

Santa's Senior Center 

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 **March 2025 - Volume III** 

Hello members:
 Our board of directors have moved forward on the parking lot repaving project. After an in-depth look into our finances, it was determined that this summer is the time to do the project. The project will take place in the third week of June. The minutes from these meetings are printed and hanging on the board in the office. I encourage you all to take time to read them.

Some members have asked why we are perusing this project. The answer is simple: one trip or fall on the separated asphalt could financially impact us to the point the center would not make it through a law suit. Therefore it is cheaper and safer to address this problem and resolve it. Many of our members use walkers, canes, and wheelchairs.

We are also putting together a parking lot asphalt purchasing board. There is about 10,000 feet of parking lot. If everyone chips in and buys a few squares we can offset the cost of the loan, which will be about \$30,000. Director Candy Clark will be heading this up this fundraiser.
 Thank you all for your time and trust,
 Your president Joseph Gelinas.

Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.
 101 E. 5th Avenue
 North Pole, Alaska 99705



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:**

President Joe Gelinas 907-347-1774
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Cora Williams 907-388-3577
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Parliamentarian: Cora Williams

The Board of Directors Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be March 12th at 1pm.

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

Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

- ◆ 220 Volunteer Hours in January
- ◆ The Audit Committee met on Jan. 23 - passed
- ◆ The board met for a special meeting regarding Re-paving the Parking Lot.
- ◆ Now Accepting Donations for the Re-paving the Parking Lot Fund.
- ◆ The ACS contract is being reviewed and updated.
- ◆ The website maintenance contract with Marlene Phillips has be renewed.
- ◆ Jana Howard has offered to volunteer to be the Registered Agent for the organization.



**Santa's Senior Center Welcomes:
No new members in February**

February Birthday Lunch:



**Birthday Girls:
Joyce Grover &
Goldie Southwood
with Board President
Joe Gelinas**



**Guest Speaker:
Brenda Sadler from
17 Mile Homemakers**



**Guest Speaker:
Jerry Million from
Rotary Club**

March Birthdays:

Date:

- 9 Craig Lehrer
- 9 Chrya Sanderson
- 12 Johanna Guzman*
- 13 Maria Terch
- 15 Naomi King*
- 18 JoAnne Gillens
- 19 Patricia Goble*
- 19 Patty Rogers
- 24 Jane Simmons
- 31 Jeanne Fischer
- 31 Donna Krier*
- 31 Ida Rhines*
- 31 Patti Runnion*



**Happy Birthday to all members
born in March!**

**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.**

March Anniversaries:

Date:

Years Married:

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|
| 6 | Jed & Joyce Grover | 60 |
| 7 | Gail Chagnon & John Tobin | 39 |
| 17 | Michelle Nicholas Vedder | 25 |
| 29 | Jana & Wayne Sumner | 39 |
| 31 | Joseph & Sue Czerski | 35 |



The March 19th Birthday Lunch will be catered by Pagoda Restaurant. Please sign up and pay for your lunch by March 10. The cost will remain \$10 per plate. Limited space.

Santa's Senior Center and 17 Mile Homemakers presents...



F.Y.I.



'For Your Information'

The 4th Thursday of each month we will host an informational session on various topics. These presentations are free and open to the public, please spread the word!

March 27th, 10am-11:30am:
Mami S. Brown, LLC
Beware of Scammers

April 17th, 10am-11:30am:
Tori Gingrass
Assistive Technology (ATLA)
at North Pole City Chambers

If you have ideas or suggestions for topics, contact **Brenda Sadler 907-590-5820.**



Fairbanks Concert Association Presents...

We have 10 tickets available for each of these concerts. The sign-up sheet is in the office.



Trailblazing Women of Country

Hering Auditorium

March 8, 2025 @ 7:30pm



Sean Dagher

Davis Concert Hall

April 18, 2025 @ 7:30pm



We may get tickets for other performances if space allows. I'll let you know as soon as I get the information.



Farkle Fest - February 2025



Even though we had a small group of 8 participants for this tournament, I can say that we all had a great time playing.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Place Betty Schleich

2nd Place Sharron Hunter

3rd Place Marya Lewanski

Red Lantern went to June Cloyd.

Other participants: Tyra Gelinias, Lamie Ellsworth, Ellie Herrera, Ruthie Sevy, JN Hunter



THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 2/28/25

300 Days until Christmas

*A Couple from the Senior Center has a son who was in the *Broadway Alaska* production of “*Beetle Juice the Musical*” at the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage. **Cora** and **Benny Williams** are rightfully proud of their son **CorBen**. He was in the Ensemble cast and was on stage most of the production. Several Santa Senior members travelled to Anchorage for the performance. We were rewarded with a fun evening and a great show! “*Way to go, CorBen!*”

*Special THANKS to **Bruce Hartford!** He graciously brought fresh flowers to everyone at the Senior Center on Valentine’s Day. What a thoughtful thing to do. He brightened so many lives that day. Thank you **Bruce!**

*I am taking an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) class titled: “*Stronger Memory*” taught by **Susan Gainey** and **Diana Lingle**. It is very interesting group discussion class showing us ways to try to do something about our sometimes failing memory. Studies have shown that doing simple math quickly, reading aloud, and writing by hand lights up the prefrontal cortex improving recall, memory and focus. Want to learn more? Course material can be downloaded from Goodwin Living Foundation or ordered as a printed book. <http://goodwinliving.org/stronger-memory/packets/> I am also toying with the idea of having a “Stronger Memory” monthly discussion group here at the Center. I will put up a sign-up sheet in the Center Office, to see if there is interest. Please tell me what day and time would be best for you.

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

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

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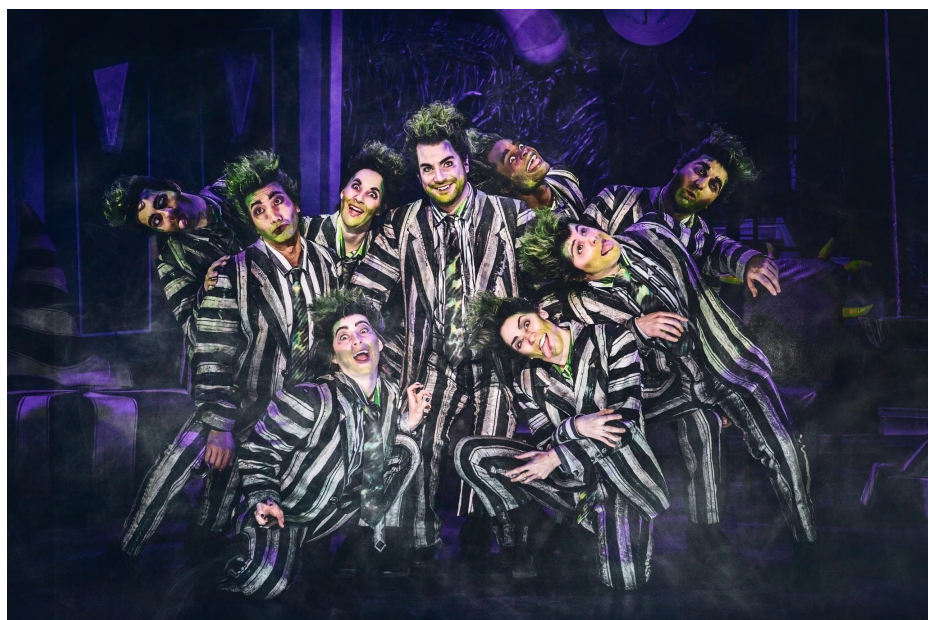


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CorBen Williams performing in Beetle Juice, the Musical in Anchorage, AK



Book Club:

Usually the first Wednesday of each month.

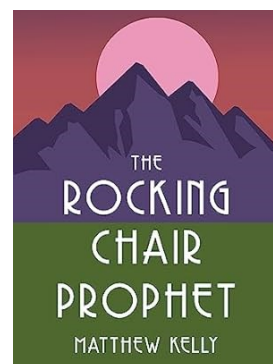


March 5

The Rocking Chair Prophet

By Matthew Kelly

After an unspeakable tragedy devastates his life, Daniel, a thirty-three-year-old sub-urban man, disappears into the mountains. Years later, he reemerges filled with uncom-mon wisdom and other extraordinary gifts.



April 2

The Flight Attendant

By Chris Bohjalian

From the author of *The Guest Room*, a powerful story about the ways an entire life can change in one night: A flight attendant wakes up in the wrong hotel, in the wrong bed, with a dead man - and no idea what happened.



May 7

The Great Hippopotamus Hotel

By Alexander McCall Smith

In this latest installment of Alexander McCall Smith's beloved No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi take on an intriguing new case and uncover surprising truths.



March Lunch Menu:

Wednesday

5th Salisbury Steak

12th Mac&Chs/HotDog

19th Birthday Lunch

26th Lasagna

Friday

7th Fishsticks

14th Tuna/Chn Sandwiches

21st Fish Chowder

28th Fish Tacos

SPRING FORWARD!
Daylight Saving Time
March 9, 2025




2025 Sustaining Donor Program

If you would like to continue your sustaining donation from last year, please fill out a new form.

James S Jordan
 June Cloyd
 Christina S Richard
 Foytich

Ellie Herrera
 Barbara Sevier
 Naomi King
 Jamie Ellsworth

Ramonna Sanders
 Ruthie Sevy
 Goldie Southwood

**Commitment Total
 for 2025 so far
 \$6100**