

# SAGEBRUSH SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## From the President....

Our snowbird friends left to soon. We are having perfect weather; I'm not sure how long it will last. I am planning on a long & perfect fall.

They are talking about 90 degrees in Sun City, that's too hot for me.

The trick or treaters will be knocking on our doors very soon; the little ones are so cute. Our neighbor's get about 400, we hardly get any, I'm jealous. If you don't want to stay home, we will have Mexican train at the senior center, Monday night.

The Nov. 10 potluck will be turkey dinner cooked & served by the board, social hour is at 5. We will have election of board members and our yearly general meeting. Hope to have some entertainment and we will certainly honor our Veteran's. Please try & join us.

We will have breakfast the first Thursday in Nov. & Dec. Once a month only, there are not enough cooks and helpers.

Mark your calendar for Dec. 3 for a beautiful trip to Leavenworth via bus, cost is \$55. Kathy Meredith is in charge & a signup sheet will be at the senior center; join us for Christmas shopping and good things to eat.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family & friends. Eat lots of Turkey & pumpkin pie, & give lots of hugs.

Jackie Bardwell

## 2011 BOARD MEMBERS

Jackie Bardwell	Pres	932-5567
Edna Vance	Vice	932-5904
Kathy Meredith	Sec.	932-4496
Susie Jepson	Treas.	932-5075
Art Barron		932-6493
Cheryl Wolff		932-0822
Rae Truax		932-4553
Keith Gilchrist		932-5312
Judy Norberg		932-4399



## Minutes of the Sagebrush Senior Center – October 3, 2011

- The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by President, Jackie Bardwell. Members present were: Jackie Bardwell, Rae Truax, Edna Vance, Art Barron, Kathy Meredith and Susie Jepson. Keith Gilchrist, Judy Norberg and Cheryl Wolff were excused.
- The minutes of September 7<sup>th</sup> were corrected to indicate that Rae Truax was present.

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- Susie gave the treasurer's report. We have a current balance of \$73,675.34. We will get a CD for \$10,000.00 out of our savings account. Bingo is still our main moneymaker. We are doing well and projected income will be above last year.
  - Jackie will send cards to George Bourbonnie and Walt Hawkins. She also sent a card to Norbergs.
  - Breakfast: We will just do breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday only in November and December. There will be no breakfast in January and February at this point due to a lack of volunteers. We will re-evaluate as the time comes closer.
  - Bingo: We are training some new callers. We can still use more volunteers though. We will continue hotdogs and pizza for right now.
  - Maintenance: The pop machine has been acting up. It is currently working, but we may need to consider purchasing a newer model.
  - Executive Session was called at 4:00 p.m. for 15 minutes. Meeting reconvened at 4:15 p.m.
- Old Business:**
- Men's club breakfast had 56 in attendance. A bill will be sent.
  - Nominating Committee has not been very successful in getting additional members to run for the board. Jackie would consider running again if the by-law change is passed to allow another term.
  - We will ask for additional help at the potluck. We will have the ballot for the by-law changes to vote on in October.
  - It was moved and seconded by Edna Vance and Art Barron to donate \$400.00 to Cozy Comforts. Motion carried.
  - Christmas Lighting trip to Leavenworth will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost this year will be \$55.00. Kathy will have a sign-up sheet. (This is also the Cozy Comfort bazaar). Rae will check to see if we could either have those attending the Leavenworth trip preview the auction items prior to leaving for Leavenworth or maybe the night before. This is the only day they are doing the trip to Leavenworth this year, so a date change isn't possible.
  - By-law proposed changes will be read at the meeting in October.
  - Thanksgiving Baskets: so far none of the board has received any names.
- New Business:**
- October Potluck hosts are the Truax's, McCaffrey's, and Hawkins'. Edna will get the liquor permit for this month. Rae will get in the future.
  - We will do a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will go to our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.
  - We still need the ovens looked at. Kathy will have her husband Paul, look at them and see if we can get them repaired.
  - Two roasters were donated to the Wahluke Enrichment Organization.
  - November Potluck will be hosted by the board. Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, and Rolls will be provided. Members will be asked to provide side dishes and desserts. Since we have a pretty full meeting, we may not have entertainment, but we will try to get something scheduled for December.
  - Susie asked if anyone could design new letterhead in "Word". Kathy volunteered.
  - Rae Truax moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Meredith, Secretary

**DESERT AIRE CITIZENS PATROL WISHES ALL OF YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

As we go into this upcoming holiday season we want to remind all that with darkness coming earlier every week to be very vigilant when you drive around Desert Aire.

The speed limit is still 25 MPH on all streets in DA.

Halloween is the time for all of us to be watchful for all the children and adults out there trick or treating. PLEASE BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

Please join the **DESERT AIRE CITIZENS PATROL**. We need help and we need it now. Drivers receive 3 gallons of fuel per shift. Call Mike Wolff at 932-0822, Walt Hawkins at 932-2463 or Larry Bonander at 932-5183. As we enter the fall and winter months a few of our members go south for the winter and we need replacements for them.

**HOME WATCH FORMS**

We have installed a box on the exterior wall of the C.O.P. shop (across Desert Aire Drive from the Shell station) filled with blank HOME WATCH forms and a mail slot in the door to put the completed HOME WATCH forms. You may also mail the completed forms to D.A.C.P., PO Box 1657, Mattawa, WA 99349. These forms are also on the Center's website at [www.sagebrushcenter.com](http://www.sagebrushcenter.com) under "Other Information".

**UNIFORM ADDRESS MARKERS**

We are having trouble reading some of the home numbers here in Desert Aire. The DAOA office has a form that you can fill out to have reflective home numbers placed on your lot for a fee of \$10.00. This form will also be in the box on the outside wall of our building. This is a small price to pay for the secure feeling that emergency personnel will be able to find your home quickly.

**WALKING SAFELY AT DUSK**

When walking at dusk, be aware that drivers may have trouble seeing you if you are wearing dark colored clothing. Please wear light colored clothing, Walk on the left side of the road facing the oncoming traffic and take a flashlight with you.

Your Desert Aire Citizens Patrol Wish all of you a Safe and happy Holiday season.

Thank you, and be safe!

Mike Wolff,

President

DA Citizens Patrol



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**BALLOT FOR THE 2012 SAGEBRUSH SENIOR CENTER BOARD**

Please vote for three



Jackie Bardwell



Jeanine Buchanan



Rae Truax



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**Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Trip**

We have arranged for a bus tour to Leavenworth for the Christmas Lighting Tour on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost of the trip is \$55.00. The bus will pick us up at the Senior Center about 8:15 a.m. and will return about 8:00 p.m. There will be a dinner stop at the McDonald's in Quincy.

We will have you send in your own checks to: Travel Leaders, 4607 Clearwater, Kennewick, WA 99336 for the \$55.00 per/person. Please send to the attention of Amanda and include "Desert Aire Group" and the names of the people you are paying for. If we get enough interest, we may be able to have our own bus. Those of us that went last year had a wonderful time, and it was great to not have to worry about driving in the snow and having great parking! The bus driver also allowed us to come back to store any packages we may have purchased! Plan to join us for this wonderful time to start off our Christmas celebrations. Leavenworth really is a magical time during the holidays. For further information, feel free to call Kathy Meredith @ 932-4496 or 770-0626.

**BINGO Helpers Needed for the Winter Months**

On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we gave away \$125 for our Crazy Pyramid game. On Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, our big game was not won even though it was up to 60 numbers. That is the \$500 prize and it is waiting for YOU. We did give away 2 prizes worth \$101 and \$107, which made 2 people very happy. Our attendance has been down as some of our big supporters have headed for warmer weather already. Come and bring your neighbor for a fun night out.

## 2012 Dues

Our dues will be the same for 2012 - \$12.50 per person. We have already received several checks, especially from our members who are heading south. We also have the application on our website under "Other Information" if you would like to print it off and mail it with your check. For those of you who have not renewed by mid-December, we will send invoices out and they will be due no later than the end of Feb. It helps us tremendously if you pay by then so we do not have to send reminders or remove anyone from our roster and newsletter mailings. There are so many benefits to belonging to our center, just a few are:

Monthly Potlucks

Games – Mexican Train, Poker, Bunco, Pinochle, winter games competition

Trips

Newsletter

Quilting

Library

Pool Table

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

It is a great way to meet people and have lots of fun.....

Any new member who joins now will be paid through 12/2012 and get to enjoy the holidays with us. If you know of anyone new to the area, bring them to our Thanksgiving potluck so they can see what we have to offer and have a great meal.

### **HAVE YOU SAVED THE DATE!!**

As announced in last month's newsletter, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Annual Cozy Comforts Holiday Sale which will be here in no time! Halloween just passed and Thanksgiving is coming soon then Cozy Comforts Holiday Bazaar will make your Christmas shopping easier. Plans are being finalized to make this year's bazaar the best ever. This is our major fundraising event of the year and we hope all of you will continue your generosity of supporting our efforts to provide blankets to children in crisis.

We will have our usual array of delicious food items from baked goods – pies, cakes, cookies etc. Plus munchies snacks, candy, fudge and more. We will also be serving a soup lunch Rae Truax will again be in the kitchen creating wonderful lunch items. We will have soup, crackers and a desert item. You know it will be good with Rae doing the cooking! There will also be a variety of handmade gift items from placemats and napkins to food gifts in a jar. All to help you get started with your Christmas shopping. This year we will have a "silent action" this will include afghans, quilts and much more. We are now selling tickets for the raffle. Raffle items are outstanding this year and at a ticket price of \$1, it's a bargain! To purchase raffle tickets, contact Sharon Stevens, 932-4414, or come by the Senior Center any Friday afternoon between 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. For more information please contact Ellen Ronholt 932-4328, Barb Hawkins 932-2463, Karen Hatfield 331-7028 or Diane Hanson 932-4039. Please mark your calendar NOT TO BE MISSED DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Veterans Day Concert

The senior center members have been invited to attend a Veterans Day Concert at Saddle Mountain Elementary School in Mattawa on November 10th at 2:00 p.m. Veterans will be honored and the students will perform several patriotic songs. Please plan to attend if you'd like an enjoyable hour to honor those who serve or have served in our military. Saddle Mountain Elementary is located at 500 Riverview (turn at the Town Hall and head north).

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2011

The regular general meeting of the Sagebrush Senior Center was called to order by President, Jackie Bardwell at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

The board will host the next two potlucks in November and December. Turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy and rolls will be provided in November. Members were asked to bring side dishes and dessert.

Jackie turned the meeting over to Kathy Meredith who read the proposed By-law changes that were handed out last month and also printed in the newsletter. It was moved and seconded to accept the changes. Motion carried. The bylaws will be available in print for those who would like a copy and will also be posted on the website. The main change was to Article V in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph to allow board members to serve **2- three year terms**.

Susie reported on Bingo. We will probably make over \$15,000 profit this year. This is a huge amount of our whole Senior Center budget. We desperately need workers. We also need helpers to sign up for the potlucks, breakfast and other events. The board just can't do everything and it is very hard to schedule things with so many gone for a good portion of the year. Please volunteer!

We will be arranging for a trip to Leavenworth on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$55.00 and the bus will leave from the Senior Center. More information will be provided in the newsletter and a sign-up sheet will be available.

A small thank you was given to Edna Vance for all of her hard work on the breakfasts. Prizes were given to the best costumes. Winners were Paul Meredith, Edna Vance and Sue Roy. 50/50 raffle was won by Paul Meredith. Door prizes were given away and a great dinner was enjoyed by all!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Meredith, Secretary

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### November Anniversaries

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11/6	JACK & BETTE	POGORELC
11/20	LARRY & NANCY	BONANDER
11/23	JOHN & MYRA	BEARD
11/23	FERRIS & JOANN	PUGSLEY

### November Potluck

November Potluck will be hosted by the board. Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, gravy, and Rolls will be provided. Members will be asked to provide side dishes, salads and desserts.

### Only November breakfast November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hash Brown Breakfast Squares  
English muffin  
Fruit, Orange Juice, Coffee



NOTE: Kathy Wright of the Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington organization will be available at this breakfast to take your blood pressure reading.



### November Birthdays

11/02	DOUG	HUNTER
11/03	DOUG	JEPSON
11/06	HENRY	BISE
11/06	BETTY	HOCKMAN
11/06	JUANITA	MOTT
11/06	SUE	ROY
11/7	Mary	Merritt
11/09	MARILYN	CANTRELL
11/10	DIANE	NELSON
11/11	CHERYL	WOLFF
11/13	JUDY	MAIN
11/14	DAVID	PATTERSON
11/15	LINDA	WEBER
11/18	GEORGE (JOE)	ASTLER
11/18	JUDY	NEUFELD
11/18	JOHN	SOLHEIM
11/19	KAREN	HATFIELD
11/19	JEANNINE	BUCHANAN
11/20	BARBARA	GILCHRIST
11/21	LINDA	MALETTA
11/22	TERRY	AHRENS
11/22	PHYLLIS	SIVILLS
11/23	RODGER	YORK
11/24	PAUL	NEIL
11/24	JOHN	KRONHOLM
11/29	KEVIN	HANSON



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