

SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK
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HISTORY:

In 1957, Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, former president of Antioch College was named chairman of the Community Council's Senior Citizens Committee and was instructed to examine the needs of older people in the community.

In 1959, a Center was established in the old Opera House. In the fall of 1960 the Opera House was condemned and the Center moved to 231½ Xenia Avenue, our present Thrift Shop. In March, 1964, as a result of an increased program participation, the Center facilities were expanded to a large room, formerly used by the Village Variety Store, our present location.

The Senior Citizens Board, Inc., has also been responsible for the coordination and enthusiasm needed to establish a Metropolitan Housing Authority which opened in September, 1965, with 20 units located at 1 Lawson Place, Yellow Springs. These apartments are designed for Senior Citizens and the rent is established by one's income. The Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority now provides transportation to its residents two times a day using our Transportation Services for in-town trips.

The Yellow Springs Senior Citizens Center, 231 Xenia Ave., has almost 250 members. Anyone who is 55 years or older is eligible to become a member of our Center. Membership includes Transportation Services, Social Activities, Craft Classes and other Classes, ranging from literary to women discussion groups, Referral to various Agencies (Welfare, Social Security, etc.), and Visitation to elderly in homes, hospitals and nursing homes. Membership is \$2.00 per year and includes our newsletter, "The Yodeler", and all our services offered.

In Yellow Springs we are lucky to have our outstanding transportation program. Since many of our members no longer drive the need for rides in our Community is essential. We provide rides to members, who phone ahead to make an appointment to be picked up for various reasons; doctor or dentist appointments, grocery shopping, beauty shop, to and from jobs, etc. We do ask for a small donation to help maintain our vehicle and along with grants our program is one of the most successful in the state. At present we are trying to acquire funds for Title XX, which will provide our members with free transportation throughout the village.

Funds for the Center are acquired through State and Federal grants. We are also fortunate to have support from Village Council and our local Community Chest. The Center also operates a Thrift Shop, five days a week, and has an Annual Bazaar and we participate in sidewalk sales by selling our own hand-crafted items to help subsidize revenue to continue our program.

Future needs include a new Center building, which our Board is looking into and our support is given to the proposed Health Care and Nursing Home Committee here in Yellow Springs that is organizing plans for a future local facility.

We welcome anyone interested in our Center to stop in and visit us at 231 Xenia Ave. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them.

Our many active members are an inspiration to what the future brings. We want to salute all the many volunteers and members that make our Center such a success and during "Senior Citizens Week" our hats go off to them.

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from Gladys Snider