

Santa's Senior Center 

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★ **January 2025 - Volume I** ★

The 2024 Board of Directors would like to wish all our members a joyous new year!

Thanks to all who gave in one way or another. Your support and commitment to Santa's Senior Center is greatly appreciated. The center would be nothing if it weren't for all the volunteers who organize, set-up, take-down, cook, bake, or just participate. Financial support, physical support, mental support, all adds up to a happy organization.

We will sincerely miss those who have left us this past year. Our deepest condolences to those who have suffered a loss. May your memories continue to make you smile and fill your heart with happiness.

- Joe Gelinas, President
- Judi Hastings, Vice President
- Sharon Corbett, Secretary
- Rochelle Renner, Treasurer
- Cora Williams, Member
- Candy Clark, Member
- Lamie Ellsworth, Member

Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.
 101 E. 5th Avenue
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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.
2025 Board of Directors:**

Joe Gelinas
Rochelle Renner
Candy Clark
Cora Williams
Lamie Ellsworth
Greg Corbett
Ruthie Sevy



The 2025 Board of Directors will select the officers at the Board Meeting on Jan. 8th at 1pm.

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

Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

- ◆ November Volunteer Hours = 236.75
- ◆ The Audit Committee will do an audit in January 2025
- ◆ The Maintenance Committee is looking into handicap door openers for the restrooms, StarLink for internet services, and getting an estimate to re-pave the parking lot.
- ◆ Rochelle Renner will be added to the Gaming Account as a check signer.
- ◆ 2025 Calendar approved as a working document.
- ◆ The Facility & Table/Chair Usage Agreement is being revised.



Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:

Bruce Hartford

December Birthday Lunch:



Birthday Girls with President Joe Gelinas:
Carmen Sears, Ruthie Sevy, Barbara Sevier, Sharon Geese



Guest Speaker: Greg Hill with
Guys Read - Gals Read



50/50 - Tammy Wilson \$67
(donated back)

January Birthdays:

Date:

- 4 Joseph Czerski
- 8 Wayne Sumner
- 9 Jean Leder
- 12 Kelly Andaloro
- 12 Nicholas Vedder
- 15 Lynda House
- 17 Diana Crawford
- 18 Carol Ann Lovejoy
- 20 Wanda Weatherby
- 21 John Hall
- 27 Karen Takao
- 27 Sue Czerski
- 29 June Newsome*



Happy Birthday to all those born in January!
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.

January Anniversaries:

Date:

Years Married:

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| 22 | Jane & Willard Simmons | 58 |
| 28 | Marie & Rusty Scholle | 57 |
| 30 | Jo A & Roger Havens | 59 |



Winter Wonderland Fundraiser Lunch



Bacon-wrapped Scallops, Coconut Shrimp, Lobster Ravioli, Clam Stuffers, Maine Lobster Mac & Cheese, Prime Rib



Chef Marie Scholle with her kitchen crew: Pat Ivy, Candy Clarke, Jim Mongold, sister-in-law Kathy



I am happy to report that we received \$1,600 for the Winter Wonderland Luncheon Fundraiser on December 10th. I want to thank all who helped make this possible. For Marie Scholle and her crew working in the kitchen and all the helpers setting up the tables and the buffet of food that we all enjoyed immensely. Marie and I decided that next year we will be changing the menu and will let you all know as soon as we finalize it.. Thanks again everyone!

Ruthie Sevy



Chef Scholle explains the dishes she created.



Pam Hennessey won the trivia contest during the luncheon.



The **Holiday Bazaar** was a great success! There were 11 vendor wanting 18 tables, should have counted the tables before hand, we only have 15, we scrambled around and made it happen. Rochelle Renner was here at 9am to open the doors. Joyce Outten and Carmen Sears made soup: Taco Soup, Potato Soup, and Onion Soup. Jo's Oven donated 2 dozen cinnamon rolls. The jewelry sale was a big hit so we kept it going for another week. The bazaar brought in \$910.





December
Volunteer of the
Month:

Wanda
Weatherby



Wanda and her husband Thor became a member of the Santa's Senior Center in 2022. When I met Wanda she showed her love of doing different types of crafts as she showed me pictures of what she had made. Around that time Cora and I were talking that if Goldie decides to step away from decorating the monthly birthday luncheon tables that Wanda would be the best person for that job. About a couple of weeks later, to our surprise, Goldie approached us and said that she could no longer decorate the tables as it was getting physically hard for her. We then told her that Wanda would be a great person to take her place. We approached Wanda and to our relief she accepted. As time went on Wanda was approached by Agnes if she could lead the Mondays and Fridays morning exercise classes if something prevented her from coming into North Pole as she lives in Moose Creek. Wanda said no problem and has led a few classes since then when needed. As more time went by Goldie needed someone to help run the annual jewelry sales as she was finding it hard to physically get ready for it. Goldie asked Wanda if she would do the setup and take-downs. Wanda accepted that duty as long as Goldie continued to organize and plan everything.

Congratulations Wanda for being December Volunteer of the Month.
Ruthie Sevy

THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 12/31/24

359Days until Christmas

*What a year 2024 was! There were Good times and Sad times. We lost some dear friends, so we treasure the friends we still have. I personally had some health scares, that turned out well, so I am thankful for that. 2025 looks like a good year for our Santa Seniors.

*I always enjoy receiving Christmas cards and newsletters from friends. Especially nice was a card from Carlo and Bonnie Zanazzo. It included a picture of their family in Carlo's home town of Canton, MA, standing in front of one of the "Homeown Hero Flags". The flag is on a street-light pole in honor of him, with a picture of Carlo the young airman from the Vietnam War.

*We are never too old to learn something new. In January we will be receiving our OLLI (OsherLifelong Learning Institute) catalog of spring classes through the University of Alaska. When you get yours, check out the cover. Our own Wanda Weatherby is one of the "students" on the cover. Also inside is another picture of Wanda participating in a class. (Continued on page 13)

*Now that the rush to buy Christmas gifts is over: Hunter suggested a clever gift for Birthdays, Anniversaries, or just to say “Thanks”! Why not purchase a Santa’s Senior Center Gift Certificate? He suggests a minimum of \$25, so it can be used for Steak Night, Birthday Luncheons or other lunches, or in the Gift Shop. Thanks for the thoughtful idea, Hunter.

*Special thanks to Carmen Sears for setting up the great Jewelry display and selling the Jewelry at the Bazaar and the following week at the end of the year. During the Bazaar the jewelry sale brought in \$266 and the week after brought in \$87 for a total of \$353.

*I personally would like to thank all who came to my home and decorated my Christmas tree for me. It was a fun-filled afternoon of Friends, Food and Games! You are Special Friends! We are thankful for family and friends.....Goldie

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January Lunch Menu:	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1st: No Lunch	3rd: No Lunch
8th: Chicken Pot Pies	10th: Tacos/Nachos
15th: Halibut/Salmon	17th: Fr. Onion Sliders
22nd: Burgers	24th: No Lunch
29th: No Lunch	31st: Chicken Dumplings

Book Club:



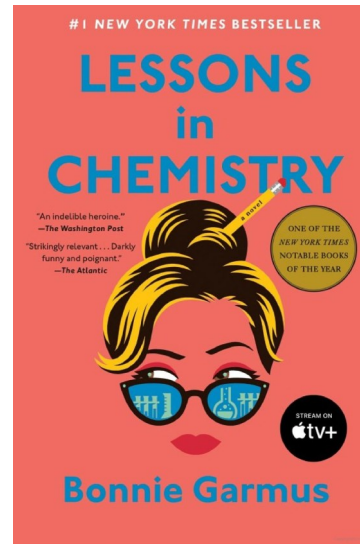
Usually the first Wednesday of each month, except January, it will be on the second Wednesday.

January 8

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.

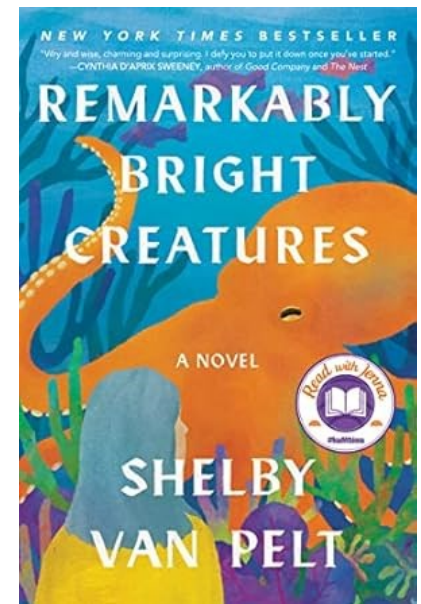


February 5

Remarkably Bright Creatures

By Shelby VanPelt

After Tova Sullivan’s husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she’s been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.



Come play Shanghai Rummy after lunch on Wednesdays!



Book Club continued...

March: The Rocking Chair Prophet

By Matthew Kelly

April: The Flight Attendant

By Chris Bohjalian

May: The Great Hippopotamus Hotel

By Alexander McCall Smith

