

# GECAC CORRY SENIOR CENTER FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

25 FIRST AVENUE, CORRY, PA 16407 (814) 664-2477

OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M

Rachael Price, Senior Center Director

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4TH BIBLE STUDY @ 11 AM
- 6TH SPEAKER: LIFE NWPA@ 10:30 AM Heart Health  
Spice Blend Tips
- 10TH BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING @ 10:30  
BIBLE STUDY @ 11 AM
- 11TH VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY  
SPEAKER: ADAGIO HEALTH @ 11 AM  
BIRTHDAYS
- 18TH BIBLE STUDY @ 11 AM
- 20TH SPEAKER: PA RELAY @ 10:30 AM
- 24TH BIBLE STUDY @ 11 AM
- 25TH SPEAKER: AMERICAN HEART ASSOC. @ 11 AM  
Life Essentials 8 & Heart Health



## BIRTHDAYS

- 2-2 RICK CAUFMAN  
2-3 GEORGIA GOUGH

JOIN US FOR BIRTHDAY CAKE !



## GECAC'S Inclement Weather Protocol for CLOSINGS

IF THE CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A 2-HOUR DELAY OR CLOSES SCHOOL, THE GECAC SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED.

ALL CLOSING WILL BE SHOWN ON OUR LOCAL TV STATIONS AND OUR FACEBOOK GROUP "GECAC CORRY SR CTR"



## \*\*\*\* UPCOMING PARTY DATES \*\*\*\*

- MAR 17 ST. PATRICK' DAY Party COST: \$5.00  
Reservations Due by TUES., MAR. 10TH
- APR 15 SPRINGTIME Party COST: \$5.00  
Reservations Due by WED., APR. 8TH
- MAY 06 MOTHER'S DAY Party COST: \$5.00  
Reservations Due by WED., APR. 29TH
- JUN 10 FATHER'S DAY Party COST: \$5.00  
Reservations Due by WED., JUN. 3RD

ALL PARTY RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY THE DATE GIVEN FOR EACH PARTY!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR & MENU

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| Tue   | Wed   | Thur  | Fri  |
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| <p>3 SAUSAGE SUB<br/>9:00 CARDS</p>   | <p>4 OX ROAST<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 BIBLE STUDY<br/>12:30 BINGO</p>  | <p>5 STUFFED CABBAGE<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 EXERCISE</p>        | <p>6 TUNA<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>10:30 SPEAKER:<br/>LIFE NWPA Heart<br/>healthy spice blend tips<br/>12:30 BINGO</p> |
| <p>10 CRILLED CHICKEN<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>10:30 BP SCREENING<br/>11:00 BIBLE STUDY</p> | <p>11 VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY GOULASH<br/>11:00 SPEAKER:<br/>ADAGIO</p>  | <p>12 CHICKEN FETTUCINI<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 EXERCISE</p>     | <p>13 TURKEY<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>12:30 BINGO</p>  |
| <p>17 PORK ROAST<br/>9:00 CARDS</p>   | <p>18 STUFFED CHCKEN<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 BIBLE STUDY<br/>12:30 BINGO</p>   | <p>19 CHEESEBURGER<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 EXERCISE</p>          | <p>20 CHICKEN ala KING<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>10:30 SPEAKER: PA RELAY<br/>12:30 BINGO</p>                            |
| <p>24 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 BIBLE STUDY</p>                     | <p>25 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 SPEAKER:<br/>AMERICAN HEART ASSOC. Life Essential 8 &amp; Heart Health<br/>12:30 BINGO</p>           | <p>26 CHICKEN &amp; NOODLES<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>11:00 EXERCISE</p> | <p>27 STUFFED PEPPERS<br/>9:00 CARDS<br/>12:30 BINGO</p>   |

## COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

GECAC AAA OFFICE: (814)459-4581

AAA TOLL FREE: (800)769-2436

AFTER HOURS (CRISIS LINE)

Day (814)451-4581 Ext 400

Evening (814) 451-1520

PACE-PACENET: (800)225-7223

ERIE CO VETERAN'S AFFAIRS:

(800)274-8387

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN:

(877)405-3543

AGENCY WEBSITE: [www.gecac.org](http://www.gecac.org)

PA AGING WEBSITE: [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov)

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

LUNCH IS SERVED @ NOON FOR

SENIORS 60 YRS & OLDER.

MEALS ARE \$2.00 CONTRIBUTION

PLEASE MAKE YOUR MEAL

RESERVATIONS

2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

PARTIES WILL BE \$5.00, UNLESS

STATED OTHERWISE

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BINGO IS PLAYED ON WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS @ 12:30. We have LOTS OF FUN, so come join us!!!

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TAI CHI EXERCISE THURSDAYS!

Let's be healthy!

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The GECAC Corry Senior Center, operated by Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC), Area Agency on Aging, is funded in part by the Department Of Aging.



Dr. Benjamin Wilson, CEO



Ray Maholtz, AAA Division Manager

How do our contributions and fundraising dollars help our center?

**Meal Contributions** help to off-set the cost of the center meals. On average, the actual cost of the meal is over \$9.00. Meal contributions also help to maintain the building, maintain and/or replace a stove, a refrigerator or a freezer, if necessary. These dollars are vital to maintaining the Center and its daily operations.

**Booster Contributions and Fundraising Dollars** help to pay for our parties, entertainment, snacks and more. They also help to pay for programming opportunities, like exercise, craft classes, computer usage, and again, more. These dollars are vital to your programming options and enjoyment of the Center.

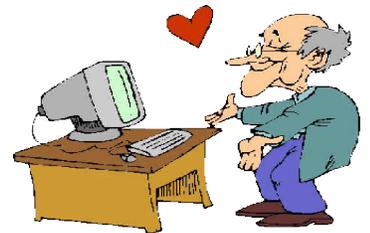
Contributions and Fundraisers are all voluntary; however, please continue to support your Center by whatever means you are able. The Centers and their services mean so much, to so many and your support goes a long way towards helping your Center continue to offer programming and services.

♥ happy ♥  
*Valentine's*  
♥ day ♥

**WI-FI is available FREE TO OUR SENIORS!!**

**Prior to using the WI-FI, members will need to sign the GECAC POLICY AGREEMENT .**

**Please see RACHAEL OR VALERI FOR ASSISTANCE**



## **JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP!!!**

You can find us through the Group Search. Type in “**GECAC CORRY SR CTR**” and ask to join. There are a few questions to answer and you’ll need to agree to the Group rules, but it’s easy and it’s for your protection.

We will be posting our newsletters, upcoming events, weather updates and some other activities for you to be able to participate in at the Senior Center. Talk with other current and active members and perhaps meet some of the new members that have joined us.

# GREAT RESOURCES:

**GECAC** has a website!! Check out [www.gecac.org](http://www.gecac.org) to see all that we do to help the community!

**Pennsylvania 211:  
Get Connected. Get Help.™**



## What is 211 used for in PA?

Every day, clients contact 211 to access **free and confidential information**. If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, afterschool programs for kids, and more, **you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk to a resource specialist**. Our specialists will listen to your needs, and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help.

Visit [www.pa211.org](http://www.pa211.org) to explore programs available in your community by categories such as financial assistance, housing, and food.

**LIHEAP:** Need help with heating bills?

LIHEAP can help. Call 1(877) 443-2743

or visit [www.LIHEAPhelps.com](http://www.LIHEAPhelps.com) to sign up!



**SNAP/EBT (food stamps)** can make online purchases and have delivered to their home, as per attached and same information below.

## Resources For Online SNAP Purchases

In Pennsylvania, residents who receive SNAP/EBT are now able to buy SNAP eligible foods and drinks online through Walmart and Amazon. These benefits can also be used to buy plants and seeds to grow food at home. This is a great way to get the food if you lived in a food desert or are unable to make it to the nearest grocery store.



# GECAC's Medicare Minute

## 2026 Medicare Changes And the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan

The biggest news in 2026 is that the Part B Premium cost jumped up to \$202.90 a month, and the Annual Deductible went up to \$283.

In 2025, the Part D Out of Pocket cap dropped to \$2,000. In 2026, that cap is now \$2,100.

Do you recall hearing about the doughnut hole? When the spending cap was reduced, the doughnut hole, or coverage gap, went away. Individuals who will find themselves reaching the \$2,100 cap in 2026, or have otherwise difficult to manage prescription costs, can consider the new in 2025, Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. This is for individuals with a Part D stand alone plan, or Part D coverage in their advantage plan.

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (PPP) is a voluntary option that allows prescriptions costs to be spread out over several payments. With this plan, payments are not made to the pharmacy, instead, your Part D plan bills monthly. The monthly installment payments may go up or down based on spending, however, they help by reducing big payments to smaller more manageable payments. Your plan will calculate your monthly payments as you fill prescriptions.

This voluntary option can be elected only by contacting your Part D plan provider. For more information in understanding PPP, call your plan, or call you local PA MEDI Office.

PA MEDI Counselors can help you learn about Medicare, Preventative Services, understand and enroll in your plan of choice, appeal Medicare decisions, and more. Help is available to low income Medicare recipients through the Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help Low Income Subsidy program to help pay for your Part B premium and prescription costs.

For help in understanding your options, contact your local PA MEDI Office for More Information

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Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight



PA MEDI, available through your local Area Agency on Aging, offers free, confidential, unbiased, and easy-to-understand information to Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers.

PA MEDI empowers seniors and people with disabilities to make informed decisions about Medicare health insurance.



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