## CAREGIVER COMMUNITY INFORMATION & RESOURCES UPDATED FALL 2025

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**Erie County Department for the Aging** 

Tel: (716) 858-8526

Website: <a href="https://www3.erie.gov/aging/">https://www3.erie.gov/aging/</a>

Would you like to receive this Caregiver
Community Information and Resources
Packet along with other important updates?
Sign up to join our e-mail list.



SCAN HERE or e-mail a request to caregiver@erie.gov



Erie County
Department for the Aging



#### **November Author Talks**





#### Joseph Lee

Community, Power, and the Search for Indigenous Identity

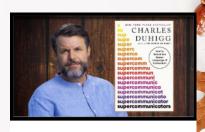
Wed, Nov 5, 2:00 PM ET



#### **Amanda Peters**

The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time

Thurs, Nov 13, 7:00 PM ET



#### **Charles Duhigg**

Unlock the Secret Language Of Connection

Tues, Nov 18, 2:00 PM ET





Visit: https://libraryc.org/buffalolib to register

#### ALZHEIMER'S PL ASSOCIATION®

#### **Social Respite Program**

Are you currently living with dementia or do you provide care in your home for a loved one with a memory impairment?

This free program offers social companionship, meaningful activities and active engagement in a safe space so care partners have an opportunity to socialize and tend to their own healthcare needs.





#### Friendship Baptist Church 402 Clinton St, Buffalo

2nd Thursday of every month - 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pre registration is required by calling Friendship Baptist Church 716-847-1020

This program is supported in part by funding through the WNY Health Foundation.

## ALZHEIMER'S () ASSOCIATION CAREGIVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 6:00-7:30pm Virtual via ZOOM

When a loved one has dementia, the holidays can be both joyous and stressful. In this **free** program, we'll share practical tips to keep your gatherings peaceful and meaningful.





#### Join EPIC to save \$\$ on your prescriptions with Medicare Part D!



EPIC Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program

- EPIC is a New York State Program that provides secondary drug coverage for seniors with Medicare Part D.
- You can join if you are 65 or older, a New York State resident, and have income up to \$75,000 single or \$100,000 married. To receive EPIC benefits, you must be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan.

#### **EPIC**

- √ provides co-payment assistance for Medicare Part D and EPIC covered drugs <u>after</u> any Medicare Part D deductible is met
- √ pays the monthly Medicare Part D drug premium up to the basic plan amount for those with income up to \$23,000 single or \$29,000 married
- √ provides co-payment assistance for covered Medicare Part D excluded drugs
- ✓ lowers co-payments, ranging from \$3 -\$20, after billing Medicare Part D drug plan

For More Information or Questions regarding EPIC call the Helpline 1-800-332-3742

or Visit our website

http://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/epic/



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## COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS



# HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION COUNSELING & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

15 OCT

#### **NORTH COLLINS**

11065 GOWANDA STATE RD 11AM-12:30PM

17 OCT

## DELAVAN GRIDER COMMUNITY CENTER

877 E DELAVAN AVE, BUFFALO 12-1PM

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### ORCHARD PARK SENIOR CENTER

4520 CALIFORNIA RD, ORCHARD PARK 1-3PM

**28** 

#### SARDINIA TOWN HALL

2320 SAVAGE RD, SARDINIA NY 12-1PM

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#### **UNITED CHURCH MANOR**

50 NORTH AVE, WEST SENECA NY 1-2PM

**29** 

#### **EDEN TOWN HALL**

2795 E CHURCH ST, EDEN NY 2-3PM

**30** 

#### THE BELLE CENTER

104 MARYLAND ST, BUFFALO NY 10-11:30AM **3** 

#### HAMBURG SENIOR CENTER

4041 SOUTHWESTERN BLVD BUILDING #4, ORCHARD PARK NY

1-2PM

**12** 

#### **ELMA SENIOR CENTER**

3007 BOWEN RD, ELMA NY 12:30- 1:30PM

**18** 

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

2640 N FOREST RD, AMHERST NY 1-2PM

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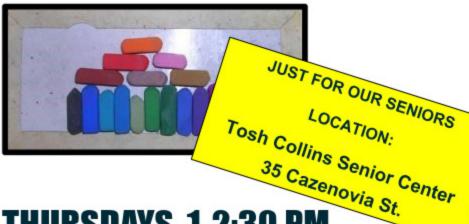
## TOSH COLLINS SENIOR CENTER

35 CAZENOVIA ST, BUFFALO NY 11:45AM-12:45PM

> Learn about: Medicare

Medicaid
Prescription Costs
Long-Term Care
Veteran's Benefits

and more!



## THURSDAYS, 1-2:30 PM OCTOBER 16, 23, 30 & NOV. 6 ART & WELLNESS

Come and join us for this fun 4-part series. You'll experiment with various, take-home art materials each week and playfully experience how to use art as a wellness tool at home. And it's **FREE!!!** 



Register at the front desk or call: 716-822-4532 ex. 0

COME AND EXPLORE VARIOUS ART TECHNIQUES

TAKE HOME ART
MATERIALS TO
CONTINUE AT-HOME
PRACTICE

NO ART EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY

Come with an open mind and be ready to experiment!!

### SPONSORED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

The Prevention Council
of Erie County
1625 Hertel Ave.

Check out our website at www.thepreventioncouncilec. org



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## JUST PRACTICE FOR CAREGIVERS



Take a few moments to take care of yourself!
Practicing mindfulness in community with other
caregivers can nourish YOU!

Register once, attend whenever you choose!

"To respond to someone's needs, especially if there are cognitive or communication barriers, requires deep attentiveness to the present moment. We not only benefit ourselves through mindful practices, but can better support those around us."

#### **Benefits of Mindfulness**

- Increased responsiveness, clarity, and resilience to stress (which aids health!)
- Decreased reactivity, impulsivity, and operating on "automatic pilot"

When: Monday Evenings 6:30PM-7:00PM EST

Where: Online Via ZOOM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoduqgpj4rE93VbNAtqlNRfpyCGxYfuPmI

#### JOIN US ON ZOOM...AND IT'S FREE OF CHARGE!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the sessions.







The Prevention Council Of Erie County Presents

### JUST PRACTICE

For those who have some familiarity with mindfulness and/or who have participated in one of our past mindful awareness series.

JOIN US ON ZOOM --- FREE OF CHARGE

Practice Mindfulness Daily

Connect with others exploring mindful awareness practices. Shared practice supports a commitment to weaving mindful awareness practices into your daily life.

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Register in advance for the day(s) and the time(s) of the sessions you'd like to attend
--- you do not have to attend each week.

Monica: Monday Afternoon, 12:30pm-1:15pm EST

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdO usrD4oGN2v3dgbU-luc0wNNVryBAYZ



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the sessions.



find your center



## **Caring for the Caregiver**



## Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9am - 10am Zoom

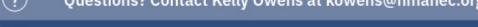
Wellbeing coach and mindfulness facilitator Kim Perone shares tools and perspectives needed to ensure vitality, sustainability, productivity, and meaning for those who do so much for so many.

This session is about **YOU!** Self-care is not selfish, but rather essential. You will leave with tools and thought-provoking questions to maintain your own wellbeing.

This session is for individuals who are professional caregivers and/or care for their family/friends.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/O4RGB3IWQma-i9l9dNL0rA





















The Center4C offers coaching to individuals and organizations. Kim Perone, is a Certified Life Coach (CLC), with a Master's degree in Organizational Communication, Certified Workplace Mindfulness Facilitator (CWMF), a Certified Grief Educator, Culture Talk Certified Partner, T.E.A.M. Communication, Styles® trainer, and author of Finding Your Center: The Case for Clarity, Compassion & Contentment (available on Amazon), specializing in wellbeing, communication, self-awareness, burnout recovery, stress reduction, mindfulness, productivity, bereavement, resilience, and meaningful progress.

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It is Kim's belief that when clarity, compassion, and contentment are present an inspired life is possible. For more information, 4eetine Calendhaco Ki/ki at kprerme@center4c.com, (518) 301-3593, \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### AFTD RESOURCES





#### **AFTD Website**

- Learn about FTD symptoms, genetics, approaches to care, research opportunities, and updates.
- Sign up for our newsletters and emails to stay informed about expanding research, advocacy, and support efforts.



www.theaftd.org

#### AFTD HelpLine 866.507.7222 toll-free or info@theaftd.org

AFTD's most important direct service to persons with FTD, care partners, and professionals, the HelpLine is staffed by social workers Monday-Friday during regular business hours.

#### Diagnostic Checklists

If a friend or family member is concerned they might also have FTD, you can share the checklists AFTD developed to help identify red flags for the two most common types of FTD - behavioral variant FTD (bvFTD) and primary progressive aphasia (PPA). They are available in six languages: English, Dutch, French, Italian, Polish, and Spanish.

#### **AFTD Support Groups**

AFTD offers groups for care partners or people diagnosed with FTD that are available in person or online to facilitate peer learning in a safe environment.

#### **Newly Diagnosed Checklist**

An FTD diagnosis can be overwhelming in many ways. AFTD's Newly Diagnosed Checklist guides persons diagnosed and their families on steps to take to help adjust to the changes ahead.

#### Help & Hope

A weekly e-newsletter for people on the FTD journey. Issues provide advice on support strategies, the lived FTD experience, and updates on FTD advocacy, research, and AFTD volunteer opportunities.

#### Provider Letters and FTD Awareness Cards

Sample provider letters inform healthcare professionals about FTD's symptoms and ways they can help you. Printable FTD awareness cards let others know what FTD is and how it may impact behavior in a public setting.

#### Comstock Grant Program

The Comstock Grant Program provides financial assistance to offset the cost of respite for family caregivers and for travel to an AFTD conference. Persons diagnosed with FTD can apply for a Quality of Life Grant for goods or services that enhance their daily life. All grants are \$500.

#### Partners in FTD Care

Developed by clinicians and caregivers, this publication promotes greater knowledge and understanding of FTD and shares best care practices. We encourage you to share these with your healthcare professionals.



### Caregivers-Talk to Us, We Can Help!

There are many rewards to caregiving although caregivers may feel:

- Overwhelmed
- Financial Burdens
- Loss of personal time and privacy
- Stress from juggling many responsibilities
- Person they care for won't cooperate
- Family conflict
- Isolation from family and friends

Caregivers often put their loved one first, neglecting themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally. Caregivers may feel overwhelmed and experience emotions such as anxiety, guilt, depression, anger, frustration and/or resentment. This is a normal part of caregiving but one that needs to be paid attention to. It is not selfish for caregivers to take care of themselves.

Support counselors are licensed social workers who help caregivers gain more understanding of their feelings and develop skills to better handle the stresses and difficult emotions of caregiving. The one on one meetings are confidential and strive to empower the caregiver to find strength and hope within themselves.

Caregivers who received counseling said that, because of the counseling they:

- "Feel less stressed knowing about support services"
- "Know help is just a call away"
- "Gained confidence"
- "Feel better about my situation"
- "Feel supported"
- "Have somewhere to turn"
- "Feel less stress"
- "Know my feelings were all normal for the situation"

95 Franklin St. 13th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202



#### Contact us!!

Phone: (716)858-8526 E-mail: caregiver@erie.gov

#### ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202-3968 (716)858-8526

https://www3.erie.gov/aging/

#### SOCIAL ADULT DAY SERVICES CONTRACT AGENCIES

Social Adult Day Services are vital and enables caregivers of older adults to bring the person they care for to a place that will provide care while offering stimulating activities tailored to meet their individual needs. In order to help people benefit from available social adult programs, the Erie County Department of Senior Services may offer financial assistance to those who would otherwise be unable to attend. Such assistance is based on assessment of need and availability of program funds.

Call us today to see if you qualify. (716) 858-8526.

#### **Aurora Adult Day Services**

101 King Street, Suite B, East Aurora, NY 14052 (716) 652-4269 https://www.auroraadultdayservices.org

Kaleida Services LLC, Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Adult Day Services at North Tonawanda DeGraff Medical Park (716) 243-7888 3780 Commerce Court, Suite 100, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

https://www.kaleidahealth.org/care/Adult-Day-Services

#### **Lord of Life Adult Day Services**

1025 Borden Road, Depew, NY 14043 (716) 668-8000 https://lordoflife.us/adult-day-health-center

#### **Orchid Adult Day**

102 Broad St. Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 264-4703 https://www.orchidadultdaycare.com/



## Overnight Respite for Caregivers

Caregivers, do you need a vacation or just some time to recharge?
Consider a five night stay for your loved one at a local nursing home or assisted living facility.

Call for eligibility and funding availability.

Erie County NY Connects: (716) 858-8526







## Free Caregiver Respite and Support Programs



Healthy Alternatives Through Healing Arts

Holistic workshops, programs and mini retreats for family caregivers.

Visit: www.healthyalternativesthruhealingarts.com for upcoming

workshops and events.

Phone: (716)426-6529

E-mail:healthyalternativeshaha@gmail.com

#### In the Moments Memory Cafe

CarePatrol welcomes individuals with memory loss along with their caregivers, or friends and family to our monthly Memory Cafe gathering where we celebrate shared experiences in a comfortable and supportive environment that is non-judgemental. This event is a perfect opportunity to reminisce, make new friends, and create lasting bonds.

When: 2nd Friday of every month, 10:30am-12pm

111 St. Gregory Ct. Williamsville, NY 14221

Register: <a href="https://carepatrol.com/buffalo-niagara/events/">https://carepatrol.com/buffalo-niagara/events/</a>

Phone: Julie Lewinski (716)463-2955

#### A Gathering Place

A program designed to provide fun and uplifting activities created for seniors 55+ and offers much needed help for their caregivers. If you need a break, or just need to run errands during the day, or simply take a moment to yourself on Saturday mornings.

The BFNC Life Center @ Westminster Community House

419 Monroe St. Buffalo, NY 14212

Register:https://bfnc.org/care-givers-you-deserve-time-to-exhale-introducing-the-exhale-program/

Phone: (716)852-5065 ext. 132.

## Free Caregiver Respite and Support Programs

#### **Musical Memories**

Musical Memories Café concert is a place for caregivers and their loved ones to relax and enjoy socializing, refreshments, and great entertainment!

Website: <a href="https://www.westfallsartcenter.org/memory-cafe167513f0">https://www.westfallsartcenter.org/memory-cafe167513f0</a>

#### Catholic Health Exhale Respite Program

Caregivers will also have the opportunity to meet with staff on-site to discuss challenges or needs they may have, attend a caregiver education session, or leave to have time to themselves. Mobility and ADL assistance provided. Transportation is available

Villa Maria Campus

600 Doat St. Cheektowaga, NY 14211

Saturdays 10am-2pm

To register call (716)819-5433 or visit:

https://www.chsbuffalo.org/services/exhale-respite-care/

#### Pathways for Caregivers and Serenity on the Shore Memory Cafe

Family caregivers can receive a break from the daily tasks of caregiving for their aging loved ones. Caregivers and aging loved ones each engage in their own seperate activities. The goal is to give caregivers peace of mind and rejuvenation.

Cradle Beach

8038 Old Lakeshore Rd. Angola, NY 14006

Pathways for Caregivers: 3rd Thursday of every month, 10:30am-2:30pm Serenity on the Shore: 4th Thursday of every month, 11:30am-1:30pm

To register: contact Kat Gorecki (716)549-6307 ext. 218

Website: <a href="https://cradlebeach.org/senior-services/">https://cradlebeach.org/senior-services/</a>

#### Free Dementia Caregiver Respite

Respite offers you a break from your caregiving responsibilities while providing social engagement and meaningful activities for your loved one.\*

#### Buffalo

2nd Saturday, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church 174 Cazenovia St., Buffalo 14210 Contact: Penny Paschka 716-674-2958

2nd Friday, 10 am – 2 pm Metropolitan United Methodist Church 657 Best St., Buffalo Contact: Lynelle Reed 716-891-5652

2nd Thursday, 10:30am-2:30pm Friendship Baptist Church 402 Clinton St. Buffalo

Contact: Friendship Baptist Church 716-847-1020

#### Derby

1st Thursday, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm First Church of Evans 7431 Erie Rd. Derby 14047 Contact: Debby Waddell 716-562-7240

#### **East Aurora**

4th Wednesday 10:30 am - 2:30 Baker Memorial United Methodist Church 345 Main St., East Aurora Contact: Michele Engasser 716-652-0500

#### Eden

3rd Wednesday, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Eden United Methodist Church 2820 East Church St., Eden Contact: Kevin Karstedt 716-984-5130

#### **Grand Island**

2nd Wednesday, 1:30 – 4:30 pm Golden Age Center 3278 Whitehaven Rd., Grand Island Contact: Jennifer Menter 716-773-9682

#### Hamburg

2nd Wednesday, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Hamburg United Methodist Church 116 Union St., Hamburg Contact: Lisa Rood 716-941-5703

#### Holland

1st Thursday, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Holland United Methodist Church 11699 Partridge Rd., Holland Contact: Cindy Cassavino 716-388-3150

#### Kenmore

4th Wednesday, 10:30am -2:30 pm Kenmore United Methodist Church 32 Landers Rd. Kenmore, NY 14217 Coordinator: Michelle Spencer 716-875-5091

1st Tuesday, 11:00 am - 3:00pm St. John the Baptist RC Church 1085 Englewood Avenue, Kenmore Contact: Mary Elias 716-874-0672

#### **Orchard Park**

3rd Tuesday, 10:30am-2:30pm St John's Lutheran Church 4536 South Buffalo St. Orchard Park, NY 14127 Contact: Jan Rickard 716-290-7060 Jan: janice.rickard@yahoo.com

1st Wednesday, 10:30 am-2:30pm (Drop off loved one) 3rd Wednesday , 10:30am-2:30pm (Caregiver and loved one attend together)

Southtowns Family YMCA 1620 Southwestern Blvd.,West Seneca Contact: Sue Kincaid 716-674-9622 x143 https://www.ymcabn.org/encourage

#### Springville

1st Wednesday, 10:30am – 2:30 pm First United Methodist Church 474 East Main St., Springville Contact: Barb Blesy 716-592-7451

## **Handle With Care Registry**

The Erie County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with NAMI Buffalo and WNY is pleased to introduce a Handle with Care Registry. The intent of the registry is to better prepare our deputies and emergency responders to provide improved care for your loved one. Caregivers are welcome to use the registry for special needs (i.e.: Autism, Down Syndrome, Alzheimer's, Dementia, Substance Abuse). One of NAMI Buffalo and WNY's leading priorities in mental health crisis is to ensure an appropriate mental health response. We enthusiastically support the Handle with Care Registry which is designed to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

#### To register visit:

https://www4.erie.gov/sheriff/form/handle-with-care





#### Are you:

- A grandparent raising your grandchildren?
- An elder family member, an aunt or uncle helping to raise children from your extended family?
- A kinship provider?

Need a break or some breathing space? If so, call 716-822-0919 for more information.

60 Dingens Street, Buffalo, NY 14206

## Program Offers:

In lots of shapes & sizes for the whole family

- Family Support Services at no cost
- Activities for children & teens of all ages
- Educational, therapeutic and recreational services for elders (55+) who are parenting 'all over again'.
- Legal Guidance
- Stress Busters

Gratitude to the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, and Foundation 214, Inc. for supporting this initiative.





Foundation 214

## Resources for Caregivers of Veterans

#### **Caregiver Support Program**

Peer support mentoring, skills training, coaching, telephone support, online programs, and referrals to available resources to caregivers of Veterans.

For more information visit:

https://caregiver.va.gov/care\_caregivers.asp

Or call: (716)862-6516

#### **Medical Foster Home Program**

The WNY VA Medical Center is currently seeking compassionate Caregivers who are interested in enrolling in our new Medical Foster Home (MFH) program. Medical Foster Homes are private residences where a trained Caregiver lives with and provides 24/7 care and assistance to Veterans. They offer a warmer alternative to long-term care facilities for Veterans who require nursing home level care but prefer a non-institutional setting in a private home with fewer residents.

Conact the Medical Foster Home program coordinator at 716-862-6306 to learn more.



**Powerful Tools for Caregivers** classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. Whether you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend, or a child with special needs; at home or in a care facility; whether down the block or miles away, yours is an important role. This course is for family caregivers like you!

#### The classes give you tools to help:

- Reduce stress
- · Improve self-confidence
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Better communicate your feelings
- Make tough decisions
- · Locate helpful resources



This six-week class series gives you the confidence and support to better care for your loved one – and yourself.

In the class, caregivers receive *The Caregiver Helpbook*, which follows the curriculum and provides additional tools to address specific caregiver issues. *The Caregiver Helpbook* can be ordered as a resource at <a href="https://www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org">www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org</a>.

#### Find Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes:

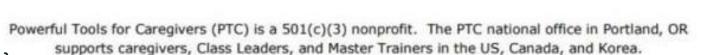
- Contact your county Family Caregiver Support Program for a local class schedule.
- · Contact the PTC national office for a list of class leaders in your area:

www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org 503-719-6980

"After taking this class I am a more confident caregiver!

Having tools to resolve problems is a definite advantage in becoming
a better caregiver and a happier, wiser, healthier me...and a healthier 'us'!"

- PTC Class Participant



## Access free training and resources to help you build skills and confidence to provide care at home.

New York's new online Caregiver Portal is designed for families. Articles, videos, tip-sheets, and professional level training offers something for everyone. Our learning portal helps family caregivers reduce stress, find local resources, and provide better care for their loved ones.



"This was wonderful. My husband and I danced and we had a good time singing these oldies but goodies. I will highly recommend these to anyone who's husband or wife has Alzheimer's."

- Pat from "Alzheimer's Music Connect"

Thousands of family caregivers across North America need support. Every caregiver has a custom learning journey, so you can choose the topics that interest you and learn any time of day.



Sign up for FREE today! NewYork-Caregivers.com Scan me with your camera to visit!



## Support Groups Available Throughout Erie County

- -ALS
- -Alzheimer's Disease
- -Cancer
- -Amputees
- -Aphasia
- -Better Breathers
- -Bone Health/Osteoporosis
- -Brain Injury
- -Breast Cancer
- -Caregivers
- -Celiac and Gluten Sensitive
- -Diabetes
- -Fibromyalgia
- -Hoarders
- -Husbands
- -Independent Living with a Diability

- -Kidney Disease
- -Mens
- -Multiple Sclerosis
- -Parkinson's
- -Prostate Cancer
- -Reflex Sympathetic
  Dystrophy/Regional Pain
  Syndrome
- -Self Help, Sexual Assault, and Grief
- -Stroke
- -Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- -Suicide and Grief
- -Veteran's
- -Widows' and Widowers'

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To request a list:

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or

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