



# Santa's Senior Center

## NEWS

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Hello members, it is that time of year for get togethers, sharing time with loved ones and friends. It is also time to re-up your membership and if you a sustaining donor or want to become one, see Carmen. It is the membership dues and sustaining donors that fill in a major part of our yearly budget.

Any amount is welcome to become a sustaining donor.

On another subject we are looking to fill Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with games, coffee time, anything that you are interested in. Let's find things you want to do.

The newly elected members will be inducted soon: Gregg Corbett and Ruthie Sevy.

Your board members are looking into re-paving the parking lot this summer, shingle repair on the outside awning, and possibly upgrading the internet to Starlink.

We are trying to get more membership functions to fill empty space in our weekly calendar. We will not have lunches next week as Sharon Corbett is out of town.

Please sign up for the weekly lunches or monthly birthday luncheon. This is the only way we can purchase the right amount of food, if you don't sign up there might not be enough food.

If you make coffee for an activity you need to make sure to turn off the coffee pot, dump out any excess coffee, and dump the filter.

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.  
SSC President *Joseph Gelinas*

**Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.**

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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. 2024 Officers and Board of Directors

President Joseph Gelinas	907-347-1774
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Treasurer Rochelle Renner	907-322-7889
Director Candy Clarke	907-987-0188
Director Lamie Ellsworth	503-568-9666
Director Cora Williams	907-388-3577



**Parliamentarian: Cora Williams**

The Board of Directors meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 1pm.

The December meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 at 1pm.

Go to [www.santaseniors.com](http://www.santaseniors.com) to review the Meeting Minutes.

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### Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

- ♦ The Air Handler part came in and was installed.
- ♦ The Outreach Committee voted to provide donations to local requests only.
- ♦ NP Fire Dept. has the center on the list for places with an AED. Looking into having American Red Cross provide training at center.
  - ♦ The board voted to have a Bazaar in December.
  - ♦ The Election Day Bake Sale took in \$1639!
- ♦ Suggestion was made to invite the new NP Mayor Larry Terch for a Meet/Greet at the center.
- ♦ Sharon Corbett resigned from the Board to take over the kitchen duties, but will continue through Dec.
- ♦ Greg Corbett was assigned to Sharon's spot on the Board to begin Jan. 2025.



**Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:**  
Cindy Hollenbeck, Erich Hoffmann, Rick Sikma

## November Birthday Lunch:



Larry Terch Jr. & Pam Hennessy

VoM: Greg Corbett w/ Joe Gelinas

## Volunteer of the Month: November - Greg Corbett

Greg joined Santa's Seniors while still working and unable to attend meetings. As soon as he retired, he jumped right in, joined the maintenance committee, not only to find the issues but to physically help to repair them. Greg and his wife, Sharon, have held fundraiser dinners to help with our financial problems. He has gotten speakers for our Birthday Lunch, helped break down/put away tables/chairs for events. When asked to be at the center to let workers in, he has willingly done so. Greg is one of those people who work quietly behind the scenes and just gets things done.

*Thank you, Greg, for all you do.*

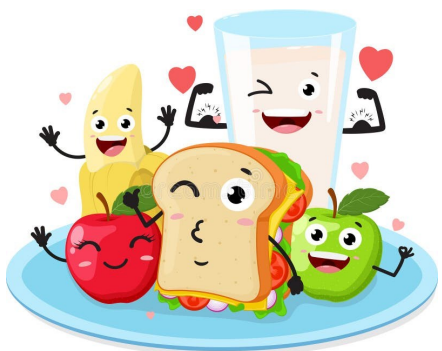




**Lunch Ticket Winner:**  
**Jo Small**



**50/50 Winner:**  
**Jed Grover \$83**



**Jeff Jacobson shared information about the Giving Machines coming to North Pole.**



**Tracy Shealy shares information about the services provided by TLC Services.**





## Winter Wonderland Fundraiser

### Tuesday, December 10th @ noon

Marie Scholle will cook seven entrees to include Prime Rib, Lobster Mac & Cheese, New England Clam Chowder, Lobster Ravioli and more.

\$50 per plate, Limited Seating  
RSVP by Dec. 3

## Birthday Lunch Guest Speaker:



**Greg Hill from Guys Read - Gals Read**

Guys Read Gals Read, Inc. is a nonprofit volunteer organization registered with the State of Alaska and a 501c3 registered with the IRS. Our purpose is to show children that reading is fun, and that many adults enjoy reading. When a person reads for pleasure, they're more likely to read regularly, seriously, and skillfully. To help foster lifelong reading, Guys and Gals Read exposes children to an array of books that are age appropriate and pleasurable to read.

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## December Lunch Menu:



### Wednesday

4th - No Lunch  
11th - Chicken Noodle Soup  
18th - Birthday Lunch

### Friday

6th - Baked Potato Bar  
13th - Open Hot Turkey Sandwich  
20th - Chef's Choice - Surprise!

There needs to be at least 5 people signed up for the lunch or it will be cancelled. Sign up by Monday for Wednesday's lunch and by Wednesday for Friday's lunch.

There will be no meals Dec. 21 through Jan 5, as I will be out of the area. Merry Christmas to All & Happy New Year as well.

*Sharon Corbett*

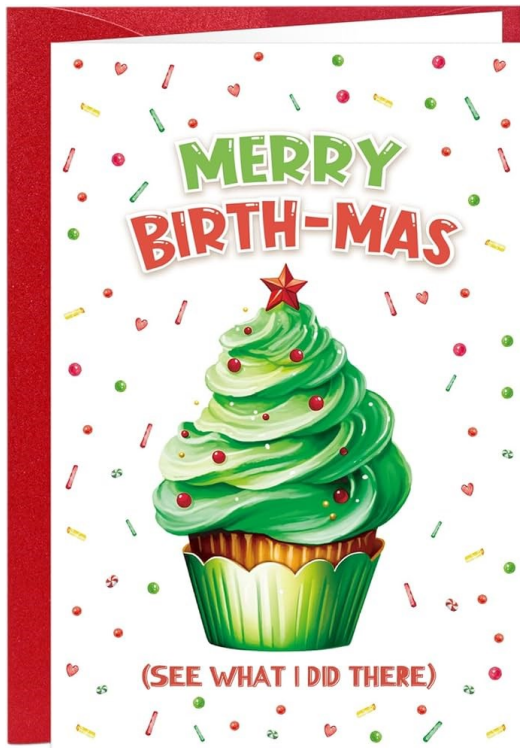


# December Birthdays:



Date

- 1 Randy Vander Molen
- 4 Renee Sikorski
- 6 Tom Bear
- 8 Rusty Ison
- 9 Marj Moberly\*
- 10 Sharon Geese
- 10 Mary Tozier\*
- 11 Diane Bryan
- 11 Barbara Fowler
- 11 John Tobin\*
- 14 Cindy Hollenbeck
- 16 Geri benshoof\*
- 16 Amanda Jones
- 17 Barbara Sevier
- 17 Ruthie Sevy
- 30 Nancy McCarthy\*
- 30 Carmen Sears
- 31 Willard Simmons



## December Anniversaries:

Date

Years Married

- |    |                           |    |
|----|---------------------------|----|
| 9  | Chuck & Carol Ann Lovejoy | 46 |
| 11 | Calvin & Cindy Stageman   | 48 |
| 27 | James & JoAnn Perkins     | 55 |
| 29 | Geri & Lyman Benshoof     | 61 |
| 29 | Paul & Susan Eickermann   | 45 |



# Thank You Bakers!



I want to take this time to give our bakers another big THANK YOU for supporting our last bake sale at the November election. We received a total of \$1639.76 of donations! Without you bakers stepping up and bringing in your baked goods none of our bake sales would be as successful as they have been these past sales. Also I want to give Sharon Corbett a big THANK YOU for calling everyone. Without her doing that we would not have received the amount of baked goods that lasted for 12 hours!

*Ruthie Sevy*





## Just a Reminder...

When the temperature is -30F,  
according to North Pole Time & Temp  
(907)488-1111,  
Santa's Senior Center programs are  
cancelled for the day.

## Join or Renew Your Membership



After your first year, Membership is by  
calendar year. Please renew your membership  
so that you can continue to receive monthly  
newsletters, enjoy the company of friends and  
have a good meal every so often.

Individual \$30 - Couples \$40 - Business \$50

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## THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood

I will not have a column this month, but will be returning  
home on December 1st. You are all invited to my Holiday  
Tree Trimming Party on Saturday, Dec. 7th at noon. No  
gift, just a potluck, tree trimming and games. Please  
RSVP and ask for directions to my home.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

I am Thankful for Family and Friends

*Goldie*







# Book Club:

1st Wednesday of each month @ 2pm

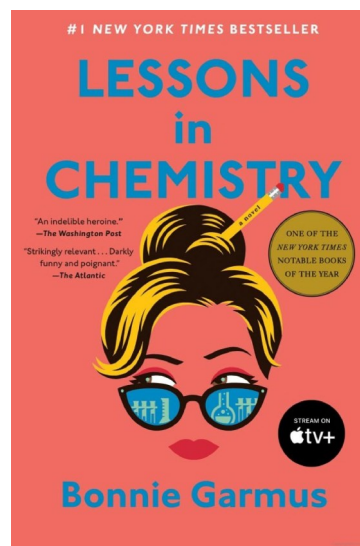


## December:

The Book Woman of  
Troublesome Creek

By Kim Michele Richardson

In 1936 eastern Kentucky, 19-year-old Cussy Mary Carter works for the New Deal-funded Pack Horse Library Project, delivering reading material to the remote hill people of the Appalachian Mountains. Cussy Mary, sometimes known as Bluet, lives with her coal-miner and labor-organizing father, and feels her work as a librarian honors her long-dead mother, who loved books.



## January:

Lessons in Chemistry

By Bonnie Garmus

"Set in 1960s California, this blockbuster debut is the hilarious, idiosyncratic and uplifting story of a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home, only to find herself starring as the host of America's most beloved TV cooking show."

# Santa's Senior Center 2024 Sustaining Donors

Alice Murphy  
 Ramouna Sandbo  
 Virginia Bell  
 Richard & Christina Foytich  
 Ruthie Sevy  
 Jim & JoAnn Perkins  
 Goldie Southwood  
 Mark & Rochelle Renner  
 Valliere Forrest  
 Benny & Cora Williams  
 Jo Small  
 June Cloyd  
 Ida Rhines  
 Barbara Sevier  
 Jean Erickson  
 Brenda Sadler  
 Naomi King  
 Larry & Maria Terch  
 Rosalie Burch  
 Ellie Herrera  
 Frank & Ida Rhines  
 Patty Belcher  
 Commitment Total for  
 2024 so far = \$8990

*Thank you!*

Shanghai Rummy players unite!  
For those who would like to play,  
we will be starting up again on  
Wednesdays after lunch.



Book Club continued...  
 February: Remarkably Bright Creatures  
 By Shelby VanPelt  
 March: The Rocking Chair Prophet  
 By Matthew Kelly  
 April: The Flight Attendant  
 By Chris Bohjalian  
 May: The Great Hippopotamus Hotel  
 By Alexander McCall Smith