



January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

More than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma. The National Eye Institute projects this number will reach 4.2 million by 2030, a 58 percent increase.

Glaucoma is called "the sneak thief of sight" since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it's permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness. Moreover, among African American and Latino populations, glaucoma is more prevalent. Glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians.

Over 3 million Americans, and over 60 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. Experts estimate that half of them don't know they have it. Combined with our aging population, we can see an epidemic of blindness looming if we don't raise awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations to preserve vision. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.5 million people worldwide are blind due to glaucoma.

WHAT IS GLAUCOMA?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning. Although the most common forms primarily affect the middle-aged and the elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages.

Vision loss is caused by damage to the optic nerve. This nerve acts like an electric cable with over a million wires. It is responsible for carrying images from the eye to the brain. There is no cure for glaucoma—yet. However, medication or surgery can slow or prevent further vision loss. The appropriate treatment depends upon the type of glaucoma among other factors. Early detection is vital to stopping the progress of the disease.

SaveYour

REGULAR EYE EXAMS ARE IMPORTANT

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. In the most common form, there are virtually no symptoms. Vision loss begins with peripheral or side vision, so if you have glaucoma, you may not notice anything until significant vision is lost.

The best way to protect your sight from glaucoma is to get a comprehensive eye examination. Then, if you have glaucoma, treatment can begin immediately.

HELP RAISE AWARENESS

Here are some ways you can help raise awareness:

- Talk to friends and family about glaucoma. If you have glaucoma, don't keep it a secret. Let your family members know.
- 2. Refer a friend to www.glaucoma.org.
- Request to have a free educational booklet sent to you or a friend. (Available at the Center)

To learn more, please visit https://glaucoma.org/january-is-glaucoma-awarenessmonth/



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Upcoming Events

January 2 Center Closed for New Year's

> January 4 @ 10:00am Brunch Bingo

January 4 @ 1:45pm Book Club

January 9 @ 12:35pm Bunco

January 11 @ 12:30pm Healthy Carb Class 1

January 12 @ 10:00am Daytrip: James Avery Jewelry Headquarters & Museum w/lunch at Rio Ranch Cafe

> January 18 @ 12:30pm Healthy Carb Class 2

January 18 @ 1:45pm Caregiver Support w/Hope Hospice

January 19 @ 10:00am Daytrip: James Avery Jewelry Headquarters & Museum w/lunch at Rio Ranch Cafe

January 19 @ 12:30pm Arts & Crafts Series: Pizza Pan Craft

> January 23 @ 12:35pm Bunco

> January 25 @ 12:30pm Healthy Carb Class 3

January 26 @ 10:00am Daytrip: James Avery Jewelry Headquarters & Museum w/lunch at Rio Ranch Cafe



"January, the first month of the year. A perfect time to start all over again. Changing energies and deserting old moods. New beginnings, new attitudes." Charmaine J. Forde



Note From the Center...

By DeLisa Leopold, Executive Director

Here we are with a new year upon us. There is an exciting energy that comes with the new year, one of renewal, dedicated efforts to health and wellness, and maybe even the desire to try something new. We are excited for the new year here at BSBAC because we have a great year planned!

Our administrative team has spent the past few weeks reviewing what our members are enjoying, and how we can improve upon that. Health & Wellness classes will help keep everyone on track with their wellness goals, and we will offer new activities to round out our offerings. Our 2023 fundraising efforts are in full swing including the very first BSBAC Gala in April!

I invite you to use your renewed energy by trying a new activity or wellness class, consider volunteering with us or by asking how you can support our fundraising efforts.

We are excited for the year ahead, mostly because we get to spend it with you!

I wish you all a wonderful start to the new year and I thank you for being part of the BSBAC community.



you positive new beginnings in 2023."

January Weekly Activity Schedule



9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am Dominoes 9:00am Wood Carving 10:00am Men's Fellowship

11:30am Fellowship Meal

12:35pm Bunco (2nd & 4th Mon) 1:00pm Bridge Foursome (1st & 3rd Mon)



TUESDAY 9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Open Games 9:00am Ride the Bus 11:00am Mah Jong

11:30am Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Bingo 2:00pm Guitar

WEDNESDAY 9:00am Library

9:00am Socializing 9:00am Bridge 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am Brunch Bingo (1st Wed)

11:30am Fellowship Meal

12:00pm Knitting/ Crochet/Sewing 1:45pm Book Club (1st Wed) 2:00pm Caregiver Support Group (3rd Wed)



THURSDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus 9:00am Wood Carving 10:00am Canasta HF 12:00pm Poker

11:30am Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Mindful Meditation 2:00pm Table Tennis



9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus

11:00am Fellowship Meal

12:15pm Bingo



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9 Bacon Potato Corn Chowder Green Salad Cornbread Dessert	10 Hamburgers Baked Beans Chips Dessert	11 Egg Rolls Chinese Chicken Salad Dessert	12 Quiche Fruit Biscuits Dessert	13 Beef Tacos Mexican Rice Dessert		
16 Caprese Sandwiches Broccoli Salad Dessert	17 Frito Pie Fruit Dessert	18 Chef's Choice Dessert	19 Turkey & Stuffing Casserole Green Beans Dessert	20 Tuna Salad Green Salad Carrot Raisin Salad Dessert		
23 Beef Noodle Casserole Green Salad Dessert	24 Bean & Cheese Chalupas Guacamole Dessert	25 Meatball Subs Caesar Salad Dessert	26 BBQ Chicken Legs Black Eyed Pea Salad Potato Salad Dessert	27 Chicken a la King Green Salad Dessert		
30 Grilled Cheese Cream of Tomato Soup Dessert	31 Pulled Pork Sandwich Mac & Cheese Dessert	hello*				

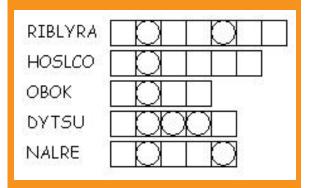
Fellowship Meal is served Mon-Thurs@ 11:30am, Fri@11:00am (LUNCH IS SERVED FOR A 1/2 HOUR IN THE CENTER) Suggested Donation \$4 (Donations help make our fellowship meals possible) Menus are subject to change





Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble themfor the final message.



Bamboozles

The object is to try to figure out the wellknown saying, person, place, or thing that each bamboozable is meant to represent. (Solutions below)

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January Word Search

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- 6. Shepherd Sheet Music White House
- 7. Turkey Teddy Bear Xmas Stocking
- 8. Porkey Wilber Arnold
- 9. Volleyball Office with Computers Fisherman
- 10. Tapestry Braided Area

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- 2. Towers
- 3. They have tubes
- 4. They all have dates
- 5. Parts of a map
- 6. They have staffs
- 7. They are stuffed
- , 8. Pigs
- 9. They have nets
- 10. Rugs





BAMBOOZLES SOLUTIONS: 1) To have and to hold; 2) Overcoming the obstacles; 3) Playing hard to get; 4) One foot in front of the other; 5) Seasonings; 6) Trial separation. MUMBO JUMBO SOLUTION: Library, School, Book, Study; Learn Final Message: EDUCATION

January Health & Wellness Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY					
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GYM HOURS Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 5:00pm Fri: 8:00am - 3:00pm *Class is FREE for all BSBAC Membes



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NOTICE Gym Seasonal Hours

December 12 through February 3 the Gym will close at 5pm



Health & Wellness Class Descriptions



ACTIVE AGING STRENGTH

This class helps improve strength. The instructor will take you through a variety of exercises for a complete workout. Get comfortable using circuit equipment as well as resistance bands, medicine balls, free weights, etc.

BALANCE & STRENGTH

This class is recommended for members with concerns about balance and loss of upper and lower body strength. Focus will be on functional fitness as well as balance and strength. *Free to all members*



BALLET BARRE

The exercises build gradually, are safe and can be performed by anyone. Muscles become toned and lengthened, posture is improved, and movement becomes more graceful as the student becomes more aware of his/her body.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which yoga postures are performed while seated and/ or with the aid of a chair. Benefits include improved strength & energy, improved flexibility & balance, and improved concentration.

EASY PACE

Beginner to intermediate aerobics that includes cardio, marching in place, and basic arm and leg movement patterns. Improves muscle strength, flexibility, endurance, coordination, and balance.



LINE DANCING

Line Dancing is choreographed to a variety of music with repeating series of steps that are performed in unison. Learn some fancy footwork while challenging your mind to memorize these fun sequences.

RESTORATIVE YOGA

A therapeutic style of yoga which utilizes props to make it easier for the body to get into certain poses. The focus of this class is relaxation, renewal, effortlessness, ease and a completely supportive environment.

YOGA/YOGA MIXED

Slow flowing class of gentle stretching and physical postures using breath to connect mind and body. This is an excellent way for improving flexibility, balance and great for de-stressing.



ZUMBA/ZUMBA GOLD/SEATED

Zumba is a dance-fitness class that is set to zesty Latin music like salsa, merengue, mambo, etc. Zumba Gold modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant.

ZUMBA TONING

Zumba Toning is perfect for those who like Zumba, but want to put extra emphasis on toning and sculpting to define those muscles. The challenge of adding resistance by using toning sticks (or light weights), helps you focus on specific muscle groups, so your muscles stay engaged.



"Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your

mood."

👡 🐎 Activity Center Happenings 🔧



December was a fun month of festivities at the Center including our cookie swap and ugly/festive sweater contests! Members also had a few parties off-site to celebrate the holidays.













MEALS ON WHEELS ANGEL TREE AND SCHOOL DONATIONS

Activity Center Happenings

We had our 2nd Annual Meals on Wheels Angel Tree this year and were overwhelmed by the community and member support. We had an abundance of gifts and items donated and given to our seniors in need. The local schools in the Pieper High School feeder pattern also did donation drives and donated many items to our Center and our cause. We cannot thank you all enough for your support!









Thank you to everyone that came out to our Annual Christmas Luncheon! We had a great lunch and lots of fellowship with the members! Special shoutout to our BSB Fire & EMS for joining us.















JANUARY BRUNCH BINGO



CROISSANT BREAKFAST BAKE W/ SAUSAGE Wednesday, January 4th @ 10am 6 Games of bingo - \$2 Brunch - \$4 Donations Appreciated







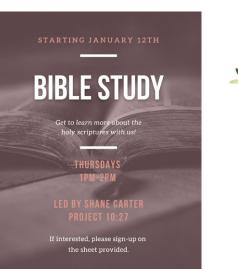
Please sign up by Jan. 13th



THE NEW YEAR IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFO!

We often use email, text messages and phone calls for communication from us here at the Center for closures, class cancellations, etc. Please make sure to let us know if there are any changes.







MEMBERSHIP

IMPORTANT CHANGE

As of Jan. 1st, 2023, Annual Membership fees will be increasing

- Individual Membership: \$50/year
 Couple Membership: \$75/year

This increase equates to about \$4/month per person to participate in all the activities the Center offers.* This increase helps us to contine providing activities and services for the

Activity Center (BSBAC) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 oring Branch, Texas area. We do not receive any federal,





Open to the Public Friday, February 24 at 5pm - 10pm and rday, February 25, 10am - 8pm



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Tier 4 \$50

T-SHIRT SPONSOR (6) Sponsor logo on event t-shirts, display of sponsor banner* KOOZIE SPONSOR (1) sponsor loss ou Texas Lone Star Title

RAFFLE SPONSOR (4) Sponsor logo on raffle item flyer, verbal recognition during raffle drawings/awards presentation, display of sponsor banner*

Tier 5 - \$250

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Each sponsorship includes 4 event wristbands and display of sponsor banner during event and logo on event banner. There are variety of sponsorship options with this level. Contact us for details!

Tier 3 - \$10

JUDGING SPONSOR (1) Team spot, sponsor flyer on judging tables (up to 6), display of sponsor banner* in judging area, 6 event wristbands and 3 event t-shirts.

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TEAM SPONSOR (2) Team spot, display of sponsor banner during event, company promo item may be added to team bags, 6 event wristbands and three event t-shirts.

GATE SPONSOR (2)

Team spot, sponsor banner at entry gate, sponsor logo on event schedule card, display of sponsor banner* during event, 6 event wristbands and three event t-shirts.

*Provided by sponsor



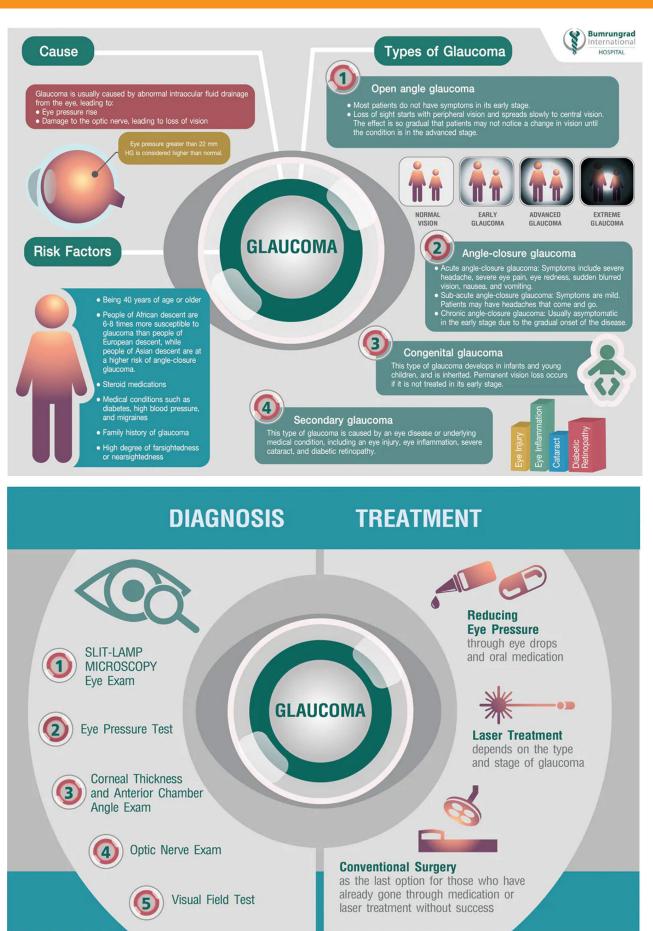
4th Annual Bulverde BBQ Battle

The Bulverde BBQ Battle is an annual event that serves as a major fundraiser for the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center as well as a community event. The BBB is held every year on the last weekend of February. The Cook-off gathers cookers and attendees from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area as well as surrounding communities and counties.

Join us at our new location this year... 1747 East Ammann Road, Bulverde for a fun weekend! Not a cooker, but want to join the fun? \$10 wristbands will be good for Friday and Saturday and include parking, BBQ tastings, music, vendor shopping and a great time with friends!



News You Can Use 🛛 💦





GLAUCOMA

News You Can Use





Glaucoma Screening

Since the damage caused by glaucoma cannot be reversed, early treatment is vital.

Age	Glaucoma Screening								
Aye	For People with no risk factors	For People with risk factors*							
18-39 years	At least once during this period	Every 1-2 years or as directed by the doctor							
40-64 years	Every 2-4 years	Every 1-2 years or as directed by the doctor							
65 years or older	Every 1-2 years	Every year or as directed by the doctor							



* Risk factors include people with certain medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, certain eye conditions such as retinal detachment, previous eye injury, a family history of eye conditions such as glaucoma and macular degeneration, work which requires heavy strain on the eyes, the use of medications which affect the eyes, and the wearing of contact lenses.

By Dr. Orathai Suwanpimolkul, Glaucoma Specialist, Eye Center, Bumrungrad Hospital



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For more tips on keeping your eyes healthy through natural, homeopathic methods, visit healingtheeye.com





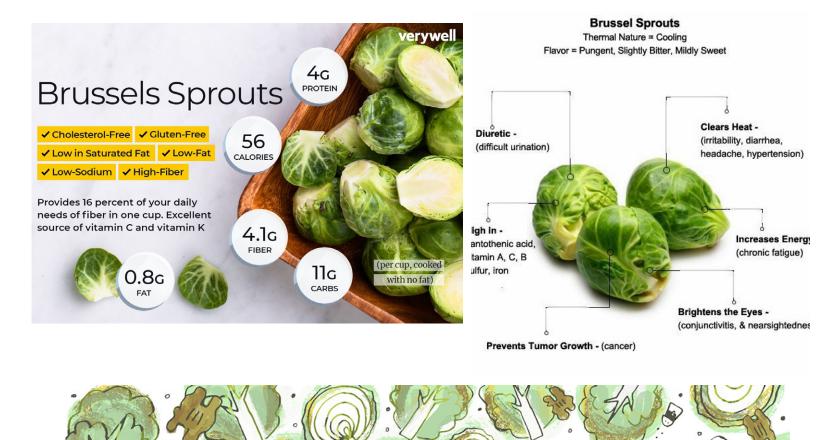
CARROTS

What's Cooking

ROASTE

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·INGRE DIENTS

1 1/2 lbs brussel sprouts 1/2 cup chopped walnuts 3 tblsp olive oil 3/4 tsp salt 1/2 tsp ground black pepper

· INSTRUCTIONS ·

peel outer leaves off of brussel sprouts, cut off stems and halve.

mix brussel sprouts in bowl with olive oil, salt, and pepper until coated. pour on sheet pan.

roast @ 400° for 35 to 40 minutes, shaking pan throughout to ensure even roasting.





I'm never too busy for your referrals!



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Candice Hitt Bookkeeper



The mission of the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center is to facilitate active aging and to enhance the quality of life of older adults in our communities.



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Bobby Craft Matt Hester





