

Monday Morning Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2019

Pledge Allegiance to the flag

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

Lavon welcomed a new visitor, Pat Brink, Gary Brink's sister.

Hospital Report:

DeLores Simpson reported:

- Joann and Larry Booth arrived safely in New Mexico. Larry is in hospice at his daughter's home. His dying wish was to go to his daughter's home, when the doctors heard that, they released him to go there. He is up and down but they are both happy that they will be able to see their great grandkids who they have never seen.
- Sally Bonsall is having shoulder surgery Tuesday in Forth Worth. Her daughter is with her.
- Virginia VanAlstine is back in Alabama with her daughter for a month. She is on a chemo pill daily and on Monday will start 5 days of intravenous chemo. On April 8, she will return to M.D. Anderson for a bone marrow test to see how she is doing. Virginia and the doctors at M.D. Anderson are happy with her progress.

Kay Schaaf will take blood pressure after the meeting.

Pastor Lightner led us in prayer.

Al Septrion reported 611 residents on 370 sites. Don't forget at 11:30 on Thursday in the Main Hall, an RC track demo will take place. Today is the last day to buy tickets for the event (per Ron Thompson). John DeVaney has been taking lots of pictures of all the happenings around the park and they are available at totfyi.com.

Frank Nunez from the Pharr Mayor's office announced that on Monday, March 4 at 5:30, the city will provide a free dinner and at 7:00 they will provide free Bingo with prizes. This is to show their appreciation for all that the Winter Texans, as well as full time residents, do to help the Valley.

Jana introduced William Florian who will be Tuesday night's entertainment. William played with the New Cristy Minstrels. William provided us a taste of his music - very enjoyable!

Robert Moore, representing Osprey Cruises, offered great discounts on lots of nice trips. Tickets are open-ended so if you buy one today, it's good until you use it. They also provided donuts for all of us!

Precision Lens in McAllen, TX gave a short presentation on prescription lens refills at very reasonable prices.

Thirsty Thursday will be at Willie's Bar-B-Q on Alamo Road at 4:00 p.m.

Barry (kitchen) - Lunch will be ravioli lasagna, salad, drink and dessert \$5.00.

Marilyn Bullington - Thanked everyone who came to and helped make the Arts and Crafts show a big success. March 16 will be the next A&C show.

Horsecollar had 62 people on Friday - shooting for 100.

Phyll Thackery (our new Queen):

Last week

- Stu Kunselman - Silver - Euchre
- Leo Fisher - Silver - Euchre
- Bronze medals went to the volleyball players, Roger Franck, Bill Hardy, Ignacio Gomez, Raelene Winkelman and Dave

This week:

- Bowling team - 2 teams
- Walk and Talk - Fireman's park, 201 N. 1st Street - bring two cans of food for the RGV food bank
- Pickleball
- Great Chase
- Racewalk - Memorial High School on Hackberry 10:00 a.m.

Next week:

- Softball
- Billiards mixed doubles 8 ball
- Horseshoes
- Mini-golf
- Awards ceremony on March 6th - \$3.00 for meal - must sign up in advance. This will be a park points event.

Joan Cuda - Health News

February 27, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Dave Almquist will be in the Al Barnes Friendship hall to discuss your health and explain lab results.

THANKS JOAN FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR HEALTH!

Bob Faasen - St Patrick's Day on March 15. King Crimmins and his "knights" will provide music for the event. We still need participants for the blind golf cart race and the kayak competition in the pool. There will be a large tent provided to keep us "under wraps" (I'm not sure that's what he said, but it's close).

Barb Horne announced the wrong date for the blood drive - the corrected date is February 28 at 7:00 in the Al Barnes Building. Please sign up on the health board or she will call you.

Deadline for March Our Town is February 22. If you're planning ahead, the next deadline will be October 24 for the November issue.

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

Jana Fleming - Entertainment:

- Tuesday, 2/19 - William Florian (New Christy Minstrels)
- Sunday, 2/14 - Ambassadors of Grace 2:00 - 3:30
- Tuesday, 2/26 - McAllen Steel Drums
- Thursday, 2/28 - Get Rdone Blue grass band - donations for St. Jude
- Saturday, 3/2 - Musical "The Great American Trailer Park"
- Tuesday, 3/12 - Molly B - \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door
- Tuesday, 3/19 - Winter Texas Orchestra

Jana Fleming - Red Hat Ladies

- Saturday 2/23 - Lunch at Cowboy Chicken on Nolana. Meet at 11:15 a.m. then to International Museum of Art and Science to see embellished beadwork.
- Friday, 3/8 - Lunch at a Step In Time Antiques and Tea Room. Meet at 11:30 a.m. for noon lunch. Then browse antiques after lunch.
- Monday, 3/18 - Lunch at Pepper's Uptown. Meet at 10:30, Lunch at 11:00.

Please sign up and let Jana know if you can help with carpooling.

Jan Noranbrock thanked everyone for helping to undecorate and decorate the hall. Decorating for St. Pats Day will be after Tai Chi and the MMM.

Betty Fiser - Sewing for Veterans (previously Wounded Warriors) on Thursday from 9-3 in the Sewing Room. Mostly sewing this month, there are a couple of quilts that need to be tied. Quilts will be delivered to veterans in Weslaco on March 11 or 12.

Gary Dreibelbis - No computer workshop today.

Linda York - Thanks for coming out to the Showcase and also for showing your crafts. Small batteries are accepted for recycling in the post office lobby.

Joyce Sauter - This is the last day to purchase your style show tickets.

If you are interested in chairing an event in the 2019-2020 season, please come by the activity office and fill out the "ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FORM". Please do this as soon as possible.

Lavon - Our kitchen was inspected during preparations for Germanfest. We received a score of 92. Points taken off were because kitchen help did not wear gloves, hats or nets. Kitchen workers also need to complete a two hour class for food preparation. This can be done online at a cost of \$9.99 and the activity fund will reimburse you. The addendum to these minutes explains this further.

Our Town printing was outsourced for 150 additional copies. The printer needs to be replaced and the Activity Board will address this issue on the meeting Tuesday 2/19.

Election for Advisory Board members will be held on the first Monday in March. Please sign up if interested. The main job of the Advisory Board is to approve or disapprove expenses over \$350.00. We have four positions to fill and need at least four people to sign up (currently there only two names). The new members will attend the March meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in March.

Chuck Strandberg - \$1,581 was collected for the Pharr Food Pantry at church on Sunday. Communion is next week. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

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

In case you're wondering, and several residents have, the Germanfest banners (two in the middle of the hall) were purchased by Loran Halder at his request. Barbara Horne bought the one that says Board of Education which will display the last year's participants each year. It was something we didn't think the Activity fund should pay for as it was just something we wanted to do. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

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

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.

End of Drive Sale will be on March 9.

Bob McDougall had lots of giveaways.

ADDENDUM TO 2/18/2019 MMM Minutes

FOOD HANDLERS' COURSE

The State of Texas, starting this year, has decided that all the parks serving meals for any occasion has to abide by this ruling. Anyone, whether preparing or serving food (even packaged), will now have to take a course in food handling. This is a two hour course and can be taken online, OR at the Extension Office at 410 N. 13th Ave. in Edinburg on the 3rd Thursday of every month starting at 6:00 p.m. (call in advance), OR the Activity Office will try to get a mass class in our park. Your certificate will be good for two years. The cost of the course is \$20.00 (\$9.99 if taken online) and will be paid for by the Activity Department.

If you are interested in a mass class, there will be a signup sheet on the board - please print your name as this is what the instructor will use to create your certificate.