

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 4, 2023

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

WELCOME BACK!

New Guests: Bruce and Mary from Iowa.

This week, the returnees were numerous and gave us their names and where they came from. We are glad you are back!!

Wellness Report:

- ♦ Kim Sawatsky is undergoing stage 2 of her brain surgery by inserting a "pacemaker" to relieve her tremors.
- ♦ Ken Scott had a kidney infection and a mass was found on his kidneys. He is going to a Chicago hospital for surgery on December 12th.
- ♦ The granddaughter of Steve and Diane Shern, Sierra, 27 years old, is due to have an amputation of her foot.
- ♦ Praise report: The grandson of the Schmitz family is doing good after heart surgery.

Pastor Lightner led us in prayer with thanks for safe travels for those returning and help with those struggling with physical issues.

Al was not in attendance but sent word that there is a box in the Main Office for donations for employees for Christmas. Please give generously.

Gracanne is also asking for monetary donations for the gingerbread house construction. She needs paint and other supplies to complete this project before Christmas. Please give any donation you can to Gina Mae at the Front Office.

Thirsty Thursday is at Costa Mesa this week. Meet at 3:30, eat at 4:00. Sign up on board.

Bps after the meeting by Nancy Schmitz.

Craft Show – We need volunteers! Need 2 porters, 2 runners, 2 servers, 1 money taker for lunch and 2 50/50 volunteers. (After the meeting we got 1 runner, 1 money taker, and 2 50/50. Plus 2 servers). Still need 2 porters! **Porters help the vendors get their items into the Hall in the morning from 8:00-9:00.**

New Years' Eve tickets are on sale, at \$12.50 each. You don't have to drive and we have hats, noisemakers and food. 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 as we have sold 106 already.

Bruce Beem won the raffle from the vendor last week. It was a \$25 certificate for the Pasta Company.

Nancy thanked everyone for the late signups that helped the RGV Hospital do the blood draw on Friday.

Sewing Room Update: If you are the last to leave the sewing room any time of the day, please make sure both irons are unplugged, the lights are off, and close the door but do not lock it.

Thursday, December 7th will be for Sewing for Children Charity making blankets. If you don't know how to sew, you can still come and we will put you to work in other ways. 10 a.m.-2 pm. Stay as short a time as you would like. Quilt raffle tickets are available and MMM for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5. Proceeds will buy materials for the blankets for the kids at the Donna School District.

There is a bag for scraps on the middle set of doors in the Sewing Room for collecting any small scraps of fabric and even clumps of thread. They will be taken to the RGV Quilt Guild to make dog beds.

Seasonal Wall Hangings – If you have any to donate to the Sewing Room, please see Carolyn Williams or Nancy Schmitz. We would like some for November to March.

The Sewing Room is making a quilt for the WoodShop Spaghetti Dinner. It will be black and white with red blocks, 12 1/2 inch unfinished. Please see Nancy or Carolyn if interested in making one.

The Sewing Room has reserved a table at the Craft Show for December, January and February. We will be selling items made by us. Also, in January and February we will be selling tickets for The Yesteryears Treasures Show in February. Proceeds will be used to support Sewing Room Charities.

Sewing Room will have a short meeting on Thursday, December 21 in the Sewing Room, 1:30-2:30 to discuss classes and other activities.

Kitchen Cooks, Karen and Patrick, are back! Tomorrow's luncheon will be meatloaf. Sign up sheet next to the Kitchen. Breakfast December 9th (Saturday) at 8:30 a.m.

The Christmas Party is December 22nd at 3:00 pm. Need one volunteer to help Debbie. If you would like to volunteer for other activities, please see Regina.

Euchre started Thursday with 3 tables full. 500 will start Sunday – both in Al Barnes. 6:00 – warmup and 6:30 play.

Bridge is also Saturday in Al Barnes – 6:00 practice and 6:30 scoring. Also, Monday (today) at 1 pm is Bridge in Al Barnes.

There will be a funeral for Terry Earnest on Tuesday (tomorrow) December 5th at 10:00 at Sacred Heart Church. Internment at TX Veterans Cemetery, Mission. There will be NO LOTERIA on Tuesday because of the ceremony.

Regina and Debbie are going to Mexico on Wednesday to contact advertisers. As a result, there is no Zumba on that day. Debbie was asked to revise the vendor cards to add "Tip O'Texas" to them.

We are still collecting toiletries at Lot 617.

There is a Welcoming Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 13th in Poker Room #3, at 10 a.m. It will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the AC Room at 10 a.m.

Debbie Bashaw has the Band App up and running. Invites are sent via email to those who signed up to get alerts on Activities only. Need to download the app and add yourself to the group. Anyone can post invites to others also. On the first page of the app, click on Invite and send to others.

The Candy Cane Hunt begins December 5th through 10th. Prizes will be given out at the Monday Morning meeting. Take photo of yourself with candy canes you find and email to TOT.ourtown@gmail.com.

The Sign up sheet is up on the board for the Christmas party potluck and volunteers are needed for the Christmas party.

Toys for Tots donations can be made at either Front or Activity Office.

The Pharr police department are serving at various restaurants. Tips are going to charity.

Deadline for January Our Town is December 27th. The December issue is out and can be obtained at the Activity Office.

The drawing for the New Years' Eve basket will be on December 13th. Tickets \$1.

Painting with Pals – Need vote of which painting to do and those who want to do it. It is a lot of fun! Sign up back of Hall. Flip flop picture is winning so far.

Sherry Brink is once again doing the Picture Treasure Hunt. The week of 12/18 will be the start. Bongo is ready to go to a new weekly home!

Kitchen Band meets tomorrow at 1:30 and leaves for Brook Garden. They are performing for the Memory Unit and the residents need a lot of encouragement.

WoodShop is working now. Hours are M-F 9-12 and 1-4 and Sat 9-12. Everyone is welcome! There are supplies there too. Classes will start in January through March.

50/50 was \$30 and won by Lot 262.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.