



Santa's Senior Center

NEWS

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Hello members,

This month saw many changes at the center. The changing of the guard at the front desk with the departure of Jana Howard to a new job, and the incoming of our new administrative assistant Carmen Sears. May we all give her a warm welcome.

Our janitor resigned, Michelle Vedder, she is entering a new chapter in her life as her husband takes a new job at Black Gold.

After many years of service, Jim Hunter has resigned as the senior center's cook. He let us know of his retirement at the July luncheon we wish him and Sharon all the best.

We are currently in need of a new cook or cooks for our luncheons and some one willing to take the food handlers test. The Senior Center will pick up the test fee. Please think about this and if you have an interest please call me, or Carmen.

This month we also received a \$ 65,000 check from Lotto Alaska. This will help us out in the rest of this year and through part of next year. Paying for fuel, electricity, maintenance, and wages.

We continue to count our blessings: our friends, families and loved ones. As we enter this time of change be thankful for what God has given us and remember we are only on this earth because we are part of his master plan. May his blessings be on you all.

Joseph Gelinás, NPSSC President

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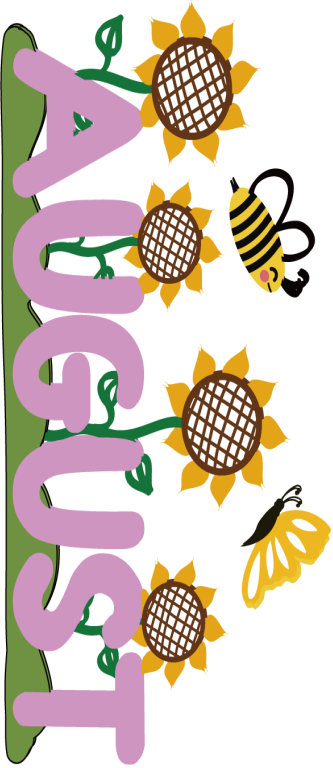


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Our Mission is to create inviting enjoyable programs that encourage older adults to use their skills, develop their potential, and continue involvement in

**Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc.
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Parliamentarian Cora Williams

SSC Board of Directors meeting is on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at 1pm.
 The September Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 at 1pm.

Check out www.santaseniors.com to review the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

July BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **June's Gift Shop Sales: \$1700** \$214.40 paid to crafters
 100 Cookbooks sold to Santa Claus House @ \$13 each
 - ◆ Volunteer Hours for June = 253.5
 - ◆ The janitorial position has been combined with the Administrative Assistant position.
 - ◆ Hunter will be stepping down as the center's cook.



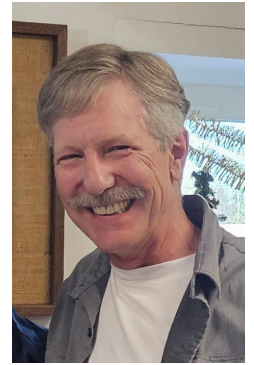
Santa's Senior Center Welcomes New Members:

Moreah Fritz
 June Newsome
 Carmen Sears
 Renee Sikorski

Calvin Jr. & Cindy Stageman
 June Verhagen
 Virginia Yeaton
 Ann Hackle

July Volunteer of the Month

Thor Weatherby



Thor is on the Building Maintenance Committee and during the month of June and July, Joe Gelin and Greg Corbett, also on the Building Maintenance Committee, had commitments that they could not get out of, therefore, Thor Weatherby stepped up and took initiative to oversee the upcoming building projects for the Senior Center.

The main one is having a new septic line installed. The Center was having problems with backup flow through the pipes into the building and it turned out that the Center had old septic pipes that were old and falling apart. Therefore, a new septic line had to be installed. That project took almost a whole week as the contractor was running into problems as they dug up and found a good section of the pipes were falling apart and uncovered deteriorating wood and rusted pipes. Thor was there everyday, 4-5 hours overseeing the project. While he waited for the contractor to work on the repair and installations. Thor brought his lawn mower and mowed the grass on the side of the building, as well as cutting a tree by the shed which was growing up towards the power line. Meanwhile, he was in total communication with the contractor as they proceeded to fix the problem.

Another project Thor oversaw was having the front corner post of the building which needed to be replaced by a licensed contractor. While the contractor was working on the replacement Thor had the contractor modify the base of the post to a bigger base.

The most recent project Thor is overseeing now is the air handler unit, which he noticed its been running 24/7, which it is not suppose to do. Thor took the time to read the air handler manual to try and figure out why this is happening. It turned out that the control unit to the air handler was in the off position, which explains the high fuel consumption of the building. A couple of days ago Holaday Parks confirmed a bad control unit and one is now being ordered to replace it.

Congratulations Thor for being July Volunteer of the Month.

4TH OF JULY PANCAKE FEED

I'm excited to report that the Santa's Seniors Center's annual 4th of July Pancake Feed was a great success! We managed to serve 100 people, Daya Howard being the 100th person. We received \$867 for the pancake feed and \$75 for the root beer floats and hot chocolate, with a total donations received of \$942! A big, big thank you to Calvin and Cindy Stageman for taking care of the root beer floats and hot chocolate, and Helen Bernstein, Joyce Outten, Cora Williams, and Rochelle Renner for serving and receiving donations, and finally to our kitchen crew Marie Scholle and her two helpers Candy Clarke and Pat Ivy. Without these volunteers we couldn't have made this possible. Thanks again everyone!!



Congratulations!!! Patty Belcher

Patty won the **Single Lunch Ticket** drawing and the **50/50 drawing** at the Monthly Birthday Luncheon!

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July Birthdays

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We all know there are 12 inches in a foot and 3 feet in a yard.

But did you know there are 16 cents in a foot and 48 cents in a yard?



We are trying to reach a mile of pennies so clean out your pockets and pocket books and drop 'em in the jar!

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August

Birthdays:

* 80 Years or Older

- 4 David Jones
- 8 Sharon Stephens
- 10 Alva Reed *
- 13 Lori Buzby
- 13 June Cloyd *
- 16 Patrick Dawe
- 16 J.N. Hunter *
- 18 Gregory Corbett
- 18 Kim Wicklund
- 19 Mark Renner
- 20 Joyce Jones
- 22 Candy Clarke
- 24 Pat Arthur *
- 25 Ina Holden *
- 25 Joyce Outten
- 27 Dianne Doody *
- 28 Carlo Zanazzo *
- 31 Frank Rhines *
- 31 Tammie Wilson

Anniversaries:

Years Married

- 5 Patrick & Janice Dawe 57
- 12 Ben & Cora Williams 46
- 17 Gregory & Sharon Corbett 45
- 21 John & Nancy McCarthy 57
- 31 John & Kate Poirrier 56



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all of the above!!!

Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month to help celebrate birthdays. Suggested Donation for Luncheon in \$10. If it's your birthday month lunch is on us.

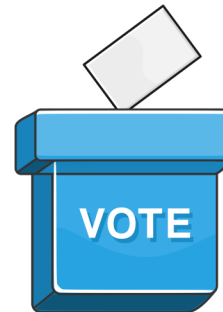
Friendly Reminder:

There are donation jars by the coffee makers for those of you who would like to contribute to the fund to continue to supply coffee and fixins for your enjoyment.

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The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 20th

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Santa's Senior Center will be hosting a bake sale in the office portion of the building while the polling takes place in the big meeting room.

Sharon Corbett will be contacting bakers for this event. If you would like to help bake, please let Sharon know.



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Dave Lambert with Lotto Alaska presented Santa's Senior Center with June's distribution check!



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THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 7/31/24
146 Days until Christmas



“Welcome Carmen”

I'd like to introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Carmen Sears.

Carmen has been at the desk since the first of July and is already making friends at our Center. Born in Fairbanks and raised in North Pole, she is right at home here. She ventured out of state a few times, but always came back. Carmen likes all crafts and working in the yard. A self-confessed “movie fanatic”, she loves *Star Wars*. She grew up watching her Mother and Grandmother sew, and started making kuspuks. We now have some in our Center Gift Shop. She is the proud mother of one daughter and a grandson, who live in Wasilla. Carmen served on the Board of Directors of *WEIO (World Eskimo Indian Olympics)* for about 15 years. While there, she coordinated the Miss WEIO Cultural Pageant. She has enjoyed coming to our Senior Center sales and events for years, and is now pleased to be a member. Carmen has years of experience as an Administrative Assistant and is happy to help.

We are thankful for family and friends.....*Goldie*

Please call, text or e-mail, letting us know how you are doing.
Call or text (907) 378-3624 or e-mail: goldtops@msn.com

***Our Santa's Senior Center
Sunshine Committee is now up and running.***

Our Chairman is Judi Hastings and her committee members are Ida Rhines and Carmen Sears. If you know of any members that have something going on that we need to send a card to please contact one of the committee members.

*Judi's number is (907) 488-2145
Carmen's number is (907) 322-1023*

(This & That Continued)

Barbara Sevier, Dianne Doody and I went to visit Jeannie Erickson on her "80th" Birthday.



She is still in an assisted living home, working hard in PT to be able to go home again. While there, several

of her other friends stopped by, to greet her, including another Santa Senior member, Jean Fisher. We gave Jean the well wishes of all the exercise crew, who really miss her.

Community Connections:



SSC Board President Joe Gelinas and SSC Administrative Assistant Carmen Sears met with Ron Meehan, Director of Government Affairs with the Food Bank of Alaska, and Magen James, SNAP Outreach Manager, to discuss the Alaska Food Coalition and ways they can be of more service to those in need.

Need Food? Get SNAP!

Call: 907-222-3119
Text "SNAP" to: 907-891-8913
Email: snap@foodbankofalaska.org

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps) provides money on a Quest Card to buy food every month. We can help you apply, renew, or check your case status for SNAP!

Your household may qualify for assistance if your combined monthly income is at or below these amounts effective 10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024

Household Size	Monthly Income (before taxes)
1	\$1,973
2	\$2,670
3	\$3,366
4	\$4,063
5+	\$4,760+

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This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

 Maintenance Committee meetings are scheduled the
 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30am in the large
 meeting room. These meetings are open to all mem-
 bers and everyone is invited to participate.

Santa's Senior Center is in need of...

Microwave
 Paper Shredder

A customer left you positive feedback:

“Enjoyed lunch and learning to play Farkle. Love
 my gifts from the gift shop. Great honey.”



The Tuesday morning crafters are hard at work creating beautiful things.

Santa's Senior Center
2024 Sustaining Donors

Alice Murphy
 Ramouna Sandbo
 Lamie Ellsworth
 Richard & Christina Foytich
 Ruthie Sev
 Jim & JoAnn Perkins
 Goldie Southwood
 Mark & Rochelle Renner

Valliere Forrest
 Virginia Bell
 Rosalie Burch
 Larry & Maria Terch
 Jo Small
 Benny & Cora Williams
 Patty Belcher
 Elie Herrera
 Frank & Ida Rhines

Barbara Sevier
 Jean Erickson
 Naomi King

**Thank
 you!**

Commitment Total for
 2024 so far = \$8340