

Santa's Senior Center

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NEWS

101 E. 5th Avenue
North Pole, Alaska 99705

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Hello Friends,

If your access card that you have to enter the building is lost, torn, or broken there will be a \$6.00 fee. If it is lost please notify the office so your code can be withdrawn from the system.

We are still working to make the center an airtight facility, keeping the cold out and heat in. We working with the concerns of; lowing the fuel bill, lowing the electric bill, maintenance concerns, etc.

We are waiting to see if a 3rd go-around of the Food Boxes will come our way. But when and if it does happen and there is a need for more than 1 Food Box, **call me or get with me & I will accommodate.** Please contact other Seniors in the North Pole Area & tell them about the program.

The program that assists functions as needed with the facility is the Sustaining Donors Program. Are you a member?

Please remember the new entrance codes to the back two doors will be changed annually. If you need to know these codes, contact me, and we will review your need. Your name will be placed on the list if your need is approved.

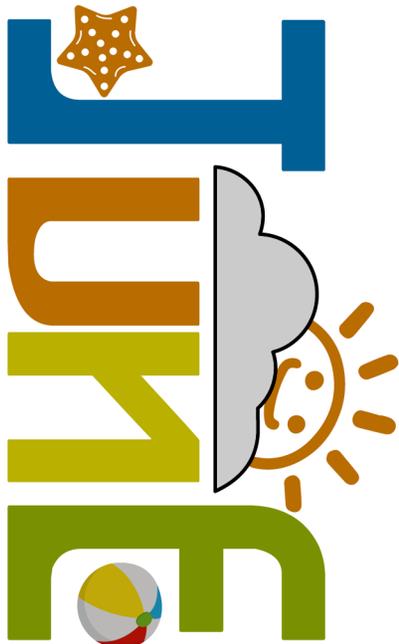
Let's be of assistance to your neighbors and keep everyone safe.

Benjamin Williams Jr.

NPSSC, President

Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.

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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 the community.

**Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc. 2023
Officers and Board of Directors**

President Benny Williams 388-5911
Vice-Pres. Sharon Corbett 590-9286
Secretary Ruthie Sevy 322-6433
Treasurer Rochelle Renner 322-7889
Director Joseph Gelinas 347-1774
Director Judi Hastings 488-2145



Parliamentarian William Sanderson 590-1746

SSC Board of Directors meeting is on Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 at 1pm. The July Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 at 1pm.

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

MAY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

* Voted to remove commercial coffee pot and purchase 2 single pot coffee machines with timer.

Did you know that Board Meeting Minutes, Agendas, and other documents are in the office readily available for members to review?



Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:



***Dinner at the Center
Steak Dinner***

Friday, June 30th 5pm

Suggested Donation is \$25.00 per person

*Deadline to sign up is Wednesday,
June 28th at noon*

If you would like to sign up for a weekday lunch please call by noon at least 1 business day before so we can plan accordingly.

Lunches are offered Wednesday, and Friday as scheduled.

Suggested donation is \$6.00 per meal

Lunch cards can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$30.00 for 5 meals.



Rummage needed for our Annual Rummage Sale on the 16th and 17th of June.

Please drop your rummage off on the porch to the right of the door beginning Monday June 5th



We still need a chair person for the Trunk Sale

Rummage Sale Bake Sale

Friday JUNE 16th 10AM - 4:00

Saturday JUNE 17th 10AM to 4:00 PM



Trunk Sale

Saturday (Only) June 17th 10AM to 4:00 PM
Sat. BBQ Lunch 11:30 to 1:00

Trunk Space Available \$30.00 per space contact the office (907) 488-4663

Location: Santa's Senior Center
101 E 5th Ave. North Pole

Center Needs:

Paper Towels

*Lunch Ticket
Winner
Ellie Herrera
Congratulations!!!*



*Farkle Addicts
Anonymous
(FAA)* 😂

*Formally known as
Farkle Fest*

Will be holding its next meeting on Monday June 19th

*Following Exercise and Potluck
Please sign up if you plan to attend*

If interested there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for items needed for the BBQ. Please sign up!!
Thank You!!!



**Ramouna Sandbo
Volunteer of the Month May**

Ramouna came to Fairbanks with her parents when she was ten years old.

Her father had owned a gas station in North Pole and later moved the family to Valdez for 10 years and 2 years later they moved back to North Pole and have been living here since then. Ramouna has a daughter named Vicky and a son named Cliff. She has 5 grandkids and currently is waiting any minute now for 4 great grandkids to be born.

She has been a member of Santa's Senior Center since November 2021.

Right away after signing up to be a member of Santa's Senior Center, Ramouna jumped in providing baked goods for majority of bake sales we've had so far. Has helped Goldie Southwood with all of the October Bazaars selling old jewelries donated by our members. She has provided items for all of our rummage sales and monetary donations when she can't make any other contributions to upcoming fundraising events.

Ramouna resides at Holiday Heights. She has provided rides for those residence who do not drive and have driven them to the grocery store, doctors appointments, and goes shopping for those who can't.

Her latest volunteering was helping Jo Small with the High Tea fundraiser this past Saturday.

Congratulations Ramouna!

Thank you for your selfless contributions to our center!!!



**High Tea & Silent Auction Fundraiser
Raised \$385.00 for our center!!!**

**Thank you to everyone who helped
make this event so wonderful!**

**Spring Bingo Fundraiser & Dinner
Raised**



Gaming Total = \$364.00

Dinner = \$140.00

Event Total = \$ 504.00

**Thank you to everyone who helped
make this event so successful!**

Senior Recognition Day



**It was great to see so many people
at Senior Recognition Day**



**Our very own Diane Jewkes & Linda Thorne were re-
cipients of Outstanding Senior Volunteer Awards.**

**Congratulations Diane
and Linda and thank
you for all you do for
your community!**



**SANTA'S SENIORS WITH
JUNE BIRTHDAYS**
Marked with * 80 Years or Older



- 1 Carol Suchland
- 9 Richard Foytich
- 10 Lee Saylor*
- 10 Linn Vander Molen
- 10 Denise Walters
- 11 Sharon Corbett
- 11 Luz Corella
- 11 Tyra Gelinas
- 16 Pam Guzy
- 18 Diane Jewkes
- 19 Rena Clark
- 19 Mary Guzy*
- 20 Dorothy Ostanik
- 24 James Perkins
- 29 Benjamin Williams

**“ We ought to live
sacrificing, and
singing, and
dancing...”
~ Plato**

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

	Years Married
2 Alva & Marie Reed	62
6 Carlo & Bonnie Zanazzo	62
10 Bobby & June Cloyd	52



**May Birthday's Present
David Hastings**

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 is \$10. If it's your birthday month lunch is on us.

THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 5/31/23
209 Days until Christmas

In May, Barbara Sevier and I attended the P.E.O. convention in Ketchikan. Having lived in Southeast Alaska before, I know how lucky we were. We had 7 sunny days! A part of the festivities was a boat dinner cruise: "Meet & Greet". There were a few others P.E.O. members from the Fairbanks area there too. Since it was on the 5th of May, it was a Cinco De Mayo theme, with Mexican food and Margaritas. A fun time was had by all! We played tourists on the days before and after the conference. We took a trolley tour of the town, (with totems and interesting facts about the area) and a wildlife watching boat tour, where we saw whales, dolphins and eagles. On our last day, Barbara wasn't feeling well, so I went with a Ketchikan friend to see their fantastic library that has a wonderful view from their windows. I had been there before and remembered the huge fabric "tree" in the children's section, with different characters from books in the branches. I also got to go beach combing, and brought back a few shells, rocks and driftwood. Aside from Barbara being sick (which she thought was a sinus infection) we had a wonderful time, with good friends, good food, good weather. On the way home I started getting a sore throat, so when we heard that others had come down with COVID in Ketchikan, we tested and of course it was positive. Now we are on the mend after self-isolating for a time. Barbara, being younger and a veteran COVID sufferer, is doing better than me. This is my first brush with the virus (not even having a cold in three years) and having a few more years under my belt, I am finding it slower to recover. But ever the optimist, I know it is just a matter of time getting back to Normal, whatever that may be.

I am 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

What is the Sustaining Donor Program

Sustaining donors represent a critical segment of our annual funding programs. Sustaining donors have committed to support our organization using any regular frequency (monthly, quarterly, or annually) and any dollar amount they feel comfortable committing. When the budget committee originally recommended this program back in 2019 our hope was that 50% of our membership could commit \$10.00 per month to help support the center. This helped us bridge a large portion of the gap in our budget. Last year our 18 donors contributed a total of \$5,430.00. This program has continued to gain momentum over the years, but I have been told people still have questions. If you do, please come see me and hopefully I can help.

~Jana



One beautiful way of honoring the memory of someone is to donate to a charity. We have recently received a donation Made In Honor Of

Dennis Small

Thank you to donors for honoring the memory of their friends by helping others.

YOU'RE INVITED

To Santa's Senior Center's

GIVE

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Feed: 8am - 10am
Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee/Tea

Suggested Donation: Adult \$8.00
Children 10 & under half price \$4.00

Location: 101 E. 5th Ave. North Pole, Alaska 99705
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There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for items needed for this event if you would like to volunteer to donate anything.

Thank You!!!!



We Finally Made It!!!!!!

We have more change to deposit so we will have a final total in next months Newsletter.

Thank you for your dedication to this fundraiser

Distance we have traveled so far = 5302 Feet

Goal in feet 5280

100.4% of our Goal

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

No Book Club In June will resume in August



Jana will be out of the office from July 6th - 21st

We will have volunteers covering the desk and taking care of the giftshop. Please see Jana before or after those dates for any lunch card purchases or payments for sustaining donor..... if you can.

**Santa's Senior Center
2023 Sustaining Donors**

Thank you!

Commitment Total for
2023 so far = \$6,070.00

Jean Erickson
 Richard & Christina Foytich
 Jo Small
 Patty Belcher
 Johanna Guzman
 Naomi King
 Valiere Forrest
 Benny & Cora Williams
 Ruthie Sew
 Barbara Sevier
 Goldie Southwood
 Ellie Herrera
 Alice Murphy
 Lynda House
 Lamie Ellsworth