

# Off The RACC



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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RICHLAND AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

*“Summer afternoon-summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.” - Henry James*

Ahhh...memories of lemonade on the porch, a day on the lake, a great book in a hammock, the slap of a screen door at a cottage up north and the smell of freshly cut grass..summer's here! School is out and summer seems like an endless wave of possibility.

Here at the Community Center we're gearing up for the wave of summer camps and classes. Once again, we're hosting the GLCS Meet Up and Eat Up program, where kids under 18 eat for free and adults eat for two dollars. This is a terrific program and we're pleased to work with the school to make it available to everyone.

## MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Do you play an instrument, sing and want to join others and learn some new songs? We're offering a week long afternoon Folk music class, where you can sing and play music from the great traditions of blue grass, gospel to early jazz and more.

We're also offering a Folk dancing class with live fiddling. You'll laugh as you learn contra dancing, international dances, circle and square dance. A great way to be with friends, get some exercise and learn about the American folk dance tradition.

## ART, ART, ART

Ready for a girls' night out of creative fun? Bring your friends and join us for one of our Pinterest Parties in July or August. In addition, Janice Garrett is teaching a one day watercolor class and a one day Pastel Landscape class where you'll be working outside "plein air" and from photos.

Our bus trip to Art Prize is in October, but tickets are already going fast! We're encouraging you to sign up now-the trip includes exclusive access and a tour of the Art Prize contenders at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, lunch at San Chez tapas restaurant, exploration on your own and a wine and cheese party on the ride home. The great part? We leave right from the RACC! You must get your tickets before Sept. 18th before they're gone, gone, gone. Oct. 8th, \$85.

## SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

Don't miss Art, Art and more Art-this was our most popular camp last year. The classroom was a riot of color, filled with new and different arts projects every day. We've added Minute to Win It, Civic Theatre acting camp (they put on a play in a week!), Stage Combat (learn how to fake fight), learn about glass fusion, sandblasting and mosaic work, or take Java Programming, Robotics 1 and Jr. Lego Robotics with Zeke. Kids K-12 are programming with computers, constructing and coding!

## SAVOR SUMMER!

We hope you find a way to truly enjoy this summer. Be in the moment, whether that's here at one of our events, one of those in our community or with those you love at your backyard barbecue. Life is short, let's savor some summer.



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## PLANT YOURSELF! A GREAT SUCCESS

What a great time we had at our "Plant Yourself!" fundraising event at River Street Flowerland! Thanks to our sponsors, donors and the creativity and energy of many, more than \$14,000 was raised to support the programs at your Community Center!

It was a perfect spring evening amidst the beauty of all the flowers. Toe tapping music was provided by the Moody Coyotes (a local favorite!), the greenhouse tours were a hit and the line at the Wine Pull made short work of all the donations! Someone went home with a bottle worth more than \$100. This year the Silent Auction bidding was fast and furious, yet somehow still fun, with several bidders circling the tables until the last second. Our hosts at RiverStreet, Mike and Karen Ouding couldn't have been nicer and more accomodating. Please thank them for their support when you shop there!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our hard working Committee Chair Val Karam and the committee members; Betty Miller, Nancy Land, Marie Stech, Betsi English, Karen Cooper, Gail Turner and many other volunteers and staff. We so appreciate all you did to make this such a success.



# EXPLORE WITH RACC PACK ADVENTURE TRAVEL!

We have a wonderful variety of exciting trips for you. For more details, go to [richlandareacc.org](http://richlandareacc.org).



## DAY TRIPS

### Autumn in Birch Run & Frankenmuth

*October 3, \$69*

Spend the day shopping at the largest outlet mall in the Midwest, Prime Outlet at Birch Run! Peruse the 170 stores at Birch Run or visit Frankenmuth, "Michigan's Little Bavaria," to enjoy the unique history, shopping, and dining opportunities or divide your time between both destinations.

### ArtPrize Seven!

*October 8, \$85 pp*

This trip leaves right from the RACC! Enjoy RACC exclusive, pre-public, guided tour of the Grand Rapids Art Museum and reserved lunch at the trendy San Chez. Leave the driving, parking and lunch plans to us!

### Pre-Christmas Shopping at Woodfield Mall and IKEA

*November 7, \$69*

Find gifts for everyone on your list at Woodfield Mall, the 5th largest mall in the US! If you wish, split your time between Woodfield Mall, IKEA and the smaller discount mall in-between the two.

## OVERNIGHT TRIPS

### A Capitol Adventure

*September 10-17, \$1,399 pp, dbl occupancy*

You'll visit over 20 memorials and historic sites in and around our Nation's beautiful Capital. This trip includes visits to Gettysburg/Williamsburg, trips to see the Lincoln, Korean War, World War II and Flight 93 Memorials, as well as the Vietnam Wall. See where Lincoln Died and George Washington lived, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress and more!

### The Legendary Danube

*Sept. 25 - Oct. 6, \$6000+ pp, dbl occupancy in E Category Cabin*

From the splendor of Prague to the Gypsy violins of Budapest, you'll treasure every moment of this memorable Danube River cruise! Three nights in Prague with time on your own and guided sightseeing. Nuremberg and off to medieval Regensburg, Passau, Vienna and Budapest. Visit Melk's splendid Benedictine Abbey and enjoy beer tasting, music, art, culture and historical sites in romantic Vienna!

### Unbridled Spirit, Bourbon & Bluegrass in Kentucky

*Oct. 12-16, \$855 pp, dbl occupancy*

Discover Kentucky's unique natural diversity and beauty! Tour Maker's Mark Distillery, Churchill Downs, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky Horse Park, and historic downtown Lexington. Stop at the Louisville Slugger Bat Museum, National Underground Railroad Museum, National Corvette Museum, and enjoy a dinner cruise, evening entertainment and more!

### Smoky Mountains/North Carolina Adventure

*October 17-24, \$1,599 pp, dbl occupancy*

Discover the beauty of the Smoky Mountains in the Fall! Drive through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and ride on the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. Enjoy a private tour and tasting at the beautiful Burntshirt Vineyards, tour the Billy Graham Library, Charlotte Motor Speedway and see USO Show in Virginia Beach!

## Featured Trip: ArtPrize Seven

**October 8, \$85 pp**

This trip leaves right from the RACC! Join us as we explore this "radically open, independently organized, international art competition." Leave the driving, parking and lunch plans to us! Since 2009, this event has produced a wide variety of inspiring, unorthodox, extraordinary and stunning works of art from artists around the world.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot TODAY! The deadline to register is September 18.

## WHY GO WITH US!?!

RACC exclusive, pre-public, guided tour of the Grand Rapids Art Museum!

Lunch is included and reservations are made! Enjoy a delicious lunch of tapas and paella at the trendy San Chez at noon.

To make the most of your ArtPrize exploration, we will provide a map and list of suggested venues to visit.

Enjoy convenient, free, safe parking right at the RACC!

Enjoy coffee before departing the RACC and wine and cheese during the ride home (depart RACC at 8:30 am, depart Grand Rapids at 5 pm).



ARTPRIZE

9400 E CD AVE  
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269-629-9430

# CLASSES

## 2015 Summer



# PAINTING WITH JANICE GARRETT



### **INTRO TO WATERCOLOR**

July 19, 1-4 pm,

Ages 15 and Up, \$35

Learn how to create a good composition, harmonious color, and most importantly, get painting!

*Registration Deadline 7/15*

### **LANDSCAPE PASTEL WORKSHOP**

August 16, 1-4 pm

Ages 15 and Up, \$35

This workshop will cover some of the basics needed to create a pastel landscape. Working in plein air and from a still-life photo will be covered.

*Registration Deadline 8/12*



### **AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC CLASS**

July 20-23, 12:30-2:30 pm

Grades 6-Adult, \$45

We will sing and play music from the American folk tradition, including bluegrass to gospel to early jazz. We will learn and build on foundational musical skills such as counting rhythm, pitch matching, tonality, scales, and harmony.

*Registration Deadline 7/14*

# FOLK MUSIC AND DANCING

### **AMERICAN FOLK DANCING!**

July 20-23, 9:30-11:30 am

Grades 5-Adult, \$60

Have fun, exercise and socialize! We will learn square, contra, circle dances and play parties from the American folk dance tradition, as well as a few international dances. No experience necessary. **All dances will be taught—live fiddling provided!**

*Registration Deadline 7/14*



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER, GO TO [RICHLANDAREACC.ORG](http://RICHLANDAREACC.ORG).

# CAMPS

ALL CLASSES AND CAMPS HELD AT THE RACC.

## GLASS ART EXTRAVAGANZA!



June 17-19  
Noon-2:30 pm  
Ages 10-18  
\$100

Registration  
Deadline 6/10



## "MINUTE TO WIN IT!"



July 13-17  
9-11:30 am  
Grades 3-6  
\$65

Registration  
Deadline 7/9

## JR LEGO ROBOTICS W/ZEKE



August 17-21  
9-11:30 am  
OR  
August 17-20  
12:30-3:30 pm  
Ages 6-8  
\$120

Registration  
Deadline 8/12



## CIVIC THEATRE ACT UP!



June 22-26  
1-4 pm  
Ages 8-14  
\$125  
(presentation  
6/26 @ 4 pm)

Registration  
Deadline 6/18



## ZOO TRAIN KINDERMUSIK



June 15-18  
9-10 am  
Ages 18 mo-3  
\$70

## STAGE COMBAT WORKSHOP



June 27  
1-4 pm  
Ages 11-18  
\$40

Registration  
Deadline 6/23

## TELL ME A TALE KINDERMUSIK



August 24-27  
9-10 am  
Ages 4-7  
\$70

## LEGO ROBOTICS I



August 3-6  
9 am-3:30 pm  
Ages 9-15  
\$240

Registration  
Deadline 7/17

## ART, ART & MORE ART WITH JANICE GARRETT



June 29-July 3  
9-Noon  
Ages 8 & Up  
\$100

Registration  
Deadline 6/25

## JAVA PROGRAMMING



August 10-13  
9 am-3 pm  
Ages 12 & Up  
\$240

Registration  
Deadline 7/17



All classes require pre-payment. Register online at [richlandareacc.org](http://richlandareacc.org), by check with enrollment form, or by phone at 629.9430. Class size is limited and fill quickly, so please register early. We will notify you only if there is insufficient enrollment.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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We encourage students to sign up early. Classes may be canceled due to low enrollment.

In the event a class is canceled, full refunds will be issued.



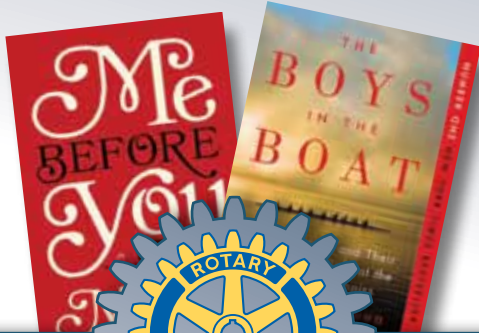
### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged!

*The Husband's Secret*  
by **Liane Moriarty** ..... June 18

*Me Before You*  
by **Jojo Moyes** ..... July 16

*The Boys in the Boat*  
by **Daniel James Brown** .... August 13



Get your Gull Lake Area Rotary July 4th Raffle Tickets! Tickets are \$25 each. Prizes range from \$25 to \$2500. There are 50 prizes and only 500 tickets sold – that is a one chance in ten of being a winner.

Half the money we receive is paid out in prizes, but the other half is used to do good things in the community, the schools, and the world. You win when you help us in our work. Call Pete at 269-629-4117 to get yours today!



Lions Club July 4th Chicken Barbeque, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, Richland Village Green

Enjoy the Lions famous chicken dinner! Tickets are \$12 a piece, and only full dinners will be served this year. Enjoy larger portions, as well as special pit potatoes, coleslaw, roll and a drink to accompany this delicious chicken. Tickets are available from any Lion member or at Yard Stuff Plus, Richland Dentistry, Richland Eye Care. Only a limited number of tickets are sold—get yours today!

New Hatha Vinyasa Intermediate Yoga, Most classes will be held inside-but you never know!



### NEW HATHA VINYASA INTERMEDIATE YOGA WITH CATHY TUCCI

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 am*

Sliding Fee: Age 49 & under, \$10 / age 50-59, \$8 / Age 60-69, \$6 / Age 70 & above, \$3. Buy 10 classes, get the 11th free.

Need a more intense Yoga class? Join Cathy for her new Hatha Vinyasa Yoga Class that takes the basics of Gentle Yoga to an intermediate level. Postures will require more strength and stamina, and fluid movements between poses will bring more intensity to the practice. Building strength, balance and flexibility will increase with each class. Pranayama techniques, or breath work, are integrated throughout each session. Wear comfortable, movable layers. Bring a yoga mat and water.

Also, try Cathy's Gentle Yoga class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:15-11:15 am or Yoga with Sherri King on Monday from 10:30-11:30 am.



### PERENNIAL EXCHANGE A BLOOMING SUCCESS!

About 50 people joined us to exchange their well-loved (or not so loved) perennials on the morning of May 2nd. The gardeners and non-gardeners shared advice, information and lots of laughter. We're happy to say no plant was left behind. It was a gorgeous day and a fantastic way to kick off the planting season! See you next year!



### DAISIES HELP THE KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY!

Thanks to the efforts of the Girl Scout Daisies, the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly will enjoy more of their favorite plant this coming year.

During our annual Perennial Exchange, the Daisies sold treats to raise funds to purchase Lupine seeds. The \$70 raised will buy 6,000 lupine seeds, which will be planted on the RACC campus to increase the habitat for the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly.

Next summer, look for Lupines and Karner Blue Butterflies at the RACC! Way to go, girls!



### OUR HERO!

Walt Stafford brings his big green tractor and the brush hog and regularly mows the fields around the RACC in the spring and fall. He volunteers his time and is such a great guy, making the Community Center a better looking place for sure. Thank you Walt!

# RACC Announcements!

## Meet Up and Eat Up

June 15th - August 21, 11:30-12:15.

Free summer lunch for any child 18 and under, adults can get a meal for \$2. Eat outside at the picnic tables, under the pine trees, or inside on a rainy day, love seeing all the kids and

families! Note that all our summer camps end right at the Meet Up and Eat Up time-so sign up for camp and then go to lunch!

**MEET UP**  
and  
**EAT UP**

## Mom to Mom Sale!

Saturday, July 18, 9 to 2 pm. Look for incredible deals on baby toys, equipment, toddler games and activities, toys, clothes, and much, much more! Always a hit, don't miss this sale!

## NonProfit Workshops

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Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence

We're pleased to partner with ONEplace @kpl. Together we're providing our local non-profit organizations an opportunity to learn about board development, marketing, volunteer management and much, much more. The first workshop, "Recruiting Great Board Members" is slated for Thurs. July 9 from 3:30 - 5pm. Visit [kpl.gov/oneplace](http://kpl.gov/oneplace) to register. Free.

## Girls Night Out!

Join our Pinterest project Parties. \$35 per class, July 14th and Aug. 11, 7-9 pm. Light refreshments and lots of creative projects! Must pre-register and pay one week prior to class. Teenagers welcome with an adult.



## Free Kids Programs at Living Hope

Living Hope Community Church (formerly Gull Lake Area Community Church), our next door neighbor, is offering free children's programs on Tuesdays June 30 - August 18, 12:30 -1:30 pm, Ages 4-12. Notice how you could have lunch at Meet Up and Eat Up on Tuesdays and go next door for more fun?!? Visit [livinghoperichland.org](http://livinghoperichland.org) for complete listing of events. Kickball, crafts and so much more!

## Lunch and Learn!

The Laurels of Galesburg is offering two more Lunch and Learn seminars, July 9th and August 13th. July topic: On Your Way Home. Aug. topic: Nutrition for Healthy Living. Free lunch, but you must call to RSVP 11:30 am -12:30 pm.



## Revolutionary War Soldier Grave Dedication

Sat. July 11th, 1 pm Yorkville Cemetery. The DAR invites you to a grave marker dedication of an American Patriot, Daniel Wilson, who died while visiting Tillitson Barnes, founder of Yorkville. Please join them in honoring his service.

## AARP Safe Driving Course

Weds. Sept. 30 from 9:30 - 5.

Free lunch provided by Absolute Homecare. This one day course based on videos, lectures and conversation will help you to keep driving longer and safer. Some insurance companies give a discount for those taking this class. Register early, only 12 spots available. \$20 for AARP members \$25 for non-members. Call to register. 629-9430



## Thank You

### Living Hope Men's Group!

A hearty "thank you!" to the Wed. night Men's group for weed wacking, brush clearing, mowing and maintaining our trails! We owe you a pan of brownies or some Wheaties! Thanks for being such good neighbors.

## Music for Little Ones

Crescendo Academy's Music Together program still has spots available for the summer session! Great way to spend time with your baby, toddler or preschooler learning learning rhythm, music and movement! Visit [crescendoacademy.com](http://crescendoacademy.com) for more info.

## REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

### ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS AND GATHERINGS

COFFEE HOUR	TUES. AND THURS.	9:30-10:30 AM
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	3RD THURSDAY	9:30 AM
GULL LAKE AREA ROTARY CLUB	THURSDAY	7:30-8:30 AM
GULL LAKE QUALITY ORGANIZATION	EVERY 6TH TUES.	7-9 PM
LIONS CLUB	1ST THURSDAY	5:30-7:30 PM
PAF	3RD TUESDAY	6 PM
SENIOR DINING COUPONS	TUESDAY	9 AM-5 PM
	WEDNESDAY	9 AM-1 PM
WIN	3RD MONDAY	5:30-8 PM

### CARD GROUPS

BRIDGE	MONDAY	12:30-3:30 PM
EUCHRE	WEDNESDAY	12:30-3:30 PM
HAND & FOOT	WEDNESDAY	1-3:30 PM

### DANCE, SPORTS, FITNESS, MUSIC, AND ART

SENIOR BALLROOM DANCE	3RD SUNDAY	2-5 PM
SQUARE DANCE	3RD SATURDAY	7-10 PM
SWINGIN' WITH SUSAN	TUES. AND THURS.	10:30-11:30 AM
AYSO	BY APPOINTMENT	
YOGA WITH SHERRI	MONDAY	10:30-11:30 AM
INTERMEDIATE YOGA	TUES. AND THURS.	9-10 AM
GENTLE YOGA	TUES. AND THURS.	10:15-11:15 AM
TAI CHI, BEGINNER	WEDNESDAY	10:30-11:30 AM
TAI CHI, INTERMEDIATE	WEDNESDAY	4:30-5:30 PM
FOOT CLINIC	4TH TUESDAY	BY APPT.
	BI-MONTHLY	
"MUSIC TOGETHER"	TUESDAY	5:30 PM

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

LAURELS LUNCH & LEARN	July 9, AUG. 13 RSVP, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
RECRUITING GREAT BOARD MEMBERS	July 9, 3:30-5 pm
SUMMER PINTEREST PARTY	July 14, Aug. 11 7-9 pm
MEET UP & EAT UP	June 15 – AUG. 21, 11:30 am-12:15 pm
CIVIC THEATRE ACT UP! CAMP	June 22-26, 1-4 pm
CIVIC THEATRE STAGE COMBAT WORKSHOP	June 27, 1-4 pm ages 11-18
ART CAMP WITH JANICE GARRETT!	June 29-July 3 9-12 noon Ages 8 and Up
MINUTE TO WIN IT!	July 13-17 9-11:30 am Grades 3-6
INTRO TO WATERCOLOR	July 19 1-4 pm Ages 15 and up
AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC	July 20-23 12:30-2:30, Grades 6 to Adult
AMERICAN FOLK DANCING	July 20-23 9:30-11:30 AM, Grades 5-Adult
LANDSCAPE PASTELS WORKSHOP	August 18 1-4 PM, Ages 15 and up
RACC ART PRIZE BUS TOUR	October 8
ARTS & EATS TOUR	October 17 & 18, 10 AM-5 PM

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Richland Area Community Center  
Board Meetings are held on the  
3rd Tues. of every month at 5:30 pm.

Community participation is  
welcomed at RACC board  
meetings. A written request to  
speak is required at least 24  
hours before the board meeting.  
Individuals are allowed 5 minutes  
to make their presentation.



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