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December is flying by. Christmas is just around the corner and if you're like me, there's lots to do before the Holy Day. Wishing you all a good week. Pam

MONDAY MORNING MEETING December 17, 2012

Good Morning – Jeannice Walters

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
National Anthem was sung.
O'Canada was sung.

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Welcome to all returnees.

First-timers. One couple stood to be welcomed.

Hospital Report: Connie Harmon said Natalie Kilgore had been taken to Renaissance Hospital with severe dehydration. Monte Berg is having heart surgery. Dorothy Phillips returned to Wisconsin to have a pace maker replacement.

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Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:30 PM.

Bible Study will begin on Sunday, January 6, at 1 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room.

Prayer. Connie Harmon led the group in prayer.

Kitchen. Jeannice said the kitchen had been left unlocked over the weekend. People using the kitchen are responsible for making sure they lock the door when leaving.

Rainbow Room. Jackie Ridlon reported that she delivered twelve large bags full of blankets and clothing to the Rainbow Room. The donations were very much appreciated and brought tears to the director's eyes. The director said they will accept anything and especially coupons as they use a lot of them for groceries and supplies. If you have some to donate, bring them to the Activity Office or to Jackie Ridlon at Lot 962.

Linda Merten. The office has received another “grandma/grandpa” card. If there is no last name or lot number, it can’t be delivered. Check with the front office if you think it might be yours.

Linda said the office will close at 2:00 PM on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day. The office will be open on New Year’s Day.

Linda also said she has been asked about Don McGuigan’s condition. His nephew is here and making arrangements to take Don back home.

Tuesday Lunch – Alta Hough said cost is \$4.00 and will be served from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Biscuits and Gravy – Wednesday 8:30 to 9:30AM. Prices vary.

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Senior Olympics. Phyl Thackery noted that the information on the Sr. Olympic calendar is correct. The information on golf and horseshoes is not. Please use the calendar for the correct dates not the blue sheet. Phyl encouraged people to enter, saying that you don’t have to be an athlete; that it’s a great way to meet people.

New Year’s Eve Party. Jack Mueller said karaoke is good dancing music and reminded people tickets are on sale for \$7.00 which includes a meal. Singers are coming from outside the park and are buying tickets so residents should get theirs now. Party is from 7:00 PM till midnight.

Chili Cook-Off. Bonnie Lynch is looking for cooks in the park to participate in the first ever chili cook-off on January 4th. It will be held in the main hall with the tasting at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$4.00 per person and information is on the board.

Bus Trips. Beth Stagdon announced all bus trips have been cancelled until further notice. Refunds can be picked up at the Activity Office.

Please check the Travel Board for updates on bus status and trips scheduling.

Christmas programs information. Jeannice Walters: Our Christmas Program will be on Friday evening, December 21. We will meet in front of the Main Building at 6:00 PM for caroling with Pat Horak. After caroling we

will meet in the hall for cookies (you bring the cookies and we’ll furnish the hot chocolate and cider. Santa will be here and we will sing Christmas carols and have a good time. We haven’t mentioned it before but the Yule Log has been hidden. When

you find it, bring it to the Activity Office for your monetary prize. We will also have prizes for the best decorated street and individual unit.

Pat Horak said the carolers will be in three groups and should be able to cover the park in half an hour. The first group will be on the trailer and will load by the Arts and Crafts room side of the Main Hall. The second group will be the golf carts and bicycles and they will meet on the street beside the outdoor pool. The third group will be the walkers and they will meet at the far door of the Al Barnes building. Groups should meet at 6:00 to 6:15 PM and caroling will start at 6:30 PM. Areas for the groups will be designated. Let Pat Horak know if there are shut-ins so special arrangements can be made for singing for them.

Chorus. Nancy Beilke said there will be no chorus this year. Jim Scothorn is coming to the park to do his chorus and people want to sing in his. So we are foregoing our chorus and just doing Jim's.

Christmas Dinner tables will be set up at 9:00AM. Gail Stemple said the social hour will be at Noon and dinner at 12:30 PM. There is a new sign-up sheet on the back board for those still needing a place at a table. The list will be taken down on Friday evening.

Other Announcements:

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The list is shorter but we still need **chairpersons** for the activities listed on the back board. If you are doing an activity listed without a chair, please let Jeannice know.

Redhatters were reminded to bring the correct change (\$6.00) to pay for the LaDeDa Tea on Wednesday, December 19, at 12:30 PM. There will also be a collection of donations for Hospice.

Bingo is on Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the Main Hall.

Church Choir Practice is at 3:30 PM on Thursdays in the Arts and Crafts Room. The choir is in need of new voices to sing joyful praise to the Lord. All are welcome.

The Activity Office has a request from **Attorney Gregory Turley** to speak to Texas residents only about Wills, Power of Attorney, Directive of Physicians, Probate, Living Wills and Federal Estate Taxes. If you are interested, please stop by the Activity Office and sign up.

The dice game **CLR** will start on January 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Post Office lobby.

There are no tickets available for **the McAllen Symphonic Band** concert December 18

performance. The Activity Office still has tickets for the February and March concerts which will be held on Tuesday evenings at the Trinity Worship Center. Price is \$5.00 each.

Zumba classes will resume on Tuesday, January 8th, at 9:00 AM in the Main Hall.

Rosary will be said on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Al Barnes Friendship Hall.

Tasty Thursday is on a two weeks hiatus because of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Bridge. Monday afternoon bridge will meet at 12:30 not 1:00 PM to accommodate the water volley ball players. Also, there will be no Bridge on December 24th or 30th.

Golf Scramble sign-up sheet is on the Golf Board in the back of the hall. The Scramble is January 13th. If you haven't played for a while, see Terry Dickey about clubs.

Bean BagToss will be this Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Main Hall.

Teri Ernest will be showing the Dutch violinist's Christmas Around the World video on Friday at 1:00 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room. Sign up sheet is on the back board.

Exercise Room. The Activity Fund paid for new free-weights last season for use in the exercise room. Now both 25 pounds weights and one of the 20 pound weights are missing. If you see them, please return them to the exercise room. Taking the weights is really stealing monies from your Activity Fund.

Video Room will be open for half an hour after the MMM. They have videos for sale today. There is also an updated movie list for \$1.00.

Bottom Line Band every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

Karaoke with Jack and Brenda on Friday night at 6:30 PM.

Rene's Announcements: There is still space on the Veteran's Board for those who have served in the armed service. If you don't have a photo in uniform, use a current one. You need to take the photo and service information to the Activity Office or to John O'Brien at Lot 816.

Sing-A-Long with Larry and His Accordion is tomorrow night from 7 to 8 PM in a big circle at the indoor pool. If the weather does not cooperate, it will be in the main hall.

On December 20 from 7 to 9 PM Ralph Kuster will be here with his Christmas Show. Read more about his show on the bulletin board.

Guest. Brice Calahan of Air Evac Life Team, outlined services offered. He remained after the meeting to answer any questions residents may have.

Jim Merten thanked all of the volunteers who are working on the chapel. Their work is very much appreciated.

Jim passed the box for Christmas donations for the maintenance and household workers.

Joyce Sauter reminded everyone that they are still taking donations for the Matamoras Children's Home. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the hall after the meeting.

50-50 won by residents of Lot 992.

Sang God Bless America.