

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Muriel Cole
President

The U.S. 2010 Census shows that, among population groupings, the "oldest-old" ... those over 85 ... are increasing proportionately more than any other age group. Yikes!

You Could Live a Long Time: Are You Ready? is the provocative title of a book by Lyndsay Green. This is a great gift for you to buy for your children, especially if they are not thinking about their own aging.

The author lists a bunch of misconceptions, such as "I will die a 'good death', which means living a long life in which I am vigorously firing on all cylinders, and then suddenly flame out, preferably in my sleep." No. The vast majority of us will confront serious illness and lose our health gradually, not all at once.

Another misconception: "Living the good life in my old age will be possible if I have my health and enough money." The author reminds us that money alone does not bring peace of mind. Though we can hire people to be care givers and care for us, we can't hire people to care ABOUT us.

HomePorts began three years ago as a means for the local community to address these issues. We know it is hard to ask for help, but older people need and deserve it. We offer help from volunteers who know and care about our members. We have fine business people who want to keep our members safe and comfortable. In the coming months we will be emphasizing PLANNING for the future. As Mark Twain said, *it's where we are going to spend the rest of our lives.*

What's Up?

September 15
HomePorts Luncheon
resumes at 12:45 pm
Fish Whistle Restaurant

September 19 & 20
MVA on Wheels

Saturday Mornings
Farmers Market
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fountain Park

Save The Date

Celebrate HomePorts
Third Birthday!



Sunday
September 25th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
in Wilmer Park

Mark your calendar now!

UPDATED TRANSPORTATION POLICY



As we grow, members increasingly have local transportation needs, and we do not want to wear out the good will of our faithful volunteers. Generally we are limiting rides to a maximum of 5 per month, with other needs handled by one of our paid providers. We do have drivers who, for a modest hourly fee, will take you in your car or theirs, local or long-distance. Any questions, please call Virginia Cooper at 443.480.0940.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS RESUME



For our members who have been looking forward to our monthly luncheons, please note that they will start again in September! We will meet at 12:45 pm at the Fish Whistle on the third Thursday of each month. It's a great opportunity for our members to get acquainted, make new friends, meet some of our Board members, and have a tasty meal together.



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HomePorts 3rd Anniversary
Celebration at Wilmer Park
Sunday, September 25, 2011
4:00 to 5:00 pm

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