

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Johanna D'Aleo opened the meeting at 8:59 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem and O Canada. One new return: Judy Burnham from Indiana.

Hospital Report – On the Praise Report, Delores said Sally Bonsall's daughter, Betsy, had a Pet Scan and is elated that cancer cells have diminished. However, please continue to pray for her. Gary Conklin is much better also. Lori Tillaard from Canada had a stroke and needed surgery to remove clots in her brain. She is still unable to walk and has no balance. Doctors are confident and she will do PT. Joyce McCann, aunt of Thom McCann, former resident here in 2008, passed away.

Pastor Dave led us in prayer.

Al – There are 454 guests on 286 sites. He reminded everyone as they start to head back, to make arrangements in advance to forward your mail (at least 2 weeks) and tell the office so they can put a block in your mailbox. Also, secure your units. The Totem Pole at the end of the boulevard has been repainted. Thanks to Helen Lowen and all who helped support her.

Golden Age Olympics is over for this year. The Awards ceremony was held last Wed and the results are in: Our Park won for best overall for Movie Screening, the best overall for Bike Tour, Overall female participant went to Kathy Thate. For overall park, we came in second.

Next year's theme is Western Kickin'. Thank you to all participants and join in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Jim Demaree, Gary Branson and Marcia Albers were recognized and presented a plaque to Al. Donuts were served at the end of the meeting and a group picture of all the participants was taken. The Olympians paraded around the Hall to applause.

McAllen High Steel Drum and Orchestra will play for us on March 7th at 7 pm (Tuesday) in the Main Hall.

Wednesday – Steven May, 7 pm (every Wednesday through the summer as well) \$8.

Thursday – Tim Hadler, 7-9 pm, \$7.

Saturday – End of Drive Sale, Open to the Public, 8-noon.

Karaoke – Friday, 7 pm – Al Barnes – Gary Dreibelbis and Carl Thomas will take over from Gary Branson.

Jean Crouch – Thanked everyone for a great season and told us to thank each other.

Pickleball lessons – Sign up on the bulletin board at the tennis courts.

WI/MI lunch – sign up on bulletin board at back of hall.

Red Hat – March 15th, 11 a.m., Sweet Temptations. Meet at front of Hall. See Floy for details.

Raffle for Fusing and Slumping tickets are at the back – Chance to win \$25 gift card for Bella Mia.

Memorial Service is this Sunday after Church. There are 25 residents who passed away in 2022. Give them 15 minutes to set up.

Mario Garza from the Pharr Police Department came to collect 275 stuffed animals which were donated by residents. Prizes were drawn: Gail Myer and Joyce Sauter were the winners. There will be 2 drives next year – Toys for Tots and another for the police department.

St. Patrick's Day – Coordinators are needed for pickleball, shuffleboard and kayaking. There will be a picnic lunch, donuts and coffee after the parade. There are few on the list for the blind golf cart race, so it may not happen.

Horsecollar – The winners were: Butch Nichols and Helen Willis. They will continue to play but will not keep track until the Fall. 6:15 pm.

Peter Piper – March 14th, Tuesday (1 week from tomorrow), 10th and Pecan, 11-11:15 a.m. Draw for prizes.

Treasure Hunt – Joan Hayden won the right to take Bongo for the final week. They are done for the season.

Bunco is Friday, 10:15 in the Hobby Shop.

Thirsty Thursdays, BJ's on Expressway 83 between Ware Rd and 29th Street. 3:30. Eat at 4:00.

Tuesday, March 7th, from 1-5 pm, Canada Day at Riverside. Music by Ron Moshier, dancing. Opens at 11.

Yellow sheets outside Activity Department door are for next season events. Please complete even if the same for years.

Gift card drawing: Anita, Lot #803.

Wood Shop 50/50 - \$71, won by Sherry Dickey, Lot #744.

Wood Shop Open house today after MMM. Free donuts also.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Kitchen News: Tomorrow's lunch is goulash, \$8. Breakfast Saturday is sausage croissants and muffin, fruit, \$6, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Hot dogs, hamburgers and polish sausage, 5:30-7:00.

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Pam's Notes

**Hi from Houston.....2 weeks Minutes included today. Sorry, having to jump through hoops for this new trial drug was unable to send out last week and late this. Please know that you haven't been removed from my list....I just get off the track at times.**

**Please note that you can also get updates on events and happenings from the main office just by signing up on their email listing. They will let you know when the water is to be shut off, reminders of the vegi man and many other notifications.**

**I received many birthday day wishes last week and I thank each of you. I had a couple of nice notes I would like to pass on. First from the Wises:**

It goes without saying, we miss winters at the TIP. And most of all being with the many friends we made, but age has slowed our ability to do all it takes to make the TIP trip happen. So Arkansas is now our winter 'play ground'. And literally so. . .as we had snow, wind and ice this year. Now who in Arkansas owns a snow shovel!!! The milder weather lets us out for music gatherings, classes and always food. A bonus. . .talk with Sue a couple of times each week. Arkansas to Florida. . .thanks to Mr ATT. Life is good wherever!

Pat and Jim

**We miss you, too.**

**Judy Burnham notified me that she'd be down, and now she's here. Glad you made it and we're having good sunshine for you. So this this is a late note:**

I made reservations yesterday to fly to the Tip for almost 2 weeks: 3/3 -3/16. I screwed up because I was thinking St Pats was on the 14 of March (whoops, off he 3 days).

Ron is doing better but will have therapy for some time to get back to a routine that allows him to have a normal life, so he'll be in Assisted Living for a bit.

My kids were both here a couple weeks ago and encouraged me to head south and Ron was also insisting, so here I come! See you shortly!

**I will add both minutes and say adios. We're missing all of those that have already headed north. Safe travels if you're leaving us. Have a good week. Pam**