

Kip Kourrier

Executive Director Says Farewell

As many of you know I will be leaving 55 Kip Center on February 12th. It is with a heavy heart that I leave to begin a new venture: I will be developing a center for people with Aphasia in Maywood, NJ. So many memories come to mind when I think about the last 18 years. So many people have entered into my life through the 55 Kip Center (former Rutherford Senior Citizen Center) door and I want to thank all of you for the wonderful experience this has been. The commitment of the Board, staff, members, volunteers, Rutherford Mayor (s) & Council(s), Borough employees, churches, organizations, businesses, schools, etc., etc. has given this center a solid foundation and has made my job a labor of love. I leave knowing that 55 Kip Center will thrive and continue to meet the needs of older adults as an active and vital aging center.

I am very proud and honored to have been a part of the growth and development of this center that affects the lives of so many. I may not be at my desk on Feb. 12th but know full well my heart and best wishes will always be with the center and all of you. Thank you and farewell.

KIPBITS.....

Need a little help on the computer? Remember students from the Computer Club are at the center on Tuesdays at 3:30 to assist you. There is still room to join many of our winter classes. Piano, Opera Appreciation, Yoga/Pilates are just some of the many opportunities for growth and enrichment we offer to our members at the center.

Remember to visit the Thrift Shop. Cathy & Ruth are there in the afternoons and Saturdays waiting to show you their wares. We also have many books and videos that we encourage you to enjoy. Bring a friend, have a cup of coffee and browse through the books, play a game of cards or enjoy some friendly conversation. 55 Kip Center attracts over 600 members- all finding something special here.

We offer some special Saturday programs in February. Marc Provost continues his serials presentation on the 1st at 1p.m and on the 22nd at 10:30. Dr. Chen talks about healthy hearts on the 1st at 10:30. UNICO cooks their special Italian meal followed by Nancy Scharff singing popular tunes on the 22nd at 1p.m. David Daniels, on the 8th at 10:30 a.m. sings “With A Song in My Heart” to all his Valentines. And remember to join us for a fond farewell and celebration on the 8th at 1:30.

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Heartfelt thanks to the leadership and parishioners at the first Presbyterian Church, the Community of God’s Love and the Rutherford Congregational Church for their donations and continued involvement at our Saturday lunch program as well as our Bridgebuilder program.

Donations continue to come in for our annual appeal. At a time when we are nearly overwhelmed with requests for services, your gifts are making a difference. Sincere gratitude for your wonderful vote of confidence in our work and for your ongoing support.

In January, we received a grant from the NJ Foundation for Aging for \$10,000 to support our Pairs that Care program- part of our Bridgebuilder Program. Pairs that Care is a program that provides an opportunity for parents and their children, scout troops, and other adult- supervised youth groups to reach out and offer assistance to seniors and disabled in the community. We are most grateful to the Foundation and welcome this new partner to the Kip family of supporters.

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