

THE *CARS* COMMUNICATOR

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CULTURAL ARTS REACHING SENIORS



Dance Favorite is June 5 AT *Havana Social Club*

CARS participants meet at 10 a.m. at Havana Social Club in Cornelius on Friday, June 5. That's: 17105 Kenton Dr # 102, and their phone number is (704) 892-7000. As last year, only better!, there will be a **free** lesson from professionals who also share their range of dances and what their studio has to offer. Call Mindi Stoner at 704-892-6031, Ext 162 or e-mail her at mstoner@cornelius.org to reserve.



Reserve early for the ever-popular

Fashion Show and Lunch

in conjunction with North Mecklenburg Senior Center in November

How can CARS best meet your Cultural needs & interests?

As did nearly all public and private programs this year, CARS was required to tighten its budget. The mobile CARS component to those not able to travel means too much to cut. Therefore, what are your thoughts on:

- Offering only bus excursions (reduced rates/fees required) to events in Charlotte, including at night, so participants neither drive nor park?
 - Having quarterly CARS get-togethers for couples and all who enjoy cultural arts to meet each other and share rides to events they like?
 - Asking talented seniors to present programs you tell Cornelius PARC that you want to hear or learn more about?
 - Suggest any other inspirations for active seniors and CARS to Mindi.
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What is CARS and what happens at CARS activities?

This unique program, for both active seniors (55+) and those in care residences was created by Barbara Bryan. It was formed to bring together Lake Norman area residents, many of whom do not drive, to share interests in the arts, history and culture for arts programs and fellowship.

- CARS takes performing artists to area facilities on a quarterly basis.
- CARS bi-monthly bus excursions allow access to the arts for non-drivers.

How is CARS funded and who sponsors it?

Cars is funded through June 2009 by a grant from Mecklenburg's Arts and Science Council North that is matched by the Town of Cornelius whose PARC (Parks Arts Recreation Culture) Department administers the program. Project partners include creation and publication of CARS Communicator, administrative support and refreshments from the Estate & Elder Law Firm of Vandiver & Bryan in Cornelius and help from Creative Art Exchange and North Mecklenburg Senior Services, all located in Cornelius.

How can I keep up with schedule changes?

CARS programs are on the Town of Cornelius PARC website at www.corneliuspr.org and posted and updated on www.LKNSenior.com. CARS Communicators are updated at www.vbfirm.com, Education Center.

How do I become part of CARS and make reservations?

Those with computer access may e-mail Mindi Stoner at mstoner@cornelius.org and register online at www.corneliuspr.org. Those who prefer telephone contact may call the PARC (Parks Arts Recreation Culture) Department of the Town of Cornelius at: **704-892-6031, ext. 162**.

How do I ensure a spot at CARS programs?

Because seating is limited at some venues, **it is important to know (a) that you plan to come and (b) if plans change and you need to cancel**. Using the Town's website and e-mail is the simplest way. Please be sure we have all your contact information: mailing address, e-mail, home phone number and cell phone if you use one. Preparing nametags, arranging seating (relocating if the crowd is large), counting noses for refreshments means we rely on thoughtfulness of CARS regulars as well as newcomers for each event.



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