

Dear Fellow Members:

The Roseburg Senior Center has been given notice to vacate the premises at 621 Madrone on or before December 30, 2014. For twenty-five years the County has allowed our organization to use this facility without paying rent or utilities. Now it is time to find a place of our own.

Commercial property rents for \$1.00 per square foot per month. We presently have about 3,500 square feet and need more space. That price makes a decent building out of the question. New construction, even on donated land, would cost too much and take too long. We tried for years to get a government grant although it would have forced us to accept distasteful limitations. We don't have the time to pursue that myth any longer. We have a building we can afford now!

After much searching we have gone back to the old Chin's building at 1614 SE Stephens. It is the only building that comes close to fitting our budget and it has a huge parking lot. At the present time we are putting together a Business Plan to obtain financing. That should allow us to make an offer on this building. In the mean time we are still looking into all other options.

The south end of the Chin's building has one room that is as big as our present site. The north end has office space that could be rented to cover half of the monthly mortgage payment. With a lot of work, the kitchen could be rented out. The center of this building need work that could be done over time as we raise funds. The basement could be used for endless things since it has an elevator. [So far the women have suggested putting the men down there.]

Although this is a huge undertaking it will be possible if all the members work together to make it happen. We need labor to paint and put up sheet rock. All of us have skills and abilities that would help the group if we are willing to try. "The Little Engine That Could" would have failed if he had refused to try. We need to work together or close our doors forever.

At the present time Thirty Eight percent [38%] of the population of Roseburg is over fifty. A new, highly visible, beautiful Senior Center will be an attraction for more people to join us. They can enjoy our daily lunches at the 50+ Cafe, play cards or Bingo and take in the game of the week in the big TV room. There is no limit to what we can accomplish with a 22,00 square floor building.

Clap your hands if you believe in fairies. If you believe that fairy tales can come true then help us make the dream of a new Senior Center into a reality.

Sincerely

Your Board of Directors