

Fantastic 50's Plus

**November
2019**

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Many thanks to our gracious and selfless hosts without whom there would be no Fantastic 50s!

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WHO KNEW?? By Tom Cusack

The Fall Team has an interesting evening planned for our November Social, scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 20th, at Cherry Hill's Carman Tilelli Community Center. Marisa Bozarth, the Museum Curator for Burlington County Parks, is our guest speaker and will present the history of Campbell Soup, our South Jersey neighbor since its founding in 1869. Hear some interesting anecdotes and inside stories of this local business that grew up to be a world-wide enterprise. In keeping with the evening's theme, the Fall Team will be serving Campbell soups and sandwiches. Check the posting in this Newsletter for all the details.

If you were wondering ...

"who is Carman Tilelli and why is the Community Center named after him?" After researching this, I found the story interesting. Carman Tilelli is the son of Carmine Tilelli, better known as Joey Giardello, the world renown boxer who was [world middleweight champion](#) from 1963 to 1965. Carmine Orlando Tilelli was born in Brooklyn in 1930, lived in South Philadelphia during his early years, and later married Rosalie and settled in Cherry Hill to raise his family of four sons. Giardello changed his name from Tilelli in an attempt to join the US Army under the legal age using his cousin's name, Giardello. He then served, underage, in an Airborne unit for the remainder of [World War II](#). He became a professional boxer in 1948, not long after his 18th birthday, and had a successful boxing career.

Giardello was inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, the 3rd boxer to be inducted after Joe Frazier (2004) and Tommy Loughran (2008). He was inducted into the [International Boxing Hall of Fame](#) and the [World Boxing Hall of Fame](#) in 1993. His career record was 101 wins, 25 losses and 7 draws. Even more impressively, he was 5-3-1

against other boxers in the Hall of Fame. A public statue honoring Giardello is situated in the [East Passyunk Crossing](#) section of South Philadelphia.

He did a lot of work with the mentally handicapped, particularly for St. John of God School in Westville, New Jersey, where his son, Carman, afflicted with [Down Syndrome](#), stayed for ten years. He met the Pope, and was invited to President Kennedy's Inauguration. He participated in countless fundraising events for the mentally retarded and contributed his time and talent to the Special Olympics. At one event he taught the Special Olympians to jump rope.

I remember many a Friday night in the fifties and sixties sitting with my father watching the Gillette Cavalcade of Sports telecast the fights. I saw Joey Giardello fight many times on television. I actually met him at a South Philadelphia super market in the late sixties and he was a very warm and cordial man. You would never know that he was a boxer and held the title of Middleweight Champion of the World for several years. Joey Giardello died in 2008. His son, Carman, died in 2014.



Joey Giardello (Carmine Orlando Tilelli) with his son Carman

Our web site is modernized!

Thanks to the efforts of members Patti Passarelli and Den DiMarco, our website at Fantastic50s.com has undergone a complete renovation! We strived to make the design modern and easier to read.

We replaced older, lower quality photos with more recent, higher resolution and larger photos to reflect the variety of club activities and to present us as an active organization. If you visit the page titled "Planners" and "Contact Us", you'll see we tried to introduce some humor with the stock photos available to us. We hope you'll like the new look and find the whole website easier and more enjoyable to use. Let us know what you think!

Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Friday 11/1
Dance Party 5 - 8 PM
Barrington, NJ No Cover Charge

Join us for socializing, good music and dancing to Jack Peacock and his Sounds of the 50s – 90s. Location is Time Out Restaurant and Entertainment, 241 White Horse Pike, 08007.



For details or questions, contact Host Den at 856.842-1790 or ddm444@comcast.net. Look for Den with the yellow balloon; he usually arrives around 6 PM. Please feel free to arrive early or call for reservations to ensure seating (856-547-7444). We look forward to seeing you!

Friday 11/1
Pinochle 5:45 PM
Mt. Laurel, NJ \$2

PINOCHLE anyone? The First Friday Pinochle Game is on November 1st, 5:45 PM, at the Mt. Laurel Community Center, 100 Mt Laurel Road (large white building behind the Police Station). Please call Barbara S. at 856.665.5722 to reserve a spot. Bring a snack to share, your own beverage and \$2. Members only.

Monday 11/4
Billiards with Instruction 7 – 9 PM
Somerdale, NJ \$10

Would you like to enjoy a fun evening shooting pool at perhaps the best pool hall in South Jersey?! Here's your chance to do so with instruction included! Not only that, the pool hall features a small restaurant and bar should the hungries strike. Meet inside at Fat Albert's Pool Hall, 600 North White House Pike, #1, Somerdale, NJ 08083; 856-344-7298. Host is Den: 856.842.1790 or ddm444@comcast.net. Deadline: To reserve a spot contact Den by the Saturday before. To find Den at Fat Albert's, look for the yellow balloon in the smaller pool room.



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Wednesday 11/6
Mah Jongg 6:30 PM
Mount Laurel, NJ Free

Dot C is hosting this game. Fantastic 50 members *and non-members* are welcome, but you **MUST** call Dot at 856.608.1068, so she can make sure she has enough Mah Jongg games for all in attendance. Games are played at the Mt. Laurel Community Center, 100 Mt Laurel Road (large white building behind the Police Station). Please call Dot at 856.608.1068 so she can ensure there are enough games and teachers.



Thursday 11/7
Rummikub 6:30 PM
Mount Laurel, NJ Free



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Friday 11/8
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Saturday 11/9
Dance Party 7:30 – 11:30 PM
Sewell, NJ No Cover Charge

Join us for socializing, good music and dancing to Jack Peacock and his Sounds of the 50s – 90s. Location is Bogey's Club & Café, 501 Pitman Road, 08080.

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Sunday 11/10
Philly Pops 3 PM
Philadelphia, PA \$ - contact host

The second show of the season is *POPS Rocks Abbey Road*, with seating in the Conductor's Circle. All season tickets have been purchased, but there may be tickets available for the show. Call Betty G. at 856.787.8611 or email her at beegee02@comcast.net for availability.

Wednesday 11/13
Canasta Club 6:30 PM
Mount Laurel, NJ \$2



The 2019 / 2020 Canasta Club Season continues. Only Canasta Club members who are already in the Canasta Club and a member of the 50s may attend. We will meet at the Mount Laurel Community Center, 100 Walt Whitman Avenue.

Call Dot Crowe at 856.608.1068 or text at 609.367.3168 if you unable to attend.

Thursday 11/14
Mah Jongg 6:30 PM
Mount Laurel, NJ Free



Dot C is hosting this game. Fantastic 50 members *and non-members* are welcome, but you **MUST** call Dot at 856.608.1068, so she can make sure she has enough Mah Jongg games for all in

So much to do, so little time!

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attendance. Games are played at the Mt. Laurel Community Center, 100 Mt Laurel Road (large white building behind the Police Station).

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Thursday 11/14 Lich-en

the fungus among us 7 – 8:30 PM
Wenonah, NJ Free

(Run by the Gloucester County Nature Club with Den D. as the Fantastic 50s host).

Lichens and fungi play an important role in the environment. Discover the many ways that people, animals and forests use lichens and fungi.

Presenter: Jennifer Bulava, Lead Park Naturalist, Burlington Co. Park System. Jennifer graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in applied ecology and natural resource management.

Location: Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, 3 Lenape Trail, Wenonah, NJ. Fan 50s host is Den: 856.842.1790 or ddm444@comcast.net.

Friday 11/15 Dance Party 5 - 8 PM

Barrington, NJ No Cover Charge

Dance Party

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Tuesday 11/19 Mah Jongg 6:30 PM

Free

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Wednesday 11/20 Monthly Meeting/Social 5:45 PM

\$10 (all-inclusive food & beverage)

The Fall Team invites you to join us at the November Social on November 20th at our new location, the Cherry Hill (Carman Tilelli) Community Center. A map of the area and photo of the building can be found on Page 4.

Almost everyone has had Campbell's Soup at least once. Did you ever wonder when they started, where they started, and how they grew over the decades... what is the inside story? For our November Meeting, the Fall Team cordially invites you to an interesting presentation of the history of Campbell Soup, the global food business headquartered in Camden, who has been our South Jersey neighbor since its founding in 1869. The



Museum Curator at Burlington County Parks, Marisa Bozarth, is our guest speaker and she will tell us not only the history of Campbell Soup, but some interesting anecdotes and not so well-known stories about this local business that grew up to be a world-wide enterprise.

In keeping with the Campbell's Soup theme, we will be serving traditional Soup 'n Sandwiches. Choose between two of Campbell's favorite soups, tomato and chicken noodle, along with a selection of sandwiches (ham & cheese, turkey, chicken salad, tuna salad), with cookies for dessert.

The \$10 includes admission, food, and soft drinks. So we can ensure there is enough food, please let Tom know if you plan to attend the Social and your soup & sandwich selection..email him at tom.cusack@hotmail.com or call 856.296.9508.

Thursday 11/21 Mah Jongg 6:30 PM

Free

I ♥ Mahjong

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Thursday 11/21 Book Club 7 PM

Free

Westmont, NJ

BOOK CLUB

The book club meeting will be held at the William G. Rohrer Memorial Library - Haddon Twp. Branch, 15 MacArthur Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108. The book discussed this month will be "The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea.

There is something here for everyone!

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Friday 11/22 Dance Party 5 - 8 PM Barrington, NJ No Cover Charge

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Monday 11/25 Rummikub 6:30 PM Mount Laurel, NJ Free

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Friday 11/29 Dance Party 5 - 8 PM Barrington, NJ No Cover Charge

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PLANNING AHEAD

Sunday 12/8 The Nutcracker 2:30 PM Voorhees, NJ \$25

The Magic. The Music. The Memories. Ballet NJ presents The Nutcracker, at The Voorhees Schools Theatre, 1000 Holly Oak Drive in Voorhees, starring dancers from the Pennsylvania Ballet

and an international array of guest artists. 20 seats have been reserved for us. Friends and family are welcome. Checks must be made payable to Janet Kelleher and received by November 9th. Please send your check to Janet at 368 Inverness Court, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Please call her at 856.608.1436 or send an e-mail to jpelleher368@yahoo.com to make your reservation. A magical afternoon awaits you!



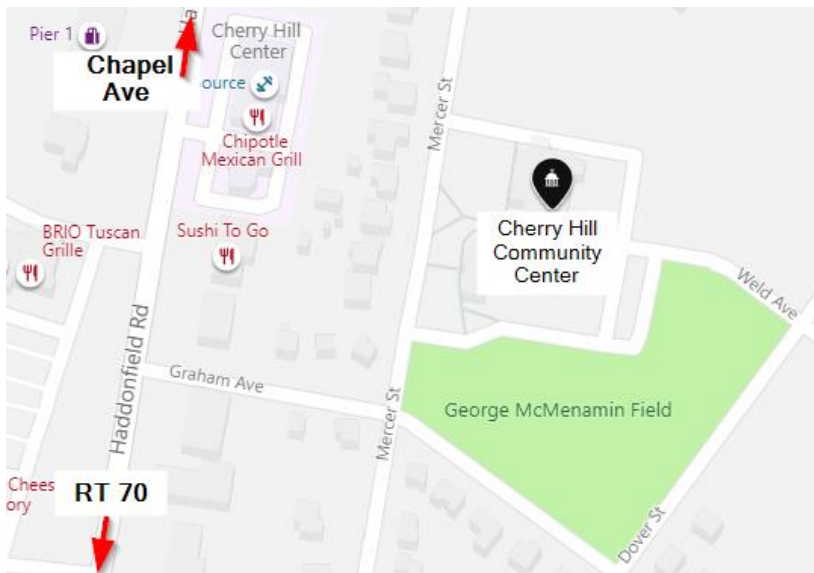
Book Club Update

Book Club meetings are held at the William G. Rohrer Memorial Library - Haddon Twp. Branch, 15 MacArthur Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108. Please join us. For further information, call Sally U. at 856.742.5540. The schedule through April 30, 2020: January 16 "Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman

February 20 "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd

March 26 "Chasing My Cure" by David Fajgenbaum











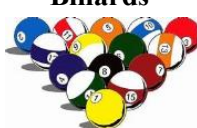








April 30 "Bear Town" by Fredrik Backman



Cherry Hill's Carman Tilelli Community Center, located at 820 Mercer Street, part of the Cherry Hill municipal complex.

November 2019



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10 Philly Pops! 	11 	12	13 	14 Mah Jongg Gloucester County Nature Club program	15 Dance Party 	16
17	18 Billards 	19  KEEP CALM AND PLAY MAHJONG	20 Monthly Meeting/Social 	21 Mah Jongg 	22 Dance Party 	23
24	25 	26	27	28 	29 Dance Party 	30 Dance Party 

Payments

Except for membership, or if otherwise noted, please send all payments/bills to:
 Fantastic 50s
 c/o Loretta Krewson
 237 S. Atlantic Ave. East, Unit B
 Haddonfield, NJ 08033

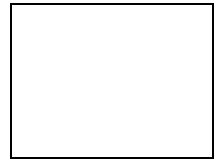
TREASURER'S REPORT
 Please check the Wednesday Wake-Up for an updated report.

Newsletter Deadline: 11/20

Wednesday, 11/20, is the deadline for event info/articles to appear in the next newsletter. Call Michele Wosak at 856.829.4124 or email at mwosak@comcast.net



Fantastic 50's
521 Whitman Drive
Turnersville, NJ 08012



Joining and Renewing!

To join, or to renew your membership, send a check made payable to "Fantastic 50's" for \$25 and mail to **Fantastic 50's, 521 Whitman Drive, Turnersville, NJ 08012**. Write *Membership* on the check and include your email address and phone number so that we may update our membership records. If you're a member of Fantastic 50's, and you'd like to know **when** to renew, check the address label on your newsletter. There you'll see "Your membership expires mm/dd/yyyy" (where mm/dd/yyyy is your date of expiration.) Renew a month **before** then!

Our Club—A Quick View

When the Fantastic 50's started May 2000, the goal was to provide interesting and varied social activities for singles over 55 years of age. Since then, the Club has sponsored thousands of activities from free concerts in local parks to trips as far away as Hong Kong, dance parties at local clubs, card games, Kimmel Center concerts, dinners, trips, outdoor events, and have formed special interest groups for photography, book club, and birding.

Members hosting events is what keeps our Club vibrant and moving forward. Event information is communicated in three forms: the Monthly Newsletter, weekly email updates called the Wednesday Wake Up, and the Club website www.fantastic50s.com. Event postings have the hosting member's name and contact information listed so you can let them know if you plan to attend. Many types of events

are posted each month, reflecting the varied interests of our members hosting these events. If you have a particular interest in an activity, and you don't see a posted event related to what you are looking for, consider hosting the event yourself. There is plenty of assistance to help you host and publicize your first event.

The Club hosts Monthly Socials from October through June, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 9 pm. The Socials offer an opportunity to meet other members and enjoy a nice night out. Activities at the Socials have included guest speakers, trivia night, antique roadshow, name that tune, open mic/karaoke night etc. Food and soft drinks are included in the \$10 admission charge. The Club also hosts several special events ... the Labor Day Weekend Picnic, the Holiday Party in December, and our Anniversary Celebration in May.

Members volunteering is what makes our Club successful ... members hosting events, and members participating on teams that help make things happen during the year. We have four seasonal teams (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter) that develop ideas for and host the Club Socials and special events. Members of seasonal teams are active during their particular three month season, and then hand it off to the next seasonal team. There is also an Operational Team that handles a variety of responsibilities vital to the Club's operation .. managing the Treasury, Membership Database, and Club Website; publishing the Monthly Newsletter (i.e., editor/publisher, proof readers, production and mailing), publishing "The Wednesday Wake Up." Consider joining one of these Teams, or get involved in monthly activities ... it can be very rewarding.