

## MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 28, 2022

Johanna D'Aleo opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem and O Canada.

The cooks have arrived. **Breakfast (biscuits and gravy) will begin this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 a.m. They will also serve lunch on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. It will be beef stew.** Sign up on Main Hall bulletin board.

Hospital Report – Dick Lynch had a stroke but is doing well and was home on Wednesday. Vera Janis had pain in her shoulder and radiation on her right arm. While undergoing radiation, her right arm was bruised by the machine. Nanci Richter is back in the hospital (4 mos now as of next week) with an infection again. She had surgery this past weekend and needs our prayers. Alice Souigny broke her hip. Her grandson asked for prayers for her. The Church donated \$100 to the food bank and will do another \$100 for Christmas.

Pastor Lightener led us in prayer.

Al's report: We have 358 Guests on 238 Sites. Reminder to stop at the Office to register. The Veggie Man has been relocated to the area across from Al Barnes that is the car wash, on Tuesdays around 11:00 a.m. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm, the Mayor will be here with food and door prizes. Let Al know if you have questions he can address. The internet will be discussed. They are mid-city so far in implementing and moving toward us.

Our speaker was Sylvia from Manriquez Vision Center who invited us to their clinic. They do eye exams, diabetic exams, evaluation of lenses and cataracts. They also offer a free cataract evaluation with options for removal and multi-focal lens evaluation (no need for glasses). He has been her for 20 years and specializes in laser refracted procedures which have a quicker recovery. He is 1 in 5 physicians who train laser procedures in the US. They accept most major insurances. See her after the meeting if you would like an appointment.

- Thirsty Thursdays will be at the Black Bear Diner. Sign-up sheet at the back board. They give you a lot of food! Meet at 3:30, dinner at 4:00.
- Blood pressures after the meeting will be taken by Jennifer Kirkland.
- Chair Volleyball is Saturdays, 3-4:30 pm
- Hand, knee and foot – Thursdays – Hobby Shop, 1 pm
- Samba – Every night, 6 pm, Hobby Shop
- Water Volleyball – MWF, 1-4:00 pm. Indoor pool.
- Horse Collar – Friday, 6:15 pm. Team Shuffleboard. Hot chocolate bombs to give away.
- Euchre – Thursdays, 6:00 practice, 6:30 play. Al Barnes.
- 500 – Sundays, 6:00 practice, 6:30 play.
- Peter Piper Pizza – two weeks from today. Sign up sheet on back board.
- Monday (tonight) – Bingo. 6:30 pm. Play at 7:00 pm.

Carolyn Williams emphasized that if you have guests staying in our park, they are welcome to come eat with us for Christmas. We cannot count them in our reimbursement dollars, but they should bring a dish to pass. Please let the host know so we can plan enough food.

Bell Ringing – Starts this week. Bring lawn chairs. We may need substitutes for a couple of weeks.

Carolyn is collecting toiletries from hotels for the womens' shelter.

Card Elimination – We had 26 last week. It is Sunday, 1:30-2:45 pm. Volunteers are needed for ice cream. As soon as we get some, we will have ice cream at the break.

Up and Down the River – December 3<sup>rd</sup> start, Saturday, 6:30 pm in the AC room.

Hearts – Friday, 1:00 pm in Al Barnes.

Currently, we have 2 First Responders and are looking for several more with some medical background, first aid, etc. John Schmitz is a retired respiratory therapist and Nancy Schmitz is a retired Nurse. We have an AED in the Main Hall and oxygen. Responsibilities are to be oncall as needed here in the park. We have "go bags" available with some basic first aid supplies. Please see Nancy Schmitz after the meeting if you are interested.

If you are interested in taking blood pressures after the meeting, please see Nancy Schmitz.

On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 a.m. the RGH lab will be doing lab draws. Please sign up. Basic panel is now \$25 (up \$5 from last year). Takes ½ hour to 45 min. AC room.

Sewing Room News: a list for a Checkers order is posted on the corner of first cutting table in the Sewing Room. Christmas social in the Sewing Room is December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Bring a snack and 4 pieces of fabric, 4" x 16" for a short new sewing project. Sign up sheet in the Sewing Room.

The Ronald McDonald house is asking for kids books to put in reading pillows. They would like to have them by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Leave them in the sewing room. 24 books are needed.

Sewing for Ronald McDonald will be this Thursday, from 9-12:00 noon. We need help to get quilts made.

The Pictorial books and 2023 dangles are in the Activity Office.

Johanna read a nice Thank you Card from Vera Janis "To all my friends at the Tip O'Texas, thank you so much for celebrating my birthday with me. The day was perfect! Hope you enjoyed the jello shots as much as I did. The cookies were yummy too. I am very grateful for all your friendship. Vera"

Reminder for those with Food Handler certificates must wash their hands when they enter the kitchen, and put on gloves. Handling non-sanitary items requires a change in gloves. Anyone who does not have a certification cannot be in the kitchen.

December Events: End of Driveway sale, 8-12, December 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

December 12<sup>th</sup>, Micheal Laferty – local entertainer, \$5 donation, 4-5:30 pm.

December 12<sup>th</sup>, City of Pharr Mayor, 5-7 pm, food and door prizes

December 17<sup>th</sup>, Craft Show, 8-12:00

December 17<sup>th</sup>, Dale and Gale – 7-9 pm, \$8

December 20<sup>th</sup>, Gladys Porter Zoo carpool, VIP experience, 2 spots left. Leave 8:00 a.m. Arrive at 9 a.m. Tram tour. Lunch at noon.

December 20<sup>th</sup>, Winter Texan Orchestra, 3 pm. Donation.

December 31<sup>st</sup>, Mark Staggs, as Festus Live On, \$9

Looking for a volunteer to coordinate any activities after the show on New Years' Eve.

Today is the last day to register to attend the Hidalgo Lights Dining Experience. It is a 2 hour tour on a train. \$22 December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Deadline for Our Town is tomorrow, Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please get articles to Regina.

Wood Shop raffle was \$23 and won by Terry Ernst.

Today was Kathleen Radtke's birthday. We sang to her.

Wood Shop quilt raffle tickets were for sale \$5 ea or 3/\$10. Winner to be announced at the Spaghetti Dinner.

One item door prize today is the Pirate Ship Cruise, won by Sue Anderson.

Decorations for Christmas were put up after the meeting, lead by Jan Noranbrock. Please help.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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Pam's Notes

**Good Tuesday Morning.....FINALLY sunshine and heat again. Sunday was perfect weather for us. Little wind, sunny and warm. Just what we expect for November in South TX.**

**Ms. Vera Janis celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday with a great get-together. Happy Birthday from us all!**



Activities are going in full force. Thanks to the new volunteers who have stepped up to the plate to keep things happening in the park. We "Old timers" appreciate it.

If you're still up North, hurry down. Safe travels and hope to see you soon. Pam