

Subject: MMMeetings

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Are we tired of this cold and rain???? It's been too long since we've seen the sunshine. Sunday was great....but it didn't last long enough. I'm sorry about the delay in the MMMeeting of the 15th. Sending 2 weeks.

Notice to all tennis players: Keep Saturday, Feb. 10 open for a Fun meet with Tropic Star. Tip players will draw for a partner from Tropic and play a team, also one from the Tip and one from Tropic. There will be a sign up sheet on the board. Play will begin at 8 a.m. at PSJA tennis courts. We will also eat lunch at the New Peter Piper on Cage. Again, I stress this is for fun. Everyone needs to come out and meet other players and have a good time. Doesn't make any difference what level or how long you've been playing. Men and Women are needed. More info later.

Remember that the tennis Olympics are being played tomorrow, Wed. at the Summit indoor courts. Come out and support our players.

Think Sun and Warmth....hope to see you on the courts. Pam

January 15, 2007

Activity Director, Lavon Walters, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the residents.

Hospital Report. Connie Harmon reported that there is no one in the hospital. Don Maxiner returned home and Max Miller was home on a furlough yesterday and then went back to rehab.

Pastor Bill said a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the blessings we receive.

Bonnie Christian reminded newcomers that there is a port for laptop computers in the post office area. Use that one for laptops. Please, do NOT unplug the computers in the library. She also reminded everyone not to put their garbage out the night before pickup; the varmints are sure to get into it. Put it out the morning of scheduled pickup. Bonnie informed newcomers that in case of heavy wind storms, if they are nervous in their RV or park model, come to the hall and go to one of the rooms that does not have windows in it. She also noted that this is not the time of year for such storms.

Upcoming Events and Continuing Programs:

Jeannice Walters said there is only one show scheduled this week and that will be Country Connection on Thursday night. Tickets are being sold for that show and for all upcoming shows at a table in the back of the hall.

The Outpost has a new look and new merchandise. They have Valentine's Day cards, sugar-free items that were requested, and, of course, the new TOT shirts are in stock.

Ted Mason and his wife Judy were present to promote their program Safety Education for RVers. The program will take place tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Mason said the seminar is to educate people on how to take care of their equipment and help ensure their safety. They are not selling anything.

Al Barnes said this issue of Our Town has an ad on the back page for the Health Fair to be held on February 6. . Keep the coupons that are in the ad and bring them to the Health Fair - only one coupon per person allowed.

The Stroke Prevention Plus Program was a huge success. They tested 64 people; if you were one of those who wasn't able to be seen, call Al and he will give you a number to call to find out where the program will be given.

Seminar tomorrow night is on Cancer. There will be an urologist and a gynecologist, in addition to two oncologists, available to answer questions.

Wednesday, 7:30 till 9:00 – Biscuits and Gravy. Price for full order is \$3.00; half orders are available. (E. Mayhew).

February 25th is the date set for the 50th Anniversary recognition. Fourteen couples have signed up thus far. More on this later. (E. Mayhew).

Mary Dwyer, Lot 19, asked that people drop off old towels and bath mats at her lot. They will be used at the animal shelter.

Kansas Day lunch is January 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Mr. Gatti's. Sign-up sheet is on the board. (Tibbits)

Senior Olympic – status report was given by Charlotte Cooper. Info on Olympics and forms to register are in the back of the hall. Charlotte said don't try to register for the Great Chase; there are 12 spots and they are assigned to parks (only one per park). There is a sign-up sheet for those who want to participate on the TOT team. Also, Bev Peterman is looking for bowlers to form a team for the Olympics.

Cheerleaders wanted! Donna St James led a cheer for the TOT in an effort to get new members for the cheerleading squad. There is a sign up sheet on the board for those interested.

Activity Director Lavon Walters welcomed the returning residents and the first-timers who arrived at the TOT during the past week.

More Activities and Events:

Minnesota Day, Saturday February 3rd. Bring a white elephant gift. Sign up sheet on board. (D. Simpson)

Dolores Simpson said turn out at the Tax Meeting was great; over 200 people attended. She will be having a class on filling out the necessary paperwork to protest the taxes. She also has prepared instructions for those who will not be able to attend the class. She will have more information on this next month.

Sweetheart Dinner and Dance will be on February 13. Tickets will be sold only to park residents and are available now. (J. Head)

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Showcasing the TOT will be on February 23. Class members will display their crafts / talents. Tables are now being reserved. Browsing begins at 6 p.m. with light entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Persons from outside the park may attend but may not reserve tables. (J. Head)

CLR (dice game) will be on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hobby Shop. (R. St James)

Wearing a cowboy hat, Doris Peters reported the Texas Hold-Em Tournament will be held on Friday, January 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. You must be there on time; if you arrive late you don't get in the game.

Doris changed her hat to a Kitchen Band baseball cap and announced the Kitchen Band meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and would like to have some new members. If you can tap your feet, you can play in the band. The band's next gig is on Valentine's Day at the Veterans' Home.

Winter Texas Exposition is on January 25 at the Pharr Convention Center. Time 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be free food and dancing. More next week. (D. Peters)

Casino Night is January 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Hall. Bags are on sale for \$4.00. This includes food, drink and chips and \$2,000 worth of funny money. Alta Hough asked for donations of door prizes (new items only). Workers are needed and they can volunteer on the sign up sheet in the back.

All-You-Can-Eat Soup Supper is on Friday. Alta said the price of \$3.00 will include soup, sandwich, drink and dessert.

Karaoke will be on Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m., in the new building. Jack Mueller said they will not have karaoke on the 26th because of Casino night.

Digital Camera Classes sign-up sheet will be on the board by the end of the week. John O'Brien said he will list the topics so people can decide which classes they want to attend.

Bulletin Boards. John O'Brien said that in the effort to conserve space so more notices can be published, some of the sign-up sheets are underneath their announcements. LaVon congratulated John on the great job he is doing with the boards.

Bus trips this week will be to the Valley Dog Track in Harlingen. This trip has a waiting list so if you have signed up and are not going, please let Bev Elliott know right away. Sign up sheet for bus trip to Progresso is on the Travel Bulletin Board. When signing up for a trip, put down your phone number in addition to your lot

Bingo tonight.

Bottom Line will play at the dance on Wednesday night.

Pancakes on Saturday morning.

Scrapbooking Classes begin this Wednesday, the 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room. Classes run from 9:30 to Noon and are led by Bev Peterman.

Chess. If anyone is interested in forming a chess group, please see LaVon in the Activity Office.

Iowa Lunch will be on February 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Mr. Gatti's. Please sign up.

Joy Morrow brought an English Bobby Cap to give to Charlie Craig so he can wear it when he goes after those who do not turn their videos in on time. Charlie foiled Joy's attempt to surprise him by leaving the meeting early.

Don Maxiner announced he is taking the bus driver test and encouraged other park residents to do the same. Currently the TOT bus is being driven by someone outside our park. A driver needs to have a CDL Class B license.

Woodshop will have a meeting this morning following this minute.

Jim Merton said tickets are being sold for the February 2 spaghetti dinner. You can get them at the woodshop, the Outpost, the Activity Office and the Front Office and from any woodshop monitor.

50-50 Drawing winning ticket was for won by Dan Reak, Lot 520.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. with the singing of God Bless America and the Canada Song sung by our Canadian residents.

Beth Stagdon

For Kathie Hall

Monday January 22, 2007

Lavon opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Connie gave the hospital report:

Paul Mezynski is in Renaissance Hospital.

Clarence Weber is back in Rio Grande with an infection. He hopes to come home today.

Max Miller is home.

Burton Hill was taken to the hospital yesterday, but has returned home.

Betty Bird has left the Valley for her northern home, where she will have knee surgery.

Connie Hess, a former employee here is suffering from terminal cancer. Her address is on the board for old friends who wish to send cards and letters.

Pastor Bill led us in prayer for these friends and in thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Lavon asked Newcomers and Returnees to stand for a welcome home. There are many new faces this week.

Bonnie Christian said a few words: Please put out the garbage early on appropriate mornings. The computer vandal has struck again! This time pornography was placed on the computers. What is the matter with these people? Now another service call will be necessary in order to have it removed. The computers in the Library are nice. Why do some need to

spoil things for everyone else?

Please patronize the businesses that advertise in Our Town. These are companies that experience has show to give good service and value.

There were two representatives from Children's Haven International here to speak this morning. This facility in Renosa is not an orphanage, but is a refuge for abandoned or abused street children ages two thru seventeen. A few children are individually sponsored but most are not. Some children require special tutoring. All receive an education, from 1st through 6th grades at the center, and are transferred to city schools after that. Some children go on to University. A board of directors from Mexico, Canada, and the USA supervise the operation of five houses. Each home has houseparents who attempt to provide a family oriented atmosphere. The children usually remain at the shelter until they are 17 and are able to return to the real world. The training they receive while at the facility helps them to cope with adult life. The older children are encouraged to have a job, and the refuge helps them save their money until they are able to make the transition into the real world. The speakers invited any interested people to come to visit. Tours are available, especially on Saturdays when they have Festival day.

Please save your Campbell labels for this charity.

Alta Hough reminded us of Casino Night this Friday from 6:00-9:00 PM. There will be food, drink, games, door prizes and FUN! You must be present to win a door prize. Your ticket includes funny money, a sloppy joe or hot dog, baked beans, beer or pop, and free popcorn. Tickets are on sale now. \$4.00 in advance-\$5.00 at the door. Please take any door prizes you want to donate to lot #204. Workers should come on 5:00 Friday night. Alta also told us about the free bingo on Wed. from 2:30-3:30 at the Pharr Dairy Queen.

Health news as told by Al Barnes:

Health Fair Feb. 6-coupons for door prizes in Our Town last week.

Blood drive Feb. 9

Seminar on the Heart on Feb13.

Wellness screening-Feb. 16

Pro-time Feb.20

CPR training is ongoing. Check the Health board for details.

Vera Janis asked us to support the drive to provide Silly String for the servicemen overseas. They spray this stuff into doorways to check for booby traps. Silly String costs only \$1 at the Dollar Store. Bring your String or a dollar to Vera at lot #760 Sharm.

Eileen Wilhelm has placed a sheet for nominations for volunteer of the year up on the board. This award will be given on Feb. 13 at the dinner dance. Tickets are on sale at the Outpost, both offices and from Eileen. Cost is \$7.50 per person. She asked volunteers to help Joy and Clarence put up decorations next week.

Senior Olympics are underway. Shuffleboard was postponed because of the weather. Charlotte Cooper encourages everyone to come out and cheer for the various teams. Details are on the Olympics' board.

Newcomer Glen Larson invites all interested in Iowa basketball to stop and chat at site #267.

Rene St. James invites all to join the Al Edgar Memorial Bike Ride to Rio Rico in Progresso on Feb. 9th. In these past few years your help has provided bookcases, books, a satellite dish, a six-foot fence and school supplies. This season ,the TOT Bike club is taking donations for a new roof for the kitchen building at the Rio Rico home.

Mary Kitkowski spoke about the Lap robe and Baby blanket and Sewing for Children projects which have expanded to include the alternate high school for unwed mothers and their children. This school also serves young men who need a hand up. The School uniform is a plain white t-shirt, blue jeans, socks and shoes. Mary asks you to bring any of these things that you can spare to her lot #974. Some of these children do not have sock or shoes, only flip flops. Mary also asks us to sign a petition to Walmart Corp. asking them to cancel plans to close the Fabric departments in

their stores.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Watercolor classes will resume this week. There is a limit of 20 students. Friday from 12-4 in the Hobby Shop. Cost is \$6. (Bev. Pollacheck)

Ed Wabeneke showed a beautiful stained glass hanging which is being raffled off to help purchase equipment for the class. The next class will start on Feb. 6- Limit 8 sign on board. Cost is \$25+your glass.

Class on Digital Photography. Sign up sheet on board. Wed 10-12-Card room #2. (John O'Brien)

Sign up for the Iowa luncheon at Mr. Gatti's on Feb 23. (Betty Burrows)

Kansas Day at Mr. Gatti's on Monday Jan 29 11-1 (Brooks)

Tire Corral has Appreciation day this week every day. Free refreshments (Mary Dwyer)

Bring old towels, rugs, and any dog or cat food for the Humane Society Animal shelter to lot 18. (Mary Dwyer)

Texas Hold 'Em tourney the third Friday MH (Peters)

The Old Grey Mare will be raffled off at the next Craft Fair (Merton)

Meeting to discuss Canadian Get-Together after MMM.(Fred Moxon)

Bus trip to Progresso Wed-

Mah Jong Tues.1-3 Beginners welcome AC room

Scrabble players wanted. Office Lobby Friday 6:30(Morrow)

Ronald McDonald Quilt group Jan.30.

Red Hats meet today after MMM

Winter Texan Expo at the Pharr Convention Center Thurs 9-1 Free refreshments and door prizes. (Doris Peters)

No Biscuits and gravy until Feb.7 (Mayhew)

Spaghetti dinner next Friday (Merton)

THIS WEEK:

Tues-Mah Jong 1-3-AC

Wed.-Digital Photography-Card room 2

Bus trip to Progresso

Ice Cream 2-4

Bottom Line Band 7:00

Thurs.-Lunch 12-3 MH

Jam Session 1-3 MH

Fri. -Watercolor class HS

Casino night

Wilder Shuffleboard Tourney

Sat. -French Toast

Wilder Shuffleboard Tourney

Sun -Ice Cream 2-4

Thanks to Beth Stagdon for doing the report last week.

Thought for today: There is no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting up another.

Kathie