

MONDAY MORNING Meeting MINUTES
March 9, 2020

We pledged Allegiance to US Flag at 9:00am; We Sang The Star Spangled Banner And O Canada, led by Paul Barcenas and accompanied by Jeanne Leach.

GAO cheerleaders performed this morning with wanna-be cheerleader Barry. Total medal count this season for TOT was 108. We received 165 points. Check back board for final names. All Olympic participants paraded around main hall. Group picture was taken by John Delaney from stage. Golden Age Olympics coordinator Phyl donated donuts for today.

Barry acknowledged Visitors as they introduced themselves.

Delores Simpson announced NO Blood Pressure is being taken today.

- Dorothy Phillips had a pacemaker put in last Wednesday-her third!
- Louise Chase is having surgery today to straighten out wrist.
- Kathy Feldman recently discovered she has ovarian cancer and will start three rounds of chemo this week.
- Sharon Branson has melanoma of her toe. She has had nail and surrounding toe area removed after three surgeries. Today she should get biopsy results.
- Traylor's daughter, Pamela, has tonsillitis.
- Cindi Ferguson's sister Sherry, lost feeling in her legs and resulted in removal of a hematoma from her spine, but she still has no feeling in legs.

Pastor David Lightner gave prayers for illnesses and praises and peace, and cure for the deadly virus, and reminded us that bible study still being held for three more weeks.

From Manager Al Septrion, TIP O TEXAS has 568 residents registered on 340 sites. He gave hints on how to stop mail. Be sure to report to TIP office when you stop mail. Fasten down equipment as you get ready to leave. Outer gates should be up and working very soon. Brazos Street will soon be closed: no cars or golf carts, only walkers and bikes will be allowed to transverse the street.

Jenny Gibson told Activity's Director Barry that Shirts and hats are still available at the OutPost. Pizza and snacks are 50% off. Mary Kitkowski won 300 foil candy coins for raffle drawing.

Guest Speaker Bill Harrison spoke representing SewTheWord, which is a program for feeding the children lunches for morning and afternoon Mexican school students. His organization will be honored at Mexican Appreciation Day on March 21st. Donations were taken at meeting.

Marilyn Strandberg spoke regarding Our Town. Enter MSTRANDBERG@ATT.NET to receive ALL monthly Our Towns. Next edition is in December. To receive it, add your email on back board. Marilyn will add it to her list. Photo directory will be published next season. She listed the difficulties of preparing the Our Town.

Bonnie Lynch: Sadly, she announced her retirement as kitchen volunteer. Bonnie is a great cook, and received a standing ovation for her years of volunteering. She said Kitchen Band is meeting this Tuesday at 1pm. Bring snacks; plans will be made for next Tuesday's St. Pat. Parade songs.

Peter Piper Pizza outing is tomorrow, 10th and Pecan Streets @ 11:15, 11:30.

Janice Noranbrock - Only eight days to go until the big drawing on St. Patrick's Day. For just two dollars take a chance to win a two-night stay on South Padre Island or get three tickets for five dollars. Tickets may be purchased at Monday morning meeting or by contacting Janice Noranbrock or Sherry French. If everyone in the park bought one ticket we could raise \$1200 for the activity fund. We need to sell 350 more tickets to reach that goal. BONUS RAFFLE: In

addition, Sky Med has provided us with two seven day vacations in our location choice around the world. Tickets are \$1 each or an arm's length for \$10. Tickets are sold on Monday mornings by Barb Chappell and Barry French. Proceeds go to the activity fund. Both drawings are on St. Patrick's day next Tuesday.

Barbara Chappell: Bus trips –

- Thursday, March 12 is the Catamaran trip. Cost is \$29, to be paid with correct amount at the activity's office. Sign up immediately. There are only a few spots left. Bus leaves at 10am. Be there sooner to check in. Buses may change next year, but will NOT be cancelled so far.
- Saturday, March 21st is Mexican Appreciation Day in Progresso. Sign up soon. There is no cost, except to bus driver. Bus leaves at 10:30am. Be there sooner. The bus will pick up to return at 3:30pm.

Singles will meet on Wednesday in the AC room at 4pm. ALL singles are welcome.

NO Thirsty Thursday dinner this week.

The next Arts and Crafts show is Saturday, March 21st, 8-noon. This is the last craft show of the season.

Horse Collar shuffleboard is every Friday evening. Come at 6:15pm, play begins at 6:30. This season ends March 20th, and champions will be crowned in two weeks. Then summer season begins.

Marcia Albers stated Thursday, March 12 is sewing for Ronald Mc Donald House from 9am -3pm. They can use all kinds of help. Friday they are going to Martha's for fried ice cream. Sign up in advance in sewing room.

Carolyn Williams suggested sewers remove all items from sewing lockers for spraying.

Betty Fiser and crew are taking 50 quilts north to veteran's homes, and would like help in transporting.

Gary Dreibelbis-announced advisory board elections today. Candidates stood up and spoke about themselves. Ballots were passed out and collected.

The 2nd annual Sherry lunch will be held on Thursday, March 12, 11:30am at Dee's. Meet at flagpole to carpool. Also includes names like Shirley, Sharon, Sheryl. Sign up on back board in main hall.

Book Club meets this Wednesday for lunch and a movie. Meet at flagpole at 11:30am to carpool. Sign up and pay Sherry Dickey \$5 in advance.

The Amigo Block party is March 19th at the Al Barnes Building at 11am. There is a sign sheet in main hall back board to bring something.

The Michigan-Ohio luncheon will be held in the A&C room on March 10, 11:22am. Cost is \$5 per person plus bring a \$5 gift.

Steve May WILL be at Happy Hour today and is the dance entertainment for Wednesday night, both in the main hall.

Activity schedules and room requests need to be requested and filed in the activity's office for next season, so that activity schedules can be printed early. If you were a chairperson of an event this year and want to repeat chairship next year, fill out form in activity's office.

Last Oil Painting class is on March 11, 9-4pm, at east hobby shop.

Card Elimination is played on Sundays at 2pm. in the main hall.

Ice cream is served every Sunday from 2pm to 3pm. in main

Corey Sawatzky is in charge of the St. Patrick's Day Blind Driver Golf Cart competition. Event will take place at 2:30pm on the east side of the Al Barnes Friendship Hall. Sign up on board to participate.

Warren Martin stated the RC race track is getting fixed from heavy use yesterday. Rookie women RC racers are invited to the track on Sundays at 1pm. Cars can be provided to test your skills.

Chuck Strandberg stated that Valley Chapel ends services March 31st. Communion will be held the 5th Sunday in March. The Rio Grande Valley Bible Institute will present music on the 4th Sunday in March. Next Sunday offering will go to Pharr Food Pantry. Recently the woodshop donated \$500 to that cause, as well as donating \$150 to all four charities of the sewing group. Village Chapel board will meet after MMM today.

Woodshop 50/50 drawing today consisted of \$59.00.

Bobs McDougal and Winkelman passed out free raffle tickets to all meeting attendees. Gift certificates were donated and won from Chuy's, Sweet Temptations, Osprey Cruise, Stars, Buddy's, Big Daddy's, Walk-Ons, Hair Cut from UTX Cosmetology School, Lone Star Barbeque, Stefano's Pizza and Dairy Queen banana split.

Blood drive will be held next Tuesday 3/10. 50 people donating out of 574 would be a reasonable goal. Come out and donate!

Next Monday, the Pharr Police Department is coming to the meeting to collect unwanted, unused, unnecessary pill medication for safe disposal. Bring pills in a bag, not in plastic bottles.

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Pam's Notes

Good March morning: We've had nice warm weather, even though the clouds have been around for while.

It's nice to see new residents in the park, even if they are only staying for a month. Let's show them our Tip hospitality.

It was asked that I warn those of you who will be leaving soon to make sure your yard ornaments are not left out. Last summer statues, flowers, etc would be moved or left in the roads or other places. Not knowing if this was done by pranksters or whomever, it's better not leave your possessions out. Thanks for our neighborhood watch to keep the lookout.

Have a good week. Pam