

Santa's Senior Center



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Hello Seniors:

We now have the raffle tickets for the Harley Davidson motorcycle. You can pick up your books at the front desk and Carmen will have you sign for them. The process will be: once you sell a book put the stubs in an envelope with the cash or check, write a slip with how much is in the envelope and bring it back to the center so your name can be checked off for the tickets you picked up. It will then be put in our safe. Bring them in after you sell a book of five and the money so we can account for them. Each person is accountable for their own tickets they pick up and moneys. Notify Carmen when turning tickets in or signing tickets out. If Carmen is not available call Barbra Sevier or a board member. Do not leave the tickets or money lying around the center. We can all start selling them as soon as possible.

Thank you all for participating in our first raffle for a big item, let's make it a success, so we can raise funds for our parking lot fund.

Sincerely your president,
Joseph Gelinas



Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.
101 E. 5th Avenue
North Pole, Alaska 99705

Our mission is to create inviting and enjoyable programs that encourage older adults to utilize their skills, develop their potential, and remain engaged in the community.

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Parliamentarian: Cora Williams

The Board of Directors Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be June 11 at 1pm.

The Meeting Minutes can be found on our website:
www.santaseniors.com

Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

Current Members = 183 April Volunteer Hours = 196

Gift Shop Sales for May = \$451

- ♦ Tickets for the Motorcycle Raffle are being made.
- ♦ The pay rate for the janitor will increased to \$17 per hr.
- ♦ The Chili Cook Off & Bake Sale took in \$839 to go towards the Parking Lot Fund.
- ♦ Agnes Beavers will plant flowers in the boxes in front.
- ♦ Mamie Brown proposed a fundraiser of preparing official documents, such as a will or power of attorney.

Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:

Brad & Nenette Rogers	Jean Schmitz
Debbie Rodriguez	Rhonda Frost-Gillen
Suntok Livingston	Marie Pederson
Michael Shelland	Claudia Barclay
Mary Hamby	

May Birthday Lunch:



Board President Joe Gelinas wishing David Hastings and Kim Cook a Happy Birthday.



50/50 Drawing:
 Winner: JN Hunter \$145/\$73
 w/ Board Member Cora Williams
 Donated to Parking Lot Fund



FREE Lunch Ticket Winner:
 Judi Hastings



June Birthdays:

Date:

- 1 Carol Suchland
- 5 Rusty Scholle
- 6 Virginia Yeaton
- 8 Patricia Roberts*
- 9 Richard Foytich
- 10 Lee Saylor*
- 10 Linn Vander Molen
- 10 Denise Walters
- 11 Sharon Corbett
- 11 Luz Corella
- 11 Tyra Gelinas
- 13 Jim Goodness
- 16 Pam Guzy
- 18 Diane Jewkes
- 19 Rena Clark
- 20 Dorothy Ostanik
- 23 June Verhagen*
- 24 James Perkins
- 29 Benjamin Williams



**Happy Birthday
to all members born in June!**

**Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday
of each month to celebrate birthdays.
Lunch is \$10. If it's your birthday
month lunch is on us.**

June Anniversaries:

Date: Years Married:

- 2 Alva & Marie Reed 64
- 6 Carlo & Bonnie Zanazzo 64
- 17 Kristopher & Amanda Jones 1
- 23 Tom & Pam Slater 46



June's Birthday Lunch:

Deep Fried Halibut by Marie Scholle.

June's Guest Speaker:

**Lee Nash from UAF Cooperative Ext
Janet Dailey from Senior Games**



Chili Cook-Off & Bake Sale

On April 19th, the Santa's Senior Center had a Chili Cook Off and Bake Sale fundraiser to help pay for the paving of its parking lot. A total of \$839.00 was received! I would like to thank the judges who have done an outstanding job of tasting and judging 7 different kinds of chilis. Also a big THANKS to our participants. Without you seniors this wouldn't have been possible.

Ruthie Sevy



Participants: Greg Corbett, Thor Weatherby, Christy Foytich, Cora Williams, Cal Stageman, Jana Sumner (Not Pictured: Rochelle Renner)

Judges: Firefighter Jake Phillips, Councilman Benny Williams, and Firefighter Lt. Kyle Fagerstrom





And the Winner Is...
 1st Place Jana Sumner
 2nd Place Greg Corbett
 3rd Place Thor Weatherby

Chili Cook-Off



Rummage Sale ~ Bake Sale BBQ Fundraiser

Fri. & Sat., June 13th & 14th

10am-4pm

Proceeds will go towards the Parking Lot Fund.



BINGO FUNDRAISER

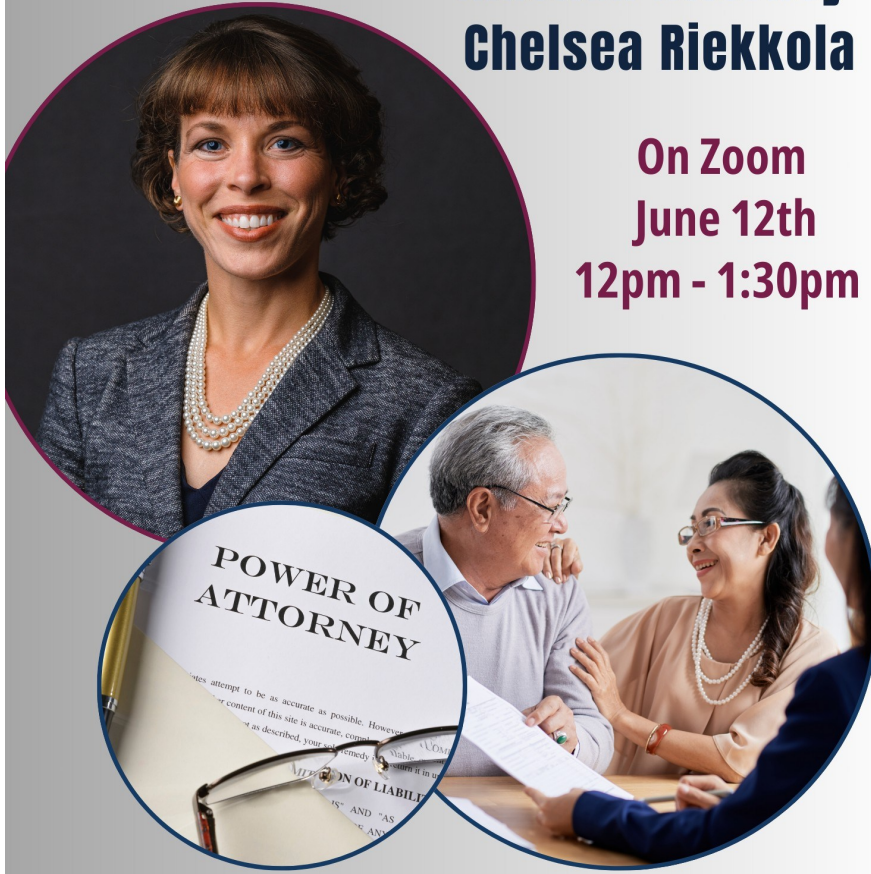
We had a successful
 Bingo Fundraiser
 on May 16!

I'd like to thank our volunteers Goldie Southwood, Lamie Ellsworth, and Christy Foytich for their help in pulling this off and making it a successful event. And thanks to those who came to support Santa's Senior Center, we received \$197 for the event which will go towards the upcoming Parking Lot Paving project.

Cora Williams

Estate Planning with Alaskan Attorney Chelsea Riekkola

On Zoom
June 12th
12pm - 1:30pm



Join us for this free webinar on estate planning. Chelsea Riekkola of Foley & Person, P.C. will provide an overview of estate planning with a focus on the planning for Older Americans.

Chelsea will discuss Powers of Attorney, Health Care Directives, Wills, Probate, and other helpful topics related to estate planning. Because this is a live webinar, participants will be able to ask questions during and at the end of the presentation.

Santa's Senior Center will join the presentation on the big television in the meeting room.

THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 5/31/25

208 Days until Christmas

Advise on a "Hand Out" from the Senior Health Fair:

Believe in Yourself – Anything is possible.

Never Give Up – Practice makes perfect.

Be Grateful – Appreciate what you have.

Work Hard – Make every job count.

Be Kind – Treat others with respect.

Stay Strong – Overcome life's lumps and bumps.

Keep Smiling – Think positively.

Did you all know about "**Honor Flights**" to Washington DC, to see the Veteran's memorials? Several of our Santa Senior Veterans have gone on this unforgettable trip, at no cost to the Veterans, thanks to a wonderful non-profit organization. **Carlo Zanazzo** just returned from his Honor Flight. He was escorted on the flight, by his son Michael. Neither had ever been to D.C. before and said it was "Mind boggling, seeing all the Memorials and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Best trip a Vet could go on. We were treated like Royalty!"



This & That continued...

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I recently “graduated” from the **Cardiac Rehabilitation Program** at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. It is a 36 session, monitored exercise program for patients recovering from Heart Procedures. I worked on a Treadmill and an Arm Ergometer two days a week, and worked on my own NuStep machine, at home on the other days. I also continued with Santa Senior’s and Borough Parks and Recreation’s exercise classes at our Center. I feel better than I have in a long time, and have resumed my outdoor walking routine. This checks off several of the boxes from the “Advice list” at the start of this column.

DON'T FORGET: The Memory Discussion Group will meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., here at the Center.



We are thankful for family and friends...Goldie

Please call, text or email, letting us know how you are doing.

Call or text (907) 378-3624

or e-mail: goldtops@msn.com

June Lunch Menu:

Wednesday

4th Surprise

11th Burgers

18th Deep Fried Halibut

25th Salad w/Fish

Friday

6th Chef Choice

13th No Lunch

20th Tacos

27th Meatloaf

Santa's Senior Center Fundraising Raffle



**Tickets
\$20 each**

**Only 500
Tickets will
be sold!**

The drawing will be held after all tickets are sold (2025).

2001 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Electric Glide

Stage Three Engine Upgrade, Hi-volume Oil Pump, Adjustable Lifters, ECM Delete, Electric Fuel Pump Delete, S&S Carburetor

**Motorcycle donated by Joseph Gelinas.
Proceeds will go towards the Parking Lot Fund.**

Permit #773



First Saturday BINGO

Saturday, **June 7th** 11am-3pm

Misc. Games @ 11am

Potluck Lunch @ 12pm

BINGO @ 12:30pm

This game is free and open to all ages.

No cash prizes.



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VISITOR
INDUSTRY
DAY AT THE
BALLPARK

Day at the Park

Sunday, **June 8** @ 2pm

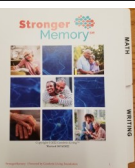
Goldpanners vs Kingsmen

A signup sheet for FREE tickets
is in the front office at SSC.



Parking Lot Re-Paving

Sat. & Sun.
June 21st & 22nd



Strong Memory Discussion Group

Wednesday, **June 25th** @ 1pm

Santa's Senior Center & 17 Mile Homemakers presents...



F.Y.I.

Thursday, **June 26th**, 2025 @ 10am
Gas, Hybrid, Electric in Alaska
w/ Les Nichols from Fbks Nissan



2025 Sustaining Donor Program

The Sustaining Donor Program is a way that members can continue to support the center financially through the year, by committing to a monthly, quarterly or annual donation.

thank you!

Patty Belcher

Virginia Bell

Rosalie Burch

June Cloyd

Lamie Ellsworth

Valliere Forrest

Richard & Christina Foytich

Ellie Herrera

Naomi King

Alice Murphy

Jim & JoAnn Perkins

Mark & Rochelle Renner

Frank & Ida Rhines

Brenda Sadler

Ramouna Sandbo

Barbara Sevier

Ruthie Sevy

Jo Small

Goldie Southwood

Larry Jr & Maria Terch

Benny & Cora Williams

thank you!

Commitment Total for 2025 so far:

\$10,470