

ROSEBURG SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

January/February 2015

Presidents Remarks

I don't know if it's good or bad to hear from your wayward president, but here we go:

January 4th: Major heart attack

January 27th: Triple heart by-pass

January 31st: Released from ICU at OHSU in Portland

I should finish rehab in 10 to 12 weeks, the middle to end of May

I am delighted to see all of you now that I am back, participating in our new location.

Always remember, this is YOUR SENIOR CENTER. All of us are vested in its future!

Tim

Notes from the Kitchen

By Doris Loveday

I am happy to report we are making progress with the construction of our new kitchen. The plumbing is in place, the gas line is in for the gas stove top. We have three bids for the electricity and for the heating and air conditioning. So we are making progress.

Working in our little space in the Main room has been an experience, but we have been able to provide our soup and sandwiches without *too much* difficulty.

We have received very pertinent comments regarding our offered items and we are now providing fresh fruit for purchase for those of us with a sugar problem. We have been trying to provide healthy lunches for our members. Homemade soup with fresh veggies, fresh salads and now fresh fruit are all part of our menu.

Our chef salads have been doing really well. We have been discussing trying new salads when we get into our regular kitchen. It has been suggested that fruit might be incorporated into the mix. Let the kitchen staff know what you think.

Our desserts have been from the store since we don't have an oven to use for baking, but we will start up again as soon as the kitchen is operable.

Pot luck on Fridays is doing well. We haven't lost too many of our usual attendees because of the move. As you know, the Center is still providing the main dish and attendees bring the side dishes and the dessert. It's a chance for everyone who attends to show their culinary expertise.

The Center owes the Garden Valley Retirement Residence a very grateful "Thank You" for their weekly contribution of a delicious casserole. Remember, lunch is served daily from 11 am to 1 pm daily. Going to go shopping? Stop by for lunch. Going to go to the movies? Get your lunch here, then you won't need so much popcorn. Come on down and visit. The coffee is always on.

Public Relations

By Linda Cornett

On January 30th I was on the Radio 1240AM on the program INSIDE DOUGLAS COUNTY and also on KPIC TV to tell about the opening of the new Senior Center building.

Volunteers are needed to help with the 50th Birthday/ Grand Opening Celebration. This event will be on May 13th 2015 in our new building. Help is needed to line up prizes from business people who wish to offer gift cards or actual items to be used in our drawings and door prizes. The first meeting of the committee was held on Wednesday, February 25 at 10 AM. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5th at 10:30AM. Many more members need to step up to help with this very important committee to insure that the entire area is aware of our 50th year in Roseburg and that we are combining our Grand Opening with that celebration. We want it to be a really Big Deal in our community.

I am working on having a Senior Night at the PRA races this season. I am working with the other Senior Centers in our area to make this a SENIOR NIGHT for all of Douglas County.

Membership:

By Trudy White

Good News to report! Our membership has increased by 71 since last October, for a total of 425 as of this writing. We have new members joining almost every day. The Board of Directors voted to give life time membership to all members over 90. We have 23 members who qualify for life time membership and probably a few more that have not given us their birth date. It is very important that we have your correct birth date in our records. This is used for Grant writing purposes. We are currently applying for Grants to pay for our new kitchen and the purchase of our new building. All records are kept confidential. Only three people will have access to this information and they have signed confidentiality statements.

I would like to encourage everyone to remember to give us any updates or changes of address and phone numbers. We hope to send information by email in the near future, so if you have not given us your email address, please do so. It costs the Senior Center money each time we mail newsletters, etc.

and if they are returned to us by the Post Office we have to pay again. Please help us keep our costs down.

Treasurer/Building Committee:

By Linda Sheridan

We finally made it to the new location!! We are in, but still have a long way to go. I appreciate everyone's patience as we try to accommodate all the different functions of the new center. I know it has been frustrating for everyone. Good news is that due to Bingo players and wood carvers and several individual donations we have raised enough money to purchase and install blinds for all the windows. Not only do they look great, they have helped the bingo players with the light in their eyes when they face the south. The parking lot has been striped. Thank you, Lisa Schrader, for your hard work on our behalf! The kitchen remodeling is underway, two restrooms are finished, bids have been offered, decided on and an electrician, plumber and HVAC people have been hired and are at work as of this writing.

Now for the bad news, we have run into a few things that we were not prepared for going into this building. The elevator is in need of repair and we are required to have quarterly inspections: \$\$\$\$\$. We, also, are responsible for prorated property tax in the amount of \$8,529.97. We have tax exempt status but that does not take effect until July 1, 2015. We have been working on our budget for this year and we are looking at approximately \$7,500 a month for operating expenses and our current income is around \$3500 a month. If we are going to survive and grow, we really need the support of our members. We are applying for grants to help with remodeling but grants are not a sure thing. We plan on doing capital fund raising, but until we finish the kitchen remodel we are really not in a position to utilize our building for fund raising events such as silent auctions, dances, etc. If anyone has any ideas for fund raising, please, please come and talk to us. We really need your help. We make every effort to always have one of our officers present at the center every day to talk with, if you come in.

Computer Lab:

By Brad Crenshaw

The Senior Center Computer Lab is up and running. We have 2 computers available for the members to use. For those with a WiFi capable Laptop, Tablet or Smartphone our WiFi is "RSC50", please check with the computer lab for the password. As space becomes available we hope to add more computers, reasonably priced printing and computer classes. Private computer lessons are available at \$10 an hour, which is split 50/50 with the center. Contact Brad Crenshaw in the Computer Lab to setup a time.

Tin Can Tuesday

By Doris Loveday

New Dining Room: We have our allowed tables now, but we still need comfortable chairs.

Tin Can Tuesday is our collection day for our tin cans for re-sale. We currently have almost half a load, but at only 5 cents per pound, we need lots and lots of poundage. Cat food cans, dog food cans, chili cans, vegetable cans; we will take them all. Just be sure they are clean, no need to remove the labels. Bring them on down to the center and we will hold them until we get a full load.

We also take soda cans and water bottles.....just don't mix them with the tin cans.

We have had donations from a member of the SERVICE group who manages rentals in the area. Thank you, SERVICE for your help!

Bingo

By Val Ashcraft

AS OF APRIL 1st all paper games will be \$1 or more {No fooling}!!!!

It is hoped that when we finally get the sold restaurant furniture moved by the buyers, we will then have storage space to move the stage into. At that time we will be able to re-arrange the tables in the main room to a more effective layout for the Bingo games.

To add further area, the board members voted at the last meeting to sell the seldom used shuffle board table for \$500, or the best offer near that amount. At the same time that will increase the useable area near our small kitchen for serving the Friday potluck lunch.

Newsletter

By June Ervin

Your Newsletter committee has had a difficult time this month obtaining reports for this issue. With the move and settling in into our new home, there seems to be a shortage of time for everyone to get as much accomplished as they planned. Delays of every nature keep popping up to prevent a smooth transfer for many planned programs. Time will be a factor for a while as we transition, but we soon will have departments set up the way they need to be to make efficient use and not have to "make do" with leftover space.

Our kitchen construction is well underway and it is anticipated that it will be up and running by the 1st part April.

All members need to make sure they carry their membership card with them when visiting or working at the Senior Center. In order to comply with the Health Dept. rules set down with our food license, we are only allowed to sell food to members until our new kitchen is completed. If you bring a visitor for lunch the member must pay for their guest's lunch. Therefore we will be checking cards at sign in for Friday Potluck lunches.

Margaret and Larry continue to prevail on Friday Potluck. Folks need to remember to bring dishes for potluck when they are able. Every little bit helps to make it a full meal.

Our requested \$3.00 donation is met by all those who can do so. Many of our members generously put more into our fund when they can. These donations help pay for the meat that is purchased and provided for the meal. Thank you , one and all, for your efforts to keep our tiny kitchen functioning until we get our new one finished. Then we can be open to all.

We still need additional volunteers for the kitchen on Mondays. If you like to cook and can spare one morning a week, see Val Ashcraft or Doris Loveday to help out with our lunch program.

When we get into our new, larger kitchen, we hope to provide a more complete lunch for many more members and guests. When that happens we will need even more kitchen help in the near future. Not only do we serve a worthy purpose, we all have a lot of fun.

Help with the kitchen on Friday night Bingo continues to be on our "wish list" for the future.

There are many jobs to be filled if we are to have a thriving Senior Center.

Foot care

Wanda, the foot lady

Wanda. The Foot Lady will be at the Senior Center on Thursdays from 9 AM until Noon beginning next week. Her phone number is: 541-430-2730. She will try to accommodate "walk-ins" at first.