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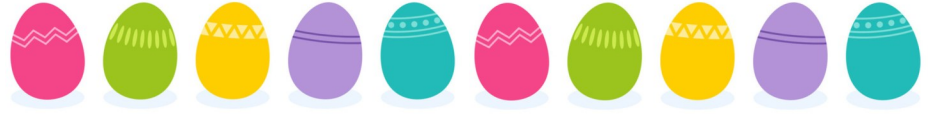
April 2025 - Volume IV

Hello all :

We had a great March Birthday Luncheon. The Pagoda Restaurant of North Pole was able to cook Mongolian Beef & Chicken for us since we did not have a volunteer this month to cook. We kept the cost for lunch the same and used some of our kitchen funds to make up the difference in the cost. We just broke even on our birthday lunch.

We are putting on a chili cook off, 10 dollars to enter your chili. I encourage all of you who can cook to enter. This is a Parking Lot Re-Paving fundraiser! We are currently on our way to collecting monies to offset the loan we will be taking out to finish paying the balance of our parking lot re-do. Checks, credit cards, or cash accepted. All those who donate will get to write your name on the parking lot after it is complete!

Your President,
 Joe Gelinas



Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.
 101 E. 5th Avenue
 North Pole, Alaska 99705



Our Mission is to create inviting enjoyable programs that encourage older adults to use their skills, develop their potential, and continue involvement in the community.

**Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc.
2025 Board of Directors:**

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Parliamentarian: Cora Williams

The Board of Directors Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be April 9th at 1pm.

The Meeting Minutes can be found on our website:
www.santaseniors.com

Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

- ◆ February Volunteer Hours: 138
- ◆ Current Member Count: 166
- ◆ Parking Lot Fundraiser - Chili Cook Off & Bake Sale - April 19 @ 11am
 - ◆ Parking Lot Fundraiser - Raffle for a Motorcycle donated by Joe Gelinas
- ◆ Approval to re-do and order more Brochures
- ◆ Water bill increased by \$40 per month

Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:
Carol & Robert Cologie
Jim Goodness
Renee Klatt
Jean Mattice

March Birthday Lunch:



The birthday girls:
 Maria Terch
 Naomi King
 Patti Runnion
 Ida Rhines

Guest Speakers:
 Kevin Whitley & Raja
 Pete McCall from
 AK Center for the Blind



FREE Lunch Ticket:
 David Hastings

50/50 Drawing:
 Patti Runnion
 \$186/\$93



April Birthdays:

Date:

- 3 Julie Doll
- 7 Rick Sikma*
- 7 Charlotte Yates*
- 8 Leonard Jewkes
- 12 Marie Scholle
- 13 John McCarthy
- 16 Elly Smith*
- 19 Sharron Hunter
- 20 Jo Small*
- 22 Ellie Herrera*
- 23 Betty Maness
- 23 Betty Schleich*
- 24 Agnes Beavers
- 28 Michelle Vedder
- 30 Kristopher Jones

**Happy Birthday
to all members born
in April!**



**Please join us on the
3rd Wednesday of each month
to celebrate birthdays.**

**Suggested Donation for Lunch
is \$10. If it's your birthday
month lunch is on us.**

April Anniversaries:

Date:	Years Married:
7 Marleyne & Jim Hunter	20
16 Craig & Madalyn Lehrer	56



April's Guest Speaker:

Alexis Blake from the American Red Cross



Did you know that if a fire starts in your home you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape? During a fire, early warning from a working smoke alarm plus a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives. Learn what else to do to keep your loved ones safe!

Everyone knows the Red Cross helps people during emergencies. But you may not know that it's also part of our mission to help you help your self! Becoming "Red Cross Ready" for an emergency means following our simple steps in advance to ensure you can weather a crisis safely and comfortably. Being prepared may not prevent a disaster, but it will give you confidence to meet the challenge.

**Santa's Senior Center and
17 Mile Homemakers presents...**



F.Y.I.



'For Your Information'

The 4th Thursday of each month we will host an informal informational session on various topics.

These presentations are free and open to the public. Please spread the word!

April 17th, 10am-11:30am:

Tori Gingrass

Assistive Technology (ATLA)
at North Pole City Chambers



Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA) connects Alaskans with disabilities to the tools they need to learn, work, play, and participate in community life safely and independently.

If you have ideas or suggestions for topics, contact
Brenda Sadler 907-590-5820.





Fairbanks Concert Association Presents...

We have 10 tickets available for each of these concerts.
The sign-up sheet is in the office.



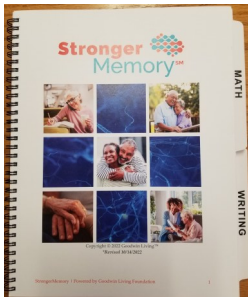
Sean Dagher
Davis Concert Hall
April 18, 2025 @ 7:30pm

Chili Cook Off & Bake Sale Parking Lot Re-Paving Fundraiser Saturday, April 19 @ 11am



Registration Fee for Cooks: \$10
Chili Sampler for Lunch: \$10
For more information contact Ruthie Sevy.

Strong Memory Discussion Group Wednesday, April 30 @ 1pm



This group was formed by Goldie Southwood, who would like to share techniques she learned while taking a memory class through the Osher Lifelong Learning Program.

Parking Lot Re-Paving Fund



The parking lot is scheduled to be re-paved this summer in June. The Board looked over the center's finances with a fine-toothed comb and has determined that this is the time to move forward with this project.

We took \$9200 on a CD that matured in February 2025, \$25,000 in gaming money from 2024, and a portion of our savings to put down a down payment on the parking lot project. Mt. McKinley Bank will finance about \$30,000 of the project. We are expecting to receive some gaming money in July, not sure how much, but the head of gaming has given us a written letter that says we can use gaming money to pay the loan. The Board has determined that even if we do not receive gaming money, we will still be able to operate the center on funds currently on hand.



Greg Corbett put together a Lego model of the center and the parking lot. As donated funds come in, a square will be painted to represent every 10 square feet of the lot that has been paid for. Donated funds will help offset the money coming from gaming that we use to run the facility.

The minutes to the Special Board Meeting that took place regarding the project can be found in the office at the center and on our website. Contact a board member if you would like to find out more.



THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 3/31/25
269 Days until Christmas

I was saddened to hear of the passing of an old friend. We lost **Patrick Yates**, who was a former member of Santa Senior's Board of Directors. **Pat** and his wife **Charlotte** became *snow birds*, coming back *home* in the warmer months, from their winter home in Texas. **Pat** was a good soul, whose humor will be missed. We are thinking of you, **Charlotte**. (Obituary on line @ Waller Thornton Funeral Home, Trinity, Texas)

Pat Arthur is moving into the Pioneer's Home in April. She will have to do some major down-sizing. Her room is very small and she, like most of us, has a lot of stuff to get rid of. She knows she should be thankful for getting into the home, but the task of moving seems overwhelming. After she moves, I hope we all take time to go see her, and maybe play a game of Farkle with her. We wish you well, **Pat!**

I received a message from **Donna Reese**, who is doing great. She has been busy spending time with family, and getting to know her great grandson. Donna is loving all the daylight and sunshine, and excited about getting her deck ready for summer.



We are starting a discussion group regarding ***Stronger Memory***. The initial meeting will be on **Wednesday April 30th at 1 p.m.** We hope to meet monthly on the last Wednesday of each month. I took a class on “***Stronger Memory***” taught by **Susan Gainey** and **Diana Lingle**. **Susan** hopes to be here on the 30th, to help explain how the program works. It was a very interesting class showing us ways to try to do something about our sometimes failing memory. Studies have shown that doing simple math quickly, reading aloud, and writing by hand, lights up the prefrontal cortex improving recall, memory and focus. You can go to the website and download the workbook and print it yourself. Or you can order the workbook. Be aware it takes 2-3 weeks to arrive, and postage is high. I will have a limited number of workbooks for sale at the meeting.

<http://goodwinliving.org/stronger-memory/packets/>

We are thankful for family and friends.....**Goldie**

Please call, text or e-mail, letting us know how you are doing.
Call or text (907) 378-3624 or e-mail: goldtops@msn.com

April Lunch Menu:

Wednesday

4/2 Soup & Sandwich
4/9 Mac & Cheese
4/16 Birthday Lunch
4/23 Tacos
4/30 Chef's Choice

Friday

4/4 Fish Sticks
4/11 Chicken Sandwiches
4/18 Potluck Lunch
4/25 Nachos

Book Club:

Usually the first Wednesday of each month.



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The Flight Attendant

By Chris Bohjalian

From the author of *The Guest Room*, a powerful story about the ways an entire life can change in one night: A flight attendant wakes up in the wrong hotel, in the wrong bed, with a dead man - and no idea what happened.



May 7

The Great Hippopotamus Hotel

By Alexander McCall Smith

In this latest installment of Alexander McCall Smith's beloved No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi take on an intriguing new case and uncover surprising truths.





Pull Pork Fundraiser Dinner

A good time was had by all at the February Santa's Senior Center fundraiser dinner held February 28, 2025. Thor and Wanda Weatherby served pulled pork shoulder and coleslaw. The pork was slow smoked over coals for 16 hours. The coleslaw was homemade with a touch of pineapple added. Diners were offered a choice of homemade barbeque sauce or Sweet Baby Ray's sauce. The Senior Center supplied the rolls, baked beans and corn on the cob. A selection of cookies and cakes were donated for dessert. It is always good to get together with friends and family to have good food and conversation while helping the Senior Center.

Thank you to all attendees.

Wanda Weatherby



2025 Sustaining Donor Program

The Sustaining Donor Program is a way that members can continue to support the center financially through the year, by committing to a monthly, quarterly or annual donation.

Thank you!

Belcher, Patty
 Bell, Virginia
 Burch, Rosalie
 Cloyd, June
 Ellsworth, Lamie
 Forrest, Valliere
 Foytich, Richard & Christina
 Herrera, Ellie
 King, Naomi
 Murphy, Alice
 Perkins, Jim & JoAnn
 Renner, Mark & Rochelle
 Rhines, Frank & Ida
 Sadler, Brenda
 Sandbo, Ramouna
 Sevier, Barbara
 Sevy, Ruthie
 Small, Jo
 Southwood, Goldie
 Terch, Larry Jr & Maria
 Williams, Benny & Cora

Thank you!

Commitment Total for 2025 so far:

\$10,470