

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.



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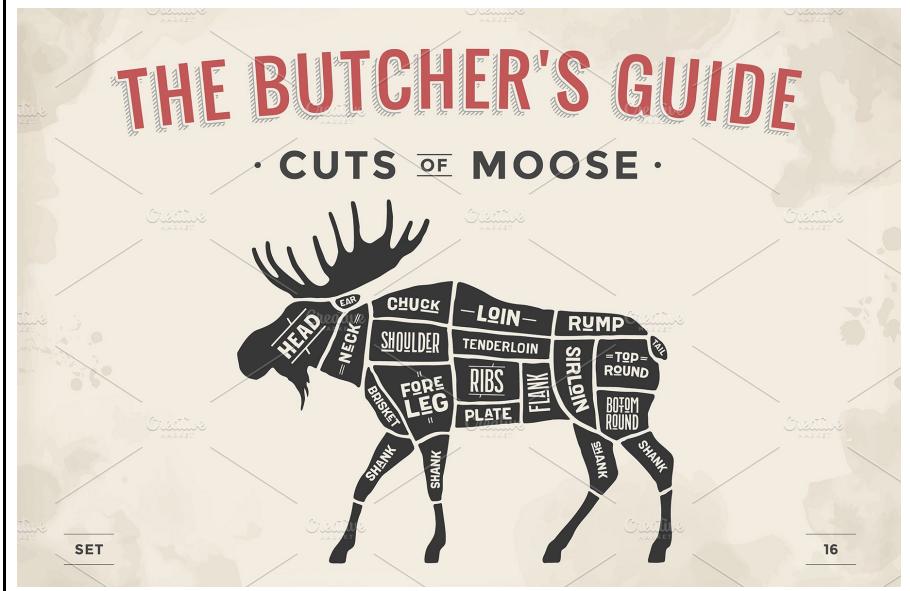
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October 2024 Volume X

Happy Fall Y'all

Letter from the President:
Joe went looking for a moose in September.



Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc.
2024 Officers and Board of Directors

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Parliamentarian Cora Williams

This month's Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 1pm. Check out www.santaseiors.com to review the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

**September 2024
Board of Directors
Meeting Highlights**

- ◆ August Volunteer Hours: 215.5
 - ◆ Total Gift Shop Sales \$965
 - Total Paid to Crafters \$41
 - Admin Fees & Center Sales \$548.50
 - ◆ The corner post has been fix.
Set 5' below slab and replaced cement corner post.
- ◆ The funds from the Aug. 20 Election Day Bake Sale will be designated to the Outreach Committee \$749.
- ◆ The Nominee Committee will be contacting members regarding the Oct. Board Elections. Members must be 50 years of age and in good standing to be eligible to run for a seat and to vote.



Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:
Amanda & Kristopher Jones
Lynn Turner

Book & Bake Sale



The Book & Bake Sale was a great success!

Book Sale: \$714 + Bake Sale: \$882

for total of **\$1596!**

Thank you! Ruthie and Pat for organizing this event.
And Thank you to all who came to support the center!





*Fraternal Order of
Alaska State Troopers
Presents*
Moe Bandy
w/ Special Guest Moore & Moore
Sunday, Oct. 20 @ 7pm
Hering Auditorium



Santa's Senior Center has two tickets for this event. If you would like to be included in a drawing to win these tickets, please contact Carmen. The drawing will be held on Monday, Oct. 14.



Fairbanks Concert Association
Presents

EMERGE125

(modern dance company based in Harlem)

Friday, Oct. 11, 2024

@ 7:30pm

Hering Auditorium



**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).

Wednesday & Friday Lunch

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 6 meals.

Birthday Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 16 @ 11am

\$10 Suggested Donation

Manicotti with Meat Sauce

Reservation Required

Please sign up by the 11th.

Steak Dinner

Friday, Oct. 25 @ 5pm

\$25.00 per plate

Reservation Required

Please sign up by the 18th .

**Congratulations Sharon Kubacki!
for winning both the Free Lunch Ticket
and the 50/50 Drawing!**



October Birthdays:

Date

- 1 Renee Klatt
- 3 Daphne Hofschulte
- 4 Paul Eickermann
- 4 JoAnn Perkins
- 10 Karen Tanner *
- 14 Sharon White *
- 16 Jacque Doll *
- 19 Lamie Ellsworth *
- 28 Lyman Benshoof *
- 29 Fran Hatfield



October Anniversaries:

Date

- 22 Denise & Donald Walters



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.



September birthday girls:

Judi Hastings and
Pat Belcher

THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 9/30/24
85 Days until Christmas

*Joe Geese's Memorial was postponed due to a family illness. Now it is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 6 pm at the North Pole Assembly of God Church, at 503 Kit Blvd.

*Valliere Forrest now has hot water, after heating it on the stove for 78 days. What a relief for her.

*We were saddened by the loss of our dear friend Larry White. He was a treasure to me personally when I was President of our Senior Center from 2016-2019. One lasting gift from him was the wooden podium that he made and we are still using today. Since he was a founder of *Atta Boy Awards*, I am getting them to make a plaque commemorating the podium. It is a lasting tribute to him. We will miss his humorous stories at exercise class. Our thoughts and prayers to Sharon and their loving family. They were married for 64 years. His Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, October 6th at the VFW Hall, 3159 VFW Road at 3pm

*Special Thanks to Wanda Weatherby for taking over the Chairmanship of the Jewelry Sale for me, at the Vintage Faire in the Shopper's Forum in Fairbanks. There will be a report on the sale in the next newsletter.

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



Farkle Tournament

October 14, 2024 11:30am

Time of the year again to have a fun Farkle Tournament for our seniors. No cost. All are invited. Fund prizes are given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and Red Lantern is presented to the one with the lowest score. Come and join us. Sign up sheet is available for those interested.



The podium in the meeting room, made by Larry White, will be dedicated in his name with a plaque made by Atta Boy Awards.



Gift Shop Artist Spotlight:



Betty Maness creates amazing earrings and delicious honey!



Betsy Bear is a local artist who creates beautiful paintings and turns them into postcards and posters so we all can enjoy and share her work.



Carmen Sears makes kuspukas and other crafts, such as seal skin ornaments. The seal skin ornaments are a fundraiser project for the center, Hunter donated the seal skin and Carmen is donating the time to make them.

Santa's Senior Center

2024 Sustaining Donors

Alice Murphy

Ramouna Sandbo

Valliere Forrest

Lamie Ellsworth

Virginia Bell

Benny & Cora Williams

Richard & Christina Foytich

Jo Small

Ruthie Sevy

Larry & Maria Terch

Jim & JoAnn Perkins

June Cloyd

Goldie Southwood

Mark & Rochelle Renner

Frank & Ida Rhines
Commitment Total for
2024 so far = \$8490

Thank You!

Barbara Sevier

Naomi King

Jean Erickson

Brenda Sadler

October 2024 Volunteers of the Month

New Presbyterian Church members Diane and Lenny Jewkes, Lori Buzby, Cindy Cochran, and Pam Hughes.

Diane is a very busy person who has formed a group of ladies from her church who volunteers here at the Santa's Senior Center in helping prepare and serve many meals for our monthly birthday luncheons.

Many times they have helped prepare and serve the Center's annual Thanksgiving dinners that are provided for our seniors who do not have close families here in the Interior of Alaska.

Diane and her husband Lenny have been members of the Santa Senior Center since 2016. They are avid hunters and fishermen and in many occasions have provided moose meat, salmon, and halibut for meals that Diane and her ladies have helped James Hunter and Marie O'Neil prepare and serve for our seniors.

Another many volunteering hours that these ladies have given is quilting hot pads and dish warmers for our kitchen as well as selling these items in our Gift Shop.

Diane's group plus some of our seniors here at the Center help distribute the annual Easter food bags throughout the Fairbanks, North Pole, and Moose Creek community area each year. These bags are brought to the Center and Hunter makes sure that these ladies are contacted for distribution.

Now I am told that Diane, Lenny, and Lori have been volunteering here at the Center for many years, and those who do not know who Diane Jewkes is, she's the tall lady that goes around asking if you want a scoop of ice cream with your birthday cake.

We give many thanks and congratulations to the New Hope Methodist Church volunteers!

