



Canyon Lake Senior Center

February 2010 Online Newsletter

Prez Sez

By Marvin Espeland

Last month I talked about the “spunkiness” shown by several of our members who created new opportunities to meet the needs of the Center (generally financial needs). We appreciate them immensely. They form one of these two main economic lifelines that keep our Center alive.

The other lifeline is the program, and the leaders thereof that are successful year after year in providing on-going efforts, both financially as well as in the social/recreational arena. Page 2 of our *Senior Citizens News* is filled with activity programs along with their leaders.

If I were to render a salute to those most responsible for the success of our Center, it would be to the leaders of our lifelines. There are too many to name and address individually.

I wish to thank two of our stalwart, dedicated leaders who have chosen to reduce their commitments to the Center. Marilyn Bergman and Rose VanBlaricum, we salute you both as our gesture of appreciation. Thanks so much.

Whatever you do, don't become strangers here at the Center and may God bless you along the way.

Memorandum from Michael

By Michael LaBelle

February is upon us and the first change of the New Year will happen this month. For members with birthdays in January, February and March we will have the first quarter 2010 birthday celebration on February 16. Mark your calendars and come by the Center for the celebration.

With the end of the first quarter, 2010 also will be the time you need to make sure that your 2010 membership dues have been paid. We will clean up the membership list by removing 2009 members who haven't renewed on or about February 18. To remain on our mailing list, get your membership current for 2010.

Finally, the subject of fund raising needs to be on everybody's mind. In 2009, individuals sponsored events from dinners in their homes, to baked good sales, enchilada meals and several others. The best ideas come from concerned members. Put on your thinking hats and come up

with new and innovative ways to and to allow others the opportunity to support our Center. By helping in that way, you will leave a legacy for which you can be proud.

AARP Tax Aide

By John Wolf, AARP

AARP Tax Aide is offering free tax preparation for taxpayers starting in February 2010 for doing 2009 taxes. You do not have to be an AARP member or a specific age to take advantage of this free service.

Tax preparers at these sites have taken an extensive course and have passed a tax exam to become IRS certified. This service is available at the following locations:

Canyon Lake Senior Center
2900 Canyon Lake Drive
Every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.
Every Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Beginning February 3 through April 14
605-721-8710
Walk in –Sign up roster

Minneluzahan Senior Center
315 North 4th Street
Every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Starting February 3 through April 14
Call for an appointment
605-394-1887

Please bring the following: Copy of last year's taxes. Photo identification. Social Security cards for taxpayer, spouse and dependents, 3all other income statements and information on deductions, as well as property taxes paid.

Membership Recruitment

By Regie Lewis, Membership Committee

Any current members who recruit two new members for 2010 will receive two tickets for a dinner or two dance tickets at Canyon Lake Senior Center and their names will be included in a drawing on April 28 for a \$50 certificate to a local restaurant.

CLSC Seeking Hiking Leaders

By Marvin Espeland

Looking for someone with a business card that reads "Have hiking compass-will lead."

It is that time of the year when our hiking program needs to assemble the interested parties to develop a hiking program for the year.

This year, neither Wes Stromberg nor Marvin Espeland, our two activity leaders for the past several years, is going to be able to devote any significant time to the program. In short, we need new leadership for the hiking program.

We have scheduled a hiking planning meeting for March 4 at 9 a.m. in the Main Room. LaVonne will represent the Center to assure that any dates selected for hikes are compatible with the Center's activities. It will be up to the hikers who attend the meeting to develop a hiking program and, maybe, someone will step forward to be the leader.

We wish success in this program. It is an important activity offered by the Center as we have hiking opportunities here in the Black Hills that are exceptional. Plus, it is an activity that enhances the physical well being of the participants, something we seniors most definitely need.

Good luck! We'll be anxiously awaiting the results of this meeting.

Garden Plots Update

By Lyle Petersen

Canyon Lake Senior Center garden plots for the 2010 growing season can now be reserved. Plots, approximately 5 feet by 50 feet including water, will cost \$20 each again this year. The plots from last year are reserved in your names through February 15. If you have not paid your Center and plots dues by this date, your plots will be assigned to someone on the waiting list.

If you are one of the older gardeners that hold two plots, and you are willing to give one up, please call Lyle Petersen at 787-4167. New Gardeners are limited to one plot. We will make every effort to have compost available for you to place on your plot prior to spring tilling.

A "Rules of The Road" meeting for gardeners will be held in early April. In the meantime think green.

Computer Room Schedule

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There will be restricted use of the Computer Room for the 2009 tax year, during the first part of the 2010 calendar year. AARP will help those who need tax aide.

The schedule is as follows:

Starting: Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 through Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Wednesdays: 12 noon through 4:30 p.m.

Fridays: 8 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.

Intermediate Bridge Class

By Mary Pettingell

Intermediate bridge classes will begin Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.; thereafter, classes will begin at 9 a.m. Classes last 10 weeks, ending on April 6.

We will be using the text *Intermediate Bridge Five Cards Major* by Shirley Silverman. The student text can be purchased for \$6 at the first class.

Instructors will be Lyle Peters at 716-2568, Rudy Mooney at 343-6791 and Mary Pettingell at 391-0509. If you have questions, contact one of the instructors listed here.

If you are interested in a beginning bridge class, call Mary at 391-0509.

Birthday Party Schedule

By Programs and Planning Committee

Birthdays will be celebrated quarterly. The birthday people will no longer be reminded by telephone. Schedule:

Tuesday, Feb. 16: January, February and March birthdays will be celebrated.

Tuesday, May 18: April, May and June birthdays will be celebrated.

Tuesday, Aug. 17: July, August and September birthdays will be celebrated.

Tuesday, Nov. 16: October, November and December birthdays will be celebrated.

All quarterly birthday parties will begin at 2 p.m. in the Main Room.

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