

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

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Regina started the meeting at 9:00 and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She announced that the order of the meeting would be slightly altered due to scheduling conflicts.

Tip 'O Texas Speedway Racetrack – Patrick Vigil reported that Herman Feldman was heading the program again this year. The first race will be Sunday, January 7th at 2pm. Volunteers are needed to work inside the oval to right cars that have overturned. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Cars etc. can be purchased at New Sun Racing on 10th Street. The RC group will have their first meeting on January 2 in the Hobby Shop (time to be announced). More information about racing in the park can be found on the TOT Facebook page.

Regina welcomed two new guests: Rob and Magda from Ottawa, Canada, as well as several returning guests. We're glad you're here!

Wellness Report: DeLores reported that Bob Gartner, husband of Mailyn Kubesh Gartner passed away on Saturday. Linda Kimmle asked for prayers for her husband Al who is in the hospital in Kansas City and will have surgery for an aortic valve replacement. Peter Tillart from Toronto, husband of Lori who passed away last year, was planning on returning to the Tip. He is now having some heart issues and his plan to return is delayed. DeLores made a correction to last week's minutes...it was the granddaughter of Steve and Diane Suhr (not Shern) who had surgery for an amputation. Rick and Mary Shafer's 17-year-old grandson had an appendectomy but continued to have significant pain. He had further surgery for a suspected bowel obstruction, but it was determined that a staple and caused a portion of his bowel to twist. He is recovering but needs your prayers. Also, in need of your continued prayers are Nanci Rickert and Joanne Buege, as well as those in the park that have been mentioned previously. A Praise Report was given...Rusty Scott is now hydrated and feeling well. Merry Christmas greetings were received from Elaine & Pat Kubesh, Mailyn & Chuck Strandberg, and Lavon & Jeanice Walters. DeLores extended thanks to all the workers and volunteers that have worked so hard to make this Christmas special for all of us. She also reported that Sunday's offering at the Village Chapel will be given to the local Food Pantry and totaled \$629. DeLores led us in prayer.

Al noted that donations are still being accepted in the Office for employees' Christmas, as well as toys for the kids. He reported that the office will close this Thursday from approximately 10:30 until a little after 1pm for the employees' Christmas lunch at Golden Corral. Al wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked those who helped decorate, noting that the park looks great!

There will be no Thirsty Thursday this week to due a schedule conflict with the McAllen High School Steel Drum Band (we need to support the kids!). **However, the Band just canceled.** They will play again in February (27th).

Blood Pressures after the meeting by Jennifer Kirkland.

Regina asked for a volunteer to do coffee, tea, and water on Christmas Day. Marilyn Bullington volunteered.

Kitchen News... Karen Newell noted that lunch on Tuesday will be beef goulash, tossed salad, garlic toast and dessert for \$8. Breakfast on Saturday will be a breakfast casserole, fruit, and juice for \$5. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the kitchen. It's a nice time to come and visit with your neighbors! Regina called attention to the new door in the kitchen...a "Dutch door". She noted that only those individuals that have food handler's certification are allowed in the kitchen. All others can stand outside and converse with those in the kitchen!

Christmas Dinner was discussed:

Set up at 8:30, table decorations at 9, and lunch at noon. Bring your own table service (plates, silverware, napkins) and other beverages as desired. Please pay your table hostess \$1 to cover the cost of the meat. It was suggested that all table hostesses meet with those at their tables after the meeting or before Christmas. Table hostesses were reminded to give their signup sheets into Kathleen in case costs are offset by Wilder.

This week proves to be a busy one:

Monday – Happy Hour with Tim Dirth from 4-5:30. Bingo, buy cards at 6:30, play at 7. Monday, 12/18 will be the Poker party from 4:30-5:45 in the AC Room. Margie will make chili. Please bring finger food to share. Poker will be at 6.

Tuesday – Winter Texan Orchestra at 3pm offering a wonderful selection of songs. Please support the orchestra!

Wednesday – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Polish Sausage before the dance. Dance at 7pm with Steven May and the Sothern Nights. Be sure to have your Christmas light on Wednesday evening, judging for the best decorated house will take place.

Thursday – Amigo Christmas Party – 11:00, Barrel House, Edinburgh.

Friday – Christmas Party from 3-5:45pm. Horse Collar at 6:15, play at 6:30. Regular karaoke will be held this Friday in the main hall, which will allow a lot of room for dancing.

Remember that you can use BAND to notify others of events.

There will be no Monday Morning Meeting on 12/25. The next MMM will be on 1/2/24!

There will be a regular church service on Sunday, December [24.at](#) 9am. At 3pm there will be a Christmas Eve Service at 3pm with special guest musicians.

Christmas Dinner “leftovers” meal will be held on 12/26 at 11:30. Also, remember that the mayor will provide dinner on 12/26 at 5pm!

Tickets are available at the Activities Office for the New Years Eve Dance with Steven May and the Southern Nights. Tickets are \$12.50. Steve will perform from 8-11. From 11-midnight we’ll “ring the New Year in right” with karaoke!! Come join us for lots of fun!

Regina noted that donations are being accepted for the orphanage and for the Salvation Army. Linda Gillick commented that the Red Kettle (first, a stew kettle) has been utilized by the Salvation Army since 1891. Linda also made mention that no information is available yet regarding the Golden Olympics.

Debbie Bashaw reported that the Toys for Tots are being picked up today. (We filled the boxes three times)! She thanked everyone and noted that all contributions were greatly appreciated.

Both the Yule Log and Elf were found by Cindy Crayne. Congratulations Cindy!

Judging for the best decorated houses will be Wednesday evening.

The Christmas Party is 12/22 from 3-5:45pm. She explained that the White Elephant gift should be no more than \$10 and make them funny. The gift should be wrapped. Last year we had about 15 people and she hopes to have more this year.

Sherrie Brink reported on the Memorial Rose Garden. She noted that they are working with Activities and Park Management’s blessing to resurrect the rose garden. A small committee researched the cost of the rose plants, fertilizer, and mulch necessary to make the rose garden a tranquil and beautiful place. The woodshop has offered to make a memorial plaque to place by each rosebush in the garden. You can purchase a rosebush in memory of a loved one for \$30 and we will plant it for you. If you would like to support the efforts without the purchase of a rose, donation of any amount would be appreciated. It will be an ongoing project as new mulch and fertilizer will need to be applied each year. Please consider a donation to the Memorial rose Garden. Please see Sherrie Brink or Jenny Faasen to place your order for a rose. Plans are to plant the roses before the end of this year.

Sherrie also reported that Bongo is back at the Tip!! The picture treasure hunt starts today, December 18. You will find the photo pages in the area where the dart games are by the sewing room. Each photo has a number on it. These items can be seen from the street. Please be mindful of people’s privacy when looking. When you find the item, note the number of each photo on the answer sheet and sign your name and lot number on it. Return the sheet to the box located under the photo near the dart boards by Saturday. The person with the most correct answers will be awarded Bongo. If more than one person has the correct answer, we will draw a name from those that participated. The proud winner will keep and display Bongo outside their home for a week. We will skip next week (Christmas Day). The next contest will be Jan 2.

It was noted that Gary Branson oversees the Bicycle Club. In past years many bike trips have taken place. Road construction around the park is now making that difficult. One weekly trip that has taken place in the past was to breakfast on Friday mornings. Now trips are taken by car. We meet outside the Hobby Shop at 8:15 and leave at 8:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more information.

Marsha presented sewing room news. There will be a Seeing Room Meeting from 1-2pm this Thursday 12/21 in the Sewing Room. The agenda is posted in the Seeing Room and includes Yesteryears Treasures Show on Feb 29, planning and volunteers and classes for Jan, Feb, March. Please bring your ideas. Also, on 12/21 from 10-12 we will be organizing all the quits we have for vets and homeless shelters. Any help would be appreciated. Jackie Hood has pisted a signup for a Checkers Order. Order will be placed on 12/23. Please see Jacke with questions.

Vitalant Blood Donation Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 9 from 9-12 noon in Al Barnes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Medical Bulletin Board.

A sign-up sheet for Stained Glass classes is posted on the back bulletin board. Classes will start on Monday Jan 8. Cost is \$40. Classes will meet every Monday and Wednesday thru the month of January from 1-4pm. The fruit stained glass piece on display in the hobby shop will be this year's project.

Raffle tickets are still available for the quilt on display at the back of the room. The winning ticket will be drawn on January 2nd. Monies raised from the raffle will be used to buy fleece to make more blankets for the Donna School District (the poorest school district in the Valley). The sewing room donated 39 fleece blankets and 25 crocheted blankets to the school district. The School District is also conducting a Coat drive. If you'd like to donate a new coat for an elementary age child, please drop it off in the sewing room.

Jenny Faasen announced that the Kitchen Band will be visiting a nursing home this Tuesday to sing Christmas carols. Please meet in the AC at 1:30 and we'll carpool to the nursing home. You may come once or every time. We'd love to have you join us.

Mahjong is Tuesday at 1pm and is now also Thursday at 1pm.

The Poker Run will be back this year. It will be on the 1st Saturday in Jan, Feb, and March. This year registration will be poolside under the cabana at 1pm. The poker run will begin at 1:30, The first poker run will be on January 6th. The winners will be announced poolside at 4pm followed by a weenie roast. More information to follow.

Woodshop classes start in January. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Please list your name, number, and lot number.

The Woodshop Spaghetti Feast & Auction is scheduled for Feb 2 at 4pm. Tickets are on sale now. If you've brought items for the auction basket, please drop them off in the woodshop.

Golf on Tuesday at Los Lagos, 9 or 18 holes at 9am. Please meet by the indoor pool at 8:20 for carpooling. Signup sheet on the back bulletin board.

Goldwing tickets are on sale for \$10 (\$12 at the door). See the Activities Office.

Marilyn invited all to play Horse Collar, which is Team Shuffle board, every Friday at 6:30, be there by 6:15 for door prize drawings and time to set up teams.

Peter Piper Pizza is the second Tuesday of each month. The next time is January 9th. Peter Piper Pizza is located at 10th and Pecan in McAllen. Please sign up each month in the main hall.

Ice Cream Social is each Sunday in the main hall from 2-2:45. Join us for sundaes, cones or just a dish made with fresh soft serve ice cream. A good time to enjoy and visit with friends. There will be no ice cream on Christmas or New Years Eve.

Sue Anderson provided information about the world-famous Mermaids!! "Last year was a very challenging year for the Mermaids. Last year we had fin injuries, uncooperative weather and one broken heart! This year all fins are repaired, the heart is healing and I have requested that we have only sun, warm weather....so, those of you who are unfamiliar with the world-famous mermaids, we are a group of women who love the water and who enjoy putting together a program of synchronized water movements set to music that we perform for the TOT residents on St. Patrick's Day. We are of very different shapes, sizes, ages, and skills. I need a minimum of 6 ladies who are not afraid to get their hair, faces and their butts under water. If you are interested in joining us, our first meeting will be Tuesday January 2 at 4pm in the outside pool. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday (without fail) from 4-5pm. A sign-up sheet will be on the back bulletin board, or you can see me after the meeting or I'm in Lot 975".

The 25 Mile Swim Club sheet is posted on the back bulletin board. Eleven laps = ¼ mile. It doesn't matter what kind of stroke you use, as long as you're swimming (not walking).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58m

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