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**Good Tuesday Morning. First a reminder to all you gentlemen, there are only two more days of shopping left before Christmas. Thought I'd throw that in..... I'm holding my breath that our beautiful weather holds throughout the season. It was perfect yesterday evening, around 68, no wind, and just peaceful looking out at the lights and palm trees.**

**I received a nice note from Gwynneth:**

I hope you are having a wonderful time in Texas. We miss it but will get there soon I hope. Jack has his knee replaced two weeks ago today, and is recovering well. We are busy planning Christmas dinners with families on both sides. Jack hopes that he'll be given the go ahead so that we can arrive at the Tip about Feb 1st if not before.

I had an almost three week trip in Indochina in November - Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. It was an amazing trip and I'm glad I went but it was very hot and humid - almost too much so. We had a cruise on Halong Bay, and on the Mekong River, we rode an elephant (and my chair started to fall off the elephant - which made for a terrifying rescue - I was sure I was going to fall on the forest on my back, but I was caught just in time), we saw Angkor Wat and many other temples and pagodas. I came home with a nasty flu which I'm almost over now (three weeks later).

Wishing you and everyone a very Happy Christmas and very good new year.  
Gwynneth Heaton and Jack Robinson

**We are looking forward to seeing them at the Tip. Wishing you safe travel.**

**Sadly John O'Brien has posted recent obituaries on the web site. Joyce Newell and Milo Haselton have passed.**

**Now for good news...the park recently went on a bus trip and had a thoughtful experience. Here told by Linda York**  
We went on a park tour to the planetarium at the university of Texas. We went for dinner at Big Daddy's known for their huge burgers. When the 17 of us went to pay our bill, we were informed that a gentleman having dinner with his family paid for our meals!! As we went and thanked him, he wouldn't give us his name but wished us all a Merry Christmas. His daughter said " That's my dad - likes doing things like that." He was a Mexican father out with his family for dinner.  
**So maybe during this Christmas season you, too, may wish to "pay it forward." Reminds us that there is still goodness in this world.**

**Merry Christmas.....Pam**  
**MONDAY MORNING MEETING MINUTES – December 21,2015**  
**Robert and Amanda McMasters -- Activity Directors**

**Welcome new residents: We have 2 new residents Elizabeth & David from Mason, Michigan Lyn & Karen from Portland Oregon**

**Welcome back all returning residents. Glad you are here.**

**HOSPITAL REPORT: Delores Simpson**

Walter Wishnowsky is starting Chemo treatments. Surgery will follow.

Dick Kilfoil is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Several residents have lost family members this past week. Please keep them in your prayers. Jake Sommerhalter, J.O. Bedsole, Peggy Lawrence

Bill Graham was in the hospital but has returned to the VA Home.

Dora Wylie (former resident) will be celebrating her 101st Birthday on January 10, 2016 Happy Birthday Dora.

**PASTOR: Pastor Robertson**

**PARK MANAGER REPORT: Al Septrion 483 residents on 284 sites**

The SE Pet Gate has been left open several times. If you use this gate when you walk your pet, Please be sure you relock it when you leave.

Thanks to all park residents who volunteer.

Safe Travels to all who will be leaving for the Holidays and a Merry Christmas to All. Please get your CART decals from the office.

Garbage Pick-up this week will be Thursday, Not Christmas Day.

**RESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janna Fleming Taima Bergman found the Yule Log.

Shari and Gary Collins won the House decorating.

The Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest was won by Barbara Horne.

Christmas checks were given to all the Park Employees. Thank you for keeping our park the best in the Valley.

Joyce Sauter Last day to submit articles for the OUR TOWN is Thursday 12/24.

Thanks to all who helped with the Caroling.

Christmas Eve Candlelight service is Thursday 12/14 at 4:30 PM. If you have a poinsettia plant you can lend to decorate it would be appreciated. Please bring it to the Main Hall by 3 PM. Thanks.

Gracanne Powell (presented by Carlton Cummins) Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25: Volunteers need to set up at 9 AM. Social Time 12 noon. Dinner at 12:30. Hostesses please turn in your table sheets to Carlton today.

Stu Kunselman (For Julie Barr) No Eucher for the next 2 weeks.

(for Phyl Thackery) Golden Age Olympics begins January 11. New events for this year include: Sudoku, Bake-off additions, Texas Hold 'Em will have a men's and women's division, Bird-a-thon, Dance party in connection with Cheerleader contest. Any ??? Contact Stu or Phyl Thackery when she returns after the holidays.

Jenny Fassen Kitchen band will travel to the VA Home tomorrow (Tuesday 12/22) Meet by the Flag Pole at 2:30 PM. Resident Bill Graham lives there. If you want to join us just to visit Bill that will be welcome.

Roger Koenen We are having a raffle to help defray expenses for the Sock Hop. Tickets are \$1. Be sure to get a ticket. Prize is for a free night at ANY La Quinta Inn in the U.S. Sock Hop is Jan. 14 Price of admission \$7.

Dee is starting a lunch to be served the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of January & February from 11:30 - 12:30. Price will include beverage and dessert.

John O'Brien: Bingo Monday Night. Cards sold at 6:30 PM. Games begin at 7 PM.

Mary Kitkowski I and collecting for the orphanage in Matamoros that our park supports. We need helpers for Lap Robe sewing on Thursday.

Marilyn Strandberg Be sure to check the "TRIPS BOARD" for all the info you need on the following events: Sabal Palms and Brownsville Houses; Riverside boat ride and McAllen War Memorial; Mark Tremmel Quartet of Gospel Singers. Christmas Dinner Leftovers Dec. 26 in the Main Hall at 4:45.

Linda York: You can recycle Christmas wrapping paper in with the newspapers. There will be a new container for other paper such as magazines.

Christian Wilson Tickets for the Nikki Rowe Fall Musical are going fast. Check at the Activity Office on how to get a ticket.

Steve Graham Water Volleyball Challenge from Pharr South to be Announced soon.

CARD ELIMINATION will begin Sunday an hour before Ice cream begins and continues until we have a big winner.

#### ACTIVITY OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

No more CLR until Wed. Jan. 6. We will have CLR at the Christmas Eve Party.

Blood Pressure taken by Marg after every MMM.

OUTPOST SPECIALS: Tues. Brownie Delight, Wed. Floats, Thurs. Pie, Fri. Sundae. Buy and eat on our New Patio.

Activity Office closed Thursday and Friday this week because of the Holidays.

No karaoke this Friday

Christmas Eve Service in the Main hall at 4:30

Pancake Breakfast with Vinnie the Saturday after Christmas 12/26

Stained Glass tickets are now on sale.

Singles Group next meeting Dec. 30 @ 4:30 in the Arts & Crafts room

Special Events - Please purchase your tickets in the Activity Office.

ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK: Jeff Gordon at 7 Tonight Night (Tues) Tickets sold at the door,

Winter Texan Orchestra Schedule is posted on the board.

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- Woodshop 50/50 to Lot 880

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I would like to add some events:

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Free Bowl Turning Class will be held Tuesday, Dec. 29 at the Wood Shop beginning at 6:30. Class is limited to the first 6 sign ups (sheet located next to coffee machine in the Main Hall). If more interested, a second class may be scheduled.

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- Spaghetti Feed, sponsored by the Wood Shop, is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5 from 4 - 6p.m. Tickets are #8.00@ and are available at the Outpost.

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- Chili Cook Off will be held Friday, Jan. 22. Tasting and Judging will start at 4 p.m with dinner of chili and dessert at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 and only sold in advance. No tickets at the door. Participants for competition of Tip O Texas Master Chef are needed. Sign up at the Main Hall. More info at the MMMeetings.

