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Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 12:00 noon.** This meeting will be held at the **Clark County Library** located at **1401 E Flamingo Road.** Our lunch sponsor and speaker will be Henderson City Councilwoman Debra March. We will also hear from Terrie D'Antonio, who is the Executive Director of Help of Southern Nevada.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

SENIORS UNITED AND ITS BOARD WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A SINCERE *THANK YOU* TO HUMANA FOR THEIR GENEROUS ASSISTANCE IN COVERING THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING OF OUR "HIGHLIGHTS" NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH. THANK YOU ALSO TO DIXON KELLER AND RON WILLIAMS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS ORGANIZATION.



Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13, 2011.** This meeting will be held at the Clark County Library at 12:00 noon. Our speaker & lunch provider will be our County Commissioner and mayoral candidate for the city of Las Vegas, Chris G. We will also hear from Alice Gonzalez from Three Square.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:

Here is a list of the following offices that are for election in 2011:

Boulder City – Mayor and two council seats.

City of Henderson – Three council members (Ward I, II and IV) and Municipal Court Judge Dept 3.

City of Las Vegas – Mayor, three council members (Ward 1, 3 and 5) and three Municipal Court Judges (Depts 2, 3 and 5)

City of North Las Vegas – Two council members (Ward 2 and 4) and one Municipal Court Judge (Dept 1)

Only voters registered within the specific boundaries of an incorporated city may vote in the 2011 municipal elections. The primary will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2011 and the general elections will be held Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Early voting is March 19th through April 1st. See the Election Department website for locations. Seniors United will be doing endorsements for the elections and will be announced in the next newsletter.

George G. Trachtman is an attorney that is running for Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge – Dept 2. He has this story to share. He received a call in July 2007 from Barbara Buckley to ask if he could assist a senior woman with a DMV license suspension hearing. She had limited income, so he agreed to do it pro-bono. November 2006, the woman got into a minor collision (her first) and when the police officer arrived, he questioned the woman's ability to drive. He asked if she was driving under the influence of medication or drugs. She stated that she was not. He cited her and let her drive home. The officer then filed a driver re-examination request alleging that she had a physical disability and/or ailment that presented a hazard with her ability to drive.

On January 2007, the woman received the notice that she needed to get a statement from her physician. She went to her primary doctor and he stated that she does not have any condition or on any medication that would prevent her from safely driving. The woman submitted this report with letters from friends and family on her ability of being a safe driver. End of story, right? No! Now DMV requested a vision test, she passed. DMV persisted and made her to take the written test, she passed. Then, DMV wanted her to take the driving test. She had not taken this test in years but she agreed. She had difficulty due to nerves and did not pass. She endured and took a driving refresher course through Safeway Driving School and tried again. She did not pass the driving test and she was forced to voluntarily surrender her license.

George and her attended hearings through DMV and was rejected, they appealed to Judicial District Court and the judge ordered that DMV give her back her license. DMV did not end it, they appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court. Time and paperwork has elapsed and DMV has dismissed the appeal. The woman decided not to drive anymore because of her own choosing but she had the courage to fight for the discrimination she encountered.

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Seniors United was Created as an inspirational medium for seniors. It's purpose is to educate, promote and protect the rights of seniors. The needs of seniors differ from younger citizens. It is important to have an organization devoted to our place in the community and to promote it's continued growth.

The members of Seniors United want to share experiences with others.

Nonpartisan and nonsectarian, we are very actively involved in the political structure of our state and country.

Forums are varied to benefit the needs of the community and to discuss political issues. Guest speakers come from all areas.

It is with pride that we are seniors and are doubly proud to be members of Seniors United.

The pride continues in our many accomplishments and in the good name we have established in the community.

Our goal is to develop plans for a great tomorrow and to make it happen.

Everyone is welcome, young to old and from every walk of life.

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MEDICARE: GENERAL ENROLLMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

By: Rita Meier

Need Medicare Part B? If you're eligible, now is the time to sign up. The general enrollment period for Medicare Part B runs from January 1 through March 31. Before you make a decision about general enrollment, let us fill you in on some general information.

Medicare is a medical insurance program for retired and disabled people. Some people are covered only by one type of Medicare; others opt to pay extra for more coverage. Understanding Medicare can save you money; here are the facts.

There are four parts to Medicare: Parts A, B, C and D. **Part A** helps pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care, and other services. **Part B** helps pay for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services and supplies not covered by Part A. **Part C** allows you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. These plans, known as Medicare Advantage Plans, may help lower your costs of receiving medical services, or you may get extra benefits for an additional monthly fee. You must have both Parts A and B to enroll in Part C. And **Part D** is the Medicare Prescription Drug Program.

Most people first become eligible for Medicare at age 65, and there is a monthly premium for Medicare Part B. In 2011, the standard premium is \$115.40. Some high-income individuals pay more than the standard premium. Your Part B premium also can be higher if you do not enroll during your initial enrollment period, or when you first become eligible.

There are exceptions to this rule. For example, you can delay your Medicare Part B enrollment without having to pay higher premiums if you are covered under a group health plan based on your own current employment or the current employment of any family member. If this situation applies to you, you can sign up for Medicare Part B without paying higher premiums:

- Any month you are under a group health plan based on your own current employment or the current employment of any family member; or
- Within eight months after your employment or group health plan coverage ends, whichever comes first.

If you are disabled and working (or you have coverage from a working family member), the same rules apply.

Remember: Most people are automatically enrolled in Medicare Part B when they become eligible. If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B when you first become eligible to apply and you don't fit into one of the above categories, you'll have to wait until the general enrollment period, which is January 1 through March 31 of each year. At that time, you may have to pay a higher Medicare Part B premium.

For more information about Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at www.medicare.gov. Or read our publication on Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html.

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_____ \$15.00 per year per couple

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