

Places To Go & Things To Do

BINGO at the ELKS. SPECIAL SESSION: December 27th, \$3000 total payout, \$2000 Jackpot. Regular Sessions are Sundays at 3:30 pm & Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. \$1500 payout, \$1000 Jackpot. Electronic machines & refreshments available. Non-smoking. Atlanta-Northlake Elks Lodge #78, 1775 Montreal Rd, Tucker, GA. 770-908-0835. Proceeds Support Georgia Elks Charities

"Scribblers" a group of Christian authors and writers **meets every third Thursday**, (December 21st is next meeting) at "The Crossings" Restaurant in Norcross from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. If you are a writer (published, liked to be published, or just interested) Join us for one of our meetings. **Call Charles at 772-584-1578 for information.**

MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP Have you always wanted to write a memoir about your life but struggled with structure? Come socialize with likeminded folks at Downtown Sandwich Shoppe in Duluth and work one-on-one with an experienced editor! For more details on upcoming events, visit meetup.com/supportedsuccess or contact the organizer (Abigail Davis) at [770.864.2124](tel:770.864.2124)

JOB FAIR Contractor seeks to fill up to 75 skilled craft positions. Carpenters, Cement Masons, Laborers, Pipe-layers, Pipefitters, Operators. Join us to start building a career! **Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 AM - 4 PM Landmark Church, 3737 Holcomb Bridge Road, Peachtree Corners flintcojobfairs.com**

Team 7 Sports Foundation is currently recruiting boys and girls ages 5-17 and cheerleaders ages 4-13 for the **Winter Recreation Basketball Season**. No experience necessary. Registration fee \$150 no refunds. No tryouts!! Registration dates Nov 8th-Nov 30. **Participants may register online at www.team7sportsfoundation.org or onsite at Clarkston First Baptist Church every Thursday from 7:30-9pm.** Address is 3999 Church Street Clarkston, GA. **For more info: contact Program Director Anthony Smith 770-881-6666 or email dekalbheat@icloud.com**

Looking to avoid the cold this Winter but still wanting to stay active? How about playing GO Dodgeball! *We combine the sport of dodgeball with social networking* in a relaxed environment to create an enjoyable evening filled with sports and leisure! Games will be held in Smyrna. **Visit www.GoDodgeball.com for more information.**

2017 HOLIDAY IN SMOKE RISE CRAFT SHOW will be *Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9am-4pm at Smoke Rise Elementary School*, 1991 Silver Hill Rd. Our show is almost 40 years old and is located in the Tucker area. This is an opportunity to purchase those Christmas gifts that you need for your co-workers, friends, or family. We're excited about this year's show because we have some new vendors with awesome goods. There is enough variety for all. **To view our 2017 vendors, please go to our website: www.holidayinsmokerise.com See you there!**

Christmas Nativity Comes to Life -- *The Christmas Nativity comes to life again this year at Peachtree Road Lutheran Church.* On **December 8, 9, and 10, from 7-9 p.m.**, the community is invited to stop by and enjoy the life-sized stable, costumed characters from the Nativity, and lots of animals to pet and doves to hold. Children especially enjoy a chance to experience the Christmas story first-hand. Enjoy seasonal refreshments inside as you listen to the beautiful sounds of the season. **Peachtree Road Lutheran Church is located at 3686 Peachtree Rd. NE, in Buckhead. (404) 233-7031**

Don't Miss the NEW time for the Annual Christmas Concert of The Decatur Civic Chorus. *Join us Saturday, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m. for Vivaldi's Gloria and other Traditional Carols* at First Baptist Church Decatur, 308 Clairemont Ave, Decatur, Ga, 30030. Free and Open to the Public for All Ages.

MLK RACE FOR THE DREAM MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & BIKE TOUR will be held January 14, 2018. You only get one chance to be a part of this Inaugural event held in memory of Dr. King's birthday. A certified course, custom-designed finisher's T-shirt, finisher's medal, awards & other goodies included. Visit www.MLKJDMA.COM

Start your holiday season with a Tour of Homes - Saturday, December 9, 2017. The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club, a philanthropic organization, will sponsor a "Homes for the Holidays" Home Tour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 9th. Tickets are \$25.00. The tour includes two homes in Smoke Rise, one Main Street business with antique cars and the Stone Mountain Manor. Lunch is included and will be served at the Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church. Vendors will be at the church for you to do some Christmas shopping. Gather your neighbors and enjoy a fun day. Tickets are available from any club member or call Kim Sekulow (770-616-5362) or Elizabeth Wells (404-630-9925).

FREE Atlanta EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) Tapping Community Group. Meets every second Wednesday of the month. 7:30-9:00pm. Sage Center, 2849 B Henderson Mill Rd, Atlanta GA 30341. Contact Melissa Lester Olson, LCSW @ Melissa@melissalesterolson.com for more details. Tapping has many health benefits and is a gentle tool that can be used for overall health and well-being.

Beginner Qigong Classes. Qigong combines physical postures, breathing, and focused intention to improve health, balance, and mental well-being. Donations accepted. **2018 Dates to be determined.** For more information or upcoming dates, please contact Julie Cannon, LPC @ juliecannonlpc@gmail.com or 404-419-6221. Sage Center, 2849 B Henderson Mill Rd, Atlanta GA 30341. Space is limited.

Healing After "I Don't"--Divorce Support Group If you are considering, in the middle of, or have experienced divorce and would like to start the process of healing, please contact Lisa Wilson, facilitator and Sage Center Counselor at lisaywilsonlpc@gmail.com or **678-902-5472**. Meetings are held on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7pm - 8:30pm** and the **2nd and 4th Saturdays* from 11:30am - 1pm**. Cost: \$20/session. To learn more about Sage Center's services, go to www.SageCenterAtlanta.com.

Sage Center Holiday Community Gathering Please join us at 2849 B Henderson Mill Rd, Atlanta GA 30341 from **4-6pm on Friday, December 8th 2017** for food, fun and festivities! This event is FREE and open to the public. Meet neighbors and make new friends as we celebrate our community and the holiday season. No RSVP required.

Chorale II presents its Holiday Concert, "The ABC'S of Holiday Music," on Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 PM, at First Baptist Church of Tucker, 5073 Lavista Rd. Selections will follow the ABC format of Announcement, Birth, Celebration, and Seasonal holiday favorites. Admission is free; donations accepted. Information: 770-939-1394.

A Holiday Celebration to Benefit the Stone Mountain Co-op Dec. 2, 2017, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Includes breakfast with Santa**, silent auction, Santa's Secret Shop, musical entertainment and photo op with your camera. **Tickets \$6, children three and under, free.** St. Timothy United Methodist Church 5365 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain

NAMI American Sign Language Support Group: Are you seeking a **Free Mental Health Support Group?** NAMI is here for you! This group is FREE for people living with depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, anxiety, schizophrenia, and other disorders. Our meetings offer a structured group process led by trained facilitators designed to encourage, support, and empower. **Open to all deaf and hard of hearing persons 18 and over with mental illness.** Time: 5-6:30 pm. Location: GA Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 4151 Memorial Drive Suite 103 B (Community Meeting) Decatur GA 30082. **Contact: deannanami@gmail.com/404-994-6500 (videophone).** No registration needed. NAMI DeKalbwww.namidekalb.com Find more about us on Facebook and Twitter.

Open to all young adults (18+) with a mental health condition. You can attend a **FREE weekly support group** with NAMI. This group is for people living with depression, OCD, eating disorders, bipolar disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia, and other disorders. Our meetings offer a structured group process led by trained facilitators designed to encourage, support, and empower. **Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Location:** First Christian Church of Atlanta, 4532 Lavista Rd, Tucker, GA 30084 **For more information contact:** Joanna joannajungerman@gmail.com or 530-691-1453. No registration needed. NAMI DeKalbwww.namidekalb.com Find more about us on Facebook and Twitter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Jewish Family & Career Services' One Good Deed Program is looking for caring, compassionate individuals to visit twice a month with older adults. One Good Deed volunteers help their older friend with simple tasks, running errands, having lunch or simply visiting, to **create a bond that impacts both the volunteer and their older adult in ways that can't be measured!** For more information, visit www.jfcsatl.org/onegooddeed or call Sharon at **404-274-2431**.

JOB NETWORK. Are you unemployed and searching for a job, or anticipating a job change? We have a team in place to help you define your skills, to give opportunities for you to hear job search techniques, and to broaden your network of contacts. We meet at **Parkview Church**, located at 4875 Lilburn-Stone Mountain Rd., Lilburn, on the **first Saturday of each month, from 9:00-10:30am.** **For more information, call Crayton at 404-697-7547.**

HALCYON HOSPICE hosts a Bereavement Support Group -- This is a place where you can be with others processing through grief, each feeling for the other and supporting each other. Just come as you wish ~ we're here for you. Please meet us at Arbor Terrace, 425 Winn Way, Decatur, GA 30030 In the Sunroom~2nd Floor on the Last Thursday of Each Month 10am-11:30am. For additional information contact Melvin Bell at 404-801-6935

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS: Halcyon Hospice is looking for compassionate and caring people looking to enrich the lives of hospice patients and their families. Our volunteer provide companionship, music and pet therapy, caregiver relief etc. For more information please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Terry Preston at 678-651-1440.

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National Alliance on Mental Illness DeKalb Family Support Group meetings are a 90-minute weekly support group for people whose family member or friend lives with mental illness. Trained facilitators promote encouragement, support, and understanding. Held 1st Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Lithonia-Davidson Library 6821 Church Street, Lithonia, GA 30058. Contact Pam at 404-626-2938 orpams@changingthecycle.org. For more information connect with www.namidekalb.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Become a Mediator Have you ever thought about being a professional mediator? Do you have natural skills helping people through difficult situations? Become a registered mediator for the State of Georgia. **Enter the exciting career of mediation by attending the next Georgia Approved 40 hr training class. Call Dr. Rick Voyles at 404-991-0072 or visit www.centerfordisputesolutions.com/calendar/**

Joe Evans Respite Care Center...Are you tired? Do you need some help with your senior adult? Come take a look at our center! We are open from 10am thru 3 pm Tuesdays thru Thursdays. \$30 per day including morning snack and hot lunch. **Call us! Helen Wilborn, Director 404-317-0613 or hwilborn@eastminster.us www.eastminster.us**

TRANSFORMING LOSS AND GRIEF When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 6:30 - 8 pm. Where: First Christian Church of Decatur, 601 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur Georgia 30030. (404) 378-3621 ext. 225. Purpose: A gathering of community of those seeking support in their journey toward acceptance of loss and Grief. Open to the public. No fee. Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, LPC

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Gentiva Hospice Atlanta East seeks compassionate individuals for Administrative (Northlake Office), Patient Support, Vigil and Veteran to Veteran Volunteers (DeKalb & Gwinnett). **Ideal for students, retirees, clergy and veterans.** Requires your Heart & Time. Contact Manager of Volunteer Services, Candyce Patterson, at 678-937-1800 or Candyce.Patterson@gentiva.com

OVER 55? Join Lifespan Resources. Got four hours to give? Take an elder to the doctor. Become an **MET volunteer driver** and exercise your heart. Still learning? Fun in the Session has classes on travel, history, authors and technology. Sign up for **Lifespan Academy** and exercise your brain. All about us atlifespanatlanta.org. Call 404-237-7307.

DANCE * MUSIC * THEATRE * ART Register now for FALL CLASSES! Academy of Arts - Smoke Rise Baptist 5901 Hugh Howell Road in Stone Mountain www.smokerisebaptist.org/arts 678-533-0562 artsacademy@smokerisebaptist.org

Mark your calendars early for the change in Day of the week and time for Decatur Civic Chorus's Christmas Concert. This year we bring you Vivaldi's Gloria and other classic Christmas Carols on Saturday Evening, December 9th at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Decatur, 308 Clairemont Ave., Decatur, Ga. Start the Holiday Season with the warmth and joy of Christmas Classics. Call Scott Keesey, director, at 770-722-3769 for complete details

Gwinnett Senior Learning Center provides Computer and Technology Classes for seniors age 50+ at Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Rd, Lawrenceville and George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Hwy, Suwanee. Fall classes have begun, but you can check for openings at our voice mail 770 564-4699. Winter Registration will be in January, 2018. **Volunteers** welcomed to teach, coach, write manuals and provide other support. See all our information at www.gsrlc.org.

Become an AARP Driver Safety Course Instructor! As a volunteer instructor you will organize and teach Driver Safety courses at community centers, libraries, hospitals or senior centers. **All teaching materials and resources will be provided.** Feel good in helping to build communities of safe drivers. To volunteer as instructor or find a class near you please visit <http://www.aarp.org/drive>.