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Eras Senior Network Featured on TMJ4 Morning Blend

We were honored to recently be featured on the TMJ4 Morning Blend program. Heather Uzowulu, our Development Director, discussed our programs and volunteer opportunities. [Click here](#) to view the segment and read the accompanying article.



Medicare 101 Virtual Webinar

Join the Milwaukee County Department on Aging for a virtual webinar on the basics of Medicare on Wednesday, September 9th at 1:00 pm. The session will include an objective overview of the options and benefits offered through Medicare. Learn about parts A, B, C and D of Medicare and how to receive free enrollment assistance. No sales pitch, no insurance push. For complete details, [click here](#).

Register for Eras Virtual Tapestry Event

Join us for our Virtual Tapestry Event on **Thursday, September 24th** - [free registration is now open.](#)

This fundraiser supports our programs and services for older adults in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. The one-hour live streamed event will feature stories from our programs, recognize Community Volunteer Pat Knuth with the Edmond J. Vaklyes Jr. Memorial Award and concludes with two entertaining breakout sessions - with options for the whole family. [Click here](#) for session descriptions. Guests can choose their breakout sessions when registering.

Auction: Our online auction starts at noon on **Monday, September 21st** and closes at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 24th. [View a sneak peek](#) of some of the items up for bid. New items will be added each week. Tell your family, friends and relatives as everyone can bid from the safety of their homes through a smart phone, tablet or computer.



Virtual Tapestry Event

Join us for a virtual event that supports services and programs for older adults in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County!

Presented by



Thursday, September 24, 2020

Live Stream Event from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Silent Auction, Live Music, Wine Pull, Call to Care, and Entertaining Breakout Activities appropriate for all ages.

Honoring Pat Knuth with the 2020 Edmond J. Vaklyes Jr. Memorial Award

There is no fee to register for this event

Silent Auction Items Needed

We are gathering items for our silent auction to help raise funds as part of our Virtual Tapestry Event. The online auction starts at noon on Monday, September 21st and closes at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 24th. Items we can use include:

- Certificates for outdoor activities (Pumpkin picking, ice skating, ski hill passes, etc.)
- Gift cards for fast food pick up/delivery, restaurants, spas, etc.
- Virtual experiences (Zoom yoga, video chat with an author, etc)
- Autographed sports memorabilia
- Condo and cabin vacation rentals
- One-of-a-kind craft and art items
- Power tools, electronic equipment, outdoor recreation equipment



Seeking artists: As an homage to the "Pull Up a Chair" event held by the former Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Eras Senior Network will be including a number of painted chairs in our auction. We have a donation of a few chairs, but are seeking a talented artist to paint them. We are so excited for this addition!.

Contact Becca Snow if you have any questions or an item to donate, (262) 522-2409, becca.snow@eras.org. Thank you!

Please Help Support the Holiday Giving Program

Since 2004, Eras Senior Network has provided self-sufficiency care packages to isolated and low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. We are excited to work with the community to fill up to **1,100 self-sufficiency gifts** for seniors and adults with disabilities living on a fixed income. This is our highest number of recipients ever!

Recipients living in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties must be current clients of Eras and have a demonstrated need for the gifts. Due to COVID-19, we are mailing all of our gifts in a holiday card and focusing on the most basic needs. While our wish list has fewer items, we aim to serve more than double the number of clients we served in 2020 and need the community's help filling these packages. Please help us give \$50 in gift cards and postage stamps to each of our recipients.

Holiday Giving Wish List:

- \$10 Walgreens Gift Card
- Pick 'n Save Gift Card
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Books of Forever Stamps

Donation Deadline: To include your contribution in this year's packages, please donate your unwrapped gifts by Monday, December 14th, 2020. Please include a receipt with gift cards.

Mailing Your Donation: If you are able to mail your donation to us, please do so to help with social distancing. Donations of items or funds to purchase items can be mailed to:
Eras Senior Network (Attn: Becca Snow)
2607 N Grandview Blvd Suite 150
Waukesha, WI 53188

Dropping Off Your Donation: Donations may be dropped off at our Waukesha office (same address as above) Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Please note, during this time, all visitors entering the office building and Eras suite are required to wear a face covering. We are happy to coordinate a curbside donation pick-up if you would prefer to remain in your vehicle. If you prefer to drop your donations at our Southwest office in Milwaukee County, please contact Tom.Rowe@Eras.org to coordinate a day/time. Face coverings are also required to enter the Southwest office.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting our Holiday Giving Program! Please contact Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Snow@Eras.org with any questions.

ABCs of Medicare Supplement Plans

Don't miss the "Eras Senior Issues" column each month in 50Plus News Magazine. Kathy Gale, Eras Executive Director, writes this column. 50Plus News Magazine is available at some senior living communities, grocery stores and other areas in Milwaukee and Waukesha County. To read this month's article about Medicare supplement plans [click here](#).

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WSO, Wounded Warriors Tourney resume competition in August

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A break in the action at the VFW Post fields in New Berlin where much of the senior softball play is underway this summer. Members of the Wounded Warrior Classic committee are, front row, left to right, Dave Christiansen, Helen Corns; Classic director Thom Mikich, Muskego; and Jack Simons, Delafield; back row, Mike "Tapper" Topping, Milwaukee; Roly Nellis, Sussex; and Bob Hurley, Pewaukee. Committee members not pictured: Bob Christiansen, Menomonie Falls; and Jim Clary, Brookfield.

BY JACQUELYNNE
As the Covid-19 epidemic hangs on, scheduling upcoming sporting events has proven very difficult. This is true not only for major professional and college sports, but also for senior athletic events as well. But, with fingers crossed and a knock on wood, here we go anyway.
The Wisconsin Senior Olympics will begin its 41st Annual Games starting on August 16 and will continue on through to the end of September. According to WSO President John White, there will be competition in more than 20 sport events in age and gender brackets beginning at 40 to 44, on up to 75 and older. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in every bracket.
The 9th Annual Wounded Warriors Classic will begin competition on August 6 and will run for four days, again at VFW Park in Brookfield. According to Classic founder and director Thom Mikich, a total of 25 teams from four Midwestern states, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa have signed up. Teams will compete in several age groups: 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and possibly 75 and older. All of the income derived by entry fees and other areas are donated every year to the annual Wounded Warrior Project. Thus far, more than \$30,000 has been donated to the Project, Mikich said. It is believed that the Classic here is the only senior softball tournament in the country to raise money for the Wounded Warriors project.
Prior Classics have always been conducted in the spring, but because of heavy rains during the spring months

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