Marshall Area Senior Citizens, Inc. (MASC, Inc.)

History~ The Senior Citizens Center in Marshall started in 1966 when a group of women became concerned about the shut-ins of the Marshall Community. They recruited volunteers to visit the homebound to help them with chores, provide transportation for medical visits and shopping, make monthly visits to their homes and in general, to make certain of their well being. It was this effort that a grant of \$60,000 was received from the Council on Aging in 1967 for the communities of Cottonwood, Marshall, Minnesota, Russell and Tracy. In 1967 the original headquarters for the Center was in the library. It consisted of two rooms- a lounge and craft room. The coffee was "hot" all the time and food was furnished. The library became limited on space so relocation was needed. In 1972 the center was moved to the basement of the Marshall Hotel. Within 4 years the Senior Center had out grown its facility so once again a change was in order. A new home was established on April 4, 1976 in the basement of Municipal Building. It stayed at this address until October 15, 1988 when dedication ceremonies were held for the new "Area Senior Center" at 107 South 4th Street, Marshall MN 56258. Construction of the new center started on April 5, 1988 with groundbreaking ceremonies being held on April 12, 1988. The Center is open to all area senior citizens and is a nonprofit organization. It includes a meal site that seats over 150 people, air-conditioned comfort, game room, craft room, quilt room filled with quilts and a director's office. There are rooms for art exhibits, rentals, meetings, cards, pool and fun. There are a variety of daily activities, informative programs and special events. While the location and look of the Senior Center have changed a lot since four women gathered in 1966, the spirit they began with continues.

M.A.S.C. is the local non-profit senior citizens club in the Marshall MN community. Its purpose is:

*To meet the social and recreational needs of its members.

*To meet the health, educational and nutritional needs of senior citizens.

Membership~

dues are on a yearly basis, with a Membership Drive and Supper held annually in September. Members must be 55 years of age or older. Dues are:

Renewing Member~

\$10.00 per person, per year IF paid before January 1st for the up-coming year.

After January 1st - \$12.00

New Member~

\$10.00 per person OR \$1.00 for every month remaining in the membership year.

Honorary Member~

Free for persons who are 85 years of age or older AND have been a paid member 2 years prior.

The **Monthly Meetings** are held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Followed by Bank Bingo for members only. (This is when US Bank donates 7 prizes of \$10.00 each in Chamber Dollars.)

2013 Board Members are:

Darwin Leek - President; Charlie Redlinger- Vice President; Erma Ellingson- Secretary; Rosalie Kropp- Treasurer; Mike Appel, Diane Elton, Terry Hennen, Don Klein, Charlie Redlinger, Ted Rowe, Al Thielges, Gin Windey, Cheryl Wyffels.