



# Santa's Senior Center

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## NEWS

101 E. 5th Avenue  
North Pole, Alaska 99705

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Hello members:

The board has been working on finding a new cook for the center. Until one is found anyone willing to step up and cook for the lunch, would be appreciated. In August we had Ida Rhines step up and she made enchiladas. We currently have some makings for hamburgers and tater tots, the center can fill in what we do not have. The BBQ'er out back has propane. So step up and cook for Septembers luncheon. October's luncheon will be the membership meeting and voting for replacement Directors. Make your voice heard.

The boiler has been tuned on, our kitchen hood recertification has been completed and the toilet in the women's bathroom fixed. We are still waiting on the replacement part for the air exchanger.

Carmen has been spotlighting our crafters that have items for sale in the gift shop on Facebook.

Thanks and have a wonderful fall.

Your 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**

<b>President Joseph Gelinas</b>	<b>907-347-1774</b>
<b>Vice-Pres. Judith Hastings</b>	<b>907-488-2145</b>
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<b>Director Lamie Ellswort</b>	<b>503-568-9666</b>
<b>Director Cora Williams</b>	<b>907-388-3577</b>



**Parliamentarian Cora Williams**

This month's Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 at 1pm.

Check out [www.santaseniors.com](http://www.santaseniors.com) to review the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

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**August BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- ♦ **July's Gift Shop Sales: \$1095**, \$381.60 paid to crafters  
10 Cookbooks sold to Roaming Root @ \$13 each
- ♦ **Volunteer Hours** for July = 272
- ♦ The **Nomination Committee** will be calling members to encourage board participation and see who might be interested in running for the board.
- ♦ The **Sunshine Committee** will be mailing out Welcome cards to new members
- ♦ **H&H Services** will continue to do the snow plowing this winter, every 2", for \$140 each plow.

The **City of North Pole** has been notified about the parking lot pavement issues with bubbling or sinking.

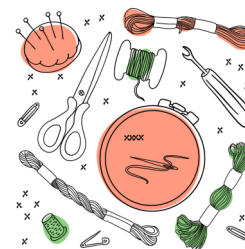


**Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:  
Kent & Stefany Kluever**

# Gift Shop Artist Spotlight:



Larry Hoevelman makes beautiful wood products such as candle holders and bowls. Come check them out!



Ellie Herrera crochets and make these cute moose dolls. The gift giving season is approaching rapidly, come in and see what we've got!

**If you have items on consignment in the gift shop and would like to be spotlighted on Facebook, come and get your picture taken. I am hoping to get some local shoppers in for the Holiday season.**



Agnes Beavers makes garlic pickled beets! Ya can't get it any fresher than that.

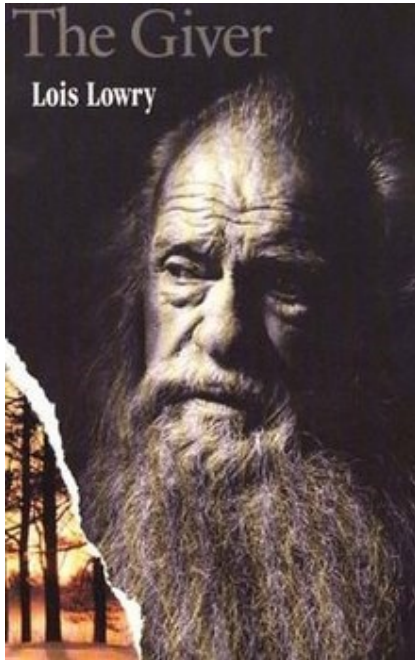


David Hastings makes fishing lures and amazing earrings too. They really catch your eye. It's always fishing season in Alaska!



# Book Club:

The book club now meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 2-3pm

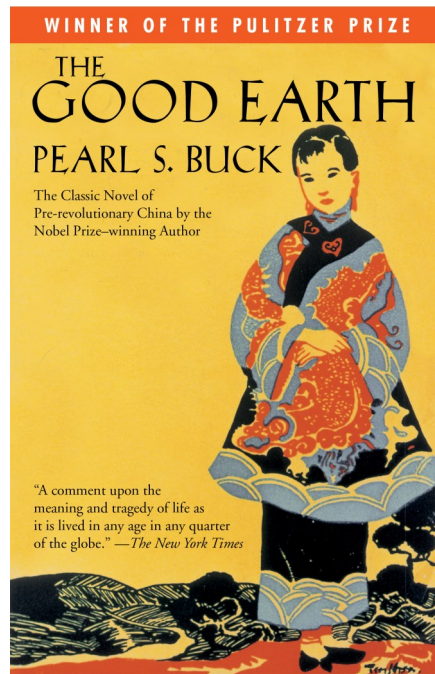


September 4th:

*The Giver* is a 1993 American young adult dystopian novel written by Lois Lowry, set in a society which at first appears to be utopian but is revealed to be dystopian as the story progresses.

October 2nd:

*The Good Earth* is a historical fiction novel by Pearl S. Buck published in 1931 that dramatizes family life in an early 20th-century Chinese village in Anhwei.



## August's Birthday Luncheon

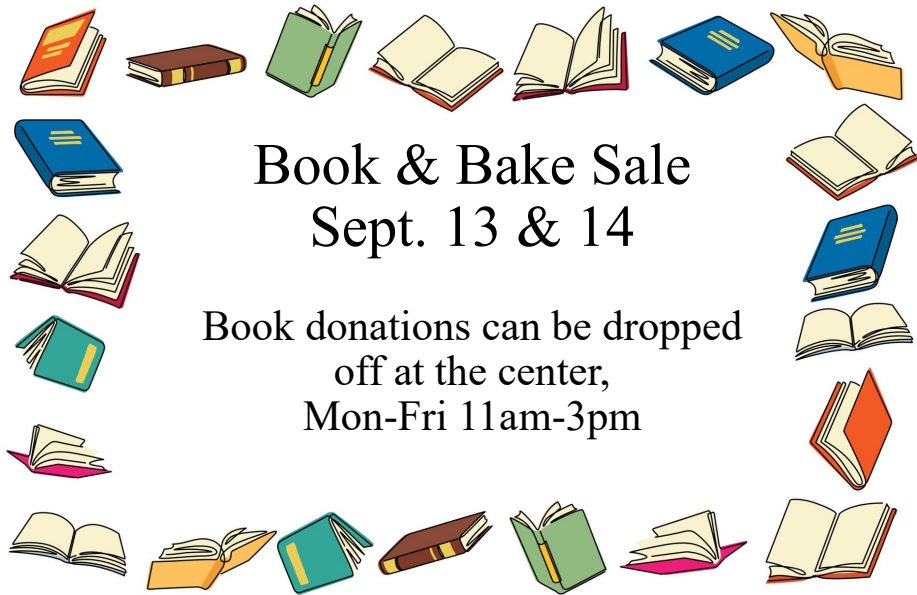
Single Lunch Ticket Winner:  
**Frank Rhines**

50/50 Raffle Winner:  
**Christina Foytich**

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## Book & Bake Sale Sept. 13 & 14

Book donations can be dropped  
off at the center,  
Mon-Fri 11am-3pm



## Jewelry Sale Sept. 28 & 29

At Shopper's Forum Mall

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off at the center,  
Mon-Fri 11am - 3pm

## August Volunteer of the Month: Jo Small



Jo has been an active member for a long time and has volunteered on lots of committees and projects. She is the Chairperson for the Audit Committee, is active in her Church, Moose Lodge and other senior activities, and always helps family and friends. She sells the 50/50 tickets during the monthly birthday luncheons and is always willing to volunteer to help during other events.

Jo likes to quilt, knit, crochet, and many other crafty things in her spare time. (read more about Jo on the website)

***Congratulations Jo!***

## September Birthdays:

Marked with \* 80 Years or Older

- 4 Kathleen Bungart
- 4 Brenda Sadler
- 6 Cindy Jeffries
- 13 Roger Havens\*
- 18 Patty Belcher\*
- 18 Ramouna Sandbo
- 19 Madalyn Lehrer
- 21 Chuck Lovejoy
- 23 Marleyne Hunter\*
- 26 Judy Hastings
- 26 Thor Weatherby
- 29 Scott Southwood



## September Anniversaries:

Years Married

- |                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| 7 David & Judy Hastings      | 39 |
| 11 Joseph & Tyra Gelinas     | 34 |
| 21 Leonard & Diane Jewkes    | 55 |
| 23 Patrick & Charlotte Yates | 57 |



**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.**



## THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 8/31/24

115 Days until Christmas



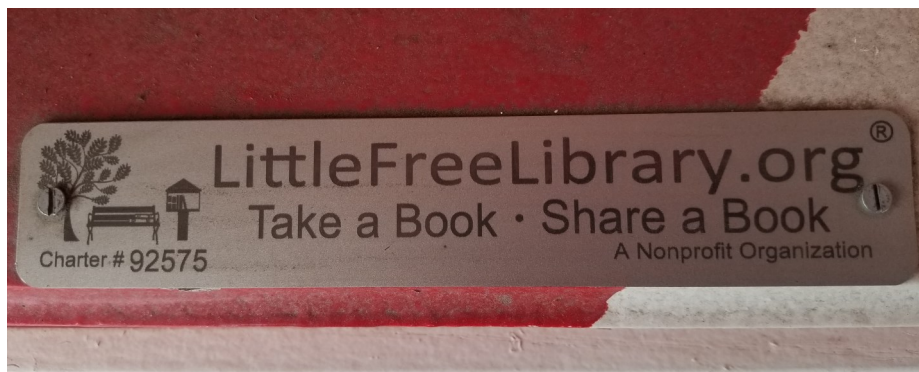
I heard that Pat Arthur's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was FUN! It looks like a good crowd came to help her celebrate. She is a true Treasure for Santa's Senior Center! "Happy Birthday, Pat!"

I am sorry I missed the party. I was in Seattle at the University of Washington Heart Institute, attempting to get an artery unblocked and have a stent put in. This is usually a simple procedure. But I don't do anything the easy way. They perforated the artery and had to back-out and wait for it to heal. So I will return in November to try again. This time I will have TWO renowned heart surgeons working on me. So hopefully it will have a better outcome.

Valliere Forrest is having a hard time just washing dishes. She has had to heat her water on the stove since May, when their boiler died. They are thankful to have their motor home in the yard for showers. They hope to convert to a gas boiler. So you know that involves getting the gas line to their door. Hurry up and wait. Good luck Valliere!







### Did you know...

Santa's Senior Center has a Little Free Library! You may not have realized it because it is disguised as a candy cane.

Create and register a Little Free Library at:  
<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

Download the LFL app to your phone using google play or any app store.

Search for a LFL on your phone, anywhere in the world.

This & That continued...

I am looking forward to the "Antique Faire" At the Shopper's Forum Mall in Fairbanks September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

(Saturday and Sunday). Santa Senior Center will have a fabulous Jewelry Sale there. It is not too late to donate your excess jewelry. (Just leave them at the Center) Most everything will be less than \$4.00. Some items even \$1.00! Come do your Christmas shopping.



We are thankful for family and friends.....**Goldie**

Please call, text or e-mail, letting us know how you are doing.

### Planning ahead...

We are gearing up for the winter months ahead, a busy body is a healthy body. What kind of activities are you interested in doing with the members of the center? A sign up sheet will be created to see which activities will generate the most participation.



Is anyone interested in an Art Class?

Is anyone interested in starting a Bridge Club

Is anyone interested in playing Scrabble or Chess?

Is anyone interested in a Movie Matinee?

Let us know if there is anything else you might be interested in doing at the center.

We are also in need of someone to step up to the plate to volunteer to cook or help with the birthday luncheon. It can be as simple as spaghetti or hamburgers.

Call Sharon Corbett if you can help with the luncheon.

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## 2024 Sustaining Donors

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

*Thank You!*  
 Commitment Total for  
 2024 so far = \$8490

## In Loving Memory Ralph (Joe) Geese



A memorial service will be  
 held in honor of Joe at the  
 North Pole Assembly of God  
 September 5th at 6pm

## Sunshine Committee:

In August, 19 birthday cards, 5 Anniversary cards  
 and 1 Get Well card were sent out to members.  
 Cards were also sent out to new members to  
 welcome them to our center.

If you know of anyone that needs a little sunshine  
 brought into their lives, please contact the  
 Sunshine Committee. We can send out cards for  
 just about any occasion, event or sad news.

Committee Chair: Judi Hastings

Members:

Ida Rhines, Lynda House, Carmen Sears