

MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 15, 2024

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Regina welcomed everyone to the meeting and started it at 9:00 by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Branson led us in singing the National Anthem and O'Canada. Phyll volunteered to be the microphone person again.

WELCOME BACK!

New Guests: Sharon Hops from Bottom, TX, David Roberts from Ontario, Marilyn from Iowa; Eileen from MN, Bill and Nancy from Denver, CO, Becky from Canyon Lake, TX

Returning Guests were: Gary Dreibelbus from CA and PA; Kris Buege and mom; Sherry and Jim Saatoff from IL, Bob and Karen Thompson from Manitoba where it is 30 below. They stood to be recognized. We are glad you are here!!

Wellness Report: The Vial of Life meeting was a mixup last week and they went to another park. Steve Wilson went by EMT last Monday with lightheadedness. He checked out okay and the shortness of breath was due to the high humidity. Nancy Rickert is in DHR and has had two surgeries to reconnect the colostomy but she still has sepsis. She will be moving to Solaras and welcomes visitors. Earl Shepherd is back in OK for the last step in his right eye implant, which was due to an injury as a child. Sandy Bogert fell at Saturday's breakfast and has lots of bruises but is back taking care of our mail. Judy Vanloo thought she had a broken tooth but after waiting two months, she was diagnosed with cancer of the jaw and roof of her mouth. She underwent surgery last Monday and 12 hours of reconstruction. She is now in ICU. John Vanloo is Judy's concern when she goes home as he has progressing dementia and is currently staying with a neighbor. Rick Schafer fell while playing pickleball and broke his thumb. He is in a removable cast. Thom McCann passed away on Thursday. His daughter, Jennifer, is here for a while but the other family is leaving Wednesday. Stoddard Allen had a heart attack on 12/8 and has had a stent placed. They are coming down 1/20 and will need to do rehab here. Ken Scott had a mass removed that was not cancer. They will be here soon.

Pastor Dave reminded us that Bible Study is 9:45-10:45 in the AC room. All are welcome. He led us in prayer for those who are struggling, that the comfort that Christ gives, will be theirs, and for our Nation and peace.

Al reminded us to dress in layers with the cold we are experiencing today and tomorrow. They will be opening a few of the water spickets in the Park. Also, please conserve as much electricity as we can to help the grid. Keep in mind our RV set ups are 50 amp and adding heaters and microwaves, etc. can trip breakers. Please do not use extension cords and do not leave heaters on when you leave. Keep a safe distance away from walls (at least 4 ft).

Hopefully, this will last only two days. Keep an eye on your neighbors or anyone who is alone. Call the office if they need to be checked on.

Guest Speaker: Tomas from Viva Tours gave a presentation on tours to Mexico. All are flying rather than buses. They have trips on the monarch butterflies. Nothing happens to them in ice and snow and when it is warm, they come down. Tour going February 27th. There are 33 million butterflies per acre and 110 million make it to Mexico each year. There are clusters of monarchs on pine trees in MX that make them look like flower petals. Another tour is to Copper Canyon which is 4 ½ times larger than the Grand Canyon. The top is pine forests and the bottom grows fruit. The trip flies from Monterey to Chihuahua. Also a tour is offered to Vera Cruz which is coffee country at 8,000 ft elevation. And a tour to the Yucatan Peninsula for archaeology. There is also a combination trip to the Gladys Porter Zoo, Space, Port of Brownsville and a bakery for \$100. The information will be on the Vendor Board.

Rocket Ranch bus tour – We have set up a Rocket Ranch tour for next Monday, Jan. 22. Requires a minimum of 45 people to go. \$50. Sign up in back of the Hall. Pay by January 19th (Friday). The Zoo trip for the 16th was canceled due to weather and most have moved to the 2/20 Zoo tour.

We also have a bus tour going on Sunday, February 25th to Harlingen Community Theatre to see Fiddler on the Roof. Sign up at the back of the Hall. \$30. Must be paid by February 1st to the Activity Office.

Thirsty Thursdays this week will be at Olive Garden in San Juan on Hwy 2. Meet at 3:30 and eat shortly after.

Bps done today by Jennifer Kirkland.

We had a Chairs Needed sign up at the back and Anita volunteered to chair Tastefully Simple on March 8th. There are several other events we would like to have that need chairpersons. Please help.

Kitchen News – Tomorrow's lunch is ham and cheese sub with homemade mac and cheese, fruit jello and cookies. \$8. No breakfast on Saturday due to the Craft Show. We will have donuts and coffee for sale at the Craft Show for \$2.

Sewing Room: Book Pillow class for Childrens Hospital or personal use from 12-4 today, Jan. 15th. Next Monday's class is a cork wallet from 12-4. Sign up in the Sewing Room. This Thursday, Jan. 18th from 10-2 pm, we will be working on twin size quilts and pillowcases for Foster care and Veterans. We can use help with sewing, pressing and pinning.

They are also selling tickets for our Yesteryears Treasures Quilt Show on Thurs, Feb 29th. Tickets are \$10 for the luncheon and lecture on Antique Quilts. We have 8 Antique quilts to display. If anyone has some to borrow, please let them know. There are also raffle tickets for the quilt

that will be at the Show. \$2 each or 3/\$5. Made by Karyl David. There will be a table at the Craft Show this weekend as well with items made by our sewers and diamond dot pictures donated to the Sewing Room by Marilyn Strandburg.

Wellness update – Blood draw by Rio Grande Hospital is scheduled for Feb. 2nd at 7 am in the AC Room. Sign up sheet is posted on the Medical Board by the Indoor Pool across from the mail boxes.

Stained Glass Class: A new class starts on Feb. 5th, Mondays and Wednesday afternoons in the Hobby Shop. Sign up sheet posted on the back bulletin Board.

Jan Noranbrock thanked everyone who helped put up decorations in record time last week. The ceiling was done last and worked out well. Will do that every time.

Germanfest tickets were sold last week from 10-11 a.m. Jan will once again sell tomorrow from 10:30 – 11:30, and will also be available at the Activity Office. It is Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bring samples of something you never tried for drinks. Can be alcohol free, or German wines or beers, or water. Come out and have food and fun! Tickets are \$10.

Glass fusing and slumping is on Jan. 24th from 10-12 in the Hobby Shop. Sign up at the back of the Hall. Lots of fun – start with a pin and end with a bowl, dish or candle!

We have caps and some tee shirts that were in storage which we are giving away after the meeting. First come, first served. Mediums and XLs and some vests.

The kettle bell that was missing still has not been returned. Now a scale has also gone missing from Al Barnes. Please return it!!!

The first week of the Golden Age Olympics is over and we have one Gold medal so far: Tony Wilson for Cribbage. Please bring back pictures whether we get a medal or not. The Walk and Talk rescheduled for next Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 9 am - New Location: Fireman's Park, 201 N. 1st St., McAllen. Please bring 2 cans of goods for the Food Bank. Line Dancing is scheduled for Feb. 23 but no description. Linda has the description and will post it on the back board. Painting meeting at 10:30 in the Hobby Shop. Register this week for Shuffleboard Doubles, Sudoku, Bowling doubles, Golf, Bird- A-Thon, Billiards 8 ball mixed, jigsaw puzzles, and table tennis. Good luck to all!!

Jenny Fassen asked to announce that they were short Kitchen Band members for Tuesday because of the Zoo. However, the Zoo is canceled. But if anyone can join the Kitchen Band on Tuesday at 1:30 in AC Room, please come.

Spaghetti tickets are on sale at MMM and at Wood Shop. We will also have them in the Activities Office. Anita Straka asked if anyone has anything to donate, please leave at Lot 803. They will be storing them at the outpost. Tickets for the quilt raffle will also be available at

MMM and at the Activities Office. Anyone who can help volunteer for the Spaghetti Fest, please see Anita.

Tai Chi is not canceled for 9:15 tomorrow in the Main Hall. Chair Yoga is Wednesdays, at 8:00 a.m. in the AC Room.

Gary Branson was watching CBS news from Mason City, Iowa and saw Marilyn Strandburg being interviewed. The Bike Club breakfast this Friday is at Rosita's on 495. Meet at 8:30 at the Hobby Shop. On Jan. 26th, they will go to the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge and have a trailer to haul bikes. Sign up in the back of the Hall today and indicate if you would like your bike to be hauled. You can also take the tour the Park offers which is narrated rather than riding the 4 mile loop.

Golden Age Bikes is on February 14th. They will once again take your bike to Bentsen State Park for the event.

Kathy Whedon's birthday is tomorrow.

Bongo goes to Don and Bona's this week. Sherrie is out of town for a funeral so the same picture will be for 2 weeks.

Sherrie asked for help after the MMM to cover the Rose Garden from the frost. Please help!

She has tarps.

John Bashaw reported that there was a good turnout last Sunday. The RC cars have a website "TOT Speedway" on Facebook. On Thursday, from 10:30-12:30, New Sun Racing will be at the Main Hall to explain what the different cars are and what it takes to race. They are also bringing cars that you can try. Everyone is welcome!

Bird-A-Thon needs one more for their team. See John Schmitz.

John Rawlings is trying to get Pitch up and running for MWF 10-12. Sign up at the back of the Hall.

Shuffleboard is canceled for tomorrow.

We are trying to get people to check Our Town for Activity information. There are also changes to Activities available on the blackboard outside the mail boxes. Plus the BAND app. We can cut down the time we spend at MMM if you would please not rehash what is already there.

Our Town deadline is 1/29. See Debbie Bashaw if you have trouble signing on to BAND. It has really taken off! The bulletin board by the Sewing Room is being updated. Please give any pictures to post to Debbie Bashaw.

St. Patrick's Day's Chair is Patrick Virgil and Cindy. If you can volunteer to help with the many activities we are planning that day, see Debbie.

Summer Birthdays celebration on Wednesday from 2-4 pm in the Main Hall. Cake and punch.

Carolyn also thanked John Williams (hubby) for helping with anything she volunteers him for.

Thursday, Jan. 18th is Ron Moshier, 7-10 pm \$8. He will play anything you want, including polkas.

Steven May dance is Wednesday, Jan. 17th, 7-10 pm, \$8.

Craft Show is Saturday, Jan. 20th from 9-noon. We have more vendors than December. Lunch at noon is chicken salad, chips and dessert for \$8. Also broccoli and cheddar soup for \$2. Donuts at 9 a.m., \$1.50 each. With coffee, \$2.00.

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

50/50 was \$62 today. Won by Janis Scott, Lot 748.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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