

### **New Member Orientation & YOU!**

The New Member Orientation is a must if you are new to Alameda, recently retired, wanting to learn more about Center programs or expecting your parents for an extended visit! The New Member Orientation offers a guided-tour that introduces you to the Center, an information packet outlining the various activities, programs, and services, and a complimentary lunch provided by Bay Area Community Services (BACS)! Make a reservation to join us on **Thursday, February 11**, at 10:30 am by visiting the Mastick Office or calling 747-7506.

### **Letter "L" for Love, Luck, or Lucky @ Love!**

Join us on **Saturday, February 13**, at 12:15 pm in the social hall to celebrate love (Valentine's Day) and try your luck at Mastick's weekly fundraising Bingo game. Bingo participants will play a special game, the "Letter L" with the opportunity to win \$50. In addition, participants are encouraged to partake in the Valentine's Day Table Decorating Contest. *This program is sponsored by the Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board and Bingo Committee.*

### **Travel with Us...**

#### **Magic Day**

Join us for a docent led tour of the Benicia Historical Museum. Then, we'll have a delicious lunch while watching magicians perform for our enjoyment.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

**8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)**

**Activity Level: Two Shoes**

Sign up begins: **Tuesday, February 16**, at 8:30 am in Dining Room 2.

### **Thank You for Your Generosity & Support!**

The Mastick Advisory Board, Volunteers, and Staff thank you for supporting Mastick Senior Center! During the month of December, we would especially like to thank the following: John Hasegawa and Uliano & Betty Lupetti.



### **An Overview of Long Term Care**

On **Tuesday, February 23**, at 1:00 pm in Room D a representative from Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS) will provide an "Overview of Long Term Care". The presentation will include: a description on the differences between Medicare coverage and long term care; explain ways of getting long term care and options for financing it; focus on the features as well as the pros and cons of long term care insurance; and offer guidelines for purchasing long term care insurance. To attend this information presentation, sign up in the office or call 747-7506.

### **Music Appreciation Class**

Join William Sturm, Volunteer Instructor, on **Thursday, February 25**, at 1:30 pm in Dining Room 2 for a piano recital and discussion on one of Bohemia's most famous composers, "Musical Love Letters: Piano Pieces by Zdenek Fibich". Register in the office or call 747-7506.

### **Utility Users' Tax (UUT)**

Alameda residents pay a 7.5% Utility Users' Tax (UUT) on utility charges (e.g., electrical, gas, and cable). Alameda residents, 62 years of age or low-income, are eligible for a 2% exemption on the UUT and have the option of directly benefiting from the 2% reduction or designating Mastick Senior Center as the recipient of an amount equivalent to the cost savings. We will use the revenue generated from those donating their cost savings to fund programs and services.

**Coming in March 2009...**

### **How to Plan Your Estate**

Join Mary Widenor, Attorney and Alameda Adult School instructor, for a five-week class on Will and Estate Planning. This class will include the unusual situation in 2010 when the estate tax is repealed for one year, the unlimited stepped-up basis at death is also repealed; property tax, gift tax, and income tax laws, as related to estate planning, wills, trusts, avoiding probate; estate planning using various methods of holding title, powers of attorney, and conservatorship. Join us on Wednesdays, March 3 - March 31, 10:00 am - 11:30 am in Dining Room 2. Register in the office or call 747-7506.