

ROSEBURG SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

January-February 2016

Fellow members: January 2016 Happy New Year

The end of 2015 is at hand and I'm very proud of each and every one of you. No matter the challenge you have stood up to be counted. We have stubbornly moved ahead as we will in the future.

The only area where we have failed is in volunteerism. For organizations like ours volunteers normally equal right at 10%. Here we are at an extreme low of **.042%**, can you imagine what it would be like if we had even 7%. Look and see where you can volunteer and if you can.

This next year promises to be interesting, adventuresome and challenging. You are an active part of that.

Thank you for a good year, Tim

Treasurers Report

Linda Sheridan

Happy Holidays to all!!! We have had a fantastic year at the senior center. I would like to thank each and every one of you who has made a donation or pledge for our down payment fund. I truly appreciate each and every one of you. What you have done is proven that you are truly committed to having a forever senior center. As of the end of November we have deposited \$7,484 from donations and pledges and have additional pledges totaling \$8,314. Very impressive, as this is from you, our membership. I am very excited about the Grant Writer/Capital Fund campaign professional we have hired to help raise the funds for the purchase of our building and additional funds for completely remodeling the inside and outside of the building. Ron Elliott has included an article in this newsletter to let you know how we are progressing with our Capital Campaign Drive. Again- THANK YOU!!!!

In this newsletter we have included a copy of the Hold Harmless and our Code of Conduct policy. It would be appreciated If you could return the signed Hold Harmless to the office. As this is going to all members we will assume everyone agrees to the policies. This will be the only time you will receive it.

This year our annual charitable contributions of \$100 each will be sent to;

Camp Millennium	Saving Grace
Casa de Belen	RSVP/ UCAN

Membership

We have mailed out statements to all members who owe dues through June 30, 2016. As you may or may not remember we are having everyone's dues become due once a year. That will be July 1, 2016. We prorated to bring everyone current through June 30, 2016. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement please see me. As of today we have 737 members, 33 new members from November. We have added 379 new members since the first of the year. Goes to show we are growing and people are hearing about us.

Anyone who recently paid their dues by mail can pick up their new card at the Senior Center until February first. After that date, they will be mailed. This helps us save some postage.

Thanks for helping us save where we can.

Notes from the Kitchen

Doris Loveday

Happy New Year! We have been busy doing special Friday luncheons for everyone and they seem to be going over really well. We were even been asked to do a special luncheon on Saturday the 12th for an outside group. One of the things we had in mind when building the kitchen was to have the opportunity to cater for outside groups as a money raiser for the Center. Christmas day the kitchen was not open, but on Thursday, Christmas Eve, the kitchen was used to feed the homeless. This is an opportunity for us to give back, to the neighborhood for all their support for the Center. The food was donated by Rodeo Steak House. There have been donations collected all over the town to sponsor this event and the Center got to play host.

Mark your calendar. New Years is coming and we are going to party again. We missed last year because of the move but this year we will be bringing in the New Year in our New Building. So check out your favorite snack recipe and come on down for a night of games and folly. We can watch the ball drop in New York and still get home at a decent time, (he-he) for a senior.

The kitchen will be open on New Year's Day with lunch as usual and since Bingo will be played we will be there, too. Larry and I have discussed a special meal for that day.

BUT...because of celebrating on New Year's Day we will not be having our Saturday breakfast until the following week end on Jan. 9th. We will be having French toast for the first time. We have had a number of requests to try something new so French toast is our first try for something different. New Year, new foods, new adventures in food.

New Look

June Ervin

Once again the newsletter staff has made another change in how your news reaches you. It was decided to enlist a second party in the printing process to help cut costs of production. This new format will eliminate the cost of printing all but the cover mailer and address labels. The advertising sold by the printing company will make that possible for us. We do not have an agreement with the Post Office to include ads in our bulk mailing. Therefore, at this time, we will continue to mail, not e-mail the newsletter. It was never a popular decision, to change to electronic mail, to our members. We sincerely hope that all will be happy with our new look.

Publicity

Linda M. Cornett

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to make the Halloween Dance and Holiday Bazaar huge successes. Without your help and all the vendors and merchants' donated items for the silent auction we couldn't have done it. Thank you all, so much.

Thanks to Doris and her kitchen staff for providing lunch and dinner for these events. Great food!

We had over 500 people at the bazaar, even with the rain, and raised nearly \$1000.

As things change at the Senior Center, please keep in mind that we are growing and learning how to fit into what we hope to be our forever home. Yes, it has been one year since we began the process of opening our new location! And we are still learning the needs of our Seniors to provide services, information and education to them. Take an hour or two out of your time and help do something for YOUR Senior Center. Your ideas are what help to bring us together and grow. Let us know if you have any ideas as to what, or where we can get the word out about our center IS about! Also we want to hear what we can do for you. Thank you, again, for being part of OUR Roseburg Senior Center.

Upcoming Events 2016

Jan 9 th	Second Saturday Breakfast: French toast	8-Noon	\$5
Feb.6 th	First Saturday Breakfast: Pancakes	8-Noon	\$5
Feb 7 th	Super Bowl Party: Bring Finger Food	2PM	Game starts at 3:30
Feb 14 th	Valentine Dinner and Dance	Dance	\$5 at the door/ \$10 dinner

Mar 5th First Saturday Breakfast To Be Announced 8-Noon \$5
Mar 18th St. Patrick's Day Special lunch: Corned Beef &cabbage \$3/\$5

A Fond Farewell

Mona Lee Wilson

I need to say goodbye to all my Senior Center friends as of November 23, 2015. I have moved to Albany, OR. After months of soul searching I came to realize I need to be closer to my family while we can still enjoy doing things together.

After 45 years in Roseburg, I have taken a boatload of wonderful memories with me. It was my pleasure to be of service to the Roseburg Senior Center for so many years. I will not forget you as I start this new phase of my life. It took my daughter, Lori, several months to find me a place and it happened to be across the street from her. How lucky could I get?

For the time being I will be keeping my same phone number. My new address is: 824 16th Ave. SW Albany, OR 97321 Phone: 541-672-5627

Valentine Dinner and Dance

Phyllis Stroble

Seniors, you are invited to our first annual Valentine Day dinner and dance on February 14th Featuring Frank McCracken and The Firecrackers band, for your pleasure, playing 4 to 8PM Dinner served at 4:30 including Barron of Beef &Baked Potato and Cherry Delight for dessert

Advance tickets for dinner will go on sale Feb. 1st 11am to 1pm at \$10. At the door prices will be \$5entry and \$10 for dinner, per person

Core committee meeting regarding this event will be held on January 21st at 1PM. You can call me if you have questions 1-209-663-8537

Cribbage and Pinochle

Brad Crenshaw

Cribbage and Pinochle are both doing well. Cribbage is growing a new player or 2 each week.

Pinochle is averaging about 20 players each Tuesday and has been giving the Center between \$40 and \$45 each month.

Progress Report #1 Ron Elliott

Your Senior Center Board has hired Mark Sherman from Portland as our grant writer. Mark has had a great deal of success getting grants for nonprofit organizations. His fee is \$10,000 plus 5% of whatever he raises. At our meeting with Mark, he felt confident that not only can he raise the down payment for our building; he can also raise enough money to purchase it and have it remodeled, too.

Marks' Three Step Plan requires us to do exactly what we had already started, namely pledges and personal donations. Unless we are willing to put some of our own money into this building why would we expect anyone else to donate? As of this writing we have accumulated over \$7400 and have pledges for much more. Step one is to show our own commitment and this is a good start. Way to go folks!

Step Two in the process is to go to the local community for donations. Mark personally knows people in the Ford Family Foundation, The Cow Creek Band and many local businesses. He is organizing a local committee outside of The Senior Center to contact these people for help. That committee needs to demonstrate to the community our commitment, what we are planning, what it will cost and how it will benefit the community.

To provide the plans and the costs, we have contacted Rex Price Architecture. Rex designed our present space and helped us get the permits we needed. He already has preliminary plans and is ready to provide the working plans for completion of the building. The initial cost of the plans is \$4500. R. E. Noah Construction is prepared to estimate the remodeling cost. The price for their estimate is \$3500. That amount will be applied to the job when R. E. Noah does the work. The price estimate will include surveys by mechanical engineers who will determine repairs and improvements needed in our existing Heat/AC systems, Plumbing, Sprinklers, Roof, and Electrical. The plans and costs estimates will be ready for Marks' January 1st kickoff date.

The Third Step is to go outside the community for large grants. Those grants will be motivated by the enthusiasm that we have shown with our own fund raising and the support we have gained from the local community. Mark feels that if we can demonstrate this kind of commitment, he should be able to raise well over a million dollars. That much money could make our new Senior Center a reality for today and on into the future.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who has signed a pledge and contributed. It's not too late to help. This is a big job and it will take everyone working together to make it happen!