

Singles 40s, 50s, 60+ Group at St. Leo's - Calendar for December - 2010



The Singles Group at St. Leo's is a social group of single men and women in their 40s, 50s & 60+, unmarried for any reason. We welcome everyone over 40, legally single, regardless of their church affiliation. For more details, please see our monthly calendar on St. Leo's website by going to http://www.stleo.net/singles_group.php. If you don't have Internet access, call the parish office at 397-0407. They will mail you a copy and answer any questions. With Internet access, you can email: ppeacockoma@yahoo.com for information.

NEWCOMERS

If you are new to the group, go to our current monthly calendar at the website referenced above. (I do not usually send this out via email.) However, be sure I have your email address for last-minute updates/reminders; a phone number is also helpful if we need to cancel something on the weekend (online at work only M-F). I will keep your info confidential. ppeacockoma@yahoo.com.

ATTN: TO THOSE WE SEND THE NEWSLETTER TO VIA U.S. MAIL

We have not seen some of you lately or ever so please call either St Leo's office at 397-0407 or me (Patti) at 393-0571 (okay to leave detailed message) to let me know you still want to be on the mailing list—this message is for Tim J, Betty J, Vivian M, Jane M, Kathy M, Mary R, Carol S, Georgia T and Steve W. The rest of you aren't listed here because I know you either want to remain on the list because you attend events regularly or you recently requested a newsletter in the mail. And please remember, this is just for people getting the newsletter in the actual U.S. mail. If we don't hear from you, we will remove your name--it's up to you and thanks so much for your help.



Dec 3 (Fri): TGIF will be at Granite City near the Westroads. Please plan to meet anytime after 5:30 p.m. Kriss is our hostess. Contact her with any questions at 660-1963. Ask for the St. Leo's table. Reservations are not necessary.

or

Micki is getting a group together to serve food at the Siena/Francis House, 17th & Nicholas, on Friday, Dec 3rd, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. She will need 10-12 people to help serve to those less fortunate. Please call her at 679-5850 for more info or to sign up.

REMINDER: If you cannot help serve food but would like to donate, I plan to go shopping again this year and get what they need at the S/F House. So feel free to bring your cash donations to me at any of the upcoming events. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to the Siena-Francis House. I will be happy to take cash, checks or items

you purchase for them. Their website, which indicates their needs. is:
<http://sienafancis.org/daily-needs-list.htm>

Dec 8 (Wed): *Second Wednesday—Bonfish Grill Lounge* tonight--meet in the lounge anytime after 5. Look for our group and save seats if you can. Contact Patti with questions beforehand at 393-0571.



Dec 17 (Fri): TGIF will be at *Granite City* near the Westroads. Please plan to meet anytime after 5:30 p.m. Kriss is our hostess. Contact her with any questions at 660-1963. Ask for the St. Leo's table. Reservations are not necessary.



Dec 21 (Tues): *First Day of Winter*



Dec 25 (Sat) *Joy to the World & Merry Christmas to All!*



Dec 28 (Tues): *Deadline for Next Newsletter*

Dec 31 (Fri): *New Year's Eve* will be @ *P.F. Chang's China Bistro*, 10150 California St, near the Westroads @ **5:30 p.m.** You will need a reservation. Please call me no later than Dec 21st; there is a limit on the number of people we can have so that we can all be seated together, and it is **20**. My number is 393-0571—Patti. (Please don't email me but **DO** call as I will be taking several vacation days around the holidays. Also, if you call me with a reservation and then cannot make it, please call me again to cancel so I can fill the space as need be. I won't necessarily be calling back to confirm these reservations. Thank you. Please go to: <http://www.pfchangs.com/index.aspx> for menu and other information.

or

Laura is also hosting a dinner tonight, also, at **7:30 p.m.**--if your preference is to go later, at *Crave in Midtown Crossing*, 32nd & Farnam next to the parking garage. She will take reservations for up to **40** people so email her: lgero@hotmail.com or call 292-0752 no later than Dec 15. She will either email or call you back to confirm. Prices for dinner start at \$40.

Either way, have a safe & happy New Year's eve.



Pancake Breakfast

Dec 12 (Sun) at St Leo's Church, 1920 N 102nd St, 8 to 1230, sponsored by the St Leo's Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Cost is \$6/person.

Retreat Offering for Spiritual Seekers

Febr 4-6, 2011 (Fri-Sun) "The Seeker's Guide" is a retreat presented by Elizabeth Lesser at The Omega Institute yearly in upstate New York. She is the author of "The Seeker's Guide" and "Broken Open - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow". She is the co-founder of The Omega Institute, the largest holistic spirituality center in the country. Last July, Rachel Miller attended that retreat, found it to be a weekend of grace and was given permission by Elizabeth to bring the retreat back to Nebraska. She led the retreat in Oct at St. Benedict's Center in Schuyler and was encouraged to offer it again.

This retreat explores spirituality as the instinct and the quest for meaning, purpose and inner peace. It is the sense that each day is a sacred adventure where even our pain and confusion can lead us to what Joseph Campbell called "the rapture of being alive." The spiritual adventure is an inner journey, a shift of perspective--a change in attitude. On this adventure, we need a special kind of guidance--one that addresses the fullness of our body, mind, heart and soul. And we need traveling companions.

This workshop provides a watering hole where seekers can gather together to put down their burdens, gain direction and rest up for the next phase of the journey. All seekers are invited: seasoned practitioners, bare beginners, those of great faith and those with little. During the weekend, we navigate our way through the "four landscapes of the spiritual journey" using meditation and prayer from a variety of traditions, music, writing, humor, conversations and readings with ample time for quiet and personal space.

Rachel Miller, MS, is a teacher in Lincoln and a life-long Seeker. She finds joy in passing on to others the wisdom and grace she has received in the form of weekly gatherings in her home and on retreats. This retreat begins Friday evening and ends before noon on Sunday. Cost is \$150 for meals, lodging & tuition. To register or ask questions, please email Rachel: rmiller@lps.org or call her at (402) 304-8714.

Support

The Widowed, Divorced & Separated (WDS) Ministry of Omaha has information on *Beginning Experience, Coping Sessions & Local Support Groups for Adults & Children*. If anyone is interested in this information, contact Pat Seier — Widowed, Divorced and Separated Ministry Coordinator at 557-5514 or email paseier@archomaha.org



2010 WINTER EVENTS - OMAHA



ConAgra Foods Ice Rink Holiday Lights' Festival: ConAgra Campus, 10th & Harney from Dec 10th thru the 31st. Times: Sun-Thurs, 1 to 10 pm; Fri & Sat, 1 pm to midnight; holiday eves, 1 to 5 pm; closed on Christmas Day. Admission is \$5 which includes skate rental

Durham Museum's Holiday Concert Series is on Dec 4/5, 11/12 & 18/19. Enjoy some of the area's most beautiful holiday music under the glow of The Durham's Christmas tree. Talented local entertainers, school musicians and choirs will perform. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for 62+.

First National Bank's Holiday Lights' Festival: Gene Leahy Mall, 14th & Farnam on Dec 31st at 7 pm. Admission is free

Father Flanagan House Museum's Irish Christmas: 14153 Grodinsky Cir, Dec 6-12. The house will come alive with the sights & sounds of an Irish Christmas celebration. Times are 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

Henry Doorly Zoo 3701 S 10th St, Dec 4-18, 930am to 5pm. Santa is coming to town to dive in the Scott Aquarium shark tunnel—Saturdays only.

Lauritzen Gardens: 100 Bancroft St: Poinsettia Show thru Jan 9. Admission is \$6 for adults.

Old Market—Dickens in the Market: 11th & Harney, Dec 11—costumed characters recreate a Dickens' Village. Times are 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

Omaha Community Playhouse: *A Christmas Carol* thru Dec 23, 6915 Cass Street, \$34/person.
www.omahaplayhouse.org

Rockbrook Village in the Village at 108 & W Center Rd. Dec 4: ride a horse-drawn carriage, chat w/Santa and listen to carolers from area schools. Times: 11 am to 3 pm. Admission is free.

CRUISE NEWS

Leslie Fox is working on plans for another cruise the week of May 1, 2011. It will be to either the Bahamas or the southern or eastern Caribbean. If you think you might be interested, please contact her at 681-5929 or email: ldylfox@yahoo.com.

