

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

Office & Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Friday 11am-3pm



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.



Elections & BAKE SALE
Tuesday, November 3rd



Book Club
Wednesday, November 4th @ 2pm



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 12th @ 1pm



Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska
Art Link
Thursday, November 19th @ 5:30pm



Christmas Rummage & Bake Sale
Saturday, November 14th @ 10am-4pm



Monthly Birthday Lunch
Wednesday, November 18th, @ 11am
Cooks needed contact office



Office Closed
November 26th & 27th
in observance of Thanksgiving



Happy Thanksgiving
Thursday November 26th

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November 2026 - Volume XI



From the Vice President: Hello my wonderful seniors! This is your VP Ruthie Sevy as our President Joe Gelinas and his lovely wife Tyra were enjoying their RVing across the states. About two weeks into their trip, they got a call that his mother had pass away. They did return for a week and are now back continuing their long vacation with their dog, enjoying the warm weather, visiting friends and family. We know they are definitely enjoying a warmer climate as we are now in our winter months. As I said last month please be very aware of your surroundings as hidden ice is under all that new snow. I am happy to announce that we got the fundings for our new roof next spring. We received a check of \$42,262.08 from Alaska Lotto and a check of \$11,100 from the 100+Great Women Who Care. A new roof will cost us around \$45,000 - \$50,000. We also received a check from CAP in the amount of \$3,947.00 to help pay for our fuel. This we have to apply each year. Seniors, the holidays are just around the corner so be safe, keep warm, and enjoy the rest of 2026.

Ruthie Sevy



Monday



Exercise, Potluck,
Farkel, Scrabble,
Good times!



Our Monday's have been exciting lately.

If you don't already, please consider joining us! Here are some of our Monday regulars enjoying themselves.

In Photos: Lynn Westfall, Judith and David Hastings, Ruthie Sevy, Hope Mudge, Fran Hatfield, Goldie Southwood, Saw Yen Oh, Ellie Herrera, Charity Anzalone, Marti Williams, Tom Thomas, Marie Bridgewater, and Betty Schleich



2026 End of season BBQ



On the Grill: Left to Right: Thor Weatherby, Gregg Corbett, Mike Prax



Above: Ruthie Sevy doing our bake sale



Above: Donevea Cheeseman helping serve



Barbara Haney and Husband enjoying lunch



Above: Cora Williams Collecting money.

Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc. 2026 Board of Directors:

Joe Gelinas (2026)	907-347-1774
Ruthie Sevy (2026)	907-322-6433
Lamie Ellsworth (2026)	503-568-9666
Cora Williams (2027)	907-388-3577
Tammie Wilson (2027)	907-590-7602
Patty Belcher (2027)	916-996-6462
Kathy Hamby (2027)	907-799-1051



The Board of Directors Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.
EXCEPT THIS MONTH

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** November 12th at 1pm. The Meeting Minutes can be found on our website:

www.santaseniors.com

There are three positions on the board that will be opening up at the end of this year. If you or anyone you know might be good for an available position, please contact us ASAP.

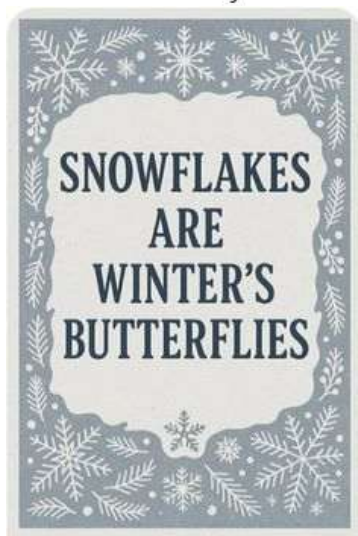
Board elections are during our November Birthday Luncheon, Wednesday November 18, 2026.

As the new year begins, so does the membership at Santa's Senior Center. After your first year, membership fees are due at the beginning of each year. Membership fees are \$30 for individuals and \$40 for a couple, per year. Your contributions and participation at the center are very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you throughout the coming year.

Vintage Jewelry Sale - October 3-4, 2026

Another big success for Wanda Weatherby and her volunteers Cora Williams and Lisi Marshall. At the end of the second day, the sale brought in a total of \$1,232.00 in donations! The Vintage Sale was held at the old Forum Building on Airport Way. Thank you to all who donated their old and forgotten and broken jewelries, and support. As I always have said, without your donations and support all of our fundraiser events wouldn't be successful in helping our nonprofit organization. Thank you!!

~Ruthie Sevy



**“Kindness is
like snow—
it beautifies
everything
it covers.”**

—KAHLIL GIBRAN

Volunteer Hours for the Month of October - 158

We have several ways to volunteer here at the center.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ruthie or Markita.

We have need:

In the Kitchen, Friday Lunch Cook, Birthday Lunch Cook, Helping Serve/Clean up Birthday Lunch. *See us for more details.*

In the Giftshop, Cleaning, Organizing, Inventory, and Managing.

With fundraisers, organizing, passing out flyers, set up, host/run, clean up

Baking for our bake sales, if you aren't on our list and would like to be, **LET US KNOW!**

~Markita

Bingo Fundraiser – October 17, 2026

In the past our Bingo Fundraisers were held on a Friday and the last 3 of these events brought in low donations that the Board of Directors voted to discontinue this event after October 17th. In the past we average about ten people showing up to play. It takes about 5 hours to set up, run it, and clean up, by the time we are ready to lock up and go home. Well, surprisingly as you can see, we had a full house of bingo players and brought in a total of \$390 that evening, which included donations for Joyce Outten's homemade chicken vegetable soup and Cora Williams' corn bread muffins. I came to a conclusion that because this event was held on a Saturday instead of a Friday that it more beneficial to have it on a Saturday, which everyone there said was a better day for them. So, Cora and I decided that we will have another Bingo Fundraiser in March, on a Saturday. Date of this event will be announced at a later time.

~Ruthie Sevy





Santa's Senior Center
is Hosting The 2026
Christmas Rummage & Bake Sale
Saturday

November 14th, 10am - 4pm

Now accepting DONATIONS!

We are looking for Christmas items, old ornaments in good condition.



Come spread the holiday cheer and get a head start on your festive shopping!

**Raising funds towards a new
roof for our Senior Center**

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2026 Winter Wonderland Festival
Fundraiser Thursday December 10th at
Noon

For those who are curious about this festival, which is in its 4th year, the cost is \$40 per person. This might sound high but wait and see what the cost covers. The theme for this year is called the 4 **Corners of America**. Here's the menu...

First everyone will have a charcuterie appetizer at their seat. The food will be set up as a buffet with the following items...

North – Prime Rib, baked potatoes and buns

Northwest – Baked marinated salmon with pesto rice

Southwest – Enchiladas with baked chili rellenos

South – Crispy southern fried chicken (not KFC) with southern green beans

New England – Lobster mac and cheese, clam chowder, crispy wonton cups stuffed with lobster, crab, and shrimp, Caprice salad candy canes, and baked shell with clam stuffing

The chef is Marie Scholle who is cooking all the food except the bake potatoes and buns. She takes big pleasure in donating and cooking all the food but the prime rib which the Center pays for.

If you have any questions, ask Ruthie Sevy or call her at 907-322-6433. A sign-up sheet will be available after Halloween. Please pay Markita for those who one to attend. ~Ruthie Sevy

October Birthday Lunch



Top Left: Cake provided by Safeway North Pole.

Bottom Left: October Birthdays in person!

Lamie Ellsworth

Bottom right: Cook Ida Rhines and helpers, Diane Jewkes, Not Pictured, Joyce Jones, Eddie Lou



November Birthdays

Name	Birthdate	80+
Jerry Weatherford	4	★
Andrea Jones	9	★
Kathy Hamby	9	
Rita Zukauckas	11	★
Christine Magalhaes	15	
Bonnie Zanazzo	16	★
Gail Chagnon	18	
Pam Hennessey	21	
Janice Dawe	23	★
Tanya Arvold	26	
Moreah Fritz	27	
Tom Thomas	27	
Lawrence Terch Jr.	30	★



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

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

November Birthday Lunch Menu:

Salmon and Halibut

**by
Diane Jewkes
w/ New Hope Church**



GUEST SPEAKERS FOR NOVEMBER

Zina Robinson w/North Pole High School
and **Light the World Giving Machine Initiative**

**Friday Lunches are a hit here at the
Center, we are still lacking volunteer
cooks. We are looking for Friday lunch
cooks for November 13th and November
20th Please reach out if you are
considering it.**



50/50 Drawing Winner!

Ida Rhines



Free Lunch Ticket Winner!

Benny Williams

Who's this guy?



Jeremy Himebauch seen here donating time and materials repairing a crack in the asphalt out front of Santa's Senior Center before winter! While he was on site he repaired some of the gutters as well. Thank you Jeremy! We will keep you around!

Santa's Senior Center is

in need of the following items:

Decaf Coffee

Single Serve French Vanilla Creamer

Hand Soap



Book Club

THE BOOK CLUB MEETS AT 2PM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER TO MAY.



Nov. 4th: *Heart of a Stranger* by Angela Buchdahl

From the first Asian American to be ordained as a rabbi, a stirring account of one woman's journey from feeling like an outsider to becoming one of the most admired religious leaders in the world



Dec. 2nd: *Wedding People* by Allison Espach

A propulsive and uncommonly wise novel about one unexpected wedding guest and the surprising people who help her start anew.

January 6th: *Pastoral Song* by James Rebanks

February 3rd: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

March 3rd: *Unorthodox* by Debora Feldman

April 7th: *London Falling* by Patrick Redden Keefe

May 5th: *Who Is Government?* by Michael Lewis



October Guest Speakers:

Heather Markel and

Shayna Boutwell

From:

North Pole Safeway Pharmacy

were here to do a flu shot clinic.



Left to Right Benny Williams, Heather Markel, and Shayna Boutwell -Benny is being a good sport while receiving his flu shot.

" WHAT GOOD IS THE WARMTH OF
SUMMER, WITHOUT THE COLD OF
WINTER TO GIVE IT SWEETNESS "

John Steinbeck

Thursday, November 15th @ 5:30pm - *Art Links* is a free program that brings people with memory loss and their care partners together to **create, express, and enjoy** the process; no art experience needed.

Participants enjoy:

- A variety of artistic me
- Music and movement
- Memory-rich conversations



Jennifer Willeford
Education Specialist
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Facilitated by ARA staff and local artists. Offered in person and online.



Concerts

Please see office about free tickets available to our members.

VITAMIN STRING QUARTET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026, 7:30 PM

DAVIS CONCERT HALL

TED

SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 2026 | 7 PM

NORTH STAR BALLET STUDIOS

EMOTIONAL HONESTY AND HEALING



Candidates for Santa's Senior Center

2027 Board of Directors

Joyce Jones

I'm honored for being nominated to become a member of the Santa's Senior Center Board.

I've been married for 47 years, to my husband David, and have four grown children, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

We moved to Alaska in 1996 and I have worked various jobs, but for the last 25 years I've been an Independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant.

For the last 11 years I've been a member of the Emblem Club in Fairbanks and have held various positions such as, a Vice president, Guard, and for the next 2 years I'll be a Marshal for the local club, along with being a Trustee for the State for the past 4 years. As a member of the Emblem Club, I've been involved with their Americanism, Community Service,

Drug Awareness, Scholarships, Veterans, Literacy, and Food Bank programs.

I've been a member of Santa's Senior Center for the last couple of years now and have participated in several activities the Center has sponsored. Most recently, I've been assisting with the monthly Birthday Luncheons and find it very rewarding serving others.

If nominated to become a Board Member, I will do my best to continue expanding the great job the Senior Center does for the North Pole community.



Doneva Cheeseman

Born/raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. Married a soldier in 1981 and shortly after, orders sent us to Ft. Greeley-Delta Junction, Alaska. In 1996, moved to North Pole where reside today. Retired three years ago from the Federal Aviation Administration after forty-two years of civilian federal service. Husband Tom of forty-five years is also retired and enjoying Alaska life. Enjoy a wide variety of activities from gardening, walking dog, 4-wheeling to classic movies and volunteering.



THIS & THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 10/31/26

54 days until Christmas

This column was started for **you**, our members, during the pandemic. We wanted to see how **you** were all doing during isolation. We decided to continue, with **you** checking in. So, what is going on with your life: travels, events, milestones in your family? Little things mean a lot. Just contact me, and I will write it up for **you**.

I have been busy here at our Center: Exercise, Farkle games, Potlucks, BBQs, Book Club, etc. I am also in the middle of OLLI classes, with more to go. The classes will begin again in the spring. Classes may include Arts & Crafts, Computers, Dance, Exercise, Films & Photography, Food & Flowers, Healthy Living, History & Politics, Literature & Language, Music & Theater, Recreation, Religion & Beliefs, Science & Mathematics, and Social Studies. Check out the OLLI catalog when it arrives at the Center.

I am also Manager of Santa Senior Gift Shop. Would **you** like to volunteer to help with behind-the-scene managing of the shop? I would like to train someone to eventually become manager, when I retire. It is mostly paperwork and some rearranging of the shop. If **you** would like to help with the Gift Shop, just contact me or **Markita** for more information.

Markita handles the daily sales and writes the invoices. Then I check those invoices to make a monthly Gift Shop Report for the Board of Directors and direct the Treasurer to pay the vendors for their items that sell. Did **you** know as members **you** are entitled to sell items in the gift shop?

The Senior Center receives 20 percent for our commission. The rest goes right back to the member whose items sell. Check out the Gift Shop for some great hand-made Christmas Gifts. The variety of items is amazing. We have some talented members!

I will return from my Thanksgiving travels in time for my annual Tree Trimming Party. **You** are **ALL** invited to my place to help me decorate my Christmas tree. It will be on Saturday, December 5th at 1 p.m. Besides hanging ornaments, there will be a Potluck, Fun and Games. Contact me for directions. That way I will know how many to expect.

Remember that the Alzheimer's Association has "Art Link" the third Thursday of every month, here at our Center. Come join the fun of art. This is for ALL members. In January we will resume our monthly "STRONGER MEMORY" discussion group. It is held on the last Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. (Except Nov. & Dec.) We will learn about how to improve our memory and talk of ways that you are coping with aging. Come join the stimulating conversation. All are welcome. I read an ad on the side of a local fitness center, that I really liked:

"COME AS YOU ARE. LEAVE FEELING BETTER"

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



Dave Lambert

Santa's Senior Center would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donations of \$42,262.08 in support of our senior center.



100+ Golden Heart Women Who Care here to tour Santa's Senior Center. Right to Left: Goldie Southwood, Heather Best, Cora Williams, Suzanne Swift, and Natalie Monacci. Thank you for your Donation of \$11,100 in support of our center.

**November
2026**

Santa's Senior Center



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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