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Rally 4 RACC

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— AND —
fundraiser to celebrate
Our 15th Anniversary



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YOU ARE INVITED TO "RALLY FOR RACC!"

— Saturday, September 30 —



The Richland Area Community Center is celebrating our 15-year anniversary with a party and fundraiser in honor of our founder, Kate Miller, and our tireless volunteer, Marie Stech.

Thanks to the vision and efforts of these two forward-thinking women, hundreds of volunteers and staff, the support of area businesses, and our many partners, the RACC has been able to serve thousands of people over our 15-year history.

So what is Rally for RACC? It's a party with dinner and dancing out on our lawn, (under a tent!) and your \$60 ticket, if you so choose, allows you to be part of our Road Rally Scavenger Hunt! Of course you can just come to the party at 5 p.m., if you prefer. Appetizers are sponsored by the Gull Lake Country Club, desserts sponsored by the Kitchen House and dinner catered by Boogie BBQ. Yum! You can take a golf cart tour of our trails thanks to Gull Lake View Golf Course and Resort!

Road Rally details: Buy your tickets, get a team of people together, choose an "interesting" team name, and on the 30th, your team will be given a list of clues. You'll be on a community scavenger hunt and who knows what you'll have to do at each site? Prizes are given for the top 3 teams. First prize is a cocktail party for 10!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, Sept. 30

Rally registration

2 - 2:30 pm

Road Rally

2:30 - 5 pm

Golf Cart Trail Tours

5-6 pm

Hors d'oeuvres

5 - 6 pm

Dinner

6 pm Boogie BBQ

Honors and Awards

6:30 pm

Dancing

7 - 10 pm the Band Typo!

Join us in celebrating our anniversary! We're proud to serve you every day and so appreciate your support. Go to richlandareacc.org for tickets and information. See you Sept. 30th!





**WEDNESDAYS, 3 - 6:30^{PM}
THROUGH OCTOBER 4TH**

RICHLAND FARMERS' MARKET: INCREDIBLE!

What a great time we're having at the market! Every Wednesday, we love seeing our neighbors and friends, kids dancing and playing on the grass, listening to music while we shop and visit with our favorite farmers. (Shh! They're all our favorites!) So far this season, we have had over 6,000 visitors to the market, and we're averaging 20 vendors a week. Thank you to the shoppers, vendors, and especially Market Manager, Rebecca Balko, the Balko family and Drew Neighbors for making our first season a success. We would be remiss

if we didn't send a giant "THANK YOU!" to the RFM Board who helped, advised and funded the transition of the market back to RACC.

The Richland Farmers' Market is open through October 4, so be sure to stop in to take advantage of the fall bounty! Please call or email: info@richlandareacc.org with any suggestions and/or comments that we can consider for our 2018 season. Look for The Bride of Fleckenstein and the Pretty Princesses to perform this fall!



SOMETHING'S BREWING! WMU "PROF TALKS!"

We're delighted to announce our new partnership with Western Michigan University, bringing WMU professors to Richland to talk about a variety of topics! On Sept. 21, learn all about Sustainable Brewing with Dr. Steve Bertman, 6:30-8 pm w/ time for Q&A. Light refreshments will be provided. This year-long series is sponsored by The Law Offices of David L. Carrier. Please call 629-9430 to RSVP.



Enrichment



CAPTIVATING, CREATIVE CARD MAKING WITH CATHY TUCCI

September 20, 12:00-2:00 pm, \$35

Ages 12 & Up

Using a variety of materials, make 12 beautiful, unique, hand-made cards (with envelopes) to send or give as gifts. Everyone is successful! Bring a snack or lunch to class to enjoy, as there is time to eat and visit while paints dry. All materials are provided. *Min 8/Max 18*

VELVET SILK PUMPKINS CLASS

October 21, 12:00-2:00 pm, Ages 7 & Up, \$30

Make three gorgeous silk, velvet pumpkins for your fall table decoration! Basic running stitch will be taught. Bring a friend! All materials provided. *Max 20*



STAINED GLASS, FUSED, DICHOIC JEWELRY

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Ages 10 & Up, \$35

Make something unique and beautiful for yourself or as a gift! You will learn several methods of cutting stained glass, use of glass breaking tools and techniques, as well as the fusing process. You will create and go home with two one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry!

Min 5/Max 12

BLOCK CUT PRINTING AND STAMPING WITH MARY ARKUSH

September 28-October 19 (4 weeks), Thursdays, 9-11:30 am, \$85

Learn to design, transfer, cut plates & stamps to print on a variety of surfaces, including special papers, cards, clothing, wood, walls, even lampshades! All materials and hand-outs provided.

Min 4/Max 15



BRUSH LETTERING CLASS WITH MARY ARKUSH

October 26-November 16 (4 weeks), Thursdays, 9-11:30 am, \$85

Just in time for holiday cards and envelopes! Learn how to create this popular letterform and its various uses (often seen on Pinterest), as well as exercises! All materials and hand-outs provided.

Min 4/Max 15

CRESCENDO ACADEMY OF MUSIC "MUSIC TOGETHER"

Tuesday, 5:30 pm with Certified Specialist II Cathi Smits

Fridays, 10:00 am with Certified Specialist I Melissa Ludwa

Classes begin the week of September 12 (10 week class, \$185)

Music Together® is an internationally recognized early childhood music program offering 45 minutes of pure musical fun for you and your child each week. Children, ages birth to five, are introduced to the pleasures of making music in a relaxed, playful, non-performance-oriented setting. Register at <http://crescendoacademy.com/instruction/music-together-early-childhood/>



WHAT IN THE WORLD DO WE DO NOW?

Wednesday, October 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm,

FREE, must register at richlandareacc.org or 629.9430.

Funeral Pre-Planning with Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home: a comprehensive, hands-on, interactive, informative...and yes "fun" funeral planning seminar! This class will cover nearly every aspect of funeral planning. Create a plan so you're remembered the way YOU want to be! The seminar prompts you through details now so your family doesn't have to make those decisions on the worst day of their lives. Join us and learn how to create a memorable, meaningful and personalized funeral plan.

Classes

WMU PROF TALKS! We are delighted to bring you these interesting, informative "Prof Talks" through a partnership with WMU and our sponsor, The Law Offices of David L. Carrier! Each talk will be held at the RACC and include WMU Professors, Q&A sessions, and light snacks. **FREE, must register at www.richlandareacc.org or 629.9430.**

WMU/KVCC SUSTAINABLE BREWING

Dr. Steven B. Bertman, Professor, WMU

September 21, 2017

6:30-8:00 pm

SOCIAL ROBOTICS: YOUR FUTURE WITH ROBOTICS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

Chad Edwards, Ph.D. Professor of Communications, WMU

November 9, 2017

6:30-8:00 pm

STUDY ABROAD: OPENING THE DOOR TO THE WORLD AND YOUR FUTURE

Dr. Lee Penyak, Director of Study Abroad, WMU

January 18, 2018

6:30-8:00 pm

WMU ATHLETICS

Kathy Beauregard, Director of Athletics, Intercollegiate Athletics, WMU

March 15, 2018

6:30-8:00 pm



TUTORING: LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR SMART PHONE AND TABLET

Fridays, 9:00-11:00 am

Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 25

FREE, must register at 629.9430

As promised, these classes are back! Sign up for a 30-minute slot during this workshop to be paired with a Gateway student who will personalize instruction to your particular needs and device!

LIFE PLAN WORK SHOP AND ESTATE AND TRUST PLANNING THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID L. CARRIER, PC

FREE, must register at 269.350.2323.

October 18, 10:00am-12:00pm or November 8, 6:30-8:00 pm

The class will cover the Essentials of Estate Planning. These topics and more will be covered: Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney, Documents needed to protect yourself, spouse and children, avoiding probate, strategies to preserve and protect your estate and life savings. Light refreshments will be served.



NEW! GENTLE YOGA ON WEDNESDAY WITH CATHY TUCCI

Wednesdays, 10:15 am

Now you can enjoy our popular Gentle Yoga class on Wednesday, as well as Tuesday and Thursday! Yoga is also offered with Sherri Lynn King on Monday 10:30 am, Kathleen Corbett Bowman on Wednesday 6:00 pm, and again with Cathy Tucci on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am.



All classes require pre-payment. Please pay with check or cash; online at www.richlandareacc.org; or by phone by calling 629-9430. Class size is limited and they fill quickly, so please register early. We will notify you only if the class is full or has insufficient enrollment. Use this enrollment form if you're sending a check.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLASS: _____ DATE/TIME: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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Or pay online at www.richlandareacc.org

A \$10 registration fee is withheld from all class refund requests. Registered students who make a refund request up to 7 days prior to the class start date will receive a full refund, minus \$10 registration fee. No refunds will be given 6 days before the start date. Full refunds will be given in the event a class is cancelled by RACC. See www.richlandareacc.org for details.



Book Discussion Group

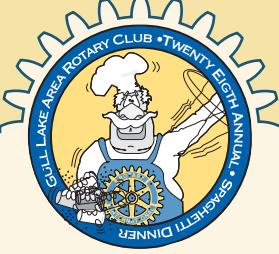
The Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged!

- The Nightingale*
by **Liane Kristin Hannah** 9/21
- The Language of Flowers*
by **Vanessa Diffenbaugh** 10/19
- Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family*
by **Amy Ellis Nutt** 11/16
- The Heart*
by **Maylis de Kerangal** 12/21



Meet Michigan Authors Series

Thursday, October 19
Richland Community Library
Behind Every Great Man is a Great Woman: Michigan Notable Fiction Writer & Humorist Wade Rouse



Community All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

to be served at
The Gull Lake High School

Monday, Oct 2, 4:30 - 7:00 PM
Carry-Out Starts at 3:30 PM

Minimum Donation
Adult: \$10 Children (5-12): \$5
Kids under 5 eat **FREE!**

Tickets are available from any member of Gull Lake Area Rotary Club at the Richland Area Community Center.



IF IT'S FALL, IT'S TIME FOR ARTS AND EATS!

Oct. 21 & 22, 10-5 pm. Time for a road trip starting at the RACC! Join us as more than 50 art studios, galleries, restaurants and farms will be open to the public for some great back-road, color tour fun! Sites are spread across 3 counties where you'll find "local art, food and agriculture in those little out-of-the-way places that beg to be discovered!" We will feature several well-known and talented local artists. Lots of great gift ideas, bring your friends and hit the road!

- Alice Hunt Studio**
Ceramic Jewelry
- Patrice Mindock**
Copper Amazon Jewelry
- Star Glass Creations**
Stained and Glass Art
- Kalamazoo ARTisans**
Clay and Fabric
- Louise Sloger**
Pottery



MEET UP AND EAT UP SUCCESS

It's hard to believe Meet Up and Eat Up is over! Meals were served at both Kellogg Elementary and RACC. Over the summer, more than 4,883 lunches were served. Kim, Lori, Frank, Carol, Mary, Tonya, Nancy and Anna hold a special place in our hearts for all their hard work making sure the kids received meals each day. Thanks to Chartwells, and Gull Lake Community Schools! Thank you all!

DAYLILY PROJECT

Wondering what's going on in the front yard at RACC? Martha Croasdale is donating many of Ray Croasdale's renowned daylily hybrids to the Community Center. Martha and Marie Stech and have been busy putting in a holding garden for the daylilies. They will be spectacular next summer!



RACC Announcements!

Borgess Flu Clinics

Borgess will be at the RACC on Friday, Sept. 22 and Friday, Oct. 6, from 9am-1pm for a Flu and Pneumonia Clinics. Flu shots are recommended every year for everyone over six months of age.

For the most up-to-date clinic information, call (269) 382.6735

or visit borgess.com/

flushots. Call to see if your

insurance will be accepted. For our community-based flu clinics, we cannot accept patients with Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Cofinity NGS-Bronson Employees or any Medicaid HMO plans (e.g., Meridian, McLaren Health Plan, United Healthcare Community Plan, Priority Health and Coventry Cares).



Lunch & Learn, Chiropractic Care: Back to the Facts

Free! Thurs. Oct. 5, 11:30am-

12:30pm. Learn how chiropractic care works. Dr. Pignataro will go over the misconceptions and facts regarding chiropractic treatment. He will answer questions or concerns and be available after the class for one on one questions that may be more personal. LUNCH IS ON US!! Call 629-9430 to RSVP

FIT CLUB begins in October!

Fit Club is back! Thursdays, October 5-April 5, 5:45-6:30 pm, \$3 donation. Mary Jasiak, the Queen of Fit Club, will be traveling, but Pam Carey and Marsha Drouin are picking up the reins and taking everyone for a walk! What better way to get in shape? This class involves exercising to a variety of moderately paced walking DVDs. Join in and get your fit on!

Great Place To Work!

We are looking for a part-time Handyman/Facilities person and a Part-time Housekeeping/Program Assistant. If you are interested send an email to info@richlandarecc.org. Hours are flexible, some evening, occasional weekend work.

Thank you to our Ballroom Dance Sponsors!

Mac's Garage, Monroe Hair Design, Trilogy, and Dr. Linda Hubbard, DDS.

you are so appreciated! Dances will be held September 24, October 29, and November 19 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Come and cut a rug with Shirley Grant. She's in her 90s and puts us all to shame with her dance moves!

Volunteers, Please!

Do you love to volunteer? We have several volunteer opportunities! Receptionist, Trail maintenance, Road Rally photographers we need you! We also are seeking a volunteer to update our bulletin board on a monthly basis. If you are interested or want to know more, please call Jilisa to discuss the details at 629.9430.

ROAD RALLY/CELEBRATION

Sat. Sept. 30. Party at 5 pm! Join us in celebration of serving our community for 15 years! Tickets are \$60, appetizers, dinner and dancing, don't miss out! You can find out more information at richlandarecc.org.



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FALL IN THE POCONOS

October 7-15, 2017
Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures
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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON

November 27-December 2, 2017
Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures
\$1,199 pp. dbl. occ.

A FLORIDA GULF COAST VACATION

February 22-March 11, 2018
Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures
\$2,399 pp. dbl. occ.

REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS AND GATHERINGS		
ASYO	MONTHLY	
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	BY. APPT.	7-9 PM
SENIOR DINING COUPONS	TUES. AND WEDS.	9 AM-5 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		
CRESCENDO "MUSIC TOGETHER"	TUESDAY, 6 WEEKS	5:30-6 PM
FIT CLUB	RETURNS OCT. 5	5:45 PM
FOOT CLINIC	4TH TUESDAY BI-MONTHLY	BY APPT.
PING PONG	WEDNESDAY	3-5 PM
SENIOR BALLROOM DANCE	9/24, 10/29, 11/19	2-5 PM
SQUARE DANCE	9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16	7-10 PM
SWINGIN' WITH SUSAN	TUES. AND THURS.	10:30-11:30 AM
TAI CHI, BEGINNING	MONDAY	6-7 PM
TAI CHI, INTERMEDIATE	WEDNESDAY	4:30-5:30 PM
YOGA WITH SHERRY	MONDAY	10:30-11:30 AM
YOGA, GENTLE WITH CATHY	TUES., WEDS. THURS.	10:15-11:15 AM
YOGA, INTERMEDIATE WITH CATHY	TUES. AND THURS.	9-10 AM
WEIGHT WATCHERS	THURSDAY	5-6 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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WMU PROF TALKS: WMU ATHLETICS	THUR, MAR 15, 6:30-8 PM, FREE

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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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