

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 23, 2023

Johanna opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. We were led in the singing of the National anthems from the USA and Canada by Paul, so we sounded really good again this week! She welcomed a few new people to the park, no names were shared.

Hospital Report – Delores updated us on

- Shirley Sterkel/Kenecky, she fell at Best Buy on Friday and hit her head on the cement. She has a fractured skull. She is in ICU now but should be moved to a regular room this week.
- Jim Anderson, he passed away Saturday evening with Sue, her daughter and granddaughter and his 3 daughters by his side.
- Roy West, he came home on Friday. Doing good but still needs to rest and be quiet.
- Nancy Rickert, has covid as do others in her facility. She is having no rehab except walking from her bed to her window. Today is day 165...On February 6th it will be 6 months. We all miss her and want her home soon.
- Praise report h as Donna Watkins on it, her arm is doing better after her fall and she is out and about again.

Pastor Dave read Romans 8:38– Nothing will separate us from God. Rejoice! Pray for those who need help getting back on their feet, pray for all Nations, pray for World Peace, ask God to guide and bless those of us in the Tip O Texas.

Al reported 488 people on 305 lots. Please stop in the office to register and get your car tag. With all the colds, flu and Covid going around the park beware and wear masks. We can't tell people to wear masks but think of those in the park that have fragile immune systems. Al also said he is looking for a new activity director, please stop by the office with your resume or email it to him. He has posted the requirements but they will be removed this Friday.

Guest Speaker #1 – Rob from Osprey Cruises came to talk about the multiple trips they offer:

- Port of Brownsville tour – Talks about the shrimp industry with a stop at a shrimper, goes to tour the port where ships are dismantled and much more. They have a bar with beer and wine. Also, an inside that is heated/air conditioned. Well-appointed bathrooms. About 4 hours.
- Fishing – from 8-noon or 3-5. Regularly \$30 today was \$25. You can bring your own cooler and beverages. Very helpful staff on board. They will also clean fish for a small fee.
- Sea Life tour/Dolphin watch – about an hour and a half. They even drag a net behind the boat to show you sea life that they catch. Regularly \$20 today \$15
- Pirate Ship – from 1-3 or 4-6. Complete Pirate show! Water pistols, sword fights Regularly \$35 today \$25
- Deep Sea fishing – 8 hrs. Regularly \$125 today \$105

Guest Speaker #2 – Dave Alquist – Lab Director at Rio Grande Hospital. He wants to keep us out of his hospital with Preventive Care. The Wellness screenings are on February 3, starting at 7am. Should take about an hour. Sign up is on the wellness board. After results he will be here to talk about them. Services offered are:

- Basic - \$25 over 50 tests
- Male Exec – \$55 all the basic tests as well as, PSA, testosterone and many more
- Female Exec – \$35 all the basic tests as well as thyroid, iron and many more

Guest Speaker #3 – Shaleigh Torres from Harbor House was introduced by Rebecca Porter and she spoke of the need for hospice volunteers. It is 1-2 hours a week (She can work with any schedule) Some of the needs are:

- Caregiver relief, stay with patient and keep them company to give their caregiver a well-deserved break.
- Visit patients.
- Office support.
- Spiritual support.

There were many more examples. She spoke about Rebecca and what a help she has been to them.

Thirsty Thursday this week is at On The Grill on Jackson at Ridge. Meet at 3:30, Please sign, so Jennifer can get the number to them.

Deb Bayshaw's collection of stuffed animals for the police department continues to grow! She is up to 120! Keep them coming. If you can't put them in a zip lock bag, just put them in the box and she will take care of it.

Senior Golden Age Olympics – Linda Gillick gave us an update.

There have been seven days where metals have been given out. The first week we had 2 metals and last week we had 6 metals! Hearts; Jeff Seager and Linda Gillick both got 3rd. Bowling Larry McCarty received gold and Bill Hardy 3rd. Sandy & Byron Wickman received 3rd place in 500. There are more chance this week but you need to sign up for next week's activities this week. Next week are:

- Shuffleboard Doubles
- Pinochle

- ◆ Bowling Team
- ◆ Bike Tour
- ◆ Contract Bridge
- ◆ Shuffleboard Doubles
- ◆ Movie Screening
- ◆ Bake off
- ◆ Bean bag toss

Gary Branson wanted to make sure that if you are in the bike tour that you sign up so his truck is pulling a full trailer of bikes! Sheet in the back. Meet at Hobby Shop at 7am, will leave at 7:30. Usually back by 11am. If you are taking yourself, check with him the day of the event to make sure it is in the same location.

Linda offered a special thank you to Stu who got the ball rolling before she arrived.

Send them to TOT.ourtown@gmail.com.

ONGOING AND IN THE FUTURE

The Activity office reminders:

- ◆ Bus tour to the zoo is tomorrow. Meet by flag pole at 8am.
- ◆ The January 31st to the Alpaquita Farm tour. It is a self-guided 1 ½ hour tour where an alpaca walks with us on a leash. There is a charcuterie board lunch. Cost is \$45. This includes the bus.

German Fest - Janice Norenbock lost her German hat while traveling back from Germany! She reminded us that German Fest is coming! It will be on February 25th from 4-8pm. Bring a drink to share, dress up, don't dress up, but be there! Only 300 tickets available, get yours while still available! \$10

Valentine's Day decorations – Janice Norenbock and her team are working on the Valentines decorations in the hall up today. But over the weekend some elves (or hearts) did the trees in the Main building, they are beautiful and Janice said a heartfelt thank you.

Wood Shop – Spaghetti dinner tickets are on sale at the back of the room at the MMM and from Wood Shop monitors. Tickets are also being sold at the MMM for a Quilt, 84" x 92" double-sided. The rocking chair is complete and beautiful! Tickets are \$5 each for the quilt or 3/\$10. Tickets for the Rocking Chair are 3/\$20 or \$10 each. Tom Whedon, Leo Fisher and Pete Soderberg are working on the rocking chair. These sell for \$3100-\$3600. There is one more opening for tonight's bowl making class.

Kathy Whedon said she and Kim would be taking offering for the "unique to you" basket until 1-30 just drop them off at lot 807 or 852. The Woodshop could also use some donations for the silent auction, please donate any type of items or gift cards.

Treasure Hunt - Sherrie Brink is taking more pictures of your yard for the hunt. Each week there are 12 new pictures posted on the bulletin board by the darts (post office area). Last week's winner was Ginger Allen! 9 people got them all correct! The winner will display the award (a solar totem pole) in your front yard for one week. The pictures are also on the Tip O Texas Residents page on Facebook. Answers for this week are due by Saturday in the box by the dart board. Even if you don't get all the answers, turn in your sheet so we know how many are participating. Posted on Residents' Facebook page as well.

Sewing Room News: Checkers order sign up is posted in the Sewing room.

Upcoming classes are posted in the sewing room. Car pooling opportunities are open for the RGV Quilt show on Padre Island Feb 10th & 11th. Charity sewing opportunities and signup sheets also available. Sign up at the back of the room if you are a Veteran and have not received a quilt from the sewing room.

Quilts for sale – Marilyn Roter and Kay Lane showed off some quilts that are for sale by the sewing room. Stop by if you are interested, prices are from \$40 to \$100 approximately. They also have an opportunity to sell them at I road and old business 83! Check it out on Saturday. They will use the proceeds to keep kids warm.

Sewing Room Style Show is on Tuesday, Feb 21. Tickets at Sewing Room. \$10. If you want to model, please see Carolyn Williams, still openings. Carolyn also needs volunteers to set up and take down tables. She also needs gentlemen to serve, you must have a food safety license.

Diabetes Journey class continues tomorrow the 24th and then on the 31st. Nancy Smidtz also has copies of the Alzheimer's class info held last week.

Molly B tickets for February 17, Tuesday, are also on sale at the Activity Office. \$15 in advance, \$17 at door.

50th Wedding Anniversary will be for those married in 1973. Signup sheet is in the back, Jennifer Kirkland (who celebrated last year) is chairing and knows that it is a great event. It will be at 12:30 on 2-19

TOT Showcase – is on February 24th, from 1 -2:30 in the main hall. This is an opportunity for you to show the products of your work and passions. There are request sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the hall.

Missouri Luncheon – Phyl Thackery talked about the Missouri Luncheon, it is on January 30th at Mr. Gatti's on Nolana and 2nd. You don't have to be from Missouri, you can have traveled through it or just be a fan of the Chiefs to attend sign up sheet at the back of the hall. Mr. Gati's has a full salad bar, pasta bar and potato bar as well as pizza.

Monday the 23th

- ✦ Tai Chi – right after MMM.
- ✦ Sherry Dickey's exercise class, Exercise with weights is MWF at 8 a.m. Bring weights on Monday and Friday. Jean Couch will host Wednesday "Keep it moving" class.
- ✦ Party Bridge – 1pm Al Barnes
- ✦ Stain Glass – 1-4pm Hobby Shop
- ✦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop
- ✦ Poker – 6 to 8pm Card Room
- ✦ Bingo is Monday nights at 7 pm. Cards sell at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday the 24th

- ✦ Shuffleboard – start at 9am. See Rosemary Malterud at the courts
- ✦ Tai Chi – Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
- ✦ Lunch : Chicken & Noodles – sign up in main hall served at 11:30
- ✦ Painting for the Golden Age Olympics – 1pm in hobby shop
- ✦ Mahjong 1-3pm Al Barnes
- ✦ Diabetes class from 1pm to 3pm sign up on the medical board
- ✦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop
- ✦ Contract Rummy 6pm Al Barnes

Wednesday the 25^h

- ✦ Our Town deadline for articles to Regina –
- ✦ Sherry Dickey's exercise class, Exercise with weights is MWF at 8 a.m. Bring weights on Monday and Friday. Jean Couch will host Wednesday "Keep it moving" class.
- ✦ Stain Glass – 1-4 Hobby Shop
- ✦ Bean Bag Toss – 1pm in Main Hall
- ✦ Adv Fusing/Slumping 9 till noon Hobby Shop
- ✦ Hot Dogs, Sausage or Hamburgers on sale 5:30 to 7pm
- ✦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop
- ✦ Dance – Steve May Dance is \$8.00, 7-10 pm

Thursday the 26th

- ✦ Tai Chi – 9:15 a.m.
- ✦ Adv Fusing/Slumping 9 till noon Hobby Shop
- ✦ Quilts for Vets 10am – 2pm sewing room
- ✦ Bible study 10 to 11am in AC room
- ✦ Hand/Knee/Foot 1pm Hobby Shop
- ✦ Contract Rummy – 3:15 Al Barnes
- ✦ Edith and Diego – Main hall 4pm - Donation
- ✦ Euchre – 6pm Al Barnes bring a Quarter
- ✦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop

Friday the 27th

- ✦ Sherry Dickey's exercise class, Exercise with weights is MWF at 8 a.m. Bring weights on Monday and Friday. Jean Couch will host Wednesday "Keep it moving" class.
- ✦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop
- ✦ Bowling – Flamingo Lanes – 1pm. See Leo at lot 449 if you have questions.
- ✦ Hearts – 1pm Al Barnes
- ✦ Poker – 6 to 8pm Card Room
- ✦ Karaoke – from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Al Barnes. If you would like to sing arrive by 6pm. There were 20 in attendance and they took requests!

- ♦ Horse Collar – Team Shuffleboard –Fridays at 6:15 pm. Marilyn also makes hot chocolate bombs as prizes. Marilyn tried to recruit the Gold metal winner Kathy to Shuffleboard!

Saturday the 28th

- ♦ Breakfast Biscuits and Gravy, sign up in main hall served at 8:30
- ♦ Chair Volleyball – Saturday, 3 pm (This will be cancelled the following 2 weeks because of entertainment being scheduled at the same time).
- ♦ Poison Ivy – Main hall \$10 Dance
- ♦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop
- ♦ Up and Down the River – 6 to 8:30 AC room

Sunday the 29th

- ♦ Card Elimination – 1:30 to 2:30 Main Hall *YES IT WILL BE HELD PER CAROLYN
- ♦ Tiny Hill Orchestra – 3:15 to 5:15pm Dance/Show Donation
- ♦ “500” card game – starts at 6pm bring a quarter
- ♦ Mexican Train – 6pm Al Barnes
- ♦ Samba – 6pm Hobby Shop

****Please check the Our Town for a complete list of all activities or on the chalk board in the main hallway****

Wood Shop raffle was \$46 and won by Lot 846

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Pam's Notes

**Good Evening. Take advantage of the nice weather. We're in Houston and it's only 50 for the high. I have several MRIs and CT scans this week. but I feel very confident that the Good Lord will continue to look over me.**

**I had a very nice note from Marge Johnson. Happy Belated Birthday, Marge:**

I want to thank all of my TOT friends that helped my turning 80 more enjoyable. I do have a little story about milestone birthdays...I was always a light ash blonde,(but still a blonde) until about age 25, when my hair started to turn to the darker color I am now...(well, mostly!). Turning 30 was a depressing time, as I was no longer a “dumb blonde”, and was old enough to know better, so I had no excuse for doing stupid things I was prone (and happy) to do.!!Right now, as I am turning 80, I am suffering from a sinus and inner ear infection, which makes me very dizzy. I feel like I have been on a good 10 day drunk, which I didn't even get to enjoy, and I can't even claim to be a “dizzy blonde!” I do appreciate my wonderful Texas family, though, and thank them for making my joining the “Oldsters”, (as Dave Ochs says,) more enjoyable!

Marge Johnson

**Have a good week. Congratulations to all the Golden Age Olympic medal winners. Pam**