



Santa's Senior Center

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NEWS

101 E. 5th Avenue
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JANUARY 2023 VOLUME I

Hello Members & Friends,

I would welcome the new board members Henry Gurley, Judi Hastings, to the 2023 year.

Over the past several months we have been through it all; trying not to get sick, enduring the volunteer mode, bringing forth projects, thinking on how to bring forth new ideas, we will continue to need your time to make the upcoming year successful.

Becoming a member of the SSC's 2023 Sustaining Donors Program is a good thing. This program assists functions as needed with the facility.

The wisdom of **many** is always better than the wisdom of **one**.

Some sayings I ran across:

Success is not a destination, it's a journey.

We learn by observation, imitation and repetition.

And most importantly,

Our events have to be smarter and safer for ourselves and others. To respond is positive, to react is negative!

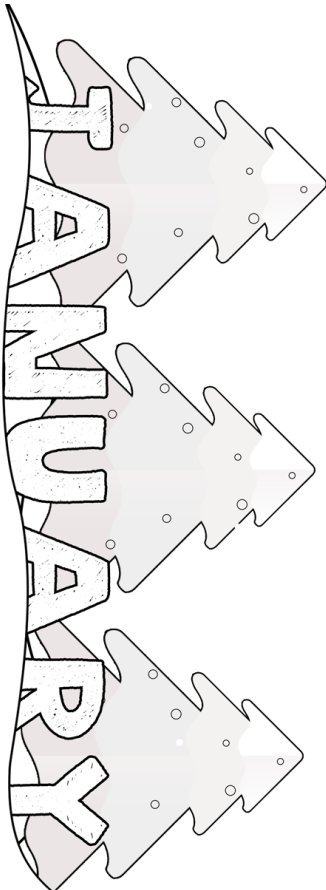
If there are any members that meet the requirements and would like to serve on the Center's Board of Directors please call the Center.

Let's protect every one of our friends and family, and be safe, take command of your health.

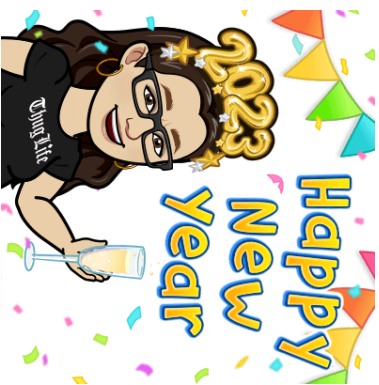
Benny Williams
SSC, President

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. 2022
Officers and Board of Directors**

President Benny Williams 388-5911
Vice-Pres. Sharon Corbett 590-9286
Secretary Ruthie Sevy 322-6433
Treasurer Vacant
Director Joseph Gelinas 347-1774
Director Henry Gurley 488-3247
Director Judy Hastings 488-2145



Parliamentarian William Sanderson 590-1746

SSC Board of Directors meeting is on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at 1pm.
The February Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
February 8th, 2023 at 1pm.

Check out www.santaseniors.com to review the Board of
Directors Meeting Minutes.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

\$3000.00 Budget has been approved to have the continuity of
the electric of the building tested.

Standing Rules amended:

PRESIDENTS EXPENSES:

President authorized to spend up to \$400.00 monthly for general op-
eration and building expenses as needed without prior approval of
the Board. (Adopted 12-14-2022)

Hunter distributed 51 Thanksgiving Bags that were provided by
New Hope Presbyterian Church to the North Pole and
Surrounding Communities.



Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:

Fran Hatfield



***Dinner at the Center
Steak Dinner***

Friday, January 27th 5pm

Suggested Donation is \$25.00 per person

*Deadline to sign up is Wednesday,
January 25th at noon*

If you would like to sign up for a weekday lunch please call by
noon at least 1 business day before so we can plan accordingly.

Lunches are offered Wednesday, and Friday as scheduled.

Suggested donation is \$6.00 per meal

Lunch cards can be purchased for a suggested donation of
\$30.00 for 5 meals.

*Picture of some of our exercise group with Marya
from Parks and Recreation's Senior Program*



If you sign up for a luncheon please try to contact someone at least one day in advance to let us know you can't make it. We understand things happen. The last 3 months we have had many last minute cancelations and no shows.

Inclement Weather Policy

BUILDING CLOSURE: When the temperature is -30 according to North Pole Time and Temp at 488-1111, Santa Senior Center programs are cancelled for the day. (Revised 2/12/2020)

From the Vice: Sharon C

Hope this finds everyone happy and well, so I hope for the new year 2023 the Santa Senior Center is able to become more self-contained and able to get more activities and events up and going. Jana has a past listing of all activities and I am hoping that our fabulous active members and some new and wanting to be active member sign up for one activity to chair. I know that the weather is our biggest problem for our members, and we would like to hear your input on any ideas or suggestions you may have on any topic. Preferably in writing so we can log and keep a record of them. Hope to see you at our meeting and in the center for activities! Enjoy the upcoming year 2023 by becoming involved!

Happy New Year
Sharon C

Center Needs:

- Bottled Water



Our senior center is offered comp tickets on select concerts throughout the season. Please watch the Newsletter and Bulletin Board for Information and Sign ups.

If you are signed up and can't keep your reservation please call as soon as you can so we can try to fill your seat.

If you attended the last concert offered during this season you will be placed on a waitlist for the current concert.

**We are being offered 10 tickets for
Laura Cortese & The Dance Cards
Saturday, Jan. 21st 2023
7:30pm Davis Concert Hall**

The Other Upcoming Concerts I have not got confirmation on tickets yet but please call if you are interested.

**Cirque Mechanics— Sunday, Jan. 29th 2023
4pm Hering Auditorium**

**Shawn Colvin, Marc Cohn, & Sarah Jarosz
Friday, Feb. 3rd 2023
7:30pm Hering Auditorium**



*A Winter Wonderland
Gourmet Luncheon
Fundraiser & Silent Auction*

We are so lucky to have supporting members and friends to make the Saturday, December 17th fundraising luncheon another big success. To everyone a big THANK YOU. My friend Marie Scholle totally enjoyed herself cooking and serving everyone. With the outrageous buffet, punch and desserts, and silent auction going, at the end we received over \$2,700 in donations, all going directly to the Santa Seniors Center. One of my main objective was to make sure everyone was enjoying themselves as well as receiving more than what they thought were getting. I hope I met that expectation. Again, thank you everyone!

~Ruthie Sevy





It is time to renew your Quilt of Valor membership. QOV Membership is \$10.00 per year.

**It's Time to Renew your
Santa's Senior Center
Membership for 2023
Remember even if your are
an honorary member you
still have to call the office
to renew your membership.**

Free Memory Screening
By Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska

At Santa's Senior Center
Thursday, January 26th
11am-4pm

By Appointment only
Appointments will be scheduled in 30 minute intervals. Please contact Jana to schedule.

**SANTA'S SENIORS WITH
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**
Marked with * 80 Years or Older

4 Joseph Czerski
7 Russ Sandbo*
8 Wayne Sumner
9 Jean Leder
12 Nicholas Vedder
15 Lynda House
17 Diana Crawford
18 Carol Ann Lovejoy
20 Wanda Weatherby
21 John Hall
27 Sue Czerski
27 Karen Takao



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

		Years Married
18	Henry & Peggie Gurley	57
22	Willard & Jane Simmons	57
30	Roger & Jo A Havens	58



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all of the above!!!

**Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month to help celebrate birthdays.
Suggested Donation for Luncheon is \$10. If it's your birthday month lunch is on us.**



Thursday, February 9th 2023

Please let us know if you plan to play. We need to know how many people so we can plan how the brackets will work.

THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 12/31/22
360 Days until Christmas

I have talked to several members either at Holiday parties or over the phone.

I was snowed-in and missed the "17 Mile Homemaker's" party. I heard it was a lot of fun. At the "Alaskan's Aging at Home" party I talked to Naomi King. She has been in Alaska for 60 years now and was a former teacher in several local schools, Adak and Ft. Greely. She had been to a bridge party at Raven's landing and was headed to her Synagogue Board meeting. She is a busy lady.

At that same party I visited with Barbara Avery. Barbara is now living at Raven's Landing and is enjoying her new home. Barbara is a cousin of another member Donna Kreir, who also lives there. I called Donna and she is doing fine, but misses Jerry a lot. There are several activities and meetings on the premises, now that COVID restrictions have been lifted.

I talked to Marj Moberly for quite a while on the phone. She just lost her husband Bill, but is managing with a son living with her. She has a helpful hint for homeowners: schedule maintenance on your garage door opener. Her opener failed, but luckily her car was outside at the time. With schedules full, she is having to leave the car outside for now.

Frank and Ida Rhines reported on the "Tundra Roller" Christmas party at the Center. They had a good crowd with 31 attending. They all had a wonderful meal and good fellowship.

Thor and Wanda Weatherby will be missing Exercise at the Center for about 5 more weeks. Thor's back surgery went well and he is home and recovering. Walking around the house is the only exercise he will get for now. We wish him a smooth recovery.

Note to members: We are still collecting used jewelry for next year's sale. Just call me or drop the items off at the center.

Hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season, and your New Year will be even better.

I am thankful for your caring friendship.....**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



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Thank you in advance for your support!

Fred Meyer community rewards program.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc. at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 84543.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc. earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.



Lunch Ticket Winner Goldie Southwood Congratulations!!!



Happy New Year

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Ball Drop	Celebrate	Fireworks	Happy
Herrera	Hopkins	Kiss	McEvoy
Midnight	New Year	New York	Party
Party Hat	Sparklers	Time Square	



We are almost there!!!!!!

Drop off your pennies at the center for our Mile of Pennies Fundraiser and see just how far a penny can go.

(Any monies is great, does not have to be pennies)

Distance we have traveled so far = 4165 Feet

Goal in feet 5280

78.9% of our Goal

Project Committee meetings are scheduled the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30am in the large meeting room. These meetings are an open to all members and invited to participate. January's Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th 10:30am

Bingo is cancelled for January

Book Club

If you would like to join the book they are reading to discuss this month

Meeting is Tuesday, January 24th, 2pm

Summer Light

By: Elyse Guttenberg

Book club is the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT

Time to Renew your 2023
Sustaining Donor
Commitment

A Great Big Thank You to
all of 2022's Sustaining
Donors!