



Nov-Dec '10

ShareCare™ of Leelanau Inc. *Connector*

Neighbors helping neighbors—Promoting independent living in members' homes.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY · 9:00AM to 4:30PM

The mission of ShareCare is for members to achieve the highest quality of life and independence attainable in their own homes for as long as possible.

ShareCare promotes confidentiality in all matters of privacy. Everyone involved with the organization is requested to respect all aspects of confidentiality whether they are personal, medical, or financial.

The Merry Marketplace

Best for Kids Holiday Bake Sale & Bazaar



The Merry Marketplace and Best for Kids are annual events where organizations and merchants rent booths in order to sell things to Christmas shoppers. These are two of ShareCare's most profitable fundraisers, but without a doubt, we can't do it without your help!



With both sales happening on Saturday, December 4th, we need all of you remarkable artisans, craftsmen, and other talented people to be making things for us to sell at both ShareCare booths. If you leave the area before December, you can drop off your items at the office before you go or arrange to have them picked up. For those who will be here, we'll also be needing people in both Leland and Northport to setup, attend the booths and help clean up. Please call the Office with questions or to offer your help.

When: Saturday, December 4th

Where:

- **Merry Marketplace:** Old Art Building in Leland (10a-4p)
What's needed: knitting, stitching, pottery, crafts, jams & jellies, wood-working, fine art, photos, quilts, draft stoppers, etc. Please keep in mind that all craft items must be hand made.
- **Best for Kids:** Kamp Grounds Creamery (Willowbrook) in Northport (9a-3p)
What's needed: This is a bake sale for Best for Kids. ShareCare won't be selling baked goods here, but we can sell knitted items, crafts, wood objects, jewelry, stationery, holiday decorations, canned foods and other beautiful things



Drop off times: Any time prior to December 4th

Drop off points: ShareCare Office or call for a pickup

Pricing: It's helpful if you do the pricing, but we can do it if you prefer

For more information Please call Deb at ShareCare (386-2273)

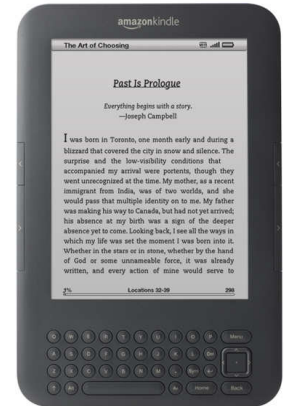
We Need Your Help!



Tech Toys for the Holidays

Join **ShareCare** and presenter Steve Stanton of Leelanau Computer Repair for a glimpse at what's new in the world of Personal Computing and all things digital (ie: iPods, Blackberries, GPS systems, digital cameras). Get some exciting ideas for Christmas giving!

- **Tuesday, November 16 at 1:00PM**
- Government Center Community Room
- 8527 E Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay
- Call ShareCare for reservations: 386-2273



New! Missing Person Alert Program in Leelanau County



Leelanau County's Office of Emergency Management / 911 is pleased to announce their upcoming partnership with *A Child is Missing Alert Program* in an effort to aid in the recovery of missing children, the elderly (Alzheimer's and dementia patients) and the disabled.

When needed, the *A Child is Missing Alert Program* is activated by law enforcement and results in informational phone calls being placed to the area where the missing person was last seen or is believed to be. This allows area residents to be on the look out and notify law enforcement if the missing person is spotted.

This program is provided to law at no cost.

—Tom Skowronski

Good Samaritans!—Deb

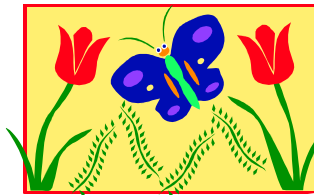
I loaned a wheelchair to a non-member who came to Leelanau County for the day. She and her friends had a fabulous time, and were very grateful for the use of the wheelchair. When they returned it the next day, they told me about meeting some motorcycle guys in Suttons Bay who noticed that the tires on the wheelchair were flat. (To that I say, "WHAT?" I'd never seen wheelchair wheels go flat!) But, back to the story... While one of the biker guys sat with the lady who borrowed the wheel chair, another biker went to his motorcycle, got a pump and inflated the wheels. With much appreciation for the use of the wheelchair, they sent a donation, and some pictures too. They are so cute, I'm sharing them with you.

It was great to have helped these women enjoy their time in our area!



The SC Office is closed for the following holidays. Be sure to call ahead for any rides you may need.

- November 26 & 27
- December: 24 & 25
- December 31 & January



In Fond Memory

Janice Fisher-Leland
John Brabenec-Northport
Curt Leece-Northport

A Royal Celebration Indeed!

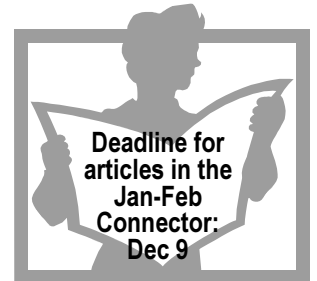


Kings and Queens were honored in style at this year's Royal Banquet. Honored guests were:

- **Shirley Agosa:** is one of the very first conservationists, protector and voice of caring for the earth.
- **Owen Bahle:** feels we are all fortunate to live where the water, hills and forests come together with such beauty.
- **Marie Bahlke:** attributes her longevity to good genes, good health and her love of life.

- **James Frederick:** believes it is important to support our country's educational process and cautions parents must be involved.
- **Marty Baker:** has a zest for living and a great attitude. She owes her longevity to sobriety and recovery.
- **Robert Willard:** will forever be grateful for the kindness and care of ShareCare's members.

Also honored at the Royal Banquet was volunteer driver, Ruth Brown, who is retiring after years of **dedicated** service to ShareCare and its members.



Eight Hours of Daylight!

This time of the year, especially after the time changes on November 7th, there aren't many daylight hours in a day. When possible, PLEASE try to schedule your appointments at a time so that our terrific volunteer drivers can do as much of their driving as possible in the daylight. This means avoiding, if possible, early morning and late after noon appointments.

Double Your Dollars—

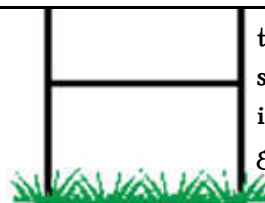
If you belong to an organization that has a matching gift program (like Rotary), be sure to make your contributions worth as much as possible by filling out and turning in the necessary paperwork.



Show You ← Care! →

Signs like this are available for display in your yard. Not only does your \$10 donation help fund

the project, having you show support for our fine organization is the best advertising we can get! Call Deb for more info.



Welcome New Members

Melissa Chenault-Omena
Connie & Ed Arnfield-Northport
Mollie & Chuck Hall-Leland
Donna & Terry Stanton-Lake Leelanau
Marty & Bob Johnson-Suttons Bay
Janey and Gordon Odell-Northport
Mary Helen and John Ray- Omena

ShareCare Drivers Training Update—Larry Hauser (Transportation Committee Chair)



By decision of the Board of Directors in October 2008, ShareCare requires its drivers to take a safe driving course for elders, such as that offered by AARP. For long time drivers, the deadline for completion of this requirement is October 31, 2011. New drivers have 2 years from their start-up dates to complete this requirement. At the conclusion of the course you will receive a certificate of completion from AARP. Please notify the ShareCare office when you have received your certificate.

The cost for a classroom course is \$12 for AARP members/\$14 for non-members. An online course is \$15.95/ for AARP members/\$19.95 for nonmembers. ShareCare offers to defray the cost for ShareCare drivers. Additionally, many insurance companies offer discounts for drivers who complete this course.

Though the course is ungraded, at the end of each online unit you will be quizzed to refresh your memory and help insure your comprehension. Can you answer this sample question? (Answer in next Connector.)

What is the most common violation committed by senior drivers?

- Following too closely.
- Failure to observe the right-of-way.
- Failure to stop for stop signs or traffic lights.
- Making an improper left turn.

ShareCare will sponsor another course at the Leelanau Government Center this spring. If you would like to attend this class, please contact Deb at the ShareCare. In the meantime, we encourage you to avail yourself on the convenient online course, as I am doing. I can go at my own pace and I am finding it very informative.

To take a course online or find future course offerings near you: <http://www.aarpdriversafety.org>

Fall Cleanup

October 8, 2010 was a gorgeous fall day, the kind of day we revel in and look for reasons to stay outside. Lucky for us seven Share Care volunteers, who demonstrated our weeding and furniture moving talents at five homes. We now know the ropes so well that we hardly need to be told what to do! We were rewarded with hot coffee and fresh cookies. After relaxing over a delicious lunch at the Eat Spot we continued to our afternoon appointments and finished with the sun still shining and a couple of hours left to rake our own leaves.

Lest we become over confident and too pleased with ourselves, we could use a few new challenges next year. ShareCare members, please keep us on our toes! Watch for the Spring Cleanup Day announcement and call if you could use our help.

Alison Heins, Clean Up Day Committee Chair



Volunteer Stats:

October Miles: 1,865 **October Hours: 161.5**

Region 1 (Northport-Omena)

Porter & Anita Abbott
Ed & Connie Arnfield
June Atkinson
Marie Bahlke
Dale & Joan Blount
Julia Brabenec
Frank & Judy Bracken
Ruth Brown
Joan Buchman
Peggy Bufe
Catherine Caraher
John & Adele Cermak
Melissa Chenault
Amy Cooksey
Mary Dearborn
Gilbert & Annette Deibel
Chuck & Janet Dickerson
Bill & Linda Emmert
John & Gina Erb
Eben Finger
Max Finton
Richard & Isabelle Firestone
Fred & Nancy Freeman
William & Be Fuertges
Eugene & Kathy Garthe
Stephen & Lauran Gilbreath
Thomas & Sylvia Guback
Gayle Harlow
Molly Harrison
John Hoppin, Jr.
Ann Hotchkiss
Bernadette Hufford
Kalin & Phia Johnson
Paula LaClaire
Artie Lancaster
James & Suzanne Landes
Judie Leece
Robert & Trudy Lewis
Mary Lyons
Lilian Mattson
Pauline McClure
Phillip & Vina Mikesell
Janice Morton
Stu & Suzie Mulligan
Sally Neal
Gordon & Janey Odell
David & Judith Pohlod
Bette Puschel
John & Mary Helen Ray
Mary Russell
Daniel & Elizabeth Schleef
Helen Shiley

Kent & Sarah Shoemaker
Nicholas & Helen Sica
John & Kathleen Snedeker
Theresa Stamos-Underwood
Ulrich & Sarah Straus
Dorothy Strong
Grafton & Ruth Thomas
Philip Thomas & Henrietta Barnes
William & Virginia Thomas
John & Kim Todd
Ronald & Mary Tonneberger
Robert & Joyce Wainwright
Elizabeth Waite
L. James & Marilyn Wetherbee
Delcie White
Ethel Wills
George & Angela Wills
Richard & Betsy Wilson

Region 2 (Suttons Bay-Elmwood)

Diane Anderson
Joy Arai
Owen & Leila Bahle
Larry Mawby & Lois Bahle
Patricia Bailey
Joe & Nancy Belton
Gerald & Dorothy Bergman
David & Pamela Bradshaw
Richard & Linda Buist
Jack Burton
Charles & Susan Cady
Cheryl Cain
Lee & Kathie Carrick
David & Julianne Christensen
Norman & Ruth Christensen
Kathleen Cigan
Dale & Patti Coulston
Barbara Coye
Carl & Hilde Fox
Patricia Ganter
John & Marion Glover
David & Penelope Gordon
Donald & Ann Gregory
Richard & Marion Grout
Donald & Mary Ann Hacker
Thomas & Darlene Hackney
Ann Hawkins
William & Suzanne Hoff
Raymond & Patricia Isaacson
Robert & Alexandra Jackman
John & Sheila Kain
Joy Kalchik
William & Barb Klein

Karl & Barbara Marsh
JoAnne McCallum
Geneva McClintock
Gaytha McVay
Donald & Victoria Mileski
Margaret Miller
Jack & Delores Mobley
Diantha Naftali
Carol Nelson
Harry Nichols
Donald & Marie Richards
Ruth Ann Smith
June Soltas
Gerald Stanek
Arthur & Maxine Summerfield
Patricia Vingsness
Jon & Judy Walter
Janet Wander
Maury & Buff Witteveen

Region 3 (Leland-Lake Leelanau)

Larry Hauser & Barbara Abbott
Shirley Agosa
Merrill & Beverly Almquist
Martha Baker
George & Merry Ball
Lena Ball
Scott Craig & Carol Bawden
Marjorie Bennison
Thomas & Gill Bentley
Gilbert & Anne Bogley
Maurice Bolmer
Sally Booth
Caroline Brady
Richard & Helen Brant
Hugh & Randy Brown
Lucy Butterbaugh
John & Ginger Campbell
Edward & Barbara Collins
Lisa Conroy
Treva DeJong
Jane Domke
Donald & Mary Duff
Clifford & Judith Egeler
Aubrey & Mary Eggenberger
William & Joan Elder
Elizabeth Elliott
Thomas & Jane Evans
James & Georgie Fenton
Susan Finke
Cathleen Fisher
Edna Foran
Dorothy Forton

ShareCare Members, cont. James & Carol Frederick
 Judy Frederick
 William Gard
 Thomas & Nancy Gross
 Eugene & Maryellen Hadjisky
 Chuck & Mollie Hall
 John Hamelin
 Jane Hancock
 Logan & Sherrie Hardie
 Elisabeth Heikel
 Raymond Heine
 John & Jean Humble
 David & Nancy Hunter
 Anne Kinzie
 Theodore & Natalie Lanham
 Jay Littell
 Thomas Skinner & Marlis Mann
 Jim & Ellen McLean
 Helga Meeker
 Marguerite Meeker
 Robert Mello
 Richard & Elizabeth Miller
 Jerry & Jean Muir

Ann Nichols
 Sadayoshi & Kathryn Omoto
 William & Elizabeth Peace
 Alice Peterson
 Robert & Ellen Pisor
 Robert & Dorotha Pitcher
 Edward Porter
 Grace Price
 James & Arleen Rae
 Gwen Rich
 MaryLou Ristine
 Paula Robertson
 Mimi Sayre
 John & Mary Scott
 Jerry & Patricia Shea
 Edson & June Sheppard
 Margaret Skeba
 Hamish & Beryl Small
 Conway Smith
 Terry & Donna Stanton
 Samuel & Nancy Stewart
 Maureen Suelzer
 Phyllis Takayama
 Ben & Nancy Tefertiller

Nancy Telgard
 Robert & Katharine Turner
 John & Janice VanRaalte
 Barbara Vilter
 John Watkins
 Arthur Weber
 Shirley Wheatley
 Robert & Virginia Willard
 William & Jeanne Wise
 Gery & Karen Zemaitis

Region 4 (South end of Cty)

K. C. & Jacquie Cole
 Yvonne Daly
 Avel DeGraff
 John & Rita Dick
 Andrew & JoAnne Gerben
 Laura Glettler
 Gerald & Janice Gorrell
 Conrad & Alison Heins
 John & Josephine McCormick
 Violet Reddicliffe
 Barbara Wisniewski

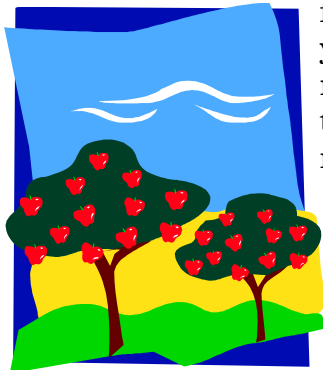
Many, Many Thanks Are In Order!



ShareCare owes a debt of gratitude to the Northport Highlands for their continued support. The Highlands graciously provides ShareCare its office at no charge. We even have in-house storage for our durable equipment, which is a true blessing!

When Sadness Strikes—

Many ShareCare members lived in places other than Leelanau County during their working years and are still in contact with friends



from there. When those friends pass on, and you want to remember them in some way, making a donation to ShareCare is a nice option. The ShareCare office responds with a note acknowledging the gift.

Not only does your gift stay in the County, but it's a tremendous help to ShareCare in its efforts to assist older adults who are trying to live safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

Office Help Needed

Wed, Nov 24

Wed, Dec 22

Thur, Dec 23

Mon, Dec 27

Tue, Dec 28

Wed, Dec 29

Thur Dec 30