

# ROSEBURG SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

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November/December 2015

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tim Rogers

October, wow the time these last two months went by quickly because we have accomplished so much. Then again it is still moving very rapidly toward next September and our down payment. We have many hoops to jump through before that can happen. The major one is \$170,000. We need HELP! BIG HELP! Do not look to your board for more help look to yourselves. See what you can do. Your board and officers donate approximately 10,000 hours per year and the rest of the volunteers about 43,000 hours.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Linda Sheridan

Can you believe we signed the papers on leasing this building a year ago and here we are with only a year left on our option to purchase? I'm sure a lot of you know the situation we are in but many of you do not, so I am taking it upon myself to enlighten you. Within the next year, prior to October 1, 2016 we need to have \$170,000 as a down payment. I am hoping that all of you are on the same page in wanting to have this building as our forever home for the Senior Center. Not only for all of us now but for our children and grandchildren. I am at the Senior Center at least 3 to 4 days a week. What I have noticed is we have about 30 currently active volunteers who are there on a consistent basis. We currently have 672 members. What are the rest of you doing? We cannot survive with less than 1% of our membership actively trying to make a difference. We need volunteers to man the front desk. If you have 1 to four hours a week to help, please do. We always need help in the kitchen which is growing by leaps and bounds. We need volunteers for committees. We need volunteers to step up and help us with major funding campaigns. We need your help now because without it, in a year we will no longer have a building. A great place to start is with you, as members, to do what you can to support the Senior Center. You can talk to your friends about donating or making a pledge to the Senior Center. I have set up an account specifically to place all monies raised for the purpose of purchasing the building. If at the end of the year we are not able to purchase the

building, all monies in the account will be returned to the donor. If that should happen, we will not need any money because we will no longer have a Senior Center. If each of our 672 members contributed \$10 a month for the next 10 months that would be \$67,200 towards the \$170,000 needed for our down payment. We realize many of you cannot do \$10 a month but anything at all will be greatly appreciated and go to a good cause. I am appealing to you, our membership, and our reason for this building, to please think about what you can do to preserve the future for us and our seniors of the future.

NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN  
Doris Loveday

The kitchen is doing well. We have a weekly donation from Albertson's Bakery of cakes and goodies. But more important, we have had very generous donations from Center members also. The tomatoes came flowing in faster than we could cut them up and use them so we ended up freezing quite a few. Those tomatoes made the best Tomato – Basil soup for lunch one day. I have had many requests for a repeat of that soup. Unfortunately, next time it will have to be canned tomatoes.

Cucumber salads have been a steady diet for the Friday luncheon all summer along with squash-vegetable hot dishes.

I want to thank all those gardeners who have kept our kitchen supplied with all the fresh vegetables and fruit. With your help the kitchen has been able to serve wholesome meals to the seniors.

Larry Thompson, our Friday cook, has been coming in during the middle of the week to bake cookies and he really needs help. He comes in after the daily kitchen crew has left for the day and mixes up the batter and then comes in the following day to bake everything up. He needs HELP! If you are interested in helping call me, at 541-580-8673, and I will give Larry your name and you can work out a schedule. Thank you, Larry, for all your hard work. It's that kind of devotion that is making a success of the kitchen.

Come join us here in the kitchen to learn how to make Divinity Candy with Carol Gieselman on November 17 at 2PM. Cost is \$10 and you take candy home!

Remember, we are open from 11 am to 2 pm every day except Friday when we serve the Friday luncheon at 12 noon.  
See you in the kitchen!

P.S.

We are in desperate need of someone, or two or three to volunteer to help us keep our wonderful, beautiful finish on the kitchen floor clean. It must be cleaned on a regular basis and after a long shift in the kitchen; our cooks should not have to do it. WILL ANYONE STEP UP TO HELP US?

FLU SHOTS AT THE CENTER

Once again, this year, Hometown Drug pharmacist, Dawn Cai, came to our center and administered flu shots, as well as hepatitis, tetanus, chickenpox, and many other vaccination to

our seniors. We hope that Dawn will continue this very convenient service to us for our annual vaccinations. Thank you, Dawn!

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Since the last newsletter was published, the UCC tragedy occurred. Because of what happened, the Board of Directors has decided to share the income from our HALLOWEEN PARTY AND DANCE with UCC, giving them one half of the proceeds. We would very much like to donate the whole amount, but as you are all aware, we need the money too badly for our building fund, which was the original reason for this fund raiser. We feel sure that all our membership will be happy with our decision.

Costumes are encouraged, but all will be very welcome without one! A silent auction will be held, as well. The entrance fee is \$5 at the door. There will be prizes for the best costumes so come, have fun and have dinner for only \$5 per person, member or not.

### BINGO UPDATE

Lisa Schrader

If you haven't been to BINGO in a while, you are missing out!

Monday penny Bingo	1:00 to 3:30 PM
Wednesday Bingo	1:00 to 3:30 PM
Friday Bingo	6:30 to 9:30 PM

Programs and prices are available at your Roseburg Senior Center. Bingo cards may not be purchased or played other than at the approved location of the licensee's game. A player must be present to win. Bingo committee meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. Advice will be posted, on the Board at the end of cabinet in the Bingo area, whether or not the meeting will be held that month. There is not always a need to meet every month. If you have any questions, comments or complaints you may contact me at 541-673-8883. For the months of September thru December we will be collecting 2 CANS of food for 1 double action paper, on Fridays only. Cans of food will be used to make our baskets in December, with any remaining food donated to UCAN.

Come have fun and WIN! Help your Senior Center!!

Chairman: Lisa Schrader

Back up to chair: Val Ashcraft, who also orders our supplies and sends reports.

PINOCHLE NEWS  
Mary Spangler

For the next two months, November and December, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, we are going to be playing Pinochle, in addition to our regular Tuesday game. We will play at 9:00AM, giving us time to have breakfast here, before we play. If it proves to be popular, we will continue games on the first Saturday of each month.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Doris Loveday

In the past, we have traditionally had our holiday luncheon the Friday prior to Thanksgiving due to our Center being in a public building that closed the day afterwards.

Now, in our own building, we will have our luncheon the Friday after, November 27 from noon to 1PM as we have every week since we finished our new kitchen. The meal will feature a complete holiday fare from salad to pumpkin pie and everything in between.

If a big day of shopping is on your agenda, come on by at noon and have lunch with us!

TREE TRIMMING PARTY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5 for our annual Tree Trimming PARTY at the Center from 2 to 4 PM.

The tree will be donated to us by Linda Sheridan and her husband again this year. Bring an ornament to give to the Center for our tree and a favorite snack/finger food to share. The Center kitchen will provide coffee and hot cider for your pleasure.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Once again this year, our Senior Center will provide several baskets for needy families for Christmas. It will be decided at the next board meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup>, which school or organization will be helped this year.

Beginning the first of November, there will be a large container in the main room of the Center marked "Christmas Baskets" for donations of canned food, hats, gloves and mittens, and scarves. You can also give money, put into an envelope marked Christmas Basket and give to Linda Sheridan, our treasurer, or to any board member, to insure proper handling. Funds will be used to buy additional food to make a complete dinner for each basket, as well as a small gift for each child, age appropriate. Gift certificates from Sherm's can also be donated instead of money.

This very important project will be headed up by Katy Scaranito and Louise Piazza.

Let's all turn out to do something to make a few children have a happier Christmas this year!

## NEWSLETTER INFO

June Ervin

In an effort to save money on the expense of sending out the newsletter, we have the following advice to all our members:

If you have provided us with your email address when you joined, or later, we will be sending out your newsletter via email beginning with the first printing in 2016.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER VIA EMAIL, YOU MUST ADVISE US, TO REQUEST A HARD COPY VIA US POSTAL SERVICE. Be sure we have your current address, as we continue to have MANY letters returned because of bad addresses every mailing. That costs us money we do not need to spend!

Beginning in January, any member who is 90 DAYS IN ARREARS with their dues WILL NOT be sent a newsletter at all.

## ELECTION RESULTS 2015

Treva Anderson

The results of our recent election are as follows:

Officers: President: Tim Rogers, Vice President: Will Hooper, Secretary: Peggy Mark

New Board Members: Brad Crenshaw, Doris Loveday, and Louise Piazza

Thank you to all that made the effort to come and vote. We all need to support our Senior Center by donating our time and money.

Climb Ginnigan, Climb  
Ron Elliott

When I was a child, my parent's bed was way over my head. Any time my parents laid on the bed together I would beg to join them. After I whined and pleaded my Dad would finally reach over the side of the bed, grab hold of the seat of my pants and tell me to, "Climb Ginnigan, Climb!" I would climb the side of the massive bed while he pulled me up. I would wiggle in between Mom & Dad until they couldn't stand it anymore and had to get up.

One day all my pleading and whining was being ignored. After begging for what seemed like eternity I grabbed the seat of my own pants, pulled up and yelled, "Climb Ginnigan, Climb!" My parents died laughing. Dad reached down, grabbed the seat of my pants and pulled me up into the cuddly warm bed.

Over the years I have found myself in situations that seemed to be insurmountable. When faced with these dilemmas I have grabbed the seat of my own pants and pulled myself over these obstacles. The yell is optional but I have always used it.

**"Climb Ginnigan, Climb"**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Linda Cornett

Haunted Barn Dance, Hobo Stew Dinner, and Fund Raiser on October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6pm to 10pm. There will also be silent auction items to bid on. Remember, we are giving 50% of the proceeds to UCC tragedy! The entrance fee is \$5 and the cost of dinner will also be \$5. **Come and keep Roseburg Strong!!!**

Saturday Breakfast November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$5 from 8am to noon.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday hours 10am to 4pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm. Come and do your Holiday shopping and maybe win a door prize.

Tree decorating party December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. Bring your favorite finger food to share and something to put on the tree or decorate the center. We have some things from last year but can always use more!

We are looking for a person to plan the New Year's Eve Party. Contact Linda Sheridan or Linda Cornett at the Center. Remember there are many members and we need your help, sometimes. Maybe today is your day to help!

For upcoming tours contact Val at 541-680-4813.

Do you want to have a party to celebrate one year in our new building? Is there something you would like to do to help raise the funds to buy the building we are leasing? Contact Linda Cornett 541-673-9066.

I want to thank everyone that has helped keep the senior center running and have donated their time money, and their help. **A BIG THANK YOU**

## ROSEBURG SENIOR CENTER, INC.

The Center needs the memberships help to secure our current facility. The board of directors is working to get grants but the Center still needs daily working Capital to keep the doors open and the heat on. There are now 672 registered members. Over one thousand people have been coming through the front door over the last six months.

These two items alone prove this Center is valuable to the community. Bingo participation has grown. The Friday Luncheon has grown. The Saturday breakfasts are growing. There is no doubt this Center is important.

But all these programs do not ensure our being able to purchase the building. We need a Capital Fund Raising Campaign.

"How can I help?" you ask. Monthly commitments for one year of \$10.00 - \$20.00 - \$50.00 - \$100.00 are all options to consider. I know personally what I can donate and we as board members ask only that you help when and as often as you can. 672 members at \$10.00 per month would make half of the down payment. At \$20.00 per month we would have the whole down payment.

ROSEBURG SENIOR CENTER, INC.  
PLEDGE –DONATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby pledge to the Roseburg Senior Center, Inc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ once a month for the following 12 months to help with the down payment for the purchase of the Roseburg Senior Center located at 1614 SE Stephens Street, Roseburg, OR.

Roseburg Senior Center, Inc. pledges to return all monies if it is not able to purchase said building and has to close its doors.

Signature-----

Print Name-----

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