

**MONDAY MORNING MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2017**

- Sang the National Anthem
- Sang O Canada
- **Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag
- **DeLores' hospital report:**

Gene Brooks passed away on his birthday (December 15)

Joan Guthrie is in rehab and would like visitors after 2 or 3 pm

Don Moore is still in ICU at McAllen Medical.

DeLores thanked everyone for their donations to the Food Bank. Choir practice is on Thursday. No Bible study next Sunday.

- **Pastor Robertson** led us in prayer.
- **Al Seprion, park manager**, reported 444 residents on 267 sites. Al extended his thanks to Bob and Alta Hough for the workers' dinner. Al reminded us that dogs need to be kept on a leash.
- **Heather Merkau**, chairman of the Activity Board, read the following statement: (I refuse to send this statement out. It has caused more dissension among the Tip residents.)
- **VIVA Tours** gave a very informative presentation on trips available to Mexico as well as the U.S. They will be available after the meeting for more information.
- **Bonnie** will have movie rentals after the Monday Morning Meeting.
- No information on Thirsty Thursday.
- **DeLores** will be taking blood pressures after the meeting.
- Kitchen menu for this week has been posted.
- Please donate pies for Friday night fish fry.
- **Rebecca Porter (512-718-5852, rebeccalouporter@gmail.com) and Kay Schaaf (406-853-6781, kay.schaafn@gmail.com)** gave a presentation on the newly updated Outpost. The Outpost is evolving, needs are changing (we no longer serve food, sell tickets or stamps). They would love to hear what you would like to see in the outpost. They are here to serve the residents of the Tip. They have vacancies for volunteers on Friday mornings. If you would be willing to help out on that day, please contact Rebecca. If you're willing to substitute, please let her know. If no volunteers are available on any days, the outpost will not open. Your thoughts (positive and not so positive) would be greatly appreciated.
- **Chuck Strandberg** announced two church services next Sunday (9:00 and 4:00). The new bell choir debuted in church yesterday. The woodshop has been working on a display to be shown during the Christmas Eve service.

There will be no jam next Sunday due to the holiday festivities.

Please let Marilyn and Chuck know what you plan to bring for the dinner on Christmas Day.

- **Don Malo** announced a birding group will be forming. Meeting will be on Friday, January 5 at 1:00. Place to be determined.
- **Bill Kimber:** TOT is a GREAT place! Two years ago he started AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) in card room #2 on Fridays at 5:00 p.m.
- **Mary Kitkowski** thanked everyone for the donations for the orphans in Matamoros. There will be a Christmas eve party at 7 p.m. Bring a dish, play cards, games, etc.
- Mary asked that hostesses please sign up so she will know how to plan for Christmas dinner.
- Up and Down the River will have a New Year's Eve dinner. Sign up by Saturday.
- **John O'Brien** told us about the www/totfyi.com website. Lots of information on activities at the Tip. Check it out and you'll see photo albums from years ago. John explained how to access pictures on the website.
- **Betty Fiser** would like to announce Wounded Soldier/Veterans Quilting on Thursday (3rd Thursday of each month) from 9-3. Join them at any time to help sew, tie, hand hem. Come whenever you can.
- **Linda Gillick** (President of the Singles) invited all Singles to meet with the Singles Group every Wednesday. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays they go out to dinner, 2nd and 4th they have a meeting at 4:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Come and join them for a social time together with other singles. No meeting on the 27th.
- **Tony Chos** announced Bean Bag Toss will begin Wednesday at 1:00 pm.
- **Pat Horak** thanked everyone for the Christmas caroling party and skits.
- **Marilyn Bullington** thanked everyone who helped with the Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday. It was a big success.
- **Jenny Faasen** announced the Kitchen Band will play tomorrow at Colonial Manor (Harvey Fredericks). Meet in the arts and crafts room and leave at 2:00. Jenny is checking with Edinburg Rehab to see if she can set up something while Joan Guthrie is there.
- **Floy** announced a meeting after Tai Chi in the Arts and Crafts room on the trip to Waterford Gardens. Rehearsal at 10:30. No bus available for this trip.
- **Barb Horne** announced the Blood Drive on Wednesday. Our Town articles deadline on 12/28. Please e-mail your articles. Barbara showed a stuffed toy purchased by Art Edlund at the Dollar Tree for \$1.00. If you feel so inclined, please buy a few and drop them off at Barb's house.
- There is a bus to the Hidalgo Festival of Lights on December 20th at 5:30. Sign up sheet on board. Onalee Hagan, Barbara and Marjean are the new bus coordinators.
- Mr and Mrs Santa Claus will be at the Wednesday night dance. If you bring a protein, you are entitled to a free picture sitting on Santa's lap. Southern Nights will be playing. Protein drive still ongoing.
- Southern Ashes will be playing on New Year's Eve. Lady fiddle player is GREAT! Cost is \$15.00 per person and steak and chicken will be served.
- **Spanish class** from 6-8 on Tuesdays.

- **The First Responders list** has been updated and there are copies on every table.
- Marty Haggard tickets are still on sale, \$25.00 now, \$30.00 at the door.
- Six roasters are available to check out. Doug (the kitchen leader) will check out the roasters. Please make a note of any noticeable problems with the roaster. A \$5.00 deposit will be charged and when the roaster is returned in good shape and clean, your deposit will be returned.
- Please have purchases authorized by the Activities office prior to purchasing. Purchases not authorized will not be reimbursed.
- **Beginning line dance** is on Tuesdays from 10 to 11.
- Advanced line dance by John Salewske is in the Arts and Crafts room on Wednesday from 10-11.
- **Diego** will be playing on Tuesday, December 19.
- Kelly Marie on December 28.
- **Coupon books** are on sale for \$10.00.
- **50/50** (won by 828) announced and baskets were on display for the raffle on New Year's Eve. Lots of goodies in each basket.
- Table was won by Darlene O'Brien.
- Christmas decorations have been revamped and the hall looks GREAT! Thanks to Jan Noranbrook for all she has done in years past to keep us looking good for Christmas. Special thanks to Rebecca who is the "revamp" queen for making old wreaths look "special" and new.

There will not be Monday Morning Meetings on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Next meeting January 8, 2018.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR FANTASTIC RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS HERE AT THE TIP O' TEXAS.

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**Pam's Notes**

We finally feel the sunshine again today. Back in the 80's, but will be enjoyed for only a short time. We are expecting the cold weather to come in over the weekend and they are predicting 40's for Christmas Day. Hoping it will be nice in you're area so Santa will be able to make his annual visit.

I received a nice note from **Sue Edgar**:

Merry Christmas to all you great friends at the TIP. Enjoy your MMMinutes and all of your activities invoke many great memories of fun times and wonderful people

Miss you all and think of you often. But, I am where I should be here in Florida with family. Have met some very nice people, block from Church and three blocks from downtown Venice.

Please know you all will always be in my thoughts and God willing, our paths may one day cross again

Thank you all

Sue Edgar

We miss Sue and her smiling face. Merry Christmas back to her.

And, I want to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas. Please remember the reason for the season....God

Bless you All. **Pam**