

## MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 20, 2023

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Regina welcomed everyone to the meeting and started it at 9:00 by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME BACK!

This week, the returnees are: Bob Butler, Sharon Svenson, Glenn Kendrick and wife. We are glad you are here!

Wellness Report: There is some sad news this week: Donna and Ken Scott lost their son, who was 60 years old, and Marilyn Rodr lost her 47-year old daughter unexpectedly.

Also, this past spring, William Buchanan lost his wife, Arleen Buchanan.

Pastor Dave Lightner led us in prayer for thanksgiving and comfort and strength for those who are struggling. Church service began on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Hall. Theme was Thanksgiving. We collected \$592 for the Food Pantry.

Al was not here today but expressed his thanks for Veterans' Day to Marilyn and volunteers.

Jan Noranbrock announced that we will take down fall and put up Christmas decorations next Monday after the MMM. Need anyone who is willing to help. Also, thank you to everyone who came to Charles' birthday surprise party. It was a big success and he was surprised.

New Years' Eve tickets are on sale, at \$12.50 each. You don't have to drive and we have hats and noisemakers and we want everyone to come out. Get tickets at the Activity Office. We are also raffling off a basket with champagne and nonalcoholic champagne, tee shirt, chocolate, champagne glasses, along with two tickets to NYE. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each. Secure your table by buying your ticket now.

Lost and Found: sunglasses found in the mens' room. Also, Sharon Havener lost a gold necklace with a diamond. There is a lost and found in the office with keys, key fobs, etc.

Debbie Bashaw has been collecting giveaways from vendors and will have some soon. Need someone to help her.

Bob Fassen stated that Golf will be starting on Tuesdays at Los Lagos at 9:00 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board. You can play 18 or 9 holes. Meet at 8:30 am inside and we will carpool. Last year was \$24 for veterans, \$32 for all else.

The Wood Shop had a power issue this week that is being fixed and should be open by Wednesday or Thursday. Classes will start in December or early January.

Gracanne Powell spoke as the Project Manager for the Gingerbread House. This was Luis's idea (he is head of Maintenance at TOT and lives here). They are turning the Guard Shack into a Gingerbread House. It will be the theme every year for the holidays, and is based on a gingerbread man who comes to life and runs as fast as he can away from everyone who tries to eat him. He feels safe when he sees the gingerbread house. Our takeaway is that everyone will feel safe when they come here and being together is something to be thankful for. Looking for donations of supplies, lights, money. Have icicles, solar lights, candy canes already. Meet **tomorrow at 10:30 am in the Main Hall** for anyone who wants to volunteer or has ideas. Gina Mae has volunteered to take donations and arrange for them to be delivered. We cannot put holes in the house so we need imagination to work on this project. The boulevard will also be decorated with candy canes and lollipops with lights and gingerbread men.

Linda Gillick is the Coordinator for Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Need subs. Will start after Thanksgiving. Please see her if you are interested in helping.

Thanksgiving Roasters – see Jackie Ridlon. There will be 5 tables for Thanksgiving, starting at noon. Table set up is at 8:30 a.m and available for decorations at 9:00 a.m.

We will be doing the Kitchen Band. Anyone interested should see Jenny Fassen. The first outing will be to nursing homes for Christmas songs. It is one day per week, for one hour of your time. And it is so worth it! Please join.

Janice Scott announced that water volleyball will be MWF at 1:00 pm if it is 70 degrees or warmer. Please come and join in.

Line dancing practice for New Years' Eve will be on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the AC Room. Everyone invited to join in.

Debbie Bashaw apologized if there were any articles that were missing for the Our Town. Deadline for next issue is the Monday after Thanksgiving. Put them in the mail slot at the Print Shop. Next issue will be December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Debbie is also Chairing the Toys for Tots drive for the Pharr PD's Blue Santa. Will get a list of what they are looking for. The PD has a dedicated area for the toys and children (without the parents) pick their own toy, so they are unwrapped and sorted by age. Infant/Toddler to Adolescent. Also can donate money. December 15 is the deadline. Debbie is looking for a helper for the sorting.

Debbie is also looking for a helper for the Our Town and the Christmas Party on 12/22.

Debbie has been working on the Alerts for Activities. Other Wilder Parks use "Bend" which is an app that everyone downloads. Activities can be posted by anyone. All thought this was a great idea! Accept the invitation when you get it. Those on the list will get it, so sign up.

Regina said that there are several printed Activity Guides with our activities listed by day and time, so we will try to not announce them again at the meeting. Changes are on the blackboard outside. We also post "This Week" on the back board. (Will add Karaoke on Friday and Card Elimination on Sunday).

Sewing for Children is 11/30 and 12/7. 10 a.m. Please join and give whatever time you can. Non-sewers are needed as well. We have plenty of jobs to go around! Please help. Just this week, we will do Friday after Thanksgiving at 10 am

Kitchen News – We will have cooks the first week of December.

Also, we will be having a Mystery Dinner in January. Need a chairperson to coordinate. The theme is Roaring Twenties, Great Gatsby era. Plan on a dinner of Italian food. January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6 pm. More info to follow.

Bob Fassen was instrumental in helping us get an ad from Dr. Mustre (dentist in Mexico) by reminding him that he used to advertise in Our Town. Please take cards to the advertisers and potential advertisers. They are located in the Advertiser board to the left of the back door to the Main Hall.

Nancy will take BPs today after the meeting.

Bus Trips: We have 2 dates for Brownsville posted that are now converted to bus trips, since we will be receiving money from Wilder for buses. The dates are 1/16 and 2/20. Cost is \$50 and includes the bus. Sign up on bulletin board. Also, February 7<sup>th</sup> is the Alpaquita Ranch bus tour. It is a fun time with feeding the alpacas and walking them, learning about raising them and how to dye their yarn. Includes lunch. Cost is \$35. Max number is 20.

Our Town is available at the Activity Office. We will not be putting them in mailboxes.

All Activity Schedules are now in the Our Town in a condensed version that is easier to read.

50/50 – Wood Shop – Won by Lot 762, Sue Flatten. \$25.00

Sewing for Children Quilt Raffle – Will be held in January.

Veggie Man – Starts tomorrow – around 11:00-11:30 – "Car Wash" area near Al Barnes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

This week's activities:

**Everyday:**

- ✦ Water Aerobics – **NEW TIMES:** 7:15am and 8:00 indoor pool, 9am outdoor pool (except Mondays)
- ✦ Pickleball 8am & 10 a.m. – tennis courts
- ✦ Tennis - 9 am – tennis courts
- ✦ Samba – 6 pm – Hobby Shop

**Monday:**

- ✦ Monday morning meeting 9am – Main Hall
- ✦ Zumba Gold – 11am in AC room
- ✦ Arkansas Rummy- 1pm in Poker room 1 – bring 13 dimes and a little extra change
- ✦ T.O.P.S. walking – main hall 3:30 to 4:00
- ✦ Poker 6pm - \$5 buy in
- ✦ BINGO! 6:30 buy cards/7 starts – 3 cards for \$1

**Tuesday:**

- ✦ Tai Chi – Main Hall – 9:15
- ✦ Loteria – 3 pm Al Barnes – bring 5 quarters, 5 dimes, and 1 dollar
- ✦ Contract Rummy 6PM -Al Barnes

**Wednesday:**

- ✦ Poker – 1pm
- ✦ T.O.P.S. walking main hall 3:30-4:00
- ✦ Hot Dogs, Hamburgers Sausage starting at 5:30; Dance Steven May 7 pm
- ✦ Water Volleyball – 1 pm., Indoor Pool

**Thursday:**

- ✦ Tai Chi – Main Hall 9:15
- ✦ Hand Knee and Foot – 10:15 in hobby shop
- ✦ Thirsty Thursday – NONE this Week – Enjoy Thanksgiving at the Main Hall
- ✦ Contract Rummy- 6pm – Al Barnes

**Friday:**

Nickles – need about \$2 in pennies! **10:30am** Al Barnes

- ✦ Poker – 6pm
- ✦ Horse collar 6:15 start time.
- ✦ Karaoke – 6 pm – Al Barnes- BYOB

**Saturday:**

- ✦ Chair Volleyball – 3pm main hall – need at least 10 players
- ✦ Social Security 6pm Al Barnes

**Sunday:**

- ✦ Card Elimination – 1:30 pm (break for ice cream)
- ✦ Ice Cream Social – 2pm Main Hall – Softserve Ice Cream, sundaes, cones, root beer floats.
- ✦ Mexican Train - 6pm Al Barnes

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