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MARCH/APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 29, 1983, was the date of the ground-breaking ceremony for the first building here at the Center. We invite you join us in celebrating our 30th Anniversary on Saturday, March 16, at 1:00 PM. There will be a short program with special guests, followed by entertainment provided by our own Choral Group, Tap Dancers and Line Dancers, light refreshments and door prizes.

Our recent Card Party fund-raiser was a great success. We played various card and board games and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Dotti Kunde. Thanks to All-About-You Travel for supporting this event.

Keep Brevard Beautiful, Inc. recognized our enhanced landscaping by placing a sign in the planting beds. It reads "We Noticed Your Beautification Efforts". We appreciate the recognition.

April 21 begins National Volunteer Week. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank all of our dedicated volunteers that make it possible for everyone to enjoy the many activities at the Center. We couldn't do what we do without your efforts.

Geri Bonavito

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Marge Crawford

One of the original, charter members of Martin Andersen Senior Center, Paul Mathews joined the Choral Group in September of 1983. He is still active with the Choral Group, sometimes singing solo with his strong voice at the age of 97!

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Born January 1916, in Dickson, PA, grew up in the Depression When he was worked with Civil Conservation (CCC) with the in New Mexico

for three years. He then joined the Army in WWII, serving five years, three of which were in combat. In 1942 Paul was sent to North Africa and Italy as a Tank Commander with an Armored Tank Division under General Wayne Clark. Soon after his squad took over Rome, he had a chest shrapnel injury for which he received the Purple Heart. Paul rejoined his outfield on the front in Italy and fought to Austria when Germany surrendered. Going home was quite an adventure for he took short airplane hops, first to Casablanca, then North Africa to Brazil, New Guinea and finally Ft Bliss, TX. By train it took five days to return home to PA. Last year he received a 'Croix De Guerre' medal from France for his WWII service. Following the war, Paul decided to look for work in New York City. He was hired in the Parks Service and worked there for 25 years. After retiring, Paul moved to

Rockledge in 1971. His passion is Scrabble and he is a champion player. Thank you, Paul, for your continued service in the MA Senior Chorus.

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Health Care Options Seminar

Presented by:
 Karolena DeClercq, RN
 Traci Francis, PhD

**Wednesday, March 13
 Noon – Building #1**

Topics Include:

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| Home Care | Hospice |
| Assisted Living | Medicare Diversion |
| Private Duty | Costs of each |
| Nursing Homes | What each service |
| Veterans Benefits | includes |
| (Refreshments provided) | |

Coming Events!

- March 1 – 3.....Bridge Sectional
- March 7.....Bus trip to Strawberry Festival
- March 9.....St Patrick's Dance
- March 13.....Seminar on Health Care Options
- March 16.....**MASC 30th Anniversary!**
- March 22.....Bus trip to Treasure Tavern
- March 23.....Ballroom Dance
- April 10.....Bus trip to Leu Gardens
- April 13.....*Spring Fashion Show*
- April 13.....Ballroom Dance
- April 24.....Bus trip to Hard Rock Casino
- April 27.....Ballroom Dance
- May 17.....Bus trip to **QUIDAM**