

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 19, 2022

Johanna D'Aleo opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem and O Canada. We had background music to lead us!! Johanna mentioned that if you were at Veterans Day program, Marilyn played an old radio program that told the history of the Star Spangled Banner and the war that it was composed for.

There were 6 returning guests.

Hospital Report – Delores said that much of today's news is a Praise Report. Prayer works! Nettie and Abe Bergen are safely home and did not stay in the hospital. Linda Figg is home from the hospital and is here now. Ron Amundson is improving enough to start therapy. Eileen Waltz's family is here. She had hip surgery a month ago and an aneurism taken care of before the surgery but it out of pain now. Prayers are needed for: Rhea Gibson who had surgery Monday for a hernia repair and will recuperate at Legends. Jeremiah Konlin came home Wednesday but went back to the hospital on Friday with a serious infection in his abdominal area. Jim Anderson went in the hospital with an infection in his colon and discovered he had Covid and then Sue Anderson also got Covid. Nanci Richter has made minor improvement on her infection. Margie Cormack and Mary Kimber are collecting Christmas cards for Nanci and will be giving them to her on Christmas. Carolyn Adam has a cat scan 12/27 on her lymph nodes. Sally Bonsal's daughter, Betsy, is in terrific pain due to cancer and unable to get to her scan this past week. Mary Schaefer's sister, Monica, had an MRI on Tuesday because her skin had yellowed and they found a mass on her liver and gall bladder which may be cancerous. Molly Lane (daughter of Kay and Mike) also has Covid.

The ambulance came in on Saturday for Carol Fredericks who had taken too many meds. Please update your Vial of Life information. The EMTs found hers and was able to tell which meds by the information in it.

Christmas Eve Candelight service is at 4:00 pm. Church on Sunday, Christmas Day, as usual but may not be donuts after due to setting for Christmas Dinner.

Karen and Janis's table for Christmas Dinner – Meet with them after MMM.

Stay safe and wash, wash, wash your hands!!

Pastor Lightener wished all a Merry Christmas, as he is going to MN to play with his grandkids, where it will be 0 degrees. He led us in prayer.

Al reported that there are 384 people on 249 sites. Reminder to register at the office when you arrive. Garbage pickup is at 8:00 a.m. Please have your trash out by that time. The Veggie Man has been relocated to the car wash area across from Al Barnes, Tuesdays, around 11:00 a.m. When you call an ambulance, give Street AND Lot Number, so they can find you. Also, it will be cold this weekend (going down to 29 degrees for a couple of hours), so please remember to protect your plants. Al also wished us a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and stay warm.

Thirsty Thursdays this week will be at Mambo's Seafood. They also have chicken sandwiches, hamburgers and salads.

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 is Pork Chop with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, applesauce and dessert, \$8. Please sign up at the back of the Hall. Saturday breakfast is pancakes and sausage, \$6.

New Year's Eve – Comedian, Festus (from Gunsmoke), clean comedy, 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$9.00. Available in Activity Office. If anyone wants to bring snacks, drinks and stay after to play cards or music, please feel free.

Molly B tickets are also on sale at the Activity Office.

Gladys Porter Zoo VIP Tour (Carpool) is still on for tomorrow. They will let us know if it is cold and rainy and may cancel. Directions in the Activity Office. We will have a message on our voicemail for the Activity number (956-787-6461) tonight and early tomorrow. Please check if you are on the list going.

Winter Texas Orchestra was started by Barb and Jim Raabe years ago as an opportunity for Winter Texans to play their instruments. They have been practicing every week and have a concert for us tomorrow at 3:00 pm. Come and listen to us. It will only last about 35-40 minutes. Immediately following, we will have a Christmas Party, hosted by Debbie Basra. Th

Christmas Party – tomorrow – Orchestra 3-4 pm and Party following hosted by Debbie Bashaw. Please bring a white elephant gift. Will have an ugly sweater contest, candy cane search (whoever finds the most will get a prize). And prize for finding of the Yule Log (it has been found), best decorated house, Ugly sweater contest, and most Christmas spirit. Please bring a dessert to share. The white elephant gift exchange should be no more than \$10 item.

New Event: "Treasure" Hunt – Photos for that week's location will be posted near the dart board in the post office area. Guess the location, put your answer on the sheet near the board, and your name and Lot number. These are items that can be seen from the street. Return answers to the marked box by Friday of that week, 2:00 pm. Use your phone to take pictures of the location which you can use as you drive around. It will also be posted on Facebook, Tip O Texas Resident's group. Sherrie Brink and Kathy Whedon can answer questions. It is a work in progress; feedback accepted but no whining. New pictures each week.

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 bus. Need 20 people for the Zoo and 30 for the Alpaca Farm.

Chair Volleyball – None on Christmas Eve.

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

Sewing Room news: Thank you to Delores Simpson and Kathy Whedon for helping with Sewing for Children. 42 afghans were done. 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.

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 Diabetes will be a 4 day class, 1-3 pm in the AC Room on Tuesday, Jan 3, 10, 17 and 24. On Jan 17, from 3:30-4:30 will be Understanding Alzheimers. Sign up sheets are posted on the Medical Board across from the mail boxes in the Indoor Pool area.

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. Get a free tee shirt. Old age or diabetes no longer restricts you from donating, and no longer does visits to Europe or England restrict you from donating.

Christmas Dinner, Table #1, meet after MMM.

NO MONDAY MORNING MEETING ON DECEMBER 26 OR JANUARY 2!

Golden Age Olympics – Stu Hunselman has been involved in them over the years. This weekend we are supposed to get the signup sheets and schedule. Stu has an advance copy and the first even is Jan. 9th – singles shuffleboard. Sign up need to be by Jan. 3rd. at Los Palms Community Center on 12th street. The program is hosted by the City of McAllen Parks and Rec department. There are 46 events, including 13 card games, Walk and Talk (leisurely walk), movie screening, etc. Some awards are given for the most park participation (Walk/Talk, movie). There is an award for Overall Park participation, and we won it last year. Points are given for how many medals and the top 6 contribute points to the park as well. 40% of all points are given to those who placed 4th through 6th and that can sometime make all the difference. There are trophies in the Hall, Pool Room, and Post Office. Linda Gillick (here in January) is our Chair for this year, assisting by Marsha Albers and Stu. More to follow. Games: Al Barnes – Saturdays, not on Christmas Eve, 6:00, **500 (card game)**. **Euchre** – Thursdays, 6:00 practice, 6:30 Play. **Bridge** – Monday, 1:00, Al Barnes. Need more players.

Card Elimination – There were 32 this week. Sundays, 1:30 pm. Bring 5 quarters, 5 dimes and a dollar. None on Christmas Eve, but will be on New Years' Eve.

Bell Ringing – Last week. Hope to fill one slot Wed., 4-6 pm. Thanks to everyone who helped. Linda Gillick is the Chair, but Carolyn took over until she could come.

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. Make sure Carolyn knows how many are at your table. Bring your own silverware.

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

Horse Collar, Fridays, 6:15. Play starts at 6:30 pm. You do not need to know how to play.

Chair Volleyball is Saturdays, 3-4:30 pm, Main Hall. None on Christmas Eve because of the Service.

On January 5, 7-10 pm, the Entertainment is The Chamberlains and Southern Express, a country vocal group. Dance and show. \$8 at door.

Pickleballs are in. Please see the Activity Office.

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.

65/99 (card game) will start this Wednesday, 6 pm, in the AC Room.

Red Hats: We have reservations at Miss D's Tea Room on January 5th, time TBD, sign up sheet will be posted shortly. Chicken salad, soup, fruit, beverage \$10. Invite all former Red Hatters and would like more. Floy has extra red hats if you need them.

Christmas Eve – There is a group that will be coming to play before the Service, some of which are members of the Orchestra. Any donations will help children in a smaller group with music costs, 4 pm.

Margie Cormack is collecting Christmas cards along with Arlene Strain, Mary Kimber and Marilyn through Christmas Day for Nanci Rickert. She will bring them to her on Christmas. Please write a note to her. See Margie if you need a card. Show her lots of love.

Kathy Whedon emphasized that last night the ambulance coming to the park did not know how to get in. When talking to Dispatcher, give him directions on how to yelp and get in.

Quilt tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10. Winner will be announced at the Wood Shop Spaghetti dinner on Feb. 3rd. It is a two-sided quilt, queen size, 84 x 92". 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. Also, part of the Spaghetti Dinner, is a Unique from your area basket. Drop off items at the MMM. Please check items for expiration dates. We do not want to give someone an expired item.

Facebook – There is a Group: Tip O Texas Residents page. Become a member of it. Way to communicate.

Afghans – Drop off unwanted yarn in the Sewing Room.

Childrens' Haven International – Mary Schaefer went to their Christmas Party – lots of hugs from the kids and they were very appreciative. They are still accepting donations at the Thrift Shop all year round.

Two new microphones were donated from the Wood Shop.

Veterans – There is a website: Vettix.org – which has free tickets to events in the RGV. Bob Faasen went to the McAllen Performing Arts Center for an Illusionist Show for \$14 for 5 tickets.

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

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 Lives On, \$9

January 5th - 7-10 pm - The Chamberlains and Southern Express, \$8

Wood Shop raffle was \$37 and won by Lot 852, which was donated back to the Wood Shop.

Drawings for \$10 Subway giftcard, fan for I-phones, and free concession items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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Pam's Notes

**Good Tuesday Morning:**

**Chilly and overcast again....but so Thankful for the Season, good friends, and being able to start another gift given Day.**

**First, Covid is still raising it's head here in the Valley and from what I have learned throughout the country. My daughter sent this note and link that you may use to order new, free Covid test:**

Free C19 Tests Can Be ordered again at

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

**I received a very thoughtful note from past Tipsters, the Collins:**

We just wanted to wish you and all the people at the Tip, a healthy and safe holiday season. Gary and I are getting older but doing well. We miss all our friends at the TIP. We hope that you continue to improve your health issues. Have a great 2023 and stay safe.

Hugs ☺,

Gary and Sherry Collins

**Merry Christmas to all! Just a note..there will not be a MMMeeting next week. I will be back in Houston on Jan. 2, so it may be awhile before you hear from me. Wishing you all the very best of the Holidays! I am so thankful to each of you for keeping me and others in your prayers! God's Blessing for you all! Pam**