wellness Drawing*. **Donna Reel** won the word search drawing and **Rena Cox** won a coloring book. **Well done!** All winners were chosen by random drawing. If you aren't sure how to enter, please ask! **Winners listed above should see Luan to claim your prize!**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

Kathy Gillies  
Thomas Waterfall  
Chris Waterfall  
Lu Burton  
Loretta Hall  
Sandra Flake  
Robert Knudsen  
Dorothy Van Breeman  
Cathy Bailey  
Betsy Simpson  
Stan Simpson  
Cherri Robinson



## Please note:

**We will process payments until 2:30 pm each business day.**

**To get the AAC Chatter online...  
Go to <https://franklinparks.org>**



## December

Karen Showalter  
Caryle Eastvold  
Leone Elaston  
Susan Alloway  
Debbie Yost  
Charlene Hawkins  
Robert Zack  
Carole Kutruff  
Danny Harrison  
Gayla Thompson  
Nella Lamb  
Virginia Howard  
Carol Heck  
Shirley Barrick  
Shirley Chipman  
Alice Curry  
Vonda Price  
Bills Wells  
Judy Wright  
Karen Miles  
Golda Drance  
Tana Craig  
John Peperak  
Deborah Shearer  
Andy Richards  
Tina Rogers  
Mary Blackwell

*Please let us know if anyone is missed.  
Our apologies as our report is automated.*

Happy belated birthday to  
John Curry &  
Gardenia Cramer

# PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES

## BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning at 9:15 am is a time of fellowship and learning under the guidance of AAC member, Karyl Entner. Music, storytelling, and always a Bible passage explained. Meet with this group to share prayer burdens, encouragement and something challenging to take you through the week. (Library)

**COLORING** sheets and “brain-teaser” sheets are available in the Event Room Hall. Return sheets to the blue basket in the entrance for the random monthly prize drawing.

## Tea Time

The 3rd Friday of the month at 1:00 pm (ER)

## SERVICE PROJECT CLUB

Members can join in on making/preparing items to donate to charities. We will meet monthly on the first Friday of the month at 11:30 AM (ER)\*

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Party with us on the **last Friday** of the month as we celebrate monthly birthdays.

Cupcakes and ice cream at 11:30 am!

## WILLOW CREEK BAND

Please join us for great music by Willow Creek Band! The last Friday of the month from 12:00—2:00 (Event Room)

## CRAFTY CLUB WITH STAFF

Select Tuesday's at 11:45pm. A variety of craft projects will be offered.

Please sign up to participate in crafts. The page will be at our sign in table daily.

We will also take monetary donations during crafts. (Event Room)

## JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS

Do you like to sing? *Joyful Noise* meets every Monday morning at 10:45 am. Sing along to oldies, classics, hymns, and more. Everyone is welcome! (AUD)

## Book Mobile—Johnson County Library

Every Month on the 2nd Friday at 1:30 pm

(Lobby)

## HANDCRAFTERS/QUILTER'S CLUB

Bring your own handcraft such as quilting, knitting, crocheting, etc. and visit with your fellow crafters while creating. Also, a quilt block of the month will be featured. Meets on the second Friday of the month at 11:00 am. There will be a 3 hour block of time for this activity. (Event Room)

## BOOK CLUB

Book lovers will discuss selected material with Karen. Meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at

## LUNCH BUNCH & TRIPS

The latest trip information can be found on page 10.

Come to the AAC!

“Where the young at heart gather to share old memories  
...and make new ones!”

## PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES



**BINGO:** Play bingo at 1:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Play for regular, special and cover-all wins for a *donation* of \$1.00 per card, up to 4 cards **(Event Room)**

**BOARD GAMES:** Choose your favorite from the game shelf & gather friends to play.

### **CARDS:**

**Monday** 11:30 Pinochle **(Game Room)**

**Tuesday** 11:30 Bid Euchre **(Game Room)**

**Wednesday** 9:45 Bridge **(Game Room)**  
11:00 Hand & Foot **(Library)**

**Thursday** 11:30 Euchre **(Event Room)**

**Friday** 11:30 Open Cards **(Game Room)**

See member Lyn Jerkins for more details (willing to teach beginners)

### **BUNCO:**

First Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the (GR)

**MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES:** Monday at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to play! **(LI)**

**PUZZLES:** A jigsaw puzzle is always in progress. Why not add a piece or two? **(LI)**  
**(Library)**

**CHAIR DANCING:** This dvd-based program meets Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15. Chair dance and sing along to lively tunes! Good for beginners, those who like a slower, more gentle pace for exercise, and music lovers! Fun for everyone!

**(Auditorium)**

**CHAIR YOGA:** Led by certified yoga instructor and therapist Dee Woods on Tuesday at 10:45 am. Pay \$2.00 per class. Experience the benefits of yoga in a chair based setting. **(Auditorium)**

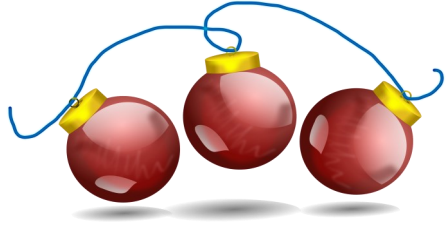
Chair Yoga Video will be on Thursdays at 10:45.  
Free on Thursdays **(Auditorium)**

**CHAIR EXERCISE:** Chair based group exercise program on dvd. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am. Low impact, strengthen core, improve cardio, increase endurance. **(FREE) (Auditorium)**

**TAI CHI:** Slow movement, stretching and mindfulness program to help maintain strength, flexibility and balance. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am (Free) **(Auditorium)**

**LINE DANCING:** Enjoy dancing with DJ  
Tuesdays at 1:30 pm (Auditorium)

***Sign and date a ticket and deposit into the "Wellness Can" after any group exercise for a chance to win the Wellness Prize \$10.00 Gift Card in the monthly drawing sponsored by Frechette Eye Center. Chair Dancing, Simply Seated, Tai Chi and Chair Yoga all count! Sign and date a wellness ticket each time you exercise for your chance to win!***

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 Coffee/Chat (ER) 9:15 Chair Dancing (AUD) 10:00 Chair Exercise (AUD) 10:45 Joyful Noise (AUD) 11:00 Mexican Train (LI) 11:30 Pinochle (GR) 12:15 Songs Guessing Game (ER) 1:00 Bingo-Humana (ER)	<b>2</b> 9:00 Coffee/Chat (ER) 9:15 Bible Study (LI) 9:45 Tai Chi w/Mike (AUD) 10:00 Tai Chi Video (AUD) 10:45 Chair Yoga (AUD) 11:30 Bid Euchre (GR) 11:45 Crafts with Staff (ER) 1:30 Line Dancing (AUD)	<b>3</b> 9:00 Coffee/Chat (ER) 9:15 Chair Dancing (AUD) 9:45 Bridge (GR) 10:00 Chair Exercise (AUD) 11:00 Hand & Foot (LI) 11:00 Speaker –Main St Hospice(ER) 12:00 Lunch –Main St Hospice (ER) 1:00 Bingo-Main Street Hospice(ER)
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<b>11</b> 9:00 Coffee & Chat (ER) 10:00 Tai Chi (AUD) 10:45 Chair Yoga Video (AUD) 11:30 Euchre (ER) 12:15 MOB Exercise (AUD) 1:00 AAC Short Documentaries & Popcorn (AUD)	<b>12</b> 10:00 –12:30 Santa 11:00 Christmas Dinner 1:00 Matinee Musicale 	<div> <p><b>AAC Room Legend</b></p> <p>Auditorium AUD</p> <p>Event Room ER</p> <p>Game Room GR</p> <p>Library LI</p> <p>Lobby LO</p> </div>
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<b>25</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>  	<b>26</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>  	
		 <p>Life is an ECHO.        What you send out, comes back.        What you sow, you reap.        What you give, you get.        What you see in others, exists in you.        Remember, Life is an Echo.        It always gets back to you.        So give goodness.</p> <p><i>T. Harv Eker</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbmquotes.com">www.bbmquotes.com</a></p>

## AAC ON THE GO 2025

**Please read trip information carefully.** The AAC *Code of Conduct* applies in its entirety to trips as well as at the AAC. Trips open and sign up begins on the date listed in the newsletter. All sign ups must be made **in person**. Payment terms are noted for each trip. If the trip requires payment at sign up you **must** pay at that time to secure your seat. No seats can be held in anticipation of later payment.

No refunds can be issued unless the **trip** is cancelled. Please ask if you have any questions.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the stated departure time. This information is listed in the trip details.

**TRIPS ARE BACK!** Refer to the Chatter each month to verify which trips are open. When the trip seat limit is reached we will be happy to add your name to a "Wait List" to indicate your interest in the trip and you will be notified in order if a seat opens up.

### LUNCH BUNCH

#### DECEMBER:

##### **Willow Leaves of Hope, Hope, Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Sign up Monday, December 1, 2025 9:00 am

Meet at 10:30 am Depart 10:45 am

Cost \$4 plus the cost of your meal and gratuity

Minimum 6 Maximum 14 (14 bus)



##### **Café Patachou at the Stutz, Indianapolis, Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

Sign up Monday, December 1, 2025 9:00 am

Meet at 9:45 am Depart 10:00 am

Cost \$5 plus the cost of the meal and gratuity

Minimum 5 Maximum 14 (14 bus)

#### JANUARY:

##### **Bob Evans, Franklin, Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

Sign up Monday, December 22, 2025 9:00 am

Meet at 10:45 am Depart at 11:00 am

Cost of your meal and gratuity (free bus fee)

Minimum 5 Maximum 14 (14 bus)



# TRIPS

## DECEMBER:

**Derby Dinner Theater, Clarksville, Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**ELF, The Musical**

Sign up Monday, November 4, 2025 9:00 am Pay at the time of sign up

Cost \$50

Time: Meet at 9:00 am Depart 9:15 am

Minimum 19 (14 Bus/5 van)



## JANUARY:



**The Historic Artcraft Theater, Franklin, Thursday, January ? (TO BE ANNOUNCED)**

Sign up Monday, January 5, 2025 9:00 am

Cost: Free (Movie compliments of Swartz Family Funeral Service)

Time: Meet at 12:15 pm Depart at 12:30 pm

Minimum 5 Maximum 19 (14 bus/5 van)



**AAC on the go!**



## RESOURCES

**Johnson County Senior Services** offers **transportation** for Johnson County residents 60 and older at no charge. Service is door to door and wheelchair accessible. They also offer durable medical equipment and a food pantry. 317-738-4544

***The Hub, Impact Christian Church***

2800 N. Graham Rd., Franklin

**Open every Tuesday, 5-6:30 pm**

Food, clothing and more! 317-346-0452

***Great Harvest Food Pantry***

6766 Us Hwy 31 N, New Whiteland. 317-657-4998

**Senior Community Day 12-1:45 pm 4th Friday.**

***Franklin, United, Need-  
ham Township Trustee's  
Office***

317-736-7511

*By Appointment Only*

***Veterans Affairs***

The *Johnson County Veterans Affairs* office is here to **assist veterans and their families** with VA disability and educational benefits.

***Seneca Harbin, Director***

18 W. Jefferson St.

Franklin, IN 46131

Phone: 317-346-4563

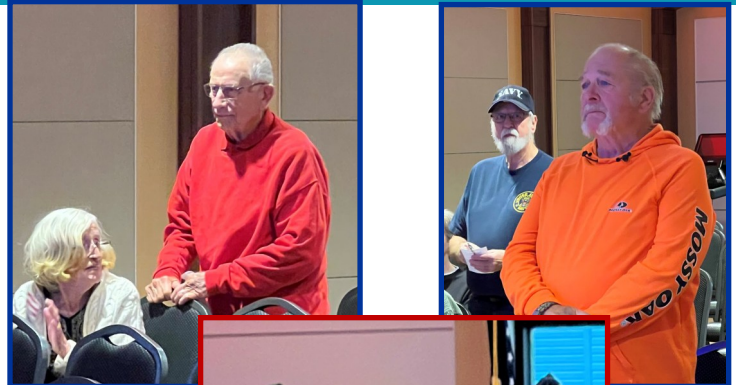
***Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County***

211 Commerce Dr., Franklin, IN 46131

Phone: 317-736-5090



The service club is gathering items for the Angelcare House in Trafalgar. Information is posted throughout the AAC for items they could use. Please give them to Glenna or Luan. The delivery will be on Friday, December 5, 2025 at 11:30 am. Thank you for the consideration!



317-736-3696