

Activities Monday Morning Meeting

November 29, 2021

The meeting was opened by Johanna D'Aleo, Activity Director, at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the National Anthem and O'Canada. There were no new guests, but we applauded returning guests, including Karen and Pat Newell, our cooks.

Delores Simpson gave the Hospital Report, which included Vera Janis who is doing good but has up and down days ahead, Derk Fiser, whose symptoms have improved and the heart monitor comes off Monday. Praise Report is for Pam Brown whose experimental drug is working and Joyce Sauter who is responding to treatment and recuperating. Pastor Dave Lightner lead us in prayer.

Al reported that we have 335 residents on 216 sites. Thanks to Dorothy Phillips for Thanksgiving dinner and leftovers the next day. Reminder that if you haven't already, please stop in the office to get checked in and update your information.

Guest speaker was The Wonderful Wonderettes, who will do a musical comedy for us on Saturday, December 4th, 7-9 pm. Donations. Poster on bulletin board.

Dr Oscar Sotello's Dermatology Center, gave a presentation on their services. They were at a table after our meeting with free sample lotions.

The movies on the cart are available to borrow.

Thirsty Thursday is at Chili's on 521 Nolana at 3:30, 4:00 dinner. Sign up sheet on back board.

BP's are taken after the meeting by Nancy Schmitz.

Volunteers are needed for December events and on Saturday, December 4th to set up chairs after chair volleyball.

Sewing Room updates: Patterns and quilt kits are available in the Sewing Room. We took 60 quilts to the Edinburgh Childrens' Hospital this week. There is a new bookcase in the Sewing Room with fabric that was donated. See Nancy Schmitz or Jackie Ridlon (956-283-1007) for information/payment for sewing room lockers. Charity Sewing for children will begin in January. 1st Thursday, 9 a.m. – 2 pm. If you want to work on a quilt kit, see Kay Lane. Rainbow Room is having a blanket drive.

First Responders update – New Volunteer: Eddie Mercado, a retired nurse and Marines and Navy vet at Lot 199.

Sweatpants, tops and socks, t-shirts, sizes L-2XL are being collected by the Sewing Room for distribution to Vets.

Friday, December 3rd is Wellness Screening by Rio Grande Hospital Lab, 7 a.m., AC Room. Sign up on Medical Board. Fast for 10-12 hours and bring check.

John Schmitz will start Stained Glass classes in January. Info and sign-up on bulletin board. Cost is \$40 plus cost of glass. A second class in February. Project can be seen in the Hobby Shop.

More Kitchen News: It is very important to sign up for lunches and breakfasts, so we know what to prepare for. First breakfast is this Saturday, December 4th – pancakes and sausage for \$5.00, 8-9:30 am. First lunch is next Tuesday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m. – Meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

Outpost is open starting today from 12-4pm. Looking for volunteers for 2 hour shifts. On Wednesday, we will start having barbeque sandwiches, until we sell out.

Workers' Lunch is 12/15/21.

Carolyn Williams will be chairing the Christmas dinner, social hour at noon and dinner at 12:30. Sign up on back board. \$1/person to host.

Karaoke will begin Friday in the Al Barnes at 6 pm.

Vipers tickets – Need 25 to sign up. There are three dates.

Holiday Glow – December 21st at the Outdoor Pool. It is a candle float in the pool. Sign-up on back board. You will be given a candle and an opportunity to say what you are lighting it for. Donations. If you sign up, you will have a chair. Anyone who wants to attend, please bring you own chairs.

Chair Volleyball is Saturdays, Main Hall, at 3:00 pm

Porcelain/China painting – 4 classes. \$50. Meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-2pm in Hobby Shop. Complete a project in 4 weeks. Room for 2 more. See Kay Lane (810) 241-9294) or come by the Hobby Shop to see what we do.

Bingo starts next Monday, Dec 6th at 7 pm. Cards are 3/\$1

VA food distribution to Vets, Harlingen, 9 am., December 9th. Must be a vet and bring i.d.

Peter Piper – Dec. 14th, Sign up on bulletin board.

Horse Collar – Friday, 6:20 (Play at 6:30 pm)

Up and Down the River – Dec 4th at 6:30 pm in A/C Room.

Christmas Party – Dec 16th – Main Hall – 7=9pm, Judging for best decorated home/golf cart. Entertainment, cookies and hot chocolate.

Zoo Trip on Dec. 9th. Few spaces are left. See Linda Beem soon. (816) 914-2698, Next week at the MMM, we will start scheduling photo sittings for the directory. Flyers have been put in your mailboxes. There is no cost to be photographed for the directory and you will receive a free 8 x 10 photo as well as the directory itself. We are still looking for someone who is a creative layout genius. Please volunteer.

Jan Noranbrock is decorating the Main Hall and surrounding buildings after the MMM today. Please help – even if only for 15 mins.

New Years Eve tickets – We are sadly lacking people. Enjoy the fun, socialize, listen to the music. Tickets are at the Activity Office - \$15/pp.

50/50 - \$21 – Won by Gary Brink, Lot #958.

Drawings from Advertisers were also held.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Johanna D'Aleo and Kathleen Radtke, Activity Directors

Pam's Notes

Can you believe it's December???? How the time flies by. I received many nice notes from those who wished me the best with this new treatment. Praise the Lord.....I'm still doing fine. I keep thinking the accumulation of this drug could have side effects, but so far, so good. Have a great group of players here for pickleball and hopefully we will get the tennis going again.

I did want to share a couple of notes:

Glad to hear your good news. We think of you often & continue to wish you all the best. We are not coming south again this year. We miss the Tip and all the fun we had with all the friends we made over the years. Thank you so much for the minutes as we love to hear what's happening & how others are doing.

Take care, Gloria & Ken Reiblin

Wishing Gloria and Ken the very best of the Holidays. We miss them both.

Via Dave Ochs, we also heard from Gwynneth Heaton and Jack Robinson:

I'm sorry to say that we have decided NOT to go to Texas this year. We are still concerned about the virus, although both of us have had two shots and Jack had the booster today. We will miss you guys and i will miss the hobby shop.

We have had a quiet year at home, going back and forth from my home and cottage to Jack's home on Sturgeon Lake. I have a lot of work done on my front porch and steps (paving stones put on them - it looks wonderful) and Jack had some landscaping done at his place.

I hope you are both well and that you have a great time in texas. I've be very happy if you kept us up to date as to what's happening in the hobby shop and wood shop. We'll both miss these.

Thanks, Gwynneth

Also a note from the Wises:

.Thank you for inquiring. We won't be headed TIP way this year. Much as we hate to admit it. . .89 for Jim and me right behind have made the drive too much. We will miss the activities, the park and most certainly the friends made.

Had a great summer at the lake, with kids and grand ones in and out. Actually enjoying fall there which we always missed. And finding Mt Home offers much to do that we never took part in. Golf most of the winter (wearing a few more togs!) musical gatherings (different styles) and way too many exercise classes calling! Sooo. . .weather changes, activities are new and we benefit from all.

Again. . .we will miss the park and amenities. . .definitely all the golf outings you so graciously put together. We thank you and wish you and Pete all good things! Pam you are in our prayers daily.

Hugs from Arkansas ☐☐. Pat and Jim

I did receive sad news from Margaret Haseltine that Phyllis Titus, age 98, recently passed away. Phyllis had been a long time resident and was originally from Godfrey, IL.

Have a good week. Stay safe....get those Covid and Flu shots!!! Pam