

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 12 , 2022

Johanna D'Aleo opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem and O Canada.

Hospital Report – Nettie Bergen had a stroke and is in the hospital until Friday. While in the hospital, she had a second stroke. Was assisted by Kris Buege when she was cleared to fly home on Saturday. Ron Amundson is back in Indiana and has been hospitalized with RSV and double pneumonia. Jeremiah Konklin has surgery on Wednesday for a mass on his intestine and diverticulitis. Linda Figg was in the hospital Saturday with diverticulitis. Please continue to pray for Vera Janis, Nanci Rickert, and Joanne Buege.

Christmas Eve service will be in the Main Hall at 4:00 pm.

Pastor Lightener led us in prayer.

Al's report: We have 374 Guests on 246 Sites. Reminder to stop at the Office to register. Today from 5-7 pm, the Mayor of Pharr will be here bringing food and door prizes. They will be updating us on Pharr events and the Wifi. Tomorrow's lunch proceeds will go towards the Employee Christmas fund, so please come out and eat. Sign up is important so there is a count of how many to serve. If you cannot make it to the luncheon, please donate into the box located in the lobby of the Office. There was also some confusion with the company Aztec who advertises with us. A new company, Aztec Fine Homes from LaFeria has been soliciting in the park, which is not allowed. Aztec Fine Homes followed home owners into their home and made comments, prices that decreased as they were talking. Al spoke with both companies and was told that Aztec Fine Homes was banned in other parks in Harlingen. If you have any contact with them, please let the Office know.

Stan Schwanke of Skymed was our guest speaker. Skymed has an agreement with the park that transportation for an emergency is free of charge if you are a member and if not a member, they will make arrangements for you at cost. They can provide ambulances, air as needed for your spouse, vehicle, pets to return home. With Skymed, the member makes the decisions, not the doctor or insurance. There is a member Appreciation lunch for members Jan 24 or 25 at the Isla Grande Convention Center. Sign up through the website (click the Red icon at the top of the page). If you are not a member, you may come as a guest of a member. Skymed also has a travel agency with the best prices guaranteed. A lunch is being held this Thursday, at noon in the AC Room, to talk about new benefits. Skymed has never deleted any benefits, only added them. Sign up at the back of the hall. Prices for membership renewal are locked in for life. This is the last month to get 22 weeks free with a membership. Also, if you are a veteran, you can get 6 months free.

Thirsty Thursdays this week will be at the University Draft House in McAllen. The last two weeks there have been 43 people. Please sign up by Wednesday morning.

Blood pressures by Nancy Schmitz after the meeting.

Kitchen News: Wednesdays, 5-7:30 – hot dogs, cheeseburgers, polish sausages in Main Hall. Tuesday (tomorrow) Lunch, with all proceeds to the Worker Christmas fund: goulash, salad, garlic toast and dessert for \$7. There is no Saturday breakfast this week because of the Craft Show. Donuts and coffee for sale at the Craft Show.

New Year's Eve – Comedian, Festus (from Gunsmoke), clean comedy, 7-9 pm. We are looking for someone to plan events after If anyone wants to stay till midnight. Tickets are \$9.00. Available in Activity Office.

Craft Show is this Saturday from 8-noon. Lunch will be at noon. Vendors will lunch at 11:30. The Craft Show is open to the public and we have advertised in three papers.

Christmas Party and Winter Texan Orchestra – 12/20 – Orchestra 3-4 pm and Party following hosted by Debbie Basra. Please bring a white elephant gift. Will have an ugly sweater contest, candy cane search (whoever finds the most will get a prize). And the hiding of the Yule Log. Also, dessert pot luck.

Tickets **for bus tours** to the Gladys Porter Zoo (Jan 24) and the Alpaca Farm (Jan 31) are also available in the Activity Office. We will open it up to other parks if we cannot fill the buss. Need 20 people for the Zoo and 30 for the Alpaca Farm.

There were 4 spots available in the **car pool Zoo** tour group for Dec. 20th

Sherrie Gillem will meet with her Christmas table after the MMM today.

Chair Volleyball – None on Christmas Eve.

Molly B tickets for February 7th are now on sale at the Activity Office.

Park Bowling – Friday, 1:00, \$8.50, Flamingo Bowl, 3301 N. 23rd St., McAllen, \$8.50..

Sewing Room news: Thursday, December 15th from 10-2 is Veterans' Quilts. Please drop in to help. If you are a vet who has not received a quilt from us, put your name on the list in the back of the Main Hall. December 19th is the Sewing Room Christmas social, 2-4 pm – Sign up in the Sewing Room and bring 4 pieces of fabric (4 x 16") for a No Sew Project. First class in the Sewing Room is a wall hanging. Sign up sheet in the Sewing Room. We will be ordering Checkers on Friday. See list in the Sewing Room.

Stained Glass will start in January, taught by John Schmitz. Details on sign up sheet in Back of Main Hall.

Classes by Cheryl Schneider, RN, from Legacy Home Health for the topics of diabetes and Alzheimers will be scheduled for January.

Vitalant Blood Drive will be held on January 3rd in Al Barnes. Sign up sheet to schedule your donation is posted on the Medical Bulletin Board across from the mail boxes.

There are Volunteer opportunities with Harbor Hospice of McAllen. Info sheets are on the Medical Board.

There were 30 pillows made and more than 30 books collected to be delivered this week to the Ronald McDonald House.

Card Elimination – There were 31 this week. Sundays, 1:30 pm. Bring 5 quarters, 5 dimes and a dollar.

Bell Ringing – Almost finished. Very generous donations this year and some have said the Salvation Army helped them, so they are giving back.

Toiletries – Carolyn Williams is collecting for the battered womens' shelter. Drop on porch at . Lot 617 (end of David Drive).

Christmas Dinner for Christmas Day– Sign up under a host/hostess. Meet with host/hostess to determine what to bring. Set up for tables will be at 10:30 a.m. because of church.

Saturday morning Rosary is discontinued until January 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Practice for Mermaids and 25 Mile Swim will start Tuesdays after Jan 1 (Jan 3rd), at 4:00 pm in the Outdoor pool.

Peter Piper Pizza is tomorrow, 11:00 a.m., 10th and Pecan.

Horse Collar, Fridays, 6:15. Play starts at 6:30 pm.

Chair Volleyball is Saturdays, 3-4:30 pm, Main Hall.

Hand, knee and foot – Thursdays – Hobby Shop, 10:15 a.m.

Samba – Every night, 6 pm, Hobby Shop

Water Volleyball – MWF, 1-4:00 pm. Indoor pool.

Euchre – Thursdays, 6:00 practice, 6:30 play. Al Barnes.

Hearts – Friday, 1:00 pm, Al Barnes.

500 – Sundays, 6:00 practice, 6:30 play.

Mexican Train - Sundays, 6:00 Al Barnes

Monday (tonight) – Bingo. 6:30 pm. Play at 7:00 pm.

Up and Down the River – December 3rd started, Saturdays, 6:30 pm in the AC room.

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

The Entertainer, Micheal Laferty has been **cancelled** for tonight. He is ill.

On Decmber 17th, **Dale and Gale** will perform for us from 7-9 pm, \$8.

Painting Class, January 20th, 2-4 pm, AC Room. Yard Flag with Sunflower and lady bug, \$25. Need min of 7 people. Up to 20.

Quilt tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10. Winner will be announced at the Wood Shop Spaghetti dinner on Feb. 3rd. Also, raffling off a Vermont style Rocking Chair, handmade. Tickets 3/\$20 or \$10 each. Come to the Wood Shop to see it being made.

Wash your hands frequently – Some parks are cancelling activities due to illness.

Childrens' Haven International on Minnesota Rd in Pharr is asking for donations, previously taken by Mary Kitkowski. Mary Schafer will be collecting this year. They rely on the Winter Texans for their general and Christmas funds. There was a tragedy at the orphanage where an electrical fire burned down the gym. A family of 3 was living there but no one was there when the fire started. Several items will be taken to the thrift shop. They are very appreciative of our help.

Tuesday Golf – Los Lagos – tee times 8:15 and 8:22 a.m.

December Events:

- ◆ December 12th, City of Pharr Mayor, 5-7 pm, food and door prizes. Followed by Bingo.
- ◆ December 17th, Craft Show, 8-12:00
- ◆ December 17th, Dale and Gale – 7-9 pm, \$8
- ◆ December 20th, Gladys Porter Zoo carpool, VIP experience, Leave 8:00 a.m. Arrive at 9 a.m. Tram tour. Lunch at noon. **Full.**
- ◆ December 20th, Winter Texan Orchestra, 3 pm. Donation.
- ◆ December 20th – Christmas Party – 4 pm – Bring White Elephant gift, desserts.
- ◆ December 31st, Mark Staggs, as Festus Live On, \$9

Wood Shop raffle was \$43 and won by Lot 981.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Pam's Notes

**Good Afternoon from Houston. Up taking another treatment but brought my computer to be able to pass along some info I've received this past week.**

**John O'brien has graciously updated our 2022 Photo Directory to the website.**

thanks to Linda Beem, I have been able to up-load a copy of the TOT 2022 Photo Directory to the TOTFYI website. The Photo Directory can be viewed by clicking on "TOT Photo Directories" on the opening page of the website. A page titled "Photo Directory Books" will open which provides a list of the photo directories available on the website. Click on the Directory to be viewed. It is very cool up north here. [John lives in Decatur, IL](#). Hello to all there at the Tip.

**Thank you John for all the work you do from afar!**

**I also had a nice conversation with Sy and Charlene Giesen. They sold their unit last spring and are now staying up in Wisconsin. Both are well and want to wish all a very Merry Christmas.**

**I did receive this sad note from Glenn Elliott's son-in-law. Glenn and his wife Beverly taught tennis lessons here at the Tip for several years. They, along with Ed and Val Pieri and Don and Joan Phillips, were the mainstay of our tennis program. When I volunteered to help run our program twenty years ago, we had 94 active players here in the park who were playing at least once a week. Many of us played every day. The courts were full from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with team play.**

Hello Pam. Even though this email appears to be coming from Glenn Elliott, this is actually his son-in-law, Steve Linn. I'm married to Glenn's daughter, Kristin. Glenn passed away Wednesday, December 6, two days after his 93rd birthday. The family is working to notify as many of his friends and acquaintances as we can, and Glenn had shared his email access a few months back as we were working to get his affairs sorted. I had noticed these regular emails from you and thought to just let you know.

Hope you have a great day, and you can reply with any questions you may have, as we'll be monitoring his email for a while.  
Steve Linn

**Our Deepest condolences to The Elliott family.**

**When I notified both Joan Phillips and Val of Ed's passing, they sent these notes:**

Thanks for the update on you and about Glen. He sure led a long life. Must be the good care that Bev gave him for so many years. I lost my home with hurricane Ion. The only thing I took away was my clothes. 7 Feet of salt water inside. I was devastated!! Didn't know what to do when my oldest son decided to invest in a condo for me to live my life out. I love it!! The place I am in has 8 tennis courts and 12 PB courts. I am now on a tennis team and a PB team so I play every day one or the other. I will be 87 in January but still feel 60. God took Don and my home Th but left me with a healthy body. I am starting a new life. How is Annalea? Lost her telephone number. I am enclosing pictures of my place. Sooo sad. think of you often and the wonderful times we had together. Love, Joan



**This shows how strong the winds can be. We definitely need to take heed when we have a hurricane warning here in South TX.**

Thanks for the notice of Glenn's death. What a fine gentleman he was.

So glad to hear you are staying well with treatments, etc. I love getting your emails about the TIP.

So many great memories there for Ed and me. He passed away in 2014 and I still miss him more than I can tell you. But I am doing pretty good for an old lady(85). I play golf twice a week and do some other activities during each week, still drive wherever I need to and have great friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR Val

**Let me thank all the past tennis players over the last 20 years of the good times we've had. As one of the "Older" players, we have now started a pickleball program. We are hoping, after the the first of the year, to give lessons and even start some team play.**

**I had CT tests and MRI today. Hoping the results are on the same course as the past. Dr. should give me the go ahead for an infusion tomorrow and we can return to sunshine and heat. Cool and rainy here in Houston.**

**Have a good week. Pam**

**Almost forgot.....Hey gentlemen only 13 days before Christmas!!!! Have your shopping done???????**