

Singles Outreach Services Inc. March 2026 Newsletter

Now in our 42nd year of serving the Capital District and surrounding areas

What does Musical, Mythical, and Magical, have in common?

Answer: The month of March at Singles Outreach.

That's right join us throughout the month of march to experience our jumpacked calendar.

Musical Nights

Start the month as we bring back two, yes two of our favorite entertainers.



Al Lawerence will be here on Friday March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Al has almost 1,000 songs to choose from to croon for you. Can you stump him, by requesting one he doesn't have? Should be fun. Only \$10 pp

Don "The Soulman" Hyman with DeeJay Ben will be here on Friday March 13th, at 7:00 p.m. with another new and fantastic show will there be a touch of the Irish mixed in? Find out as he says "Hit it Ben". \$10 pp

Carla in Concert

Wednesday March 11th, Join us at the River's Casino at 2 pm for a concert with Carla Page and her band. – Free event

Irish -- Mythical

Join us on a couple of Tuesday evenings as Irish traditions, and the luck o' the Irish is discussed maybe even the wee people. Check your calendar.

Magical

Annie's Magical Movie Night

Friday, March 20 at 7 pm

Tonight, we enjoy a black comedy with Bruce Willis, Goldy Hawn and Meryl Streep. What could possibly go wrong when women decide to drink a "magic potion"? The movie was so well received that they made a Tony Award Winning Broadway Musical Comedy. Popcorn. Donations. Popcorn (no magic potions served).

TEDx Talk – Why Magic Matters

After enjoying time with friends and some amazing dishes, what will you bring to the table? Stick around for Scott's presentation. Sunday March 22nd 3:00 pm. Chris Cook explains why Magic Matters... he has a few tricks up his sleeves!

Magical Mystery Tour – Real World

Tuesday March 24th at 6:30 our Facilitator Ann P. will be here to host a discussion on Mystery & Magic, a lead in to a special show on Friday March 27th.

It's a Magical Night

Get Ready for Wonder, Laughter and

Surprises – Fri, Mar 27 at 7 pm

Magicians Bob Yorburg, Dave McClements and Allan Alexander will be performing a fun filled night of magic and mentalism for your entertainment. Bob, Dave and Allan are members of the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. They have performed professionally throughout the North East and Albany area. This event is open to the public. \$10 pp.



Celebrate Black History & Woman's Month

Sunday March 1st following our Share a Dish Dinner join us around 3 pm. As Carla Page & friends host a presentation featuring Black History & Woman's months.

Brainstorming/Programming

Monday March 2nd, at 1:00 pm come and share your ideas for events and activities you would like to see on our calendar.

Square Dance Lessons

That's right Thursday's beginning at 7:00 pm Ron is back to teach square dancing each week \$10. This is a Ron Schelhaas event.

Pinochle Lessons

Two chances to learn! Monday's March 16th, & 23rd, at 7:00 pm Come and learn how to play this fun card game.

All-inclusive Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner

Join us on Sunday March 15th, at 2:00 pm for an Irish celebration of St. Patrick's Day with an all-inclusive Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. \$15 with RSVP by Friday, March 13th. Twenty dollars at the door without a reservation. Presentations to follow.

Presenters: Danny Boudreau & Riley Hart

March 15 at 3 pm

Mr. Boudreau is a member of RCV Albany. Ranked Choice Voting Albany is a grassroots movement to bring ranked choice voting (RCV) to the city of Albany! Learn how other cities around the U.S. have already begun to use RCV, how this system of voting makes voting more fair and more democratic, and discuss strategy and next steps to make it a reality in Albany and beyond. Ms. Hart will give us an overview of Unite NY. Both organizations are non-partisan. Their presentations follow our

Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Dining Adventures

The following Dining adventures are being held on Friday's at 4:00 pm Please R.S.V.P. by calling our office and leaving a message at 518- 452-6883.

Friday March 6th, Blue Ribbon Diner at 1801 State St. Schenectady.

Friday March 13th, Metro 7 Diner 1090 Troy/Schenectady Road Latham

Friday March 20th, Bellevue Diner 2630 Broadway Schenectady

Friday March 27th, "76" Diner 722 New Loudon Road (Route 9) Latham

Here in the Real world

Join the group on Tuesday nights, as they discuss fun topics or be surprised. Each week a different topic with different facilitator. What will be your take on this week's topic? Got a topic you would like to open for discussion? Give us a call and we will get you on our calendar, call our office at 518-452-6883

This month's topics and facilitators are:

Tuesday March 3rd, – "Luck of the Irish" with Terri M. Just how lucky are the Irish?

Tuesday March 10th, - "Longtermism" with Vic -- (The ethical view that positively influencing the long-term future is a key moral priority. Protecting future generations.)

Tuesday March 17th, "Irish Traditions" with Bonnie R. Their culture, food, music and more.

Tuesday March 24th, "Magical Mystery Tour" with Ann P. – A little of everything for fun!

Tuesday March 31st "TBD" with Krystina

We are looking for Facilitators for April

We want to keep this event going but we need facilitators and topics. Please consider joining us.

Weekly Events**Sundays Mar 1,8,15, 22, & 29**

- Indoor tennis 10:00 am contact Dan at 518-629-0088 for details
- Share a Dish Sunday dinner 2:00 pm Attend Sunday Dinner, Games -- rest of day for one price. \$4/6

Mondays

- Member's Planning Meeting Mar 2 (1 pm)
- Peer Support group 6:30 – Mar 2, 9, & 30
- Beginner's Pinochle Mar 16
- Beginner's Pinochle Mar 23

Tuesdays Mar 3,10,17 & 24 & 31

Real World discussion group 6:30 pm \$4/6

- Mar 3 -- 'Luck of the Irish' Terri M
- Mar 10 – "Longtermisim" Vic
- Mar 17 – "Irish Traditions" Bonnie R
- Mar 24 – "Magical Mystery Tour" Ann P
- Mar. 31 – "TBD" Krystina
- Blessings Tavern after for conversation

Wednesdays Mar 4,11,18 & 25

- Outdoorsy stuff 9:30 am Enjoy walking and/or biking with a great group of friends followed by a lunch at a place chosen by the group. A different location each week. Watch the weekly update for info if John sends in time. Contact: vabchpop@aol.com
- Sportsman Bowl 1652 Crane St. Rotterdam \$16 for 3 games & shoes 6:15 pm. Contact Judy at 518-374-0765 for info.

Thursdays Mar 5,12,19 & 26

- Mahjong -- come and share the fun. Noon \$4/6 – Beginners welcome
- Square dancing 7 pm with R. Schellhaas – see pg 2 for details and contact information

Fridays Mar 6,13,20 & 27

- Pinochle beginning at noon \$4/6
- Dining Adventures – Four (4) in Mar
- Check NL for Special Events

Saturdays Mar 7,14,21 & 28

- Game Night 7:00 pm enjoy an evening of games/cards with friends. Got a game you want to play bring it along. \$4/6

Special Events

- **Sun March 1** Presentation on Black History and Woman's month 3 pm
- **Mon Mar 2** – Member's Planning Meeting 1:00 pm. Open to all come, join in, share your ideas (see article below)
- **Fri Mar 6** -- Dinner at The Blue Ribbon @ 4:00 RSVP by 3/3 Host: Bonnie & David
- **Fri Mar 6** – **CONCERT** Al Lawrence 7 pm
- **Thurs Mar 12** -- Board Meeting 10 am
- **Fri Mar 13** – Metro 7 Diner 4 pm - RSVP by 3/12. Host: Bonnie & Dave
- **Fri Mar 13** – **CONCERT** Don "The Soulman" Hyman performing at 7 pm See pg. 1
- **Sun Mar 15** – **Special All-Inclusive Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** at 2 pm – **MUST RSVP by 3/13** – \$15; No res. \$20 Guests \$20 – Presenters @ 3 pm
- **Mon Mar 16** – Beginner's Pinochle 7 pm
- **Fri Mar 20** -- Dinner at Bellevue Diner 4:00 pm RSVP by 3/18 Hosts: Dave & Bonnie
- **Fri Mar 20** – Annie's ComedyMovie Night 7:00 pm donations.
- **Sun Mar 22** - **TEDx Talk** "Magic" 3 pm
- **Mon Mar 23** – Beginner's Pinochle 7 pm
- **Fri Mar 27** – 76 Diner 4:00 pm RSVP 3/26
- **Fri Mar 27** – **MAGICIANS** 7:00 pm -- 3 Magicians performing up close magic. \$10

Member's Planning Meeting – Mar 2

Come over at 1:00 p.m. & share your ideas for future events and activities. Join the meeting and give your opinions on what is discussed., We are starting to plan some Day Trips. Ideas Include Cooperstown, Automobile Museum, Landis Arboretum and more.

Check our weekly updates on Wednesdays for any last-minute cancelations.

When reservations are required, please call our office at 518-452-6883

MARCH 2026 Calendar

Singles Outreach Services Inc. --- www.singlesoutreach.org

Office Phone: 518-452-6883

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1 Indoor Tennis Share a Dish Dinner 2 pm Presentation 3 pm Carla Page Games at 4 pm	March 2 Member's Planning Mtg. 1 pm Peer Group 6:30 pm	March 3 Real World 6:30 "Luck of the Irish" Terri M. Blessings Tavern for conversation after	March 4 Outdoors Group with John F. 9:30 am Bowling 6:15 pm	March 5 Mahjong Noon Ron Schellhaas Square Dance 7 pm	March 6 Pinochle 12 Noon Blue Ribbon Diner @ 4 pm Concert Al Lawerence 7 pm	March 7 Game Night 7 pm
March 8 Indoor Tennis 10 am Share a dish 2 pm Games at 4 pm	March 9 Peer Support Group 6:30 pm	March 10 Real World 6:30 "Longtermism" Facilitator: Vic Blessings Tavern for conversation after	March 11 Outdoors Group with John F. 9 30 am Carla Page Concert 2-4pm Bowling 6:15 pm	March 12 Board Mtg. 10 am Mahjong 12 Noon Ron Schellhaas Square Dance 7 pm	March 13 Pinochle Noon Metro 7 Diner 4 pm Concert Don "The Soulman" Hyman 7 pm	March 14 Game Night 7 pm
March 15 indoor Tennis 10 am All-Inclusive Corned Beef & Cabbage 2 pm RSVP a MUST Presenters 3 pm Games at 4 pm	March 16 Beginner's Pinochle 7 pm Newsletter deadline	March 17 Real World 6:30 "Irish Traditions" Facilitator: Bonnie R. Blessings Tavern for conversation after	March 18 Outdoors Group with John F. 9:30 am Bowling 6:15 pm	March 19 Mahjong 12 Noon Ron Schellhaas Square Dance 7 pm	March 20 Pinochle 12 Noon Bellevue Diner 4:00 pm Annie's Comedy Movie Night 7 pm	March 21 Game Night 7 pm
March 22 indoor Tennis 10 am "Share a Dish" 2 pm TEDx Talk 3 pm Games at 4 pm	March 23 Beginner's Pinochle 7 pm	March 24 Real World 6:30 "Magical Mystery Tour" Facilitator: Ann Blessings Tavern for conversation after	March 25 Outdoors Group with John F. 9:30 am Bowling 6:15 pm	March 26 Mahjong 12 Noon Ron Schellhaas Square Dance 7 pm	March 27 Pinochle 12 Noon 76 Diner 4 pm Magicians Night 7:00 pm	March 28 Game Night 7 pm
March 29 Indoor Tennis Share a Dish Dinner 2 pm Games at 4 pm	March 30 Peer Support Group 6:30 pm	March 31 Real World 6:30 TBD Krystina Blessings Tavern for conversation after	April 1 Outdoors Group with John F. 9:30 am Bowling 6:15 pm	April 2 Mahjong 12 Noon Ron Schellhaas Square Dance 7 pm	April 3 Pinochle 12 Noon Dining Adventure TBD	April 4 Game Night 7 pm

"If you are considering attending an event, it's a good idea to call the Event Leader with contact information so he/she can notify you of any last-minute changes."

A Week at Singles Outreach

Sunday – Fun Day – includes Dinner, speaker, games all for one fee

- **Tennis** We offer indoor Tennis 10 am. Columbus Day to Sunday before Mother’s Day. From Mother’s Day to the Sunday prior to Columbus Day we offer outdoor Tennis. 10 am – 1 pm
- **“Share a Dish” Dinner** 2 pm – bring a dish to pass containing 6-8 servings and pay \$4/6 or attend without a dish to pass and pay \$10. Dietary Issues? Another option; bring just your own dinner and just enjoy the company. \$4/6*
- **Speaker** Some weeks at 3 pm we have a speaker come in for a presentation. \$4/6*
- **“Games Galore”** Beginning at 4 pm or immediately following Speaker we offer board games and/or cards. \$4/6*

Mondays – Variety – check the calendar

Peer Support Group, Programming Meeting or Mahjong & Pinochle beginner’s classes on special Mondays. Check out each Monday. These will change.

Tuesdays Real World Topics from 6:30 – 8:30 come and discuss the topic of the evening, share your opinion not a presentation but a discussion group. Some weeks may be trivia or activity. \$4/6*

- **Blessings Restaurant** following Real World some of those attending go to Blessings Restaurant for snacks and conversation after.

Wednesdays Outdoorsy Stuff 9:30 or 10 am a walk or bike rides your choice walking available year-round this event takes place at a variety of locations in seven counties in and around Albany County Free event. **Lunch** following the walking and biking the group picks a place for lunch. See page 3 for contact info.

Bowling offered year-round we have a league from January to May 15 then open bowling through the summer. \$6 three games & shoes. Sportsman Bowl 1652 Crane St. Schenectady.

Thursdays Mahjong noon a fun game with matching tiles. Join us, as beginners are welcome. We will teach you how to play \$4/6* (Beginner’s class on specified Monday – see calendar) & Square dancing in March (a Ron Schelhaas Event – check with him)

Friday

- **Pinochle** noon come and play (beginners welcome) this fun card game \$4/6* (Beginner’s class on specified Monday – see calendar)
- **Dining Adventures** on Friday and/or Saturday we may host a dinner at a local restaurant, beginning at either 4:00 or other specified time.
- **Friday evenings** we may offer a concert, a TV Game Night, or a “pay what you will” movie night. Magicians in March!
- **Concerts/Performances:** Area Talents performing from 7– 9 pm. \$10 (2 concerts in March)
- **TV Game Night** 7 pm. Be a part of your favorite TV game show. Try Family Feud, Concentration, Wheel of Fortune, Password, Pyramid, and more. \$4/6*
- **“Pay What You Will” Movie Night** 7 pm. Movie selected by host with a discussion to follow. Popcorn. Donations.

Saturday “Games Galore Cards “N” More” Join us at 7 pm for games and/or cards. You can also bring your own game if you have something you want to play? Come and play one game or a variety of games throughout the evening \$4/6*

*\$4/6 = member/guest price. 435 New Karner Road Albany NY 518-452-6883

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Activities for Singles
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Singles Outreach Services Inc.
 Hanover Square Bldg.
 435 New Karner Road Box 301,
 Albany, NY 12205
 Community Room located at
 Hanover Square (Hill Entrance)

MARCH Highlights
Fri Mar 6 -- Al Lawernce in Concert
Fri. Mar 13 -- Don Hyman in Concert
Sun. Mar 15 -- All-inclusive Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner & Presenters
Fri Mar 20 -- Annie's Magical Comedy Movie Night
Sun Mar 22 -- TEDx Talk on Magic
Fri Mar 27 -- Three Amazing Magicians Performing on our Stage

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Reminder that Laminated Membership cards are sent out the last week of the month. Watch your mail. There is a \$2 charge for replacement cards

March 2026 Activities for Singles

www.SinglesOutreach.org
SOS@SinglesOutreach.org



Directions to our Community Room and Office

From 2W of Northway, go West on Central Ave. for 1.7 mi, turn right on New Karner Rd. (Rt. 155) – for 0.6 mi. Hanover Square is on the right, set back from the road. Middle door on right side of bldg. is labeled “Hill St.” entrance. In lobby, left door on ground floor. (435 Address sign at road & flag at our door)

How to Join Us

You are invited to join Singles Outreach Services, Inc. We are a not-for-profit corporation that provides activities for single people. Please join us at one of our events as a guest (small charge). We can provide you with a membership form to complete. One year is only \$30, which helps us support our mission and our office and community room. You will also receive a monthly calendar by email (provide and email) or as printed copy in your mailbox without an email. Providing an email allows us to send you a weekly update, which provides you with last minute changes or updates on existing calendar events.

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a safe and welcoming place for singles of all ages to share activities and friendship.

2026-2026 Singles Outreach Officers and Board Members: President: David Freeman; Vice President: Esther Miklic; Secretary: : Bonnie Russell; Treasurer: Judy DesChamps; Asst. Treasurer Scott Stewart; Debra Gugig Bauer; Sam Gallucci and Janice Livingston . **Board Advisors:** Gerald Boileau, Luella Dozois and Maria Immediato --- **Executive Director** Ann Parillo

Travel and Day Trip committee under development. Interested? Let us know. We welcome committee members.