

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2021

Johanna D'Aleo opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 2 new guests from MN, and several returnees.

Delores Simpson gave the Hospital report. On Friday, Jeannice Walters was taken to the hospital for tests. Bill Ely was also hospitalized for an infection. Also, Dave Ochs asked for prayers for his brother in MN who had a heart attack and is in Mayo Clinic. Bernie Schaaf has an issue with his shoulder. Barb Chappel has been in and out of the hospital all summer and went home to her daughter. She is back now and doing physical therapy. Diana Jones is doing better and back in the Park working. Church Board meeting today after MMM.

Pastor Dave led us in prayer and wished us all a special Christmas season.

Al reported 383 guests on 244 sites. The employee Christmas box has been set out in the Office for donations to the employee Christmas. Funds will be commingled with what Alta receives for the dinner on the 15th. There is also a box for toys for children in the front office, sponsored by the Pharr Police and Fire Department. Please remember to stop into the office to get registered and update your files, which is important in case of an emergency to contact someone.

The offices are closing on Dec. 21st from 10:30-1:30 pm as Sue and Al will be taking employees to the Golden Corral for lunch.

Phyllis Titus passed away on November 29th.

Speaker: Sandra from The Original Dolphin Watch on South Padre Island. They were started in the 80s as a scuba diving shop and transitioned in the off season to Dolphin tours and Eco tours. The Eco tours pick up small marine life in nets and catch butterfly sting rays, puffer fish. Tours are \$18 (\$15 today). They also do Port of Brownsville tours starting January for \$40 (\$35 today).

Volunteers are needed for Outpost, 2 hour blocks. See Regina if you can help.

There is a half sheet of activities for this week at the back of the Hall. The Activity Schedule has been printed and is also at the back of the Hall.

BPs taken after the MMM. We found someone's BP sheet and money left here two meetings ago.

Vipers tickets – We need 25 to pay for this event to go. A bus will come to pick you up and bring you back. ADA enabled. January 27th. 30 are signed up to go.

We have tickets for the McAllen Wind Ensemble are available at the Activity Office, Performing Arts auditorium, \$13. December 17th, 7:30 pm

Tickets are on sale for New Years' Eve in the Activity Office, Food, Entertainment, \$15, the only place in the Park where everyone can come together for a party!

Craft Show is this Saturday, Dec. 18th, from 8 to noon. Lots of new vendors. Alta will have lunch for sale – sloppy joes, ham salad sandwiches, soup. Looking for pies to be donated.

Grannies Gone Wild – January 12th, Meet in the lobby, go to lunch at the London Grill, (Menu: Chicken Alfredo, 8 oz Sirloin, or blackened fish, \$9.99 each). Fill out profiles and draw for names to go shop at Goodwill. 1 hour to shop and then return to wash the outfit and meet back at 6:30 to attend the dance. Prizes for Most Outrageous and Most Attractive outfit.

Cledia also asked for volunteers for a shift on the Neighborhood Watch.

We are scheduling photo shoot appts for the pictorial book. Thursday, January 6 through Saturday, January 8. You can also call one of the 3 phone numbers listing on the large posters. Linda Beem, (816) 914-2698. You will receive a free 8 x 10 and free pictorial book.

Maggie May is no longer singing, so the event has been canceled.

We have tickets at the Activity Office for Mollie B, New Years' Eve, and the Wind Ensemble.

Tina Schreck is chairing the Senior Olympics. A schedule will be out soon.

Mermaids will practice tomorrow at 3:45 pm at the Indoor Pool. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:45 pm. Need bodies for the Mermaids.

Outdoor pool people who are doing lap swimming reminder to count your laps which will count towards the 25-mile lap club.

Sherry Dickey is chairing exercise in the Main Hall, MWF, 8-8:30 a.m.

Tennis will begin on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 on the Outdoor Tennis Court.

Christmas Eve Candlelight ceremony at 4:00 pm in Main Hall. Non-denominational.

Happy Hour today, 4-5:30 in the Main Hall, Steve May. Donations.

Bingo tonight at 7 pm. Cards go on sale at 6:30 m. 3/\$1

Sign up for Christmas Dinner at the back of the Hall. There are 4 hosts so far who will meet with you to decide what to bring. \$1 per person donated by Activities Dept. No one should be alone at Christmas.

Christmas Party this Thursday, Dec. 16th, 7-9 pm. Bring cookies to share, your own snacks, BYOB. Entertainment by Dale and Gayle. Judging of house lights on Wednesday, Dec. 15th by an outside couple. Put your lights on by 6 pm. Yule Log has been found.

Sewing Room News: Next Monday, Dec. 20th, 2-4 pm: Social and meeting – 2-3 pm – mini Christmas Trees with wool. Bring a snack to share. 3-4pm – Meeting. Sign up in the Sewing Room. If making a tree, bring a small scissors and a needle. Charity sewing on Thurs, Dec. 16th for Veterans. Kits available for quilt tops. Also need a co-chair for this activity.

Sweatshirts and socks for Vets – We collected 12 outfits which will be delivered today.

Stained Glass class – sign up in back of Hall. Need at least one more to hold class.

Thirsty Thursdays – None until after the holidays. Marilyn Bullington will take over as chair.

Music you hear playing before the meeting is Rick Dodson, who is playing for New Years Eve.

Lunch tomorrow is beef stew. Sign up on back bulletin board. Dec 28th lunch is chicken/noodles, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert. \$5.

Card games have gotten off to a slow start. Euchre is on Thursday and 500 on Sundays, 6:00 practice, 6:30 play for score. Al Barnes Hall. Would like to start Bridge at 6:00 on Wednesdays for singles, Al Barnes. Doubles on Saturday, 6:00 pm. Also, poker is every night in the card room.

Linda Linden is collecting for the Metamoris Children's Home. They have 200 children and are asking for donations for Christmas. Please be generous.

Marilyn Bullington hosts Horse Collar on Friday, at 6:20 pm. Meet new people and have a great time. We draw for teams each week. It is a Team Shuffleboard game.

Peter Piper Pizza is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, which is the 14th. They have been generous with freebies. 495 and 10th St., McAllen. Sign up in back of Hall. Be there 11-11:30, drawing at 11:45 a.m. Free ice cream.

Holiday Glow is Tuesday, Dec 21st at the Outside pool, 6 pm. Sign up if interested in lighting a candle. Chairs will be available for those who sign up. Donations. If you are homebound and need a ride, we will come get you. Hot chocolate provided.

Tai Chi will be 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Main Hall.

The Winter Texas Orchestra concert is Sunday, Dec. 19th at 3:00 pm in the Main Hall. If you play an instrument, join them and they will help you get an instrument to use here. Only 30 mins.

Friday, Dec. 17th, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, MD (Mayor of City of Pharr) will be here with tamales for 200 people from 9-11 am.

Shuffleboard is Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday at 8:45 a.m. on the Court. Play at 9:00 a.m. Will teach.

TOPS meets in the AC Room, Friday 8:30 (weigh in) and 9:00 meeting. Not a scheduled weight loss program. Work at your own pace. Try it once for free and decide if you want to continue.

Spanish classes start TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in Al Barnes. \$6.00.

Vipers – Dinner and Game on 1/27/22. Need 25 people and have 17 so far. Please sign up at back.

RGV Lab results are in the Activity Office. Please pick them up. Also, turkey money from Thanksgiving for hosts are in the Activity Office.

50/50 - \$42.00 – won by Lot 262.

Bob McDougall gave out door prizes and reminded us to support our advertisers and tell them you heard of them at the Tip O'Texas.

Pam's Notes

I just returned from Houston. After the 4th infusion of this new drug, I still feel fine. Thank you for your prayers. Can you believe it will soon be Christmas. My, how time flies. Hoping you are all ready for the Holidays. It's great to see many returning this year. The park is filling up and we have several new residents joining us. Good to see new blood.

Sorry I haven't heard from any lost souls this week with new information. Have a good remainder of the week. Pam