

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tim Rogers

How did we get here?

We lifted ourselves up, dusted ourselves off and started all over again. Looking back was never an option. Our vocabulary would not accept "we've always done it that way"! If we had, we would still be in a hole trying to see over the edge where the rest of the world resides.

Now we look forward to a future not only for ourselves but for those who follow. Seniors will always need friendship, fellowship, and freedom to practice them. We are building that place today right here, right now.

We have been the forgotten generation for so long. We start being excluded the minute we are considered seniors, by friends and family. Remind them that most of the new innovations come from elders who think outside the box. Seniors can actually say: "been there done that", why would we do it again, looking for a different outcome (a sign of insanity). Try a fresh start!

That's where we are today, fresh start, thinking outside the box.

TREASURERS REPORT

Linda Belding-Sheridan

As you may or may not know we are working very hard on trying to raise funds to purchase this facility. We have a deadline of September 30, 2016 to raise \$585,000 in some shape or form. This can be the whole amount, which we are hoping for, it could be \$170,000 which is the amount required for a down payment and financing the remaining \$415,000, or it can be a combination of several things. I am currently on a steering committee which is working on a capital campaign fund drive. This is still in the infancy stage but there is a super group of folks helping us and we will keep everyone informed as we move along. I would like to thank all of our members who have contributed to the down payment fund which currently totals \$31,502. There is a lot of support from the community; we just need to make our need known

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 833 members as of April 30, 2016. We continue to have newsletters returned to incorrect addresses. If you move please let us know so we can update. Also if you know of a member who has passed away let us know. We are thinking about doing away with membership cards starting in July of this year. Please let me know your feelings on this. We have ways of checking, in our system to check membership status.

NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

Doris Loveday

The kitchen is doing great due to the fantastic number of Senior Center members who are coming in on a daily basis and our special guests who come in for the Friday lunch. The kitchen has grown from day one; back when all we offered were hot dogs, to the full menu we now have available on a daily basis.

Cookie Sales are over the top. Since we now have two diligent cookie bakers, the kitchen has been offering new taste delights. We are barely able to get the cookies out of the oven and on the cookie plate before they are gone out the door. Thank you one and all for your purchases.

So what are we planning for the future? Well, as many of you know we have been talking about Mother's Day. (How did that get here so quickly?) The first weekend of May is the day before Mother's Day so we are planning a special menu for Saturday. How does French toast with a fruit compote, scrambled eggs and crisp bacon sound? I can hear the mmmm's even as I type. The food of course will be terrific but the service will be even better. Ladies you will get to sit down and be served. There will be men to do the work.

I should have started with the Friday lunch. Larry and Vivian, our cooks extraordinaire have come up with a terrific menu of Malibu Chicken, ham with scalloped potatoes.

Then of course in May the Roseburg Senior Center will be celebrating its 51st anniversary. Again Larry and Vivian have searched through their combined

history to come up with a fantastic meal of stuffed pork loin and shrimp linguini for the celebration. We will be having entertainment that day also. There is a group of musicians who come into the Café every Thursday to practice. They have agreed to play on the day we are celebrating our anniversary. We will have fine food, beautiful music and who knows maybe a trip around the dance floor too.

As I said, these musicians come in every Thursday morning to practice, so if you like good music come on down, have a cup of coffee and a cookie or a muffin and listen and then have lunch.

Hope to see you here, in the Kitchen

STEERING COMMITTEE LIASON REPORT

Treva Anderson

Meetings have been going very well with our potential contributors. The momentum and excitement from key individuals pertinent to this campaign has been building steadily. Even though deadlines for some of the foundations have been missed, new doors have been opened that allow us to buy more time to be the first ones in the running for fall deadlines and again, for the start of 2017.

Neighborworks Umpqua has offered to train the Senior Center Board and its members how to sustain its assets and build a strong board which can carry out specific tasks, proving to these foundations that the Senior Center is sustainable and qualified to manage a 2 million dollar asset.

The Steering Committee will lead us through to victory.

BUILD A HAT DAY

June Ervin

A lot of the ladies of our Center had fun decorating hats on April 21st getting ready for our upcoming tea. There was loads of flowers, tulle, trim of every color and enough feathers to make a good sized bird. Basic, plain hats of all sizes and colors were available for beautifying, and many lovely hats went home after the fun session. Our personal photographer, Ron Elliott, was on hand to be sure that all

who care to can see the beautiful creations. We will be making more, to sell, for those who may want to purchase a finished hat. Treva and Katie were both very helpful in designing hats for some of the “untrained” ladies. If you ask Treva, she will probably do one to match your costume, for you.

ENGLISH HIGH TEA

June Ervin

The ladies of the Senior Center are excited and looking forward to our first Tea to be held in our new building. Hats are being decorated, models have been selected to wear fashions from their own closet, and a caterer has been engaged for the scrumptious offerings planned. Co-chairs of this event are Doris and June.

M.C.: Rick Petty, Roseburg Tire Pro.

Narrator: Linda C. Cornett

Everyone is encouraged to wear a hat to our tea, in keeping with English tradition.

All the fun will happen May 21, 2016 from 1 PM to 3PM. Tickets are \$20.00.

Advance tickets went on sale at the front desk of the center on April 25th. Tickets may also be purchased from committee members. Space is limited, so get your ticket early. We expect to be sold out prior to the event. This is a fund raiser for our building fund.

FREE HEARING TESTS

Shawn Feddersen

We are pleased to announce that we now offer FREE hearing tests and hearing aid cleaning services! Hearing specialist Nick Schenfeld and assistant Shawn Feddersen will be here at the Senior Center on the last Wednesday of each month. A failed hearing screen warrants an exam to rule out impacted ear wax. If it is a more serious problem requiring referral or an indication that hearing aids are needed to improve and preserve hearing, they can schedule a full hearing exam at no charge! If you have any questions regarding a hearing screening, please contact Shawn at 541-537-4722.

Progress Report III

Ron Elliott

A lot has happened since our last Progress Report. The Grant Writer from Portland didn't work out. We learned a lot from him but, his methods just didn't work in Roseburg. Using the lessons we learned, we have contacted our local community leaders to raise funds to buy our building. The interest in the Senior Center is high. Everyone wants to help but, unfortunately, we have missed the cut off dates for the grants that became available in the spring. The next grant cycle is in the fall after our deadline to buy the building.

People are greatly impressed with what we have accomplished so far. However most are quick to point out that we lack the experience to operate a two million dollar piece of property. It is difficult to ask someone to donate the kind of funds we need, when they think we may lose our building through mismanagement. Our volunteers have done a wonderful job so far but we can't expect these same people to continue on forever. Neighbor Works Umpqua has offered to help us. They will train our Board Members in correct business procedures. With experienced people in place, an operating budget that shows a profit and an updated business plan, donors may be more willing to risk their money.

Our growth as a Senior Center has gone off the chart. Our original plan called for 500 members by this time and we are pushing 900. In 2014 there were 6,000 signatures on our sign-in sheets. In 2015 there were over 16,000 sign-ins. Bingo is growing, the kitchen is growing and our Friday Buffet is getting crowded. These are the facts that prove to our community leaders how valuable and important our Senior Center is to central Douglas County.

There will be changes and expenses as we grow. The little Social Club that was hidden in the basement of the County building on Madrone St. is gone. It is going to be replaced by an efficient well run facility where we can meet with our friends

for food and fun. We hope everyone will be able to withstand the discomfort of the growing pains that are sure to result. We have five months left to convince potential donors that we know what we are doing. We will have to make changes that may cause controversy. If we stay focused on the goal of buying this building, then all the changes and discomfort will be worthwhile.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Treva Anderson

Your Building Committee went with Merten from Neighbor Works Umpqua to attend a meeting of The Douglas County Industrial Board. The names of the people in attendance read like the Who's Who of central Douglas County. These are people who's businesses we all know. They were very sympathetic to the plight of the Senior Center and they didn't say no to the grant request that Merten made. But, they are hard headed business people. They want to see proof that we can run the Senior Center like a business.

The Ford Family Foundation has offered us a Technical Assistance Grant to help our Board Members learn the skills to buy, build and keep our own Center. The Board is all excited at the opportunity to learn. They are willing to go to the weekly training sessions. By having a well educated Board the donors may have more confidence in our ability to keep and run our own Senior Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Linda C. Cornett

Fri. May 6 Mothers Day Lunch at noon \$5 per person for everyone

Sat. May 7 Mothers Day Celebration Breakfast 8AM to noon \$5.

For this special breakfast, prepared and served to ladies at the table entirely by our gentlemen members and some young helpers.

Fri. May 13 Luncheon celebrating the 51st year of the Roseburg Senior Center \$5

Sat. May 21 English High Tea 1 to 3PM \$20 for ticket (advance sales only)

Tickets went on sale April 25 at the front desk at the center. May

Be purchased, also, from committee members.

Sat. June 4 Breakfast 8AM to noon \$5. This time served by ladies only, to everyone.

9AM-3PM Parking Lot Sale

Rent a space for \$10 to sell your own "stuff", or donate your items to the Senior Center, to be sold toward our building fund.

Hot Dogs and Soda will be on sale for lunch. This is a jointly sponsored event with SERVICE (South East Roseburg Voices in Community Enhancement).

Thurs. July 7 Graffiti Sock Hop 6-10PM \$5. Entry fee

Owners and companions of "CARS ON DISPLAY" will be free

DJ KLE3N will be spinning records for our dancing and listening pleasure again this year. Wear your 50 & 60's clothes, have dinner here and dance your socks off! Dinner will be BBQ style, to be announced at a later date.

This event is also co-sponsored by SERVICE.

