

Monday Morning Meeting
February 11, 2019

Pledge Allegiance to the flag

Paul Barcenas led the singing of the National Anthem and O Canada accompanied by Jeanne Leach on the piano.

Lavon welcomed new residents: Randy Evans from Lake Dallas, TX, Lucy and Don from Overland Park, KS, Nicole Rollins from Orlando, FL and Curtis and Sharon Burgess from Ontario, Canada.

Hospital Report: DeLores Simpson reported:

- Fred and Jane Christenson's daughter, Leigh Carson (51 years old), has severe lung cancer. They've had a rough year. Jane had a stroke and they lost their son to a different lung cancer.
- Pat Horak asked for prayers for her niece, Kim Campbell, who was just diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
- Larry and JoAnn Booth's daughter came here to take them to New Mexico to live. They made it safely to a motel last night and will continue the trip today.
- Onalee Hagan is having back problems.

Reminder: Please use the hand rails available throughout the park

Joy Ochs fell coming out of the Al Barnes Building after dark (no lights were on) and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. She hit her head and has stitches above her eye. Due to her previous eye health, her daughter is taking to the doctor today.

PRAISE report:

- Charlotte Cooper is feeling better and has been up and about for the last few days. Part of her liver is still good and working. Jack Cooper has been a real blessing helping her and taking care of her meds.
- VIAL OF LIFE: Please update your information and include supplements and over the counter drugs.
- Blood pressure will be taken after the meeting by Nancy Schmitz.
- Food Pantry collection will be taken next Sunday.

Pastor Lightner led us in prayer.

Al Septrion reported 611 residents on 369 sites.

The RC track's timing system has been set up and in order to see your time, speed, you need to buy a chip at Sun Racing in McAllen \$40.00. Sun Racing will be here on 2/21 to give an RC demo.

If you're planning to sell your home in the park, please let the office know first. Full time residents moving into the park must undergo a background check.

Barry and Fay Wallace (kitchen) will be the new Activity Directors.

No Thirsty Thursday this week due to the Valentine's party.

Bill Harrison, chiropractor from Progreso, Mexico spoke to us about his program feeding 200 street children 6 days a week from 11:00 - 2:30. Three local women cook the meals. He invited us to have lunch with the children on Friday, March 1 at 12:30. Meet at Yomi's Spa (approximately 5 blocks into Progreso).

Linda Gillick and Jana Fleming reminded everyone that today is the last day to buy Valentine dinner/dance tickets. Jason Wharlow will be the entertainment. On Thursday, 2/14, dinner will be served from 5:00 - 6:15, Coronation will be from 6:15 to 7:00. You can decorate your own tables at 3:15 that day. The new queen will be announced.

Phyll Thackery - Golden Age Olympics

Results from last week -

- Pete Soderberg - Silver - Bowling Mixed Doubles
- Pam Brown - Silver - Bowling Mixed Doubles
- Stu Kunselman - Bronze - Bowling Mixed Doubles
- Phyll Thackery - Bronze - Bowling Mixed Doubles
- Bill Hardy - Bronze - Bowling Men's Doubles
- Mike Martel - Bronze - Bowling Men's Doubles
- Tim Thomas - Bronze - Contract Bridge
- Lorraine Quinlivan - Bronze - Contract Bridge
- J.O. Bedsole - Bronze - Contract Bridge
- Nancy Bedsole - Bronze - Contract Bridge
- Linda York - Gold - Swimming
- Gary Branson - Silver - Swimming
- Ramsey Barr - Silver - Swimming
- Sherrie Brink - Silver - Swimming
- Sharon Branson - Bronze - Swimming
- Jenny Faasen - Bronze - Swimming
- Thom McCann - Bronze - Swimming
- Phyll Thackery - Bronze - Swimming
- That brings our medal count to 40.

Next week (which means you must get registered this week) is: Bowling Team, Pickleball, Walk and Talk, Great Chase, Racewalk

The remaining events in week 8 are Softball and Mini Golf.

Softball - Tropic Star softball could use a few men softball players. The field they practice at has changed. If you have any interest in playing men's softball, see Phyll.

Mini Golf: Please note, this year you can enter both doubles and mixed doubles, so if anyone wants to play 36 holes, you can. The down side is that you might have a gap between when you play doubles and mixed doubles. Any questions, see Phyll.

Barbara Horne thanked everyone for coming to Germanfest and thanked everyone who cooked, decorated, served food, cleaned the kitchen, took pictures and made the party a success. There are too many to mention but their names will appear in the March issue of Our Town.

Our Town deadline for March is February 22. Hopefully the February issue will be printed by then.

The Blood drive will be on February 28 in the Al Barnes Hall at 7:00 a.m. Signup sheet on health board.

John DeVaney took lots of pictures at Germanfest and you can view them on totfyi.com.

Winners of the Sewing Room Quilt Block Challenge for 2019 were:

1st Place - Black Beauty - Bona Malo

2nd Place - Harry Potter - Joan Nesbit

3rd Place - The Jungle Book - Bev Peterman

Thanks to all who participated and voted.

Signup for bus to quilt show at South Padre Island on Friday is in the sewing room.

Chuck Strandberg - Village Chapel has an interdenominational service each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Next Sunday is Pharr Food Pantry. All money from the church collection goes to the food pantry.

Check the Woodshop bulletin by the kitchen to see pictures of handmade items donated to the auction.

Church Board Meeting after the MMM.

Woodshop Meeting in the A&C room at 9:00 on Wednesday.

Jams are at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Hall on Monday nights.

Marilyn Bullington -Friday - Horsecollar - Be there at 6:20 to get your team

Arts and Crafts Show this Saturday, February 16 from 8-12. Several new vendors are going to be at the show.

Marcia Albers asked for volunteers in the sewing room on Thursday from 9-3 to help make quilts. They have made 35-40 this season but want to top last year's total of 50.

Alta and Bob Hough are now taking orders for pest control on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. \$40.00

Alta announced A&C luncheon will have meat loaf again (big hit last time). Pies are needed.

Margaret Hazeltine, coordinator for singles, announced TX poet laureate, Jan Seale, will be at the meeting on February 13 to talk to us about writing our memoirs

Joan Cuda:Results from the Wellness Screening are back and can be picked up in the front office.

- 2/13 - Integra Wellness in Al Barnes. 800 number to set up your appointment is on the medical board in the back of the hall.
- 2/27 - Dave Almquist from Rio Grande Hospital will be here to talk about your lab results and a lot of good health care ideas. Time 1:00-3:00 in the Al Barnes Hall.

Ferris Dake invited everyone to see the orchestra on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall. The orchestra also practices on Wednesday mornings if you'd like to hear them then as well. Ferris has instruments available for anyone who used to play but didn't bring their instruments with them.

Jenny Faasen: Kitchen band will visit the VA Home Tuesday. Meet by the A&C room at 2:30. All are welcome.

Joyce Sauter, Carolyn Adams - Sewing room style show on February 22 at noon (less than 2 weeks away). Bec's, Wells, and Lionel Western Wear will furnish the clothing. Proceeds from the style show will be divided among all the charitable sewing room programs. Cost is \$8.

Sherri Saathoff thanked everyone who helped with the memorial service on Sunday:

- Marilyn Strandberg for the slide show presentation and designing the program.
- Bona Malo for the lovely music
- Readers: Warren Martin, Sherry Dickey and DeLores Simpson
- Pastor Lightner for scripture and prayer
- Gary Dreibelbis for making us all sound good
- Frankie Meyers for helping print programs
- Phyll Thackery for passing out the programs

Linda York - Showcase on Friday, February 15 at 1:00. Lots of great things to look at.

Shufflers: Sign up at 8:30, Tuesday, February 12 for the in park tournament.

Mary Kitkowski needs hostesses for the 100th birthday party for Walt Straka (100) who is the last man living from the Bataan Death March and Fred Gilson (102). The party will be on Sunday, February 17 at 4:00.

Brenda Burbine reminded everyone of the 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, February 17 from 12:30 - 2:30 in the Main Hall.

Gary Dreibelbis - No computer workshop today.

Plains Block Party in the Main Hall at 11:30 on February 23.

Molly B Show tickets are \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door

Peter Piper Pizza tomorrow, February 12 at 11:30.

Wednesday night dance at 7:00.

Friday - Happy Hour with Steven May from 4-5:30 in the Main Hall
Karaoke Friday at 6:00.

Woodshop 50/50 won by lot 320

Bob McDougall had lots of giveaways.

Pam's Notes

Good Tuesday, sunny morning.

Even though it was a rainy, cool evening, this a.m. is quite nice. We are all thinking, "It's about time we have nice weather."

I received a nice note I would like to pass on:
Floyd and Carol Shepherdson's daughter here.

Thanks for the Tip updates - I know my mom and dad aren't there but I enjoy reading your updates. I recognize names and remember some people from our visit in 2005. Reading your messages brings a sense of closeness to my parents even though they are no longer here with me physically.

I want you to know that my dad thought very highly of you and spoke of you often. I was so hoping he would go back to Texas this winter but he is with my mom and I know they are both happy to be together again.

Take care,

Enjoy the weather - we are having a terrible winter in Ottawa this year.

Kendra Kouloufakos

We all miss both Carol and Floyd. Thank you Kendra for your nice letter.

There are lots of activities this week and on the weekend. Please enjoy. We also want to express our thanks to Maggie Mae for the hamburgers and dogs yesterday evening. All of the delicious food brought in only proves what great cooks we have in the park. Johnnie D's music was the "cherry on top" of a great evening.

Have a good week. Pam