

DALLAS AREA SENIORS NEWS

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HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY!

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Rosella Lawrence
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Amy Nipp
Ardell Orr
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Myrna Waldron
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Nettie Wise

New Faces at the Board Meeting

Last month we reported the names of those elected to serve in the coming year(s). We neglected to name one of the board members elected and apologize for the oversight. Listed here again, but more completely, are your officers for calendar year 2009.

- President Candy Thommen
- Vice-President Kathy Douglas
- Secretary Sharon Martin
- Treasurer June Krause
- Board Members
Mary Lou Koenig
Billie Tipton
Karen Rempel

AARP Tax Aide Program is Back Again in Polk County

For a number of years, Pat Yancy and other staff with AARP have partnered with DHS/ Dallas Self Sufficiency office (providing space) to assist people in filling out their taxes for FREE in Polk County. AARP has partnered with IRS and is certified through the training that IRS provides. They prepare taxes based on the information people give them. They are not CPA's or other professional tax preparers.

AARP representatives will be physically located at the Dallas Self Sufficiency office, 177 SW Oak Street, Dallas, OR. The phone number to schedule an appointment is (503) 623-8118. Dates of this service are February 4th, through April 10th, 2009. People who do not speak English need to bring an interpreter to the appointment.

Don't forget to pay your 2009 dues

People also need to:

1. Call if they need to cancel or reschedule their appointment.
2. Bring to the appointment:
 - a. Social Security cards and photo ID.
 - b. 2007 tax return.
 - c. All documents for income and expenses for the 2008 tax return.
 - d. New this year: real estate tax information even if you don't itemize deductions.
 - e. Form 1378 that came with the stimulus payment.
 - f. Checkbook if you want direct deposit.

You've Still Got It - Sweetheart Edition

You've Still Got It Sweethearts Edition will be held Thursday, February 12, 10a.m. Our fun program "You've Still Got It" turns the focus to the lovebirds in our membership. We will be interviewing some of our favorite couples, and then quizzing you about the stories they tell. We will have some special treats & prizes, as well as lunch afterward. Don't miss the fun! Looking forward to March, our special guest will be City Manager, Jerry Wyatt!

FYI: SENIOR EDITION

For those of you who missed out on the first program in the FYI series, it was very, very informative. This month, Lorraine Anderson and Geneva Briscoe will present important information for the retired and senior people in our community. If you have a topic about which you would like to know more, or you would like to present, please contact us at (503)623-8554.

February Mystery Trip

Thursday, February 18th, we are planning one of our great fun Mystery Trips. We will depart for destination(s) unknown at 11am from the parking lot across from the Senior Center. Other mystery destinations have included the Albany Carousel, and other interesting locations. Sign up and pay \$5 for the fun!

Lunch will be on your own. Only the first 15 people to sign up can go.

Holiday Crafts

WOW! We are off to a great start. January 20 was our first week and what a turnout. There were ladies and ideas galore.

The third Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. we are making items for our annual Holiday Craft sale in November. You are invited to join the group. It's fun and the company is great. Bring your ideas; you may be able to teach us how to do your specialty. All ideas are welcomed.

February Movie

The 1941 movie "Ball of Fire" will be the featured attraction for this month. Because the third Monday of this month is a holiday you should plan to come to the Senior Center February 23 at 10 a. m. to watch this movie.

This month we will be inaugurating our big screen flat panel television. The purchase of this TV set was made possible through a generous grant from the Dallas Community Foundation and the Trust Management Foundation. We are most grateful.

Gary Cooper plays a serious but lovable English professor working with his intellectual colleagues on a dictionary of American slang. When Barbara Stanwyck, as a red-hot nightclub singer on the run from the mob, takes refuge in their house, she also finds a place in their hearts. But where there's a ball of fire there's bound to be trouble, and before they know it, the professor and his colleagues are learning a lot about language -- and life. Movie and popcorn are free; soup & bread lunch follows for just \$2.

Center Closed February 16

February 16 is observed as President's day this year and the Senior Center will be closed.

Friday Night Bingo

The progressive pot is still growing! We will start out with \$165.00 this month. Be the first to win in 61 numbers or less and the pot is yours.

Every first and third Friday of the month we have bingo at the Center. You can participate for as little as \$1.00 for a card; five cards cost only \$5.00. The Progressive cards are all \$1.00 each. Doors open at 6:30 and games start at 7:00 p.m. What a great way to spend a Friday evening with your friends.

Chili dogs and desserts are available for a nominal fee. If you would like to donate a pie, please call Sharon at 503.623.3251 or June at 503.623.5900. We hope to see you there; the more the merrier.

ICAN Thanks DAS

Dallas ICAN offers major thanks for donating the bus and driver for the trip to the Hallie Ford Museum in Salem. The kids, from the ICAN Create After School Art program, had an opportunity to learn about Northwest Native American Art, that they might not otherwise have had if DAS hadn't been so generous. Thank you so much!



Russ Thommen with Libby Bronson

Candy's Corner

Our site review team and spouses visited the new senior center in Grande Ronde recently. The facility is well hidden off the beaten track. We drove around for a while, even passing by it once, before we finally found it. This is a beautiful building and our members came away with several ideas for our new Center here in Dallas. We all then enjoyed lunch at Coyote Joe's in Willamina and had a leisurely trip through the countryside on our return.

I hope you are making plans to attend the Chili Championship on February 21. There is more information about this just below.



The Dallas Area Seniors will be joining the computer world soon. On January 24 a group of volunteers will paint the office and re-arrange the furniture to make room for a computer which was purchased recently with a grant from the Dallas Community Foundation and will be installed in the office. Our records can now be computerized and available at the click of a mouse.

Have a nice Valentine's Day and I look forward to seeing each of you at our various events and functions at the Dallas Senior Center.

Michele Honored at Chamber Fest

Our Activities Coordinator, Michele Campione, was awarded the "Excellence in the Arts" award from the Dallas Arts Association and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce at the Community Awards Banquet on January 16.

Congratulations, Michele!

CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP

So you think you make the best chili in the valley? You will now have an opportunity to prove that and win a nice prize to boot. We will be trying a new event this month, the Chili Championship. The first ten members who pay an entry fee will be given an opportunity to serve their special chili to one and all who come to the Center on February 21 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A panel of judges will select the "best" chili entered.

For those of us who would rather eat chili than slave over the stove to prepare it; a bowl of chili and a piece of cornbread can be had for only \$5.00. This also includes a dessert of

your choice. If you like your chili really spicy that dessert may well be a dish of ice cream.

February Jam Session

If you missed the January Jam, you missed plenty! We had over 15 musicians come to play, and a full house of appreciative listeners. Performers included DAS Members Sharron Kramer, Kermit Bale, Johnny Leigh, and of course our own Notorious Leopard Chicks, among many others! We even got to test drive our new microphone stands, provided by a grant from the Dallas Community Foundation.

This month the event will be held February 26 at the regular 6:30 p.m. time slot. Come and join the fun!

Heritage Crafts

Heritage Crafts Continue Tuesday February 3. Our popular ICAN Create Heritage Crafts program, teaching young folks the arts and crafts we learned as children, begins a new session on Tuesday, February 3 from 3pm-5pm, and continues each Tuesday afternoon in February.

We would really appreciate it if a few more folks would come and help teach the kids. The program is led by Blanche Pryor and Billie Tipton. We will be working on knitting and Valentines and lots of other crafts. It is great fun! If you know a child who would like to participate, please contact Michele at (503) 623-5055. Cost for the program is \$35, including snacks, instruction and materials, for everyone ages 8 and up.

Box Tops for Schools

We have made available a drop-site for cereal box tops. Please bring your box tops to the Center; each one can be redeemed for cash to help our schools.



