



SPECIAL DELIVERY

THE MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2023

FALL EVENTS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!



Join Meals on Wheels Delaware for the last summer event of Hats and Heels, being held on the last day of summer, September 22, 2023 at Wild Quail Golf and Country Club! Enjoy a fun evening of tasty bites from local restaurants, and sip on some of your favorite drinks as we usher in fall! Hats and Heels will give you the opportunity to show off your favorite Fedora? Bonnet? Chapeau? or ten-gallon cowboy hat and showcase those designer heels ladies! Wear those Jimmy Choos, Prada, Gucci, Weitzman or your favorite Birkenstocks. All are welcome, you might even win a prize as the best in each class! Wild Quail will even supply some of their tasty food selections, while at the same time you can bid on some great auction items! Raffle tickets will be available until 8 p.m. for a 4-digit black and white license plate! Let's kick up our heels and say goodbye to summer and welcome in fall all at the same time! See you at Wild Quail!



Now let's not forget the newest competitive sport in the country that is showing up in every park in the State of Delaware: Pickleball!

Form a team and join in the Inaugural Battle of the Paddles as we partner with Courtside Pickleball and Tennis Club, 2117 Kenton Road, Dover, and host this tournament fundraiser on September 30th and October 1st.

Teams will be divided by skill and age, but not until everyone is registered. Saturday will be men's and women's doubles and Sunday will be mixed doubles, medals to the top 3 teams in each bracket! Start your practice sessions now so you can be ready for this great tournament, and at the same time raise funds for our seniors in Delaware who depend on Meals on Wheels for their nourishment! Help us spread the word! Ready, Set, Battle!



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MEET BOARD MEMBER CAITLIN CUSTER

Caitlin Custer is a proud Delawarean, with a degree in Mass Communications from University of Delaware, and a Master's Degree in Administration of Human Services from Wilmington University.

Caitlin brings 9 years of experience in the nonprofit development sector to her Board service. Her passion for philanthropy led her to an adjunct instructor position at Wilmington University, where she teaches grant writing to emerging and seasoned professionals.

Since joining Corteva Agriscience as the Community Investment Program Manager, Caitlin has embraced the opportunity to partner with local nonprofit organizations to make a difference, focusing on programs that empower women, enable youth, and engage communities. She lives in Newark, Delaware with her fiancé Brian, their two cats, Oliver and Theodore, and their dog, Fred.

– Caitlin Custer, Community Investment Program Manager – Corteva Agriscience

THANK YOU TO WELLS FARGO FOR SUPPORTING SENIOR WELL-BEING IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

Meals On Wheels Delaware is grateful to have had a partnership with Wells Fargo for several years.

From 2018 through 2022 Wells Fargo contributed \$100,000 in total support of services to homebound seniors in our community. Their contributions through the challenging years of covid made a significant impact on the ability to meet increased demands for in-home nutrition.

Meals On Wheels programs in Delaware served more meals and individual seniors than ever before during Covid. In 2021, 898,509 freshly prepared, nutritious meals were delivered to over 6,600 seniors statewide. That is up 40% from pre-covid numbers.



Left to Right: Paralee Knights, Regina Dodds, Dawn Parsons, Tammy Halstead, Anne Love, Anissa Miles

In July, Wells Fargo made an amazingly generous gift of \$50,000. Contributions from Wells Fargo make it possible to prepare, package and deliver meals in all of our communities statewide to meet the peak demand. Over this time funds supported meals not funded by other means. Once meals were covered funding supported meal programs in all three counties with two large commercial ovens, three hot meal cabinets, a food slicer, and walk in freezer. Delivery vehicles were essential; thank you for helping to purchase a delivery vehicle for New Castle County. Volunteers are always the backbone of the organization but never more so that the last several years. We were able to show appreciation to meal delivery volunteers with receptions to thank them for always being there.

Thank you for making a difference.



PRESERVING TRADITIONS, SHARING WISDOM

We celebrate National Grandparent's Day on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This year, the date falls on September 10th. Like Mother's Day and Father's Day we also have a whole day dedicated to our grandparents. Grandparents and children have a special connection that is proven to both make grandparents live longer, and also make children more emotionally resilient. Grandparents Day is an opportunity to treasure that connection and spend some quality family time together.

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