

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 11, 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!

New Guests: Doug Chaney (sp?) from Oakdale, MN

This week, the returnees included the Schafers, Howsers, Bransons and Linda Campbell. We are glad you are back!!

Wellness Report: Error in last week's minutes: Ken Scott was seeing a specialist, not surgery. Rusty Scott went by ambulance this week, but is home and is ok. Stoddard Allen had a heart attack and is waiting for the all clear to be released. Joane Buege continues to have problems with tremors and getting the right meds. Willis Hardy is coming home.

Deaths of former residents: Merle Thompson 11/29 and Buddy Taylor 11/23.

Carolyn Adams went to the hospital with chest pains but it was not her heart. Possibly a small clot which she passed and was in Church yesterday. Praise Report: Harvey Schmitz went home yesterday. Sierra Shern is healing and amazing the nurses after her amputation.

Delores mentioned that she needs your reports on ambulances and illness. Also, the Vial of Life is being updated. See her if you need one. Put your lot number and emergency contact on the back of your badge.

Pastor Lightner lead us in prayer as we celebrate Christmas, for peace on earth, and help for those struggling.

Christmas Eve service will be at a new time this year, 3:00 pm, since we have guest musicians who will play for us and have other obligations after our service. Plan to be there!

The kitchen band will meet this Thursday at 1:30 in the AC room and are going to Colonial Manor ([1100 W. Minnesota Rd](#)).

The City of Pharr Mayor's Office will be bringing us a meal on 12/26 (Tuesday after Christmas) at 5:30 pm. They come every year and bring raffle prizes, music and food. All invited!

Al reported that we should avoid going left off Forest onto LuAnn. Instead, please go around the island to make a left turn. There is a box in the Office for Christmas for Employees donations. Pick up after your pets and keep them on a leash. If you cannot do that, you may be asked not to bring your pet. Al also thanked everyone who helped with the decorations around the park. It is awesome!

Regina mentioned that Rykers, who spoke last week, was sponsoring a golfer for the annual tournament which is a \$60 fee, in addition to the raffle last week that Bruce Beem won, and donuts that they brought. Please remember to thank our vendors!

Speaker today was Robert Moore with Osprey Cruises. Today only, he is offering discount tickets to fishing trips, dolphin watches and the Pirate cruise. Red Snapper season starts 1/1/24. Osprey offers an 8 hour trip (7:30-3:30) on a boat with air and heat, includes bait and tackle. Need fishing license (1 day license is \$11 for residents and \$16 for non-residents). It is 1 ½ hour trip in and out. You can bring soft-sided coolers only. Price: \$105. Pirate ship is a 2 hour cruise with interactive pirate fights, etc. From 1-3 pm and 4-6 pm for \$25 today only. Bar on boat. The Port of Brownsville tour is from January to April, passes Space X and the naval ships demonstration, stops at the Shrimp Basin. \$35 today only. The JFK will be here on the 15th through the 30th. Dolphin watches run 3 times per day. At 11 and 2 it is a eco tour and at 4:30 is a sunset cruise. If you don't see a dolphin, they will give you another ticket. \$15 today. Bay fishing tour is also running. You can have them fillet your catch for \$.50/pound and take it to the SPI restaurants to cook it for you. Osprey also gave us a cruise to give away at the end of this meeting.

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

Bps after the meeting by Nancy Schmitz.

Volunteers are needed to chair some events we would like to have: St. Patrick's Day, Chili Cookoff, Potato Bake, and a Dessert Auction. The Dessert Auction could be practice for the Golden Age Olympics' Bake Off! Regina also said that Chairs should think about a Co-Chair.

Craft Show is this Saturday, from 9:00 am-noon. We have a full slate of crafters and it will be lots of fun! Setup for vendors starts at 8:00 a.m.

Kitchen News: Lunch tomorrow is chicken and noodles. Sign up on the new location of the board – right next to the kitchen. On Saturday, there is no breakfast but the Craft Show will have donuts for sale. The monthly menu will be on the board as well.

January 13 is the next End of Driveway Sale. Regina has offered to Uber your breakfast to you if you are selling that day and buying from our Kitchen!

Please put your Unit number AND Lot number on packages you are receiving. Both are needed depending on the method of transportation used. US Mail uses Unit number and Fed Ex and UPS use Lot number.

Goldwing Express tickets are on sale in the Activity Office for January 11th, at 7 pm. They are a well-known band that plays country, bluegrass and some gospel and have been here every year. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door.

Peter Piper Pizza is tomorrow at 11:00, 495 (Pecan) and 10th Street.

There will be NO Monday meeting on 12/25 or 1/1/24. We will skip 12/26 also, since we have a lot that day with the Leftovers and the Mayor's feast.

On Christmas Day, we will have a Potluck Dinner at noon. 8:30 a.m. is set up of tables, 9:00 a.m. is decorating of tables, and 11:00 is social hour. Sign up under a hostess on the back board. Hostesses: Meet with your table to decide the menu. Kathleen and Regina will make coffee, iced tea, and water. Jackie Ridlon and Arlene Straight are the two Chairpersons. There are 16 to a table. Hostesses should turn in sign up sheets to the Activity Office to get \$1 per person towards meat.

Leftovers will be on December 26th from 11:30-1:30 pm for those who participated in the Potluck. All leftovers will be combined onto one table.

Pictorial books – Some have never picked them up (if you had a picture taken, it is free). We also have some for sale for \$20.

New Years basket raffle – Drawing will be December 13th (Wed). Tickets \$1. If you win, and have already bought tickets, we will help you sell them.

MMM on 1/1 will take place on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

HAPPY HOUR – TODAY – 4:00 pm-5:30pm with Tim Dirth, Hitman. Minimum \$5 donation, please. BYOB.

Payment for the Gladys Porter Zoo tour is due on 1/3/24. It is \$50/pp. Please pay at Activity Office.

December 19th is the date of the Winter Texan Orchestra Christmas Concert at 3:00 pm in the Main Hall. Donation.

December 21st is the McAllen High School Steel Band at 3:00 pm in the Main Hall. Donation.

Blood draw results have not been received yet. Nancy has called.

Thursday is Sewing for Childrens Hospital, from 9-2:00 in the Sewing Room. There will be a meeting at 11:00 today outside the Sewing Room for the 2/29 Treasures from Yesteryear show. Tickets will be on sale at the MMM starting in January. The Sewing Room will have a table at the Craft Show on Saturday with some of the items we make in the Sewing Room for sale.

The Sewing for Children Group is selling raffle tickets for a quilt in the back at the MMM.

Jackie Hood will post a sheet for Checker Orders in the Sewing Room today. Order 12/26.

Red Hats is sponsoring a Festival of Tables at Victoria Palms, which we will carpool to. Tickets are \$25 each. If you would like them, put your name on the envelope and money inside and give to Floy Slavik. Date is 2/6/24.

New Years' Eve tickets are on sale, at \$12.50 each and going fast. You don't have to drive and we have hats, noisemakers and finger food. We want everyone to come out. Get tickets at the Activity Office.

Carolyn Williams thanked everyone for their toiletry donations thus far. Feminine products are needed. Drop them at Lot 617.

There were 34 people at Card Elimination on Sunday. They are playing this Sunday, but NOT on the 24th or 31st.

There is a Summer Birthday Party on January 17th for birthdays from May 1 through September 30th. No cards or gifts. Just come and enjoy cake. There will be a signup sheet after Jan. 1 for your name and birthday.

Toys for Tots – We are on our second fill of the boxes. Thank you for your toy donations! A gift was given to Sharon Havener who found 6 candy canes. If you find them, pick them up and eat them.

The Elf Hunt starts tomorrow. A picture is in Our Town. There is one Big one – which you will take a picture of AND move it. The Yule Log will also be hidden tomorrow for you to find. It is dressed up to look more festive than previous years! House decorating judging is on December 20th. Let's light up the Tip!

Deadline for Our Town is 12/27. You can email any articles to tot.ourtown@gmail.com

The BAND app is working well with 50 participants. Anyone can send out reminders and Debbie asked for our help in reminding people of what is happening in the Park

The Christmas Party is December 22nd from 3:00-5:00 pm. Signup sheet on board for finger foods and desserts. Will add another sheet today.

Another raffle from today through February if a Basket of Cheer. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Proceeds are to help pay for parties.

Linda Gillick is in charge of Salvation Army bell ringers. We will have the Big Red kettle at the next MMM, so please bring extra money to donate to support the families in Hidalgo County.

Up and Down the River plays at 6:30 in the AC Room on Saturdays.

The Golden Age Olympics should be out soon and will start on 1/1/24. Keep in mind.

Mary Schafer will host Scrapbooking on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm in the Hobby Shop. She has supplies and a die cut machine to show you.

Mary is also collecting donations for the orphanage in Reynosa. The orphanage has no funding and exists through donations. They have counselors on staff and support the children through college. There are several houses with house parents and anything we can spare to support them is greatly appreciated.

Wednesday is a meeting of the Welcome Committee at 10 a.m. in the Poker Room.

Bicycle playing cards – both pinochle and standard are in. Get them from the Activity Office.

We also have a lot of never used non-Bicycle plastic coated cards if anyone wants them.

Coming up in February, on February 2nd is the Spaghetti Feast for the Wood Shop. You can contribute items from your home town to be used in Auction items.

50/50 is \$41 today. Won by Lot 951. The Wood Shop is also donating their 50% to Graceanne for the supplies needed for her project.

Three other raffles were given out, including a Bay Fishing trip.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

This week's activities:

Everyday:

- ♦ Water Aerobics – **NEW TIMES:** 7:15am and 8:00 indoor pool, 9am outdoor pool (except Mondays)
- ♦ Pickle ball 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
- ♦ Bridge – 1 pm Al Barnes

Tuesday:

- ♦ Tai Chi – Main Hall – 9:15
- ♦ Loteria – 3 pm Al Barnes – bring 5 quarters, 5 dimes, and 1 dollar (NONE THIS WEEK)
- ♦ 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 – Pappadaux. Sign up sheet on board.
- ♦ Contract Rummy- 6pm – Al Barnes
- ♦ Euchre – 6 pm practice, 6:30 play

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
- ♦ Bridge – Al Barnes, 6 pm. 6:30 scoring
- ♦ Up and Down the River – 6:30 pm – 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
- ♦ 500 – Al Barnes, 6 pm practice, 6:30 play.

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