

# **ROSEBURG SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER**

**September-October 2016**

## **President's Corner**

**Tim Rogers**

What! Newsletter is due already? That's what most of us say when we are not prepared for the deadline. We all have deadlines to meet for one thing or another.

Believe it or not there are people here who have put their lives on hold and have worked endlessly to meet the September deadline for the Senior Center. It would be criminal not to meet the deadline.

We have over 800 people, some with the ability to volunteer or be a Board member. The normal quotient of volunteers to membership is 10%, we stand at 3% or less. This indifference could eventually close the Senior Center. It takes a lot of "hard work" with "no pay" to keep this Senior Center running. Remember that as you lay your head down and have those sweet dreams. "Maybe you can make them sweeter, just by volunteering and carrying part of the load".

## **Treasurers Report**

**Linda Sheridan**

We are working hard to save this building. We have 2 loan applications in the works, one with Banner Bank and the other is with a Rural Development program back east in Maine. This is a brand new program that just started this summer. This would be a 1.5-2.5%

interest loan for 7 years. We have also done a grant request to The Ford Family Foundation for \$200,000 but will not know the outcome until November 2016. We received \$20,000 from Andrew and Shirley Kahn. They are not members but feel the Senior Center is a good cause. Riverview Terrace also donated \$2,705.10 with funds they wished to go to a senior organization in our area. We need more people like them to step up and help us. At this point I am crossing my fingers, toes, and doing anything else I can think of to keep the Senior Center in this location. We will need to make a decision by mid to end of September as to what we are going to do. The bank requires us to pay an additional \$100,000 non-refundable payment to them at the end of September if we are going to keep this building; so we have a lot riding on securing a loan. We will still have a Senior Center, it just may be in a different location; no kitchen, just a Bingo Hall and social club once again.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **June Ervin**

The election of Board of Directors will be held on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> with voting starting at 11:30, following our annual open board meeting, run thru the beginning of lunch and close at 12:30. Results will be announced after lunch. The election committee members are: Val Ashcraft, chair and Louise Piazza, Connie Hayes and Jan Sperry. As of this writing we have 6 people running for the three open positions on the board. This includes the treasurer, which was misstated in the last newsletter as an office not open, plus two directors.

## **Recipe Book**

This is a reminder that we are planning to print a small book of family recipes, as a fund raiser. We would like to have it ready by spring and it will take a while to compile, edit and get printed. There are forms at the front desk with directions how to submit your entry. Family recipes and long time favorites are always a hit with cooks so please share your family's private collection with us!

## **Newsletter**

### **June Ervin**

We have had a member volunteer to print our newsletter for us with our only cost being paper. What a savings for us.

This issue is our first to be printed this way and our "turn around" time will be only a couple of days. This will mean our letters will once again be available in a timely manner by the first of the month of issue.

Remember, we will no longer mail copies so you will need to pick up your issue at the Senior Center front desk. The calendar will continue to be enclosed, and extra copies available thru the two months covered. You can continue to read the newsletter on line at [www.roseburgseniorcenter.org](http://www.roseburgseniorcenter.org).

This is a reminder to anyone who submits an article to the newsletter. If you place an item in my box to be printed, IT MUST HAVE A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER on it. This is the only way I have to verify the content before it is printed. The only exception to this is if you talk to me directly about your article.

## **NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN**

## **Doris Loveday**

Did you know that it was in September 2012 that the kitchen first served a meal to Bingo? As everyone knows, the Senior Center used to have a Pot Luck every Friday since...forever. It was the day of the Annual Meeting and pizza was served that day so that the kitchen crew could participate in the election of board members. At the close of the lunch/meeting there was pizza left over. The kitchen staff worried about what to do with the leftovers. So, one of the board members, Treva Anderson, who is still a Bingo player, decided to sell the Pizza at Bingo on that Friday night.

On Monday morning, the President Dale Roark, went and talked with the county office staff to make sure the Senior Center could open a snack bar, because we were at that time in a county owned facility. The county OK'd the proposition and the 50+ Café was born.

That first six weeks a lot of changes were made. What started out as a snack bar serving only hot dogs and chips quickly grew to hot soup, sandwiches and what we now have. During that first six weeks we sold \$782.38 worth of hot dogs, soup, chips and soda.

The kitchen has continued to grow over the last four years and while we aren't making a huge profit we do pay for the groceries and contribute to the operating fund.

Why am I telling you this story? This is your story. Without you, our members and customers, there would be no kitchen. There would be no Friday Luncheon. There would be no Saturday morning breakfasts. You, the members, by coming in for lunch before Bingo or Pinochle or card games, have made the kitchen a success.

I, and the rest of the kitchen staff, want to thank you for supporting the kitchen and in doing so, supporting the Senior Center. Without your support there would be no 50+ Café'. And on that note, there can be no Senior Center without your continued support. Let's keep our Center open and running for the next 50 years.

### **COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED**

The kitchen is in desperate need of a group to make cookies on a regular basis. Our last cookie baker is no longer available. I do not feel I can ask my kitchen staff to stay and make cookies after they have already worked 6 or 8 hours making lunch.

A group of 3 or 4 folks, who like to bake, working together, a couple times a month, can provide a steady supply of homemade goodies for all us to enjoy.

I will be happy to be here to open the door after hours or on a Sunday, and stay to advise you on the oven, etc. My license will cover anyone who is without one.

If we do not have someone step up we will be back to having only store bought cookies, perhaps at a higher price, depending on our outside supplier. Everyone who eats cookies knows they just aren't the same as "home" baked ones we make.

**PLEASE HELP US OUT!**

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Plans are being made for a Halloween Party again this year.

A Barn Dance with country music for dancing, games, and food for purchase, is in the works now. Wear your country duds, boots if you have 'em and come on out for a great time and help to further support our Senior Center. Costumes are optional.

Watch for posters in October to give you more information.

### **FLU SHOTS**

Flu Shots will again be given at the Senior Center during the Wellness Fair on October 27<sup>th</sup> by Hometown Drug. Mark your calendar to get your flu protection for this winter.

### **BINGO UPDATE**

**Lisa Schrader**

Are you missing out on Bingo?

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 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. Information will be posted on the Board (or wall) between the Bingo area and the Computer room, and on the monthly calendar. There is not always a need to meet every month, so sometimes it will not be posted. We have changed our Red strip block-out from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for 47 #'s, down to \$99.00 must go. Come check us out. **WE HAVE NEW HARD CARDS!**

If you have any questions, comments or complaints you may contact me at 541-643-8883. We are still collecting canned food for UCAN. Wednesday is a free paper for 2 cans/boxes of food. Friday is on-going at 4 cans for one "6 on" packet, 3 cans for one early bird packet. We have donated many cans of food to UCAN already. Keep up the good work!

Come have fun and WIN! Help your Senior Center!

Val Ashcraft is our back-up chair, who also orders our supplies.

Jan Sperry is in charge of Monday Bingo.

On August 12, during Friday night Bingo, a blanket made by Margaret Thompson was raffled off. The result made \$150 for the Senior Center! Thank you, Margaret!

### **CRIBBAGE**

**Brad Crenshaw**

Cribbage is growing slowly with anywhere from 4 to 8 players on Thursday at 1 PM.

### **PINOCHLE**

**Brad Crenshaw**

Pinochle is doing well, and is giving the Center around \$100 a month; remember we have Pinochle on both Tuesday and Thursday at 1 PM. Thank you, Lynde, for taking care of Pinochle on Thursdays.

### **PUBLICITY & UP COMING EVENTS**

**Linda M. Cornett**

We are collecting school supplies for the children at Fir Grove Elementary School. Bring something and help the children have a wonderful and happy school year! Place your items in the box provided on the “refreshment counter” in the main room of the Senior Center (where the old kitchen area used to be). The children will thank you for your kindness.

## September

3<sup>rd</sup>: Breakfast 8am to noon, \$5

5<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day CENTER WILL BE CLOSED, NO BINGO

9<sup>th</sup>: Elections, Open board meeting and luncheon

17<sup>th</sup>: Trip to Depoe Bay Salmon Bake, cost \$73 members

24<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Social FREE 1pm to 3pm, come and meet the board members

26<sup>th</sup>: Annual RSVP Volunteer Luncheon at DC Fairgrounds, NO BINGO

## October

1<sup>st</sup>: Breakfast 8 AM to noon, \$5

15<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast 8 AM to noon, \$5

27<sup>th</sup>: Senior Wellness Fair, 9AM - 4 pm FREE

**Speakers:** Scam alerts, Overview dementia, Tax strategies

**Vendors:** Adult people with disabilities, Commission of the blind, Dimes,

Hometown drugs w/flu shots, Dental screening, Pre-arranged funeral insurance, Lincare, VA, YMCA - programs available, Tai Chi, massage therapy, Ombudsman

Lunch with be \$5.00

29<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Barn Dance \$5      Food available for purchase

**Donations gladly accepted to support Senior Center**

Hostesses for the event are:

Lisa Schrader AFH, Director RSC

Kimberly Reilly MA, CAGS

Jeanne L. Wright SS, Area Agency on Aging Director

For more information, contact the senior center at 541-671-2634 ask to speak with a board member

## **November**

5<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast 8 am to noon, \$5

19<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast 8 am to noon, \$5

11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day Luncheon

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Annual Holiday Bazaar

24<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day, CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

25<sup>th</sup>: Traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon

**You are what make the Roseburg Senior Center a home, not the building.**

**Remember there will always be a senior center; even if we may not get to purchase this building.**