



Santa's Senior Center

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NEWS

101 E. 5th Avenue
North Pole, Alaska 99705



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Hello everyone,

Here is a recap of all the things that your Board of Directors has done this year. I would like to start off with insulating the ceiling, replacement of the sewer line to the senior center, the rewiring and fixing of our kitchen hood roof vent, which was not working, the cleaning of our chimney, and the boiler repair and tune-up. Our HRV was found to be running 24-7, pumping all of the heat in the building to the outside. The part has been ordered by Holiday Parks and we are waiting on it to come in. The doors for the building have been replaced with insulated doors. The past doors were not insulated. Leaks on the outside of the building have been plugged, our back entryway ceiling was re-insulated.

Monies were transferred from an account that had \$27,000, to our account at Wells Fargo and then invested in CDs to make money. The old bank was charging a monthly fee just to have money in the bank. We are currently sitting at about \$50,000 in our bank account of monies that we take in, about \$50,000 in our Gaming money and about \$27,000 in our invested monies. We still have to give away 10% of our Gaming monies to other non-profit organizations. Last year, our organization was looking at about three months worth of money before we ran out of money this year.

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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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Parliamentarian: Cora Williams

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

The November meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 2024 at 1pm.

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

Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

- ♦ There were 335 volunteer hours in September.
- ♦ The Gift Shop brought in a total of \$642 in sales.
- ♦ The Jewelry Sale in Sept. brought in a total of \$1639.
- ♦ Interior AK American Legion Post 99 will use space for meetings in exchange for event & labor.
- ♦ The 2025 AK Food Establishment Permit was received.
- ♦ The board approved the purchase of new table cloths.
- ♦ The 2025 Calendar is being created and events added.
- ♦ Board Elections were held. Joe Gelinas will continue and Ruthie Sevy will be back on the board.



Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:
 Nancy & James Sams
 Jon Pratt

Farkle Tournament



Players	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total	Place
1. Barb	10,000	9,600	10,500	30,100	2
2. Betty	3,800	6,000	7,000	16,800	
3. Cora	11,700	7,250	6,900	25,900	
4. Ellie	4,200	10,850	4,000	19,050	
5. Fran	8,300	4,750	10,200	23,250	
6. Sharon	8,750	7,300	6,250	22,300	
7. Hunter	8,450	11,450	3,400	23,300	
8. Ida	8,750	6,150	7,000	21,900	
9. Jo	9,900	8,400	7,100	25,400	
10. June	10,200	10,300	10,200	30,700	1
11. Kris	6,750	10,350	10,500	27,250	
12. Lamie	5,400	5,900	3,000	14,300	Red Lantern
13. Ruthie	8,500	8,800	10,450	27,750	3
14. Pat A	8,200	10,900	8,250	27,350	
15. Pat B	6,450	5,350	6,800	18,600	
16. Goldie	10,050	5,050	8,100	23,200	

On October 14th we had our 4th Farkle Tournament at the Center. There were 16 participants that played. We all had a great time. Thanks everyone for making this a fun successful gathering.

1st Place: June Cloyd

2nd Place: Barbara Sevier

3rd Place: Ruthie Sevy

Red Lantern: Lamie Ellsworth



Election Day Bake Sale:



On October 1st, during the Borough Elections, we collected a total of **\$824** in donations for baked goods! A big **THANK YOU** to our bakers! Without you this would never have been a success.

The next bake sale will be November 5th during the General Election. Let's make this another big success!

President's letter continued from page 2...

We're looking a lot better the more we can be involved in money making ventures, but the better off our organization will be and with this we need people to step up and volunteer. This last year, Jim Hunter retired. Many people have stepped up to volunteer to cook a meal, this has kept our kitchen running. Marie Scholle got her kitchen managers license, and we had everyone that was involved in the kitchen go through a little course so that we were all on the same page for how we operate in the kitchen. The kitchen went through a deep cleaning headed up by Sharon Corbett, Ruthie Sevy and Greg Corbett. We had a DEC inspection of our kitchen and it passed.

We are currently trying to fill the calendar on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with some kind of function. There are sign-up sheets for movies, puzzles, card games, etc. Someone needs to take charge and pick times for these activities so they can be put on the calendar so others will know when they are taking place.

Carmen Sears was brought on as our new administrative assistant and has been doing a great job.

We had our annual membership meeting and voted on 2 seats that were available on the Board of Directors. Ruthie Sevy will be back on the board and I will continue on the board as well.

With many Thanks for your trust we Thank You.
Sincerely your president Joe Gelinas



Fairbanks Concert Association Presents...

We have 10 tickets available for each of these concerts. Contact Carmen to sign up.

Please see Standing Rules for instructions.

Waipuna (traditional Hawaiian music)
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 @ 7:30pm
Davis Concert Hall



Sammy Miller & the Congregation
(100 years of jazz)
Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024 @ 7:30pm
Davis Concert Hall

Standing Rules:

CONCERT/EVENT TICKET PROCEDURES:

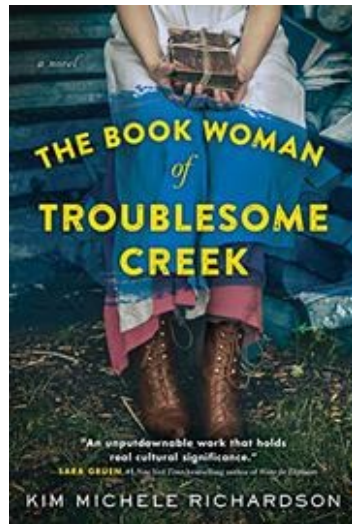
1. Check Bulletin Board and current newsletter for available tickets for upcoming events.
2. Call the office (488-4663) to reserve a ticket for the event of your choice. If you have participated in the previous event, you will be put on the waiting list.
3. If you are unable to keep your reservation, call the office as soon as you know. This will give the Santa's Senior Office personnel an opportunity to call the next person on the list.
4. Sign-up closing date shall be 5 days before the event.
5. Tickets will not be reserved until the membership is notified of the event in the newsletter.
6. Tickets received only 24 hours prior to an event will be offered to those present in the Center. If time allows a notification of the available event tickets will be sent via email.

A record of events list shall be maintained in the office.
(Adopted 05-14-2014).

December Book Club:

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.



Board Election Results:

Congratulations! Joe Gelinas will continue and Ruthie Sevy will be back on the Board in 2025. **Thank you** to Tammie Wilson for stepping up to run for the board, for your continued support and interest in Santa's Senior Center. **Thank You** to Judi Hastings for serving on the Board! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



October Birthday Girls: Fran Hatfield, Joanne Perkins, Lamie Ellsworth with SSC Board President Joe Gelinas.



Carl Stageman Jr. won the FREE Lunch Ticket Drawing and Helen Bernstein won the 50/50 Drawing - \$76.

November Lunch Menu:

- 1st: Pork Chops & Gravy, Tators, Beans
- 6th: Pot Pies, Salad, Fruit
- 8th: Casserole, Salad
- 13th: Burgers, French Fries, Salad
- 15th: Stew, Biscuits, Salad
- 20th: Birthday Lunch - Turkey & Fixins
- 22nd: Taquitos, Salad, Fruit
- 27th: NO LUNCH
- 29th: NO LUNCH

November Birthdays:

Date:

4 Jerry Weatherford
9 Andrea Jones*
10 Denise Burdette
10 Teresa "Terry" Norman
11 Rita Zukauckas*
16 Sharon Kubacki*
16 Bonnie Zanazzo*
18 Gail Chagnon
21 Pam Hennessey
23 Janice Dawe
26 Tanya Arvold
27 Linda Clark
27 Moreah Fritz
28 Theodore (Mr.J) Jenkins
30 Lawrence Terch Jr.*

**Happy Birthday to all those
born in November!
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.**



Years Married:

23 John & Tina Hall	34
27 Theodore (Mr.J) & Mary Jenkins	53



November Birthday Lunch Guest Speaker:

Tracy Shealy, with TLC Care Services, will tell us about the services they provide and answer any questions you may have.

"We are an Alaskan company driven by faith, locally owned and operated. Acknowledging the power of love to overcome life's greatest challenges, we know and understand the difficulties of aging for both senior and their loved ones."

THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 10/30/24

54 Days until Christmas

*Kudos to Wanda Weatherby and a group of great volunteers (Joyce Outten, Lamie Elsworth, Betty Schleich, Maria Terch & Brenda Sadler) for taking over the Jewelry Sale, when I was not able to do it. *The Vintage Faire* at the Shopper's Forum Mall was a big success. They loaded all the Jewelry and displays, tables etc. from my garage, and returned everything, while making \$1639.00 Way to go! Thanks also to all who donated your jewelry.



*Thanks to **Ruthie Sevy** for organizing the *Farkle Fest*. Congrats to the winners. We all had a FUN time! Before the tournament we had a pot luck with lots of good food. One of the tasty dishes was the pea salad served by **Ida Rhines**. It was such a hit, that she shared her recipe here for you:

CRUNCHY PEA SALAD

- 1 – 10 oz. package frozen Peas (thawed)
- 1 – 8 oz. can sliced water chestnuts (drained)
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sour cream
- ½ tsp. salt

Combine first 4 ingredients. Combine the last 3 ingredients, add to pea mixture. Toss to coat. Chill. Makes 8 servings.

“I do not thaw the peas, if I plan on serving the salad in a couple of hours. If I make it the night before, then I will thaw the peas so the salad will not contain water...

Enjoy”.....**Ida**

*See the picture of giant bag of pennies from **Donna Kreir** to add to the “Mile of Pennies” fund.

*I will be gone to Washington State for Doctor’s appointments all of November, but will return for my annual “Tree Trimming Party”, Saturday December 7th at Noon. All are invited. Pot Luck. RSVP, so I can plan the number attending. Text or e-mail for directions to my house, if needed.

“Happy Holidays”!

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



**The total amount raised
in 2024 from the
Mile of Pennies Fundraiser was
\$111 = 694 feet = 13.1% mile.
Thank you to all who donated!**

Fundraiser Bingo!

Friday, Nov. 8 @ 6pm

CASH Prizes!

\$15 pack of 15 cards

Must be 19 years of age or older.

1st Saturday BINGO for December is cancelled.

Winter Wonderland

**Don't forget December 10th @ noon is our annual
Winter Wonderland Fundraiser luncheon.**

**Marie Scholle will cook 7 entrees to include Prime
Rib, Lobster Mac&Cheese, New England Clam
Chowder, Lobster Ravioli and more. The cost will
be \$50 per person, limited seating of 42.**

Refrigerator Etiquette

If you use the refrigerator/freezer for personal use, please keep in mind that it gets inspected and there are certain rules we all need to follow.



1. Put your name and the date on the packaging.
2. If items are not in the original packaging, do not have name and date listed, it will be thrown away.
3. Dated items will be thrown away after 1 week.



If you would like to sign up for a weekday lunch, please call by noon at least **1 week** prior so we can plan accordingly.

Lunches are offered Wednesday and Friday if there are at least **5** members signed up.

Suggested donation is \$6.00 per meal.

Lunch cards can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$30.00 for 6 meals.

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2024 Sustaining Donors

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

Thank you!

Commitment Total for
2024 so far = \$8990