



The Golden Gazette

Treasure of the Hills Senior Activity Center

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

I sincerely hope that everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As we welcome in the New Year, we can look forward to enjoying another year of various activities at our Senior Center. As you read through the Golden Gazette, you will note that 2020 will have newly added activities for members' enjoyment. New activities include Information Classes, and lively entertainment at our luncheons.

January will have an announcement of a Managing Director, as well as the newly installed Officers beginning serving their respective offices.

Please remember to pay your *dues* so you can join in the excitement at your Senior Activity Center. Dues support your activities at the Senior Center.

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for *January 20th*. We will be entertained by Lago Vista Bluegrass Band. This Group was started in 2006 by Vince Sweat (banjo, guitar, vocals) and Judi Sweat (upright bass, vocals). Over the years the musical repertoire of the group evolved to encompass many diverse genres of music (Irish, country, folk, & even 50's rock & roll), and many additional members have joined: Ramble Briggs (accordion, vocals), Penny Byrnes (percussion, washboard, harmonica), Wayne Woodall (mandolin, fiddle, vocals), Christina Clem (guitar, vocals) and Will Briggs (guitar, banjo, vocals). *Don't miss the fun!! Sign up Now!*

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for November was \$2,345.81 and expenses were \$2,403.77 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$-.57.96. Rental Revenue of \$1,700.00 was the major source of income. There were no unusual items of Expense. Our investments increased in value by \$4,059.59.

Financial Reports for November are filed in a binder behind the Receptionist's desk for Members' review.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

By Frank Mignoli

Ninety-one (91) people attended and enjoyed the annual Christmas Dinner. The new Officers and new Directors were sworn in by the elegantly dressed Judge Mary Riordan. The pledge of allegiance and the invocation by Barbara Johnson was followed by a nice green salad served by Nancy Nunn, Joyce Francis, MarEllen Basalyga and Donna Craig. Then the attendees were served the main meal that included prime rib, mashed potatoes, green beans and cooked carrots. The dessert was frosted white or chocolate cake from Costco.

Following the meal and keeping in the Christmas spirit, Carolyn White and her daughter Donna Craig led everyone singing Christmas carols. They were accompanied by Nella Easley at the piano. A good time was had by all.

The event could not have been a success without fellow cook, Bill Van Osten, and kitchen assistants Lisa Leirvagg, Becky Jensen, June Peterson, Ann Mignoli, Sherry Peterson and C. W. Clark. The kitchen cleanup group of Jan Clark, Lisa Leirvaag, Becky Jensen and others that I am unable to name put the kitchen back in order. C.W. Clark, Harvey Wohlwend, Paul Jaqua & Dennis Domanski had the place cleaned up in no time and ready for Monday Night Bridge.

Many thanks to all those who came Sunday evening and decorated the tables with holiday villages and other festive decorations.

Christmas Dinner (continued)

As with any event, there's always a few mix-ups. Once again I was unable to cook any medium rare meat (even with thermometers). I'll try to do better next year. We had nice Hawaiian rolls in the warmer. However, we forgot to serve them. Next year, I'll make sure I put them on the schedule. They would have gone great with the salad. Well, next year we hope it will be even better.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

By Carolyn White

Happy New Year everyone. Hope everyone had a great Christmas. We have big shoes to fill in looking for a new Managing Director. I would like to wish Sue Witovec all the best for a Healthy New Year and to get better quickly. You are missed around here!

As the new year starts, we are asking if you have lost anything or misplaced anything this past year, PLEASE come and look in the "lost and found" shelf. Also, look at the coat rack as a few of the coats have been hanging there for quite a while and if nobody claims them, we'll donate them to the homeless.

LINE DANCING

PLEASE NOTE ... For January ONLY we will meet on *January 8th* and *January 22nd* - that is the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays! In February we will go back to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.



SOUP DAY

By Frank Mignoli

On Wednesday, December 11th, 17 members and guests enjoyed the delicious Stuffed Pepper Soup prepared by MarEllen Basalyga. In fact it was so good, ten (10) to-go cups were sold. MarEllen also made crescent rolls.

June Peterson made the tea and helped in the kitchen. MarEllen made the lemonade. Cake was donated by Paul Jaqua. The cleanup was done by Lisa Leirvaag and Vicki MacIntosh.

I received a suggestion that we have Soup Day on the *second Tuesday*, instead of Wednesday. There are more card players on Tuesday. So *January 14th*, Vicki Van Osten will be preparing Cheese Broccoli Soup. Of course, bread/rolls, drinks and dessert will also be provided all for only \$4. So don't miss out and prepay so we have a better idea on the attendance.

With the change to *Tuesday* the attendance, which has barely gone over the minimum (16), will increase and more people will be enjoying the delicious homemade soup made by a member of TOTH.



**AND WE
HAVE A
WINNER!**

Congratulations to Trudy New for winning the beautiful Globe.



BREAKFAST

By Bill Van Osten & Vicky

Our New Year's resolution is for a successful year. Hoping for support.

Our normal menu of eggs, bacon, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, grits, fruit salad and cinnamon buns will be served.

Join us on JANUARY 25th @ 9:00 A.M.

All you can eat for just \$5. (now that's a deal).

Please sign up for this event, as there is a minimum of 15 to hold event. Please pay in advance of event.



MEET AND EAT

By Jayne Van Osten

We celebrated our New Year's, and that brings to mind Chinese New Year too! It's been a while ... ALL WELCOME!

Join us for a friendly meal and gathering!

January 14th @ 4:30 p.m.

Snow Pea Asian Bistro

14028 Hwy 183 (HEB shopping center)

Cedar Park, TX

NEW MEMBERS

By Gerri West

WELCOME!

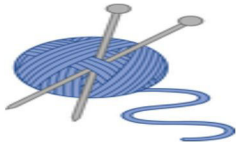
Carl R. Siebenlist

Jean A. Jones

Margaret "Maggie" Ingraham

Stephen "Steve" Craig

Malcolm W. Gray



NEEDLE ARTS

By Mary Riordan

In January, we will meet on the 6th and 20th in the TOTH Library. Bring ideas for planning 2020.

HOMELESS DONATIONS

By Carolyn Patrick

As always, thanks to those who donated items for the homeless last month. Truly, your donations are appreciated. The Austin Humanists at Work served 200 homeless people at the December giveaway, where toiletries and other living items were available, as well as some food items. Next month, we particularly need the following items:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Hair oil/leave-in conditioner for coarse hair

Hair elastics

Toilet paper

Tissues

Sunscreen

Lip Balm

Hand Warmers

Women's socks

Women's underwear

Men's underwear (boxer brief style has been requested)

Emergency blankets

Non-perishable grab & go foods

Grab & go fruit for the day of Giveaway

Please place donations in the Blue Bin in the TOTH reception room. Thanks so much!



BUNCO

By Carolyn White

Well, I don't know about all of you, but I'm full of turkey, ham and all the trimmings from the holidays. Now it's time for FUN! Come join us for Bunco. We are in our winter hours, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. If you've never played Bunco, come play with us, no problem, we'll teach you, it's fun, fast and easy. We'd love to see you. We have both men and women playing. Look for the sign-up sheet in the office and come join us.

CRUISING IN THE NEW YEAR

By Mary Riordan

2 cabins are already selected for the cruise on the Carnival Freedom going round trip from Galveston to Cozumel, Roatan and Belize for 7 days - April 19 to April 26. Call Mary Riordan for more information. 512-260-8876 (this is a land line so NO texts) for more information.

MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

From Naida Williams:

Bob Peterson

James Sowle

Diane Grossman

Gene Miller

Elaine Kaplan

**INTERESTED IN
THESE ACTIVITIES**

By Jayne Van Osten

SING, SING A SONG - It has been suggested we create a TOTH choir. If you would like to form a group, please see the Managing Director.

YOGA - We have a new member who's a yoga instructor and is willing to teach chair yoga and mat yoga. If interested, please see or call the Managing Director.

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY**

The Bucket Brigade will start to begin deep cleaning the kitchen with the refrigerator, freezer, and oven on *Saturday, January 11th* at 9:30 a.m. If you want to help, please call the office.

NOTE: See back page of Gazette for *change* of activity Chairperson.



**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Jeri Finn	05
Barbara Johnson	05
Marilyn Hill	07
Dotti Cowan	08
Janet Lobsenz	08
Janice Wohlwend	09
Jerry Jahn	10
Linda Rettinger	10
Doris Stone	10
Barbara Camp	11
Dennis Domanski	12
Martha Fontenot	12
Nella Easley	14
Doug Thomas	16
Lisa Leirvaag	17
Zane Lowenstein	17
Vickie Nann	17
Morris Kaplan	18
Harvey Koerner	18
Toni Maxwell	19
Connie Ripley	22
Clay Speer	22
Ken Birdwell	23
Jerry Thomas	23
Marchitta Wisdom	24
Pam Birnbaum	25
Dodie Domanski	25
Fran Robertson	27
Laila Marawi	28
Carol Von Rosenberg	28
Dick Planck	29
Mary Newman	30
Patricia Jones	31
Ann Mignoli	31



**JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron & Ritamarie Neff	09
Mary Kate & Harry Woodruff	23
Suzanne & Roberto Ortiz	30

2020 DUES ARE DUE!

By Gerri West

Please pay your dues of \$25/member by *Monday, February 17, 2020*. This is the deadline for the March issue of the Golden Gazette. Members who have NOT renewed by that date will be removed from the membership rolls and will no longer receive a Golden Gazette newsletter. New members who joined on or after November 1, 2019 have already been enrolled for 2020. If you are a Lifetime Member, you can still support TOTH by donating an amount equivalent to dues. This donation can be made to the general operating fund or to the Memorial Fund. Please make checks payable to Treasure of the Hills (TOTH). Thanks for making TOTH a great place for Seniors!

JANUARY 2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

We were looking forward to an exciting New Year and the Senior Center is delivering.

At January Board of Directors meeting two positions received approval, Lisa Leirvaag as Managing Director and Mary Riordon as Nominating Chair. Congratulations to both members.

Now we have additional volunteer opportunities. Lisa becoming Managing Director was required to resign from the Board of Directors. If you are interested in being considered for the open Board position, please contact Mary Riordon. You may also place a resume in a sealed envelope and leave it with the Director or Mary.

We have another opportunity as Becky Jensen resigned as Publicity and Public Awareness Chair to pursue volunteer opportunities at a food pantry and also at her church. Please consider becoming involved at the Senior Center by volunteering for this. Carolyn White is the point of contact.

President's Message continued

As you read through the Gazette or stop at the Center, please note the upcoming activities:

- 1) Defensive Driving Class on February 6th.
- 2) Luncheon on Friday, February 14th.
- 3) Jean Wiedenfeld has successfully found special entertainment for a number of luncheons, including blue grass, C.R. and line dancing and country gospel.

Please make sure you have your dues paid by February 15 to receive the March issue of the Gazette.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Special Entertainment

For Valentine's Day

Friday, February 14th

Frank Mignoli's Acapella Group will be our entertainment for this luncheon. We will start at 11:30 a.m. *sharp!*

Don't miss out! Sign up today!

**HOSTESS FOR
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**

**BUNCO &
MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for December was \$3,526.56 and expenses were \$2,653.00 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$873.56. Rental Revenue of \$2,190.00 was the major source of income and Membership Dues of \$887.50. There were no unusual items of Expense. Our investments increased in value by \$4,179.67.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

Hello Everyone! I was chosen as the new Managing Director. I have been a member of TOTH for about a year and am thrilled about the job. I realize that I have big shoes to fill following Sue Witovec. I promise I will do my best. I am grateful to Carolyn White, the interim Managing Director, for sharing her knowledge and experience and guiding me through my first week. There is a lot to learn! Please bear with me while I find my bearings. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. My office hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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BOARD NOTES

By Donna Craig

Mike and Mary Jane Davison will be awarded an Honorary Membership to acknowledge all they have done for TOTH.

We are conducting a Membership Survey in 2020. You can find the survey in the reception area. We are asking all members to complete one so we can continue to improve our Center.

MarEllen Basalyga will be chairing a new Welcome Committee to make sure that all our new members feel welcome and included in our activities.

Sit & Fit is moving to a 9:00 a.m. start time in February to accommodate traffic issues.

February 15th is final date for annual dues renewal.

Please use your first and last name when signing up for any functions. This will help us keep accurate records.

NAIDA WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Naida will be at
Great Hills Baptist Church
10500 Jollyville Road, Austin

Saturday, *February 8th* at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a *Memorial Service*
at TOTH at 2:00 p.m. on the same day

Saturday, February 8th.



SOUP DAY

By Frank Mignoli

On Tuesday, January 4th, 23 members and one (1) guest enjoyed the delicious Cheese Broccoli Soup prepared by Vicky Van Osten. Also six (6) to go cups were sold.

Bill Van Osten made the tea and lemonade. Brownies were prepared by Ann Mignoli. The cleanup was done by Sherry Peterson and Frank Mignoli.

Although we had a higher attendance than the usual Wednesday Soup Day, due to a conflict with "Meet and Eat" on the second Tuesday, the Soup Day in February will be back on *Wednesday, February 12th*. Bill Van Osten will be preparing his Tuscan Bean Soup/ham. Of course, bread/rolls, drinks and dessert will also be provided all for only \$4.00. So don't miss out and prepay so we have a better idea on the attendance. Please find time on your calendar for this wonderful lunch.

TODAY'S TO DO LIST

- Count my blessings
- Practice kindness
- Let go of what I can't control
- Listen to my heart
- Be productive, yet calm
- Just breathe



BREAKFAST

By Bill Van Osten & Vicky

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MEET AND EAT

By Jayne Van Osten

JOIN US FOR A FRIENDLY MEAL AND GATHERING! ALL WELCOME!!!!

MEET US

FEBRUARY 11th @ 5:30 p.m.

(NOTICE TIME)

@ Bill Miller Barbeque

1651 Whitestone Blvd. (1431)

Cedar Park, TX

NEW MEMBERS

By Gerri West

WELCOME!

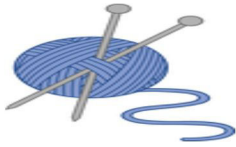
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Elyse Peavy

Eileen Ann Houck

Nancy M. Osuna

Diana Hollon



NEEDLE ARTS

By Mary Riordon

We will continue to meet on *February 3rd* and *17th* at 10:00 a.m. in the TOTH Library.

JEWELRY MAKING

Thanks to a generous donation, we have inventory to keep us busy for the *Wednesday* mornings in *February (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th)*. We meet in the TOTH Library at 10:00 a.m. Come join us!

HOMELESS DONATIONS

By Carolyn Patrick

Once again, thanks to all who donated items for the homeless last month. We served 200 homeless individuals. As always, we appreciate your donations. While we will always take anything on our donation list, we are particularly low on the following items:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Hair oil/leave-in conditioner for coarse hair

Toilet paper

Women's socks

Women's underwear

Non-perishable grab & go foods

Hot Hands hand warmers

Tissues

Please place donations in the Blue Bin in the TOTH reception room. Thanks as always.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver Course! It's scheduled for

Thursday, February 6th from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. This was the instructor's only available day for the class. In order to have this class, there must be a minimum of 15 people signed up. Sign up sheet is in the receptionist's area. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members. *Remember ...* most insurance companies offer a discount IF you have taken a defensive driving class!

MEMBER SURVEY

By Frank Mignoli

Members are requested to complete a ten (10) question, two (2) page *Member Survey*. The questionnaires will be available in the reception area under the bulletin board and the completed survey can be placed in the ballot box nearby. Activity leaders are also requested to pass out the questionnaires to the attending members at their event. More copies of the questionnaire will be available from the Managing Director. The cut off day will be Monday, February 17th.

BUNCO

By Carolyn White

Happy Valentine's Day everyone. We started up again with our Bunco in January. If you haven't played, come join us, don't know how? We'll teach you. It's lots of fun and costs only \$1.00 which goes to the prizes at the end of the evening. We play the *2nd and 4th Wednesdays*. Hope to see you there.

BRIDGE LESSONS

By Ken Birdwell

Beginners bridge lessons will begin

Friday, February 21st. Classes will be from 10:00 a.m. til 12:00 noon each Friday. Classes will be in the TV room. Classes are free, but there will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

CHAIR YOGA CLASS

Ready to start yoga?? Chair Yoga will start on *Thursday, February 6th.* The class will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the receptionist area.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy M. Osuna	01
Marilyn McCarthy	02
Emilie Steude	03
Darlene Reitmeyer	04
Doug Stringfellow	04
Sharon Killough	05
Ann Gleaton	06
Bobbie McKissick	07
Peter Klein	08
Trudy New	09
Lyle Williamson	13
Lynne Bounds	16
Diane Elkin	16
Ken Williams	17
Roger Patrick	18
Nancy Hayter	19
Suzy Ortiz	20
Helen Ramey	24
Gloria Hoss	25
Nick Donlick	26
Renate Littlejohn	27



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dodie & Dennis Domanski	03
AJ and Bruce Burton	06
Jo & Harvey Koerner	12
Tootie & George Glaeser	14

SOME MINOR CHANGES

By Lisa Leirvaag

Sit & Fit on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will start at 9:00 a.m. until 9:50 a.m.

3rd Friday Duplicate Bridge will meet in the Library beginning *February 21st*.

Beginners Bridge Lessons is every Friday at 10:00 a.m. and starting *February 21st* will be held in the TV Room.

OBITUARIES

Naida Williams passed away in late December. Naida was a very active Member participating in several bridge groups, as Secretary on the Board, chaired the Nominating Committee, kitchen manager, receptionist & receptionist manager and always offering a helping hand wherever she was needed.

Brenda Searcy passed away in late December. Brenda was the Managing Director for several years and participated in many of the Center's activities.

Ginny Lemme passed away in December. She was an avid card player and loved playing Canasta.

Brenda Callahan, wife of member Mike, passed away after her battle with Alzheimer's.

Our condolences to the family and friends of these 4 ladies.

MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

Naida Williams from Darlene Reitmeyer
Brenda Searcy from Darlene Reitmeyer
Dick Newman, Naida Williams & Luetta Werner — from Mary & Terry Newman

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By Gerri West

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

We have lost 5 members within the past 2 months. They will remain in our hearts and our memories of times spent with them.

We have many new members. When you see someone new, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our Center.

Coming special events:
Spring Fling - May 16th
Senior Expo - August 22nd

For all activities and functions, please sign in with both your first and last names. This is for safety and emergency situations at TOTH.

There are 2 opportunities for volunteering. An opening on the Board of Directors. This position is for the remainder of the calendar year. Please contact Mary Riordon, our Nominating Chair.

Secondly, we also have an opportunity for Publicity and Public Awareness Chair. Carolyn White is point of contact for this very important position as it makes the public aware of our Senior Center.

I thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

MARCH LUNCHEON

Special Entertainment

March 16, 2020

CR Siebenlist and Jean Jones will be our musical entertainment along with a TOTH Line Dancers demonstration led by David Schroeder.

CR and Jean have been enjoying life together and making music for the last 6 years. They enjoy playing with family and other musician friends, known as "Yesterdays Wine" and playing music in the oldies, blues, country, folk and gospel genre traditions. They do monthly performances, occasional house parties and dances. They currently play for the line dancing class here at Treasure of the Hills Senior Center twice a month. They also enjoy traveling and doing music in other places wherever they go.

We will start at 11:30 a.m. *sharp!*

Don't miss out! Sign up today!

HOSTESS FOR
MARCH LUNCHEON

FRIDAY DUPLICATE
BRIDGE

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

What a fantastic Valentine's Day celebration we had this year! Wonderful entertainment and delicious food. Thank you MarEllen, thank you all!

For me it was the best Valentine's Day ever. A very special thanks to the "cupids" that arranged it and to all of you for making me so welcome. It's a pleasure to work for you.

Quite a few new members have joined us since January. A warm welcome to all of them! And to all of those that have renewed their membership — we are glad to have you back!

Sadly, some of our members passed away. They will be sorely missed and always remembered. Unfortunately, we also have some sick members. We wish the best for their recovery and hope to see them again soon.

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Director's column (continued)

Spring is in the air and this year's Spring Fling will be on Saturday, May 16th. Another date you might already want to mark on your calendar — The Senior Expo 2020 will be on Saturday, August 22nd.



BOARD NOTES

By Donna Craig

Please use your first and last name when signing up for any functions. This is so we have an accurate record of which members are "in-house" for their safety and in case of an emergency. The Board is continuing to try to improve our Center without inconveniencing our members.

Jean Wiedenfeld is finding us amazing programs for our monthly luncheons. *March* will be a music artist and a line dancing demonstration. *April* will be a country gospel music group, and *May* will be the Hill Country Singers! Be sure to sign up and join us!

Our Website is being updated. Check it out at <https://toth-seniors.com>

If interested in the "open" position on the Board of Directors please contact Lisa or Mary Riordon (nominating chair) or any Executive Board Member.

We have several "new" members. Keep an eye out for a new face — make sure to include them in our activities or just to say "hi"!



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By Frank Mignoli

On Wednesday, February 12th, 22 members enjoyed the delicious Tuscan Bean Soup with Ham prepared by Bill Van Osten.

Bill Van Osten made the tea and lemonade. Fresh French bread from Randalls and assorted cookies from COSTCO complemented the soup. The cleanup was done by the Clarks with help from others.

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Cedar Park, TX 78613



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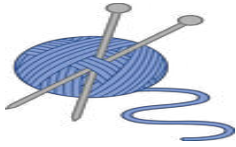
POT LUCK LUNCHEON

By Frank Mignoli

The Pot Luck Luncheon was changed from its usual 3rd Monday to Friday, February 14th, Valentine's Day. This was to accommodate the planned entertainment and also to celebrate this "Festival of Love". The "Great Room" was decorated beautifully for the occasion by MarEllen Basalyga and her team. There were 70 attendees, the largest we've had in many years. Great entertainment and a home cooked main course were the big attraction.

The barbershop quartet, "High Temp", dressed in tuxes and red bow ties first presented a "Singing Valentine" to our new Director, Lisa Leirvaag. Then the quartet put on a 25 minutes performance. They sang a few ballads that brought a few tears to the ladies' eyes.

Everyone enjoyed MarEllen Basalyga's meatloaf along with the sides and desserts provided by the attendees. The "hosts" were Monday Night Bridge & Bunco.



NEEDLE ARTS

By Mary Riordon

We still meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the TOTH Library but the attendance is dwindling. Is it time to take a break?

JEWELRY MAKING

We are learning a few things but would do more if someone with experience would join us. We want to learn Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the TOTH Library. We have lots of supplies

HOMELESS DONATIONS

By Carolyn Patrick

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the homeless last month. I am always grateful and humbled by the generosity of donors. Last month we served 176 homeless individuals. We no longer need warm outerwear, so please remember that the only clothing we accept is socks, underwear and shoes for adults. Thanks so much!

MEMBER SURVEY

By Frank Mignoli

Eighty (80) members completed the Survey Report. The Report will be written and submitted to the Board at their March meeting. Results will be reported in the April Gazette.

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BUNCO

By Carolyn White



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone. It's time for FUN!! Come join us for Bunco. After some discussion, the players of Bunco would like to change the hours we plan. SO ... from now on the times will be from **1:30 to 4:00 p.m.** on the *2nd and 4th Wednesdays* of the month. So mark your calendars for the *11th and 25th of March*.

If you've never played Bunco, come play with us, no problem, we'll teach you, it's fun, fast and easy. We'd love to see you. We have both men and women playing. The cost is \$1.00 which is turned into the prizes at the end of the game. Look for the signup sheet in the office and come join us.

CHAIR YOGA

*With **Ele Espinoza***

There will be **NO** classes in March and on the first Thursday in April. Classes will start up again on *Thursday, April 9th*.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don Atkins	01
Rosa Din	01
Mary Williams	01
Helen Jaqua	03
Jerry Booton	04
Elizabeth Lois Gunn	04
Jane Ann Howard	04
Suzanne Coldwell	06
John Lazaretti	06
Rose Lee Stratton	07
Shirley Davis	08
Pat Johannessen	08
Denis Ching	14
Nancy Nunn	14
Dee Witte	16
Dennis Caruso	17
Sharon Pickel	17
J. C. Henderson	19
Sharon Leach	20
Sharon Bell	21
Beverly Ball	22
Joe Boatright	23
Henri Stanford	25
Esther EJ Johnson	26
Joanne Brown	27
Barb Ohradzansky	27
Ron Greenwood	29
James Brenton	31
Connie Robertson	31

Barb & Jim Ohradzansky	03
Ann & Joe Gleaton	04
Ruth & Walter Niedzielak	05
Janet & Bob MacFarland	28

OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Davison passed in late January. Mary Jane was a long time member and was an avid bridge player. Her husband, Mike, was TOTH President for 7 years. Her services were February 8th in Lakeway.

Jenny Smart passed away in early February. Jenny loved to play Texas Canasta.

Our condolences to the family and friends of these 2 ladies.

MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

Naida Williams from Phyllis Epps
Brenda Searcy from Phyllis Epps
Naida Williams from Nancy Nunn
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Naida Williams from Lois Carlson
Naida Williams from Phyllis Mehrens
Naida Williams from Lisa Leirvaag
Naida Williams from Rhoda Lloyd
Naida Williams from Del Darling
Mary Jane Davison from Del Darling
Mary Jane Davison from Dick & Dodie Planck
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NEW MEMBERS

By Gerri West

WELCOME!

Mary Ann Pacocha
Arlene O'Brien
Donna Tolleson
Gail Lorraine Brennan
Patrick Brennen
Marsha Cekaj
Sally Ladyman
Stella Brittnacher
Margaret McClintock
Felicia Gledhill
Kathy Moskwa
Joan Shaffer
Janet MacFarland
Karl Nann
Miki Larson
Jim Brittnacher
Angeline Slezak
Karen Grauman
Walter Niedzielak
Ruth Niedzielak
Shirley Stewart
Pamela Eyrick
Margaret "Peg" Clanton

RECIPES

At the February luncheon several people were asking the hosts for recipes of two different salads. The hosts searched out who prepared those salads. We will publish in the Gazette a recipe from each monthly luncheon (provided space is available).

Chubba Bubba's Broccoli Salad

By Jan Clark

Ingredients:

1/2 (16 oz) pkg. bacon
1 (12 oz) pkg. broccoli florets, chopped
1 (10 oz) pkg. cauliflower florets, chopped
1 cup (4 oz) shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup finely chopped carrot
1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon sugar
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

1) Cook bacon over medium heat 10 to 12 minutes or until crisp; remove bacon, & drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon.

2) Cook broccoli & cauliflower in boiling salted water to cover 2 minutes or until crisp tender; drain. Plunge into ice water to stop the cooking process; drain well. Place cauliflower & broccoli in large bowl. Add cheese, carrot & onion.

3) Stir together mayonnaise, sugar & vinegar. Pour over cauliflower mixture; toss to coat. Top with bacon. Cover and chill 1 to 8 hours.

Toasted Pecan and Broccoli Salad

By Dodie Domanski

Ingredients:

1/3 cup chopped pecans
1 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 1/2 lb. fresh broccoli florets, chopped
1/3 cup chopped red onion
1/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries
OR raisins
4 cooked bacon slices, crumbled



Bake chopped pecans at 350 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes until lightly toasted.

Stir together mayo, sugar & vinegar; add broccoli, onion & raisins OR cranberries tossing to coat.

Cover & chill 2 hours. Sprinkle with bacon and pecans just before serving.

If you have any questions regarding either of these recipes, feel free to ask these 2 ladies.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

Greetings with hope that all are remaining healthy. I would never had thought that there would be a time we would have to close our Senior Center and miss our social interface and gatherings. While we at the Center as well as our Nation are navigating through the coronavirus situation, we must stay strong and cautious to help prevent the spread of this virus.

Even though the Gazette indicates there “were” activities scheduled for April, the Senior Center will remain closed until we are assured the virus is contained and our health is not compromised. The safety of our members and communities remain a priority.

I and the Executive Committee will be monitoring the situation and will provide any potential updates by email.

When the Center does reopen, you will see that we did utilize our closure time to do cleaning of carpets, chairs and fixtures, and other maintenance items as contracted help is available.

President's Message (continued)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

Thank you for being patient as we navigate this time together.

Stay healthy and safe.



BOARD NOTES

By Donna Craig

TOTH 30 Year Anniversary Celebration Lunch will be on Monday, May 18th.

Connie Tortorelli approved as Board Member completing Lisa Leirvaag's position through end of year.

TOTH website update is complete and now online. Check out <https://toth-seniors.com>

See Frank Mignoli's article on results of Membership Survey .

The new attendance sheets are working well. Thanks to everyone.

The Sit-n-Fit program needs a new leader. Please consider volunteering.

Discussion of importance of volunteers for our Center and how much they are appreciated. We always have opportunities open—please consider being a contributor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for February was \$3,749.46 and our expenses were \$3,231.01 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$518.44. The Major source of Income for the month was from Membership Dues, \$1,575.00 and Rental Revenue \$1,781.25. There were no unusual items of Expense. Our investments decreased in value by \$8,757.71, mostly due to the Corona virus.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

While the Center is closed, I will make sure that the mailbox is emptied regularly, and I will also check emails. At the same time, I will keep an eye on the Memorial Garden. All living plants inside the building have been removed.

I would also like to mention that the City of Cedar Park has replaced the broken transition strip between the Ladies' Room and the entrance way. The function of the blue masking tape was merely to keep the new strip in place until the glue had dried. A special "thank you" to Teresea at the City and her staff for always coming so promptly when we call.

Hopefully this "lock-down" will be over soon and I will see you all rested, relaxed and ready for old and new activities.

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SOUP DAY

By Frank Mignoli

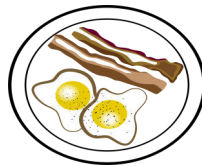
On Wednesday, March 11th, only 16 members enjoyed the delicious Home-made Tomato Soup prepared by yours truly. Toasted cheese sandwiches complemented the soup and was prepared by Ann Mignoli and new member Maggie Ingram. There were four (4) “no show” members. I’m sure the Coronavirus scare had some impact on attendance. There was only one (1) card table playing and usually there are two (2) or three (3). Tea and lemonade were prepared by Ann Mignoli. Ann used a different technique she got from a magazine for the toasted cheese sandwiches. She buttered a grill generously and then placed the sandwich with two slices of Deluxe American Cheese slices inside on the grill at 350 degrees until the one side was golden brown. Then she continued to butter to make sure the bread was covered with butter. She flipped the sandwich and toasted the other side until golden brown. Try it the next time you make toasted cheese sandwiches.

Eight piece of cherry pie and assorted cookies from Randalls served as dessert. The cleanup was done by Jan & C. W. Clark and Sherry Peterson. Sherry also helped in the kitchen.

Next month, Soup Day is on Wednesday, *April 8th*. As of this moment we don’t have a volunteer to prepare the soup. Please contact me if you are interested in making your favorite soup. All expenses are reimbursed and your

SOUP DAY (continued)

bowl of soup is free. We also don’t know what impact the Coronavirus might have on the continued operation of the Center. Stay tune and by the time this article is published, a notice should be on the Bulletin Board telling you the status of Soup Day. Of course, if it’s a go, then soup, bread, drinks and dessert will also be provided all for only \$4. Please *prepay* so we have a better idea on the attendance and the appropriate amount of soup can be prepared. Look forward to seeing you next month.



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By Bill Van Osten & Vicky

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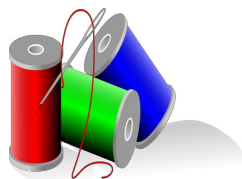
MEET US

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1525 Cypress Creek Rd.

Cedar Park, TX 78613



NEEDLE ARTS

By Mary Riordon

We will not be meeting until further notice due to lack of participation.

JEWELRY MAKING

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By Carolyn White

It's spring time!!! As I write this, the Center is closed due to concerns with the Coronavirus going around, sooo, until you hear that the Center is open, there will be NO Bunco. We did change the hour of Bunco to *1:30 to 4:00 p.m.*, always on the *2nd and 4th Wednesdays* of the month.

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HOMELESS DONATIONS

By Carolyn Patrick

What a sad and unfortunate time for our nation and the world, and particularly so for the homeless, who are truly vulnerable at this time. Unfortunately, we have had to suspend our monthly giveaways. That doesn't mean we have stopped collecting donations. Many of you may be using this time of social isolation to clean out closets, drawers, etc. If you have things to donate, please hold them until Treasure of the Hills reopens and we will begin collecting them again. This seems like a good time to repost half of our request list. I will post the other half in the May Gazette.

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| Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Dental floss/floss picks/mouthwash | |
| Body wipes | Lotion |
| Men's socks | Tissues |
| Women's socks | Razors |
| Men's underwear | Notepads |
| Women's underwear | Pens |
| Nail clippers | Sunscreen |
| Insect repellent | Toothpaste |
| Toothbrushes & covers | |

**HOSTESS FOR
APRIL LUNCHEON**
Tuesday Canasta



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Allen & Jerry Jahn	20
Mary & Ken Williams	20
Jayne & Bill Van Osten	22
Eileen & Bill Brown	28
Janelle & Joe Boatright	30

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Ann Bordelon	01
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Felissa Lashley	06
Rhoda Lloyd	07
Edith Wagner	07
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Mary Kate Woodruff	09
Louis Hosek	10
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By Jan Clark

Jenny Smart from Lois Carlson
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CHAIR YOGA

With Ele Espinoza

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NEW MEMBERS

By Gerri West

WELCOME!

Alicia Garcia
Fred J. Kalt
Grace Ford

Constance "Connie" Kelly Lane
James "Jim" Lane
Pamela Jean Cariss
Caryn Cluiss

WELCOME BACK!

Stan DeRocher

MY APOLOGIES

From the Editor

I apologize for inadvertently misspelling
2 of our New Members' names in
the March Gazette

Corrections are:

Gail Lorraine Brennen
Niki Larson

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY **RESULTS**

By Frank Mignoli

Eighty (80) members responded to the Survey which is slightly more than 25% of the members. Around this percentage was expected. The answers were similar to the 2011 Survey. Some of the findings were:

- The Gazette was where most of the members received their information. However, quite a few members receive their information verbally from other members.
- The meals best enjoyed were Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners.
- Exercising was an activity with very little participation. Some people could not physically participate and others did their exercising elsewhere.
- Over half of the responders were 76 or older.
- Almost of the responders said the activities at the Center were either adequate, or very adequate or excellent.
- Only about 14% of the responders said they volunteered regularly. While over 40% said "Not at all" and about 38% said "sometimes".
- Most members joined for one or more of the following: to socialize, play card games or to attend dining events.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY (continued)

Recommendation was to form an Action Committee to review the survey results thoroughly and recommend what specific actions need to be taken to increase the members' volunteering and what can be done to encourage younger members (55-65) to join. During the Board's discussion of the recommendation, the following items were brought up:

1) Starting this February, MarEllen Basalyga has started contacting new members to see what activities and volunteering they might be interested in. Of the first 16 contacted, only one was interested in volunteering for something.

2) The Treasurer mentioned that usually only 10-15% of the members volunteer for anything. This aligns with the percentage responding that they volunteer "regularly".

3) The Director said that now people are retiring later and later and most people 55-65 are still working.

No further action was taken by the Board.

Upcoming special events:

Spring Fling - May 16th
30th Anniversary Lunch—May 18th
Senior Expo - August 22nd

APRIL 2020

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By Dennis Domanski

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While our Governor is re-opening Texas in phases, at the moment there is no time table set for opening the Senior Center. We will follow the City's guidelines as our top priority is focusing on the health and safety of our members. We will continue to keep you updated.

We have made use of the time the Center has been closed to clean carpets and chairs, replacing the plastic caps on chair legs, and new LED lighting fixtures have been installed by the City in Reception area, Office and Library.

President's Message (continued)

Our cleaning person is going room to room doing a deep cleaning by washing walls, cabinets and windows.

We have been using e-mail blasts. If you are not receiving these blasts, please send an email to Donna Craig at:

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I had our Editor include a normal calendar in this edition, although all activities are currently on hold!! Our Spring Fling will be rescheduled to the Fall. Our 30th Anniversary Luncheon will also be rescheduled.

I've also discussed with C. W. Clark how we contact and get vendors interested in our Senior Expo when they return to work.

While we continue to navigate through these uncharted waters, let us be mindful to follow the stay-at-home and social distancing recommendations. At some point we will have a symbolism of normalcy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for March was \$2,807.79 and our expenses were \$3,056.53 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of minus \$248.74. The Major source of income for the month was from Rental Revenue, \$1,720.00, Senior Expo \$545.00 and Membership Dues \$300.00. There was one unusual item of Expense, \$707.00 for cleaning all of the carpet and a number of chairs. Our investment decreased in value by \$23,626.82 due to the Corona Virus. These are unusual times and I am confident that our investments will recover after the Virus is over.

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By Mary Riordon

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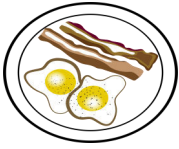
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BUNCO

By Carolyn White

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Wipe down every toy, Roy
To keep virus free
Don't hop on the bus, Gus
Don't listen to Don, Ron
Don't hoard the TP, Lee
Just stay virus free
Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve
Stop touching your face, Grace
Keep back to six feet, Pete
Heed the CDC
Just use the Purcell, Mei
Keep wipes in your purse, Nurse
Take care of your stock, Doc
You need PPE
This isn't Spring Break, Jake
Stay home if you're sick, Dick
As Covid leaps, peeps
Just follow the rules, fools
And stay virus free.

**HOSTESS FOR
MAY LUNCHEON**

**Sit & Fit
Friday Bingo**

CORONA VIRUS

By Frank Mignoli

I've been tracking COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States, Texas, and Travis and Williamson Counties since early March. As of April 16th in the United States, the daily number of cases are decreasing. This is a good sign. However, the deaths have not and that's because deaths usually lag the cases by around 14 days.

In regards to Texas and Travis and Williamson counties the story is a little different. The reporting in Texas has been less than timely. Sometimes the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) report of cases and deaths lags the United States reporting by one (1) or two (2) days. As an example on April 15th the DSHS reported 900 cases in Travis County while the news media was reporting 977. DSHS publishes their report at 12 noon on the day of, so they are reporting yesterday's totals.

For your information, the population of Travis County is slightly more than double Williamson County with 1,120,000 people. In Travis County as of April 17th, there have been 1,029 cases reported by the DSHS with 18 deaths. In Williamson County, there have been only 140 cases and only 4 deaths which have stayed the same for the past seven (7) days. Another interesting statistic is thru April 17th, there have been 160,5236 tests conducted in Texas with 17,371 cases of COVID-19 reported (about 10% of those tested) and 428 deaths.

(Corona Virus continued)

Due to the inconsistency in reporting cases for Travis and Williamson Counties, I've looked at three days of averaging. The plot of the daily cases in these counties is much flatter than the U.S. and Texas. It could mean the time when the curve starts to drop could take longer. However, it appears the earliest when Williamson might be eligible to go into Phase 1 (daily cases continue to decrease over a 14 day period) is early May. In regards to Travis County, the data is so inconsistent from day to day that even looking at the three day average it's hard to determine if the daily cases are leveling off or dropping. It may take a few more days to determine if they are dropping or not. It probably will be more than a week later after Williamson County when Travis County would reach eligibility for Phase 1.

Testing information and locations can be found on the Williamson County & Cities Health District Website

www.wcchd.org/COVID-10/testing.php In the website they have answers to the questions:

- .. What should I do if I have symptoms?
- .. What is I test positive for COVID-19?

You can also contact within the website COVID-19 questions? Talk with our Virtual Assistant.

Corona Virus continued

The Governor will be responsible to determine when Travis and Williamson Counties would start the Phase 1 of the recent "Opening America Again" guidelines for reopening the economy.

The opening of the Senior Center may not be until Phase 3. Emphasis will continue to be to protect the elderly from contracting the virus because the outcomes for elderly are not very good. Therefore, it may be awhile before we will be able to open some or all of the activities at the Center.

Each day progress is being made in increasing the testing capabilities and getting results faster. Also testing is being developed that will enable identification of whom had the virus, are now immune and could return to the workforce. More and more people are recovering from the virus. Blood plasma from those that have recovered could be used to help people with the virus combat and recover from the virus.

Shortly we should be in a position in some areas to monitor the virus through testing and isolating people who contract the virus rather than just mitigate the virus. We also are developing therapeutic drugs that will reduce the severity of the impact to those that contract the virus.

The Senior Center President and the Board will keep you posted on when and under what circumstances the Senior Center would open. Continue to follow the current guidelines, wear a mask if and when you go out in the public and stay safe.



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When This is Over ...

May we never take for granted a hand-
shake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the stores,
Conversations with neighbors,
A routine checkup,
A school rush each morning,
Coffee with a friend,
A stadium roaring,
Each deep breath,
A boring Tuesday,
Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have
become more like the people we wanted to
be, we hoped to be, and may we stay that
way better for each other because of the
worst.

HOMELESS DONATIONS

By Carolyn Patrick

Your help is greatly appreciated.
Below is the list from last month:

Shampoo	Conditioner
Dental floss/floss picks/mouthwash	
Body wipes	Lotion
Men's socks	Tissues
Women's socks	Razors
Men's underwear	Notepads
Women's underwear	Pens
Nail clippers	Sunscreen
Insect repellent	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes & covers	

In addition these items are needed:

Pens	Toilet paper
First aid kits	Lip balm
Emergency blankets	Deodorant
Hair elastics	Combs/brushes
Condoms	Hand sanitizer
Women's menstrual items	
Soap & body wash	Cotton balls
Q-tips	

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

Hello to fellow “social distancing” Senior Center members. This is certainly a challenging time for all of us and even more so for those that are experiencing medical issues. Dodie and I keep all in our thoughts and are reminded of friendships especially when we look at the birthday and anniversary list in the Gazette. We attempt to reach out to as many as we can with calls and cards. Also keeping in our prayers those going through additional concerns and stress with medical issues. Our Sunshine volunteer, Jan Clark, continues to send cards of thoughts and well wishes. I encourage members to reach out to a fellow member in some way as I and many need to give or receive a social distancing “hug”.

We have included a normal June calendar in this edition while sadly all activities are on “hold” as the Center remains closed. I have no answer as to a opening date for the Center, remaining vigilant for some direction from our Governor, City officials and the CDC. There is much to consider when you have responsibility to keep others out of harm’s way.

President's Message (continued)

It is nearly eleven weeks ago, March 13, when the Senior Center closed. I am optimistic that we will re-open soon and remain positive that when that time comes we will work together and adjust to activities being held perhaps a little differently. Please have patience with one another. Be safe, stay well, and look forward to getting back to “Social Gatherings”.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for April was \$849.02 and our expenses were \$1,339.31 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of minus \$489.39. The Major source of income for the month was from Rental Revenue, \$800.00 and Randall’s Good Neighborhood donation of \$49.87. There was no unusual item of Expense. Our investments increased in value by \$11,149.59. Our investments recovered all but \$795.56 of our Cost Basis.

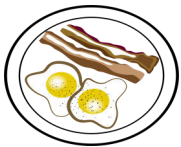
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FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Mary Riordon

Voting in October seems months away but it's time to start thinking about "throwing your hat into the ring" to be on the ballot for an executive board position (1 year) or a 3 year board position. You may not feel it is as important as a First Responder but these positions are valuable assets to TOTH. If you have questions about a job description, check the policy and procedure book at the reception desk or check with one of the current board members. If you are ready to volunteer, call Mary Riordon at 512-260-8876 or leave a message for Lisa in the office. Thanks for your time....

Thank you to all who have family and friends who are First Responders.



BREAKFAST

By Bill Van Osten & Vicky

There will be NO breakfasts in the summer months. Looking forward to resuming breakfasts in the Fall.



MEET AND EAT

By Jayne Van Osten

There will be NO "Meet and Eat" scheduled for June due to social distancing. Looking forward to gathering soon.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

Since TOTH has been closed, I have not done a lot of "managing" and therefore had nothing to report. The situation has not changed, but I was informed that "Stepping On", the fall prevention course offered by St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, will not start June 2nd as planned. However, we are going to re-schedule as soon as life become more normal again.

I hope that all of you are as well as can be expected under the circumstances and that the worst is truly over. Sending especially warm thoughts and good wishes to Cindy Klein who had surgery.

Stay healthy! Stay safe! Be patient!



JEWELRY MAKING

By Mary Riordon

Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. will continue to be our meeting time when the Center reopens. Our supplies will be happy to "string us along". Keep creating!

**HOSTESS FOR
JUNE LUNCHEON**
Duplicate Monday
Night Bridge

NOTES

By Donna Craig

As everyone knows by now — our Spring Fling has been postponed this year. There is talk about doing something on a smaller scale in the Fall, but again that depends on the state of our world in a few months. We can, however, definitely look forward to a stupendous 2021 Spring Fling!

2020 isn't a complete wash out though — some of the fun things we still have coming up are

TOTH's 30 Year Anniversary Celebration Lunch

(we still have 7 months left in 2020!)

Senior Expo

Currently scheduled for August 22.
Stay tuned for updates

"2019" Volunteers of the Year (start thinking about potential candidates)

And

Elections for Officers and Board of Directors

(See Nominating
Committee article)

HUGS

It's wondrous what a hug can do

A hug can cheer you when you're blue

A hug can say "I love you so"

Or "Gee, I hate to see you go"

A hug is "Welcome back again"

And "Great to see you, where've you been?"

A hug can smooth a small child's pain

And bring a rainbow after rain.

The hug: There's just no doubt about it

We scarcely could survive without it

A hug delights and warms and charms --

It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for Fathers and Mothers,

Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers

And chances are your favorite aunts

Love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them, puppies love them,

Heads of State are not above them.

A hug can break the language barrier

And make your travels so much merrier.

No need to fret about your store of them

The more you give the more there's more of them,

So stretch those arms without delay

And give someone a hug today!

During this quarantine many families have come to have a special appreciation for all the hard work that our teachers do every day teaching the children of the future! While this year has been especially challenging for many teachers — at least it isn't still 1872 rules!

RULES FOR TEACHERS
IN 1872

- 1) Teachers each day will fill lamps and clean chimneys.
- 2) Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
- 3) Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
- 4) Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
- 5) After ten hours in school, the teacher may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
- 6) Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
- 7) Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

RULES FOR TEACHERS (continued)

- 8) Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity, and honesty.
- 9) The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without faults for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

I find it very interesting that the chosen pronoun is male — lol. Our women teachers might have something to say about that today!)

Submitted by Donna Craig — thank you, Donna, for this insightful information.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

As another month has passed we continue to deal with the effects of Covid-19. The greatest effect to me and many of our members is the loss of fellowship and comradery we were accustomed to. In this issue we have an article submitted by Frank Mignoli on the virus. He complied statics as of June 17th (newsletter deadline) that I found interesting.

Good news — we received a donation of \$1,200.00 from PEC United Charities. This was made possible by Pedernales employees donations naming Treasure of the Hills as a recipient — “thank you” Pedernales employees for your commitment and support of the Senior Center Activity Center.

As you peruse this edition you will notice we are soliciting members for offices and board positions, as well as looking for nominations for “Volunteer of the Year 2019”. The calendar of activities is included although the Center remains closed and all activities have been suspended. We continue to be hopeful that the coming months will allow us to forge a plan to safely resume our activities.

President's Message (continued)

We have no date as to when activities may resume.

When we do re-open we must ensure that we can keep all safe and we all follow whatever guidelines are established.

I encourage all to reach out to a fellow member as we all need that social distancing “hug”.

If you have any needs or concerns, contact myself or any officers. Phone numbers are located on the last page of Gazette.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

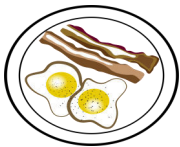
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OCTOBER ELECTIONS

By Mary Riordon

Voting time for TOTH Board Members is only four (4) months away. It is time to throw your “hat” into the ring .. Our representatives are greatly appreciated, please consider being a candidate. Call Mary Riordon at 512-260-8876 (landline so no texts) to volunteer.



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**HOSTESS
FOR JULY LUNCHEON**

**THURSDAY
RUBBER BRIDGE**



FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

Not much to report! I have made sure that the mailbox does not fill up with advertisements. I check emails and telephone messages on a regular basis, and if necessary, forward them to the responsible person.

Although we all are anxious to get back to our games and activities at the Center, we need to be patient, careful and considerate. In the meantime, maybe we can take comfort in knowing that we will return to a squeaky clean building with improved lighting. The City of Cedar Park also did an excellent job cleaning up the yard around the Center, and last, but not least — COVID 19 could not deter Ruby Banks’s green thumbs from planting fresh plants and lovely new flowers in the planters and beds in the Memorial Garden.

The place looks grand and I hope everybody feels as grand — or even better — as TOTH looks.

Y’all stay safe now and have a wonderful Fourth of July.



JEWELRY MAKING

By Mary Riordon

A reminder til we meet again If you have pierced ears — be sure to wear earrings every few days to keep the “holes” from closing!! Stay safe and healthy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOTH’s 30 Year Anniversary Celebration Lunch

(we still have 6 months left in 2020!)

Senior Expo

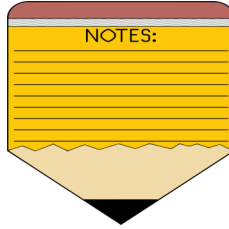
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NOTES

By Carolyn White

Hi Everyone, hope you all are doing well.

Just checking in to see how everyone is. Things are still crazy with the pandemic and all so we still haven’t made any decision on when to open the Center. I miss seeing all my Bunco players, but we will be together again, just don’t know when.

My family is all doing fine, busy cleaning out things, and adding on to things already built, i.e. my Debi is adding another layer of block on to the garden area that she built a couple of years ago. We are enjoying cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans and onions right now from the garden. Cantaloupe isn’t ready yet, and of course doing lots of puzzles. I think our count is up to 6 right now. Hope all of you are ok and as Dennis says, if anyone isn’t, please let us know. You’re never far from our thoughts. Stay safe until we meet again.

MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

Naida Williams from Polly Vincent
Mary Jane Davison from Polly Vincent
Naida Williams from Dennis & Dodie
Domanski
Mary Jane Davison from Dennis & Dodie
Domanski

Covid-19 Update for Texas and Surrounding Areas

By Frank Mignoli

Texas

Well, the Coronavirus is still with us. The recent re-openings of restaurants, businesses and work places as well as the increase in testing has resulted in an upturn in reported cases.

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th the number of cases reported were over 96,000. Since May 27th, the six (6) day average for daily cases have risen from about 1,000 to over 2,450 on June 17th. For the same time period, the six (6) day average for daily deaths has fluctuated from a low of 20 to a high of 25. Remembered deaths usual follow cases by around 14 days or more. So we may not have seen the total impact of the rise of cases yet. Also, more tests are being conducted resulting in more cases being reported but not necessarily more severe cases resulting in death.

Other Texas Data

The following data is based upon about 20% of the numbers listed under Cases and Deaths:

Persons' Age in Cases

Less than 20 years - 4.4%
20 years to 49 years – 53%
50 years to 69 years – 23.0%
70 years to 79 years – 5.8%
80 years plus – 4.9%
Unknown – 0.01%

- Gender of Cases

Female - 49.3%
Male – 49.8%
Unknown – 0.9%

- Race Ethnicity of Cases

Asian – 3.0%
Black – 11.9%
Hispanic – 34.8%
White – 27.4%
Other – 0.6%
Unknown – 22.3%

The following data is based upon about 30% of the numbers listed under Cases and Deaths:

Age of Fatalities

10 - 19 years – 0.3%
20 to 49 years – 7.5%
50 to 69 years – 31.0%
70 to 79 years – 20.9%
80 years plus – 39.9%
Unknown – 0.3%

- Gender of Fatalities

Female – 41.0%
Male – 54.8%
Unknown – 4.2%

- Race Ethnicity of Deaths

Asian – 2%
Black – 12.8%
Hispanic – 25.8%
White – 40.5%
Other – 0.7%
Unknown – 18.2%

Recoveries

The percentage of recoveries (number of recoveries divided by the number of cases) on May 27th was 65%. It rose to a high of 67.2% on June 3 and has slightly decreased since to 65.3% on June 17th. Also remember it can take two (2) weeks or more to recover. I've heard of cases where it took a month or longer to fully recover.

Testing

In Texas the daily tests have fluctuate from around 20,000 to 38,000 since May 27th. As of June 17th, the total number of tests (viral plus antibody) are over 1,560,000 or almost 5.2% of the almost 29.5 million population. Initially 2% of the population was the goal. Now it's the more the merrier.

Hospitalizations

On June 17th, Texas had 56,194 staffed hospital beds and had 2,793 hospitalizations and the six-day average due to Covid-19 shows the daily average has risen by almost by 300 since June 12th. On June 17th, there were 1,473 ICU beds, 5,844 ventilators and 13,815 hospital beds available. Governor Abbott has said this is more than adequate even with the increase in cases and hospitalizations. However, if the trend of available ICU beds continues downward for 1-2 weeks this may not be the case in any hot spot areas.

Travis County

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th, over 4,770 cases have been reported. The daily six (6) day average of cases has risen from 88 on May 27th to 110 on June 17th. On May 27th the total number of deaths was 88. On June 17th, they had risen to 106. Remembered deaths usual follow cases by around 14 days or more. So we may not have seen the total impact of the rise of cases yet.

Recoveries

On May 28th the percentage of recoveries (number of recoveries divided by the number of cases) was hovering around only 36%. Then all of sudden on June 5th it rose to 81.9% and continue to rise to 83.2% on June 8th. The reason for the drastically change on June 5th is undetermined. But probably not all reporting locations were reporting recoveries initially. On June 17th the recoveries have decrease to 78.2%. Once again it could be the increase in total number of daily tests.

Williamson County

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th, over 1,020 cases have been reported. The daily six (6) day average of cases hovered between 9 and 12 from May 27th to June 10th when it rose to 16. On June 17th it was 39. A worrisome increase. On May 27th, the total number of deaths were 22. They rose slightly, although some days there was no increase, to 30 on June 17th. They have not shown any rapid increase as Travis County did. Remembered deaths usual follow cases by around 14 days or more. So we may not have seen the total impact of the rise of cases yet.

Recoveries

On May 28th the percentage of recoveries (number of recoveries divided by the number of cases) was hovering around 59%. They rose to a high of 72.6% on June 9th. They have decreased ever since to less than 59% again on June 17th. Remember it takes two (2) weeks or more to recover so the recoveries will be lagging the cases.

The data for Texas and the counties of Travis and Williamson was obtained from the dshtexas.gov website on Covid-19 and both Travis County and Williamson County websites on coronavirus.

City of Cedar Park

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th, 109 cases have been reported. On May 27th 41 cases had been reported. On June 8th only 52 cases had been reported. June 8th to June 17th saw fifty-seven (57) new cases reported. This an increase from about 1 per day to almost six (6) per day. This is very disturbing. Fortunately Cedar Park has not recorded a death.

Recoveries

On May 28th the percentage of recoveries reported was 82.9%. It decrease gradually to 71.2% on June 8th. It has drastically decreased to less than 43% on June 17th due to the rapid increase in cases. Remember it takes two (2) weeks or more to recover, so the recoveries will be lagging the cases.

The Cedar Park data was obtained from the Covid-19 information on the City of Cedar Park website.

Until the cases and deaths have significantly decreased for one (1) or two (2) week period, chances of the Senior Center opening are pretty remote. Emphasis will continue to be to protect the elderly from contracting the virus because the outcomes for the elderly are not very good.

The Senior Center President and the Board will keep you posted on when and under what circumstances the Senior Center would open. Continue to follow the current guidelines, wear a mask if and when you go out in the public and stay safe.



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Christa Montoya	18
Karen Grauman	22
Mary Riordon	22
Mike Perkins	23
Sheri Wallace	23
Richard Brown	25
Gerri Newman Caputo	25
Peg Clanton	25
Terri Brandt	26
C. W. Clark	27
Mike Davison	27
Cindy McElver	27
Jim Brittnacher	28
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Mary Ann & Frank Pacocha	08
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The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: Alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat! *Alex Levine*

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. *Bob Hope*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

Sitting here preparing to write my article I realize we are already in the eighth month of 2020. Yes, we can all say as we do yearly "where has the year gone". To me it appears harder as I don't have the diversified memories of the past months as one normally would. It has been difficult for all as we didn't have any notice of the virus so preparations could not be made. Dodie and I usually plan months ahead for our vacation. That was not a possibility for this pandemic.

With the COVID-19 virus it arrived one day and all activities at our Senior Center were brought to a halt. There was no opportunity to say ... great to see you, we will be back in a few months for the luncheon, bingo, bridge, and friendship. I long to hear these 3 words "no more COVID". As you read through the Gazette and while the Center is closed & events cancelled we have placed a "suspended activities calendar" as a means to remember and plan when we return to the Center.

Also, it is even more important than ever as we are not interacting to let us know of anything you may need.

President's Message (continued)

Likewise, let me know of anything that you would like to share and we can discuss putting it in an email blast.

Looking forward to seeing ya'll soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for June was \$1,500.06 and our expenses were \$821.86 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$678.20. The Major source of income for the month was \$1,500.00 Rental Revenue from the Church. There were no unusual items of expense. Our investments increased in value by \$1,128.90

Copies of each month's Financial Reports are filed in a binder behind the Receptionist's desk for Members' review.



From Jean Weidenfeld

A sincere "thank you" to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, flowers, food, cards and phone calls during my recent knee replacement surgery. It was very much appreciated.

SENIOR EXPO

Cancelled

By C. W. Clark

Hello Everyone, hope you all are well as we continue to deal with this pandemic. Typically this would be an announcement notifying all about our annual Treasure of the Hills Senior Expo. However, the August 22nd event at the Cedar Park Recreation Center has been cancelled and a new date has not been identified nor approved. We certainly want to thank our co-sponsors, the City of Cedar Park and Seniorific News for their commitment to our annual fundraiser. We appreciate our vendors who have participated in the past and those who had already signed up for this year's event. I personally want to thank those members who had volunteered to assist with our Expo this year. Hang in there and hope to see you all soon.

MEET AND EAT & BREAKFAST

By Bill Van Osten & Vicky

Van Osten & Jayne Van Osten

There are NO breakfasts in the summer months. Looking forward to resuming breakfasts in the Fall.

There will be NO "Meet and Eat" scheduled for August due to social distancing. Looking forward to gathering soon.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

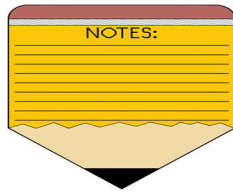
Things are happening, even if there is no activity at TOTH. The hot water heater broke down. Luckily, this was discovered before the leakage caused extensive damage. Once alerted, the crew from the City fixed the problem quickly and efficiently. The only casualty was the bookshelf in the corner of the reception area. None of the yearbooks and albums were damaged, but we will have to get a new bookcase for them.



ELECTIONS

By Mary Riordon

Hello to all my fellow TOTH members. Just a reminder for y'all to be thinking about running for the position of Board Member (a 3 yr. term) or as President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of TOTH in 2021. The current members of the Board are willing to continue to serve until the pandemic chaos is no longer an issue and we can get back to "normal". If anyone would like to plan ahead or help on the nominating committee, please call me. My number is 512-260-8876 (this is a landline, so no texts). Put your thinking caps on and STAY HEALTHY!!



VP NOTES

By Carolyn White

Hi Everyone, hope you all are doing ok.

Is everyone enjoying this nice warm weather! I know I am, but I'm one of the crazy ones that like it nice and hot. Reminds me of my home in Arizona. Thank goodness for air conditioning and fans though.

I've talked to a few of our members and I know how frustrating and crazy this is that we can't open, but we don't want any one coming down with the Covid-19 virus. A lot of our people are busy cleaning out closets, drawers, etc. For those that have to work, please stay safe, wear your masks and if possible, social distancing.

Hope all of you are ok and as Dennis says, if any one isn't, please let us know You're never far from our thoughts. Stay safe until we meet again.

Covid-19 Update for Texas and Surrounding Areas July 2020

By Frank Mignoli

Texas

Well, Covid-19 continues to affect are daily lives. It has been over 3 ½ months since it came onto the scene. At first, Texas ranked 9th in cases although we are the 2nd most populated state. Now, Texas ranks 3rd in cases and is considered a hot spot. Contrary to the belief that the heat of the summer would somehow reduce the spread of virus, it has shown an efficacy to continue to spread. The recent re-openings of restaurants, businesses and work places as well as increased testing has resulted in an upturn in reported cases. However, I think some complacency on the part of the younger people has resulted in the increase spread of the virus. Herd immunity (60-70% of the population has or had the virus) is not likely a reachable goal before we have an effective vaccine. If Texas continues to have daily cases of 7,000 or more it would be 7-8 years before we reach herd immunity.

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th the number of cases reported were over 96,335 and the six (6) day average was over 2,109. Currently, the six (6) day average for daily cases is over 8,903. On July 18th there were 317,730 cases reported. The six day average for deaths has risen from 24 on June 17th to 112 on July 18th. A higher ratio than cases. The total number of deaths on July 18th was 3,865. The trend is continuing upward which is very disappointing. Identificaion and tracing appears to be non-existing.

Other Texas Data

The following data is based upon about 10% of the numbers listed under Cases and Deaths:

<i>Persons' Age in Cases</i>	<i>- Gender of Cases</i>	<i>- Race Ethnicity of Cases</i>
Less than 20 years - 7.2%	Female - 47.0%	Asian – 2.4%
20 years to 49 years – 55.3%	Male – 51.7%	Black – 11.5%
50 years to 69 years – 27.8%	Unknown – 1.3%	Hispanic – 40.5%
70 years to 79 years – 5.3%		White – 24.9%
80 years plus – 4.1%		Other – 0.1%
Unknown – <0.1%		Unknown – 12.6%

The following data is based on slightly less than 20% of the numbers listed under Cases and Deaths:

<i>Age of Fatalities</i>	<i>- Gender of Fatalities</i>	<i>- Race Ethnicity of Deaths</i>
10 - 19 years – 0.0%	Female – 41.4%	Asian – 2.1%
20 to 49 years – 6.1%	Male – 58.5%	Black – 12.7%
50 to 69 years – 32.4%	Unknown – 0.1%	Hispanic – 29.2%
70 to 79 years – 22.6%		White – 43.3%
80 years plus – 38.9%		Other – 0.1%
Unknown – 0.0%		Unknown – 12.6%

Since the data above represents only a small portion (10% and slightly more than 20%) of the total reported cases and deaths its validity can be questioned. With that being said, the ratio of percentage deaths to the percentage of cases for 80 years plus is about 9, and for 70-79 year olds is about 4. This is compared to 20 to 49 years the same ratio is about only 1/9. The data shows no deaths for ages less than 19 years old while representing 7.2% of the cases.

Recoveries

In Texas, the percentage of recoveries (number of recoveries divided by the number of cases) on June 17th was 65.3%. It was 53.4% on July 18th. This reflects the continued growth in cases. Also remember it can take two (2) weeks or more to recover.

Testing

In Texas on June 17th the six-day daily average number of tests performed were about 26,000. As of July 18th, this has risen to around 55,400. The total number of tests (viral plus antibody) are over 3,100,000 or more than 10% of Texas's reported population.

Hospitalizations

On June 17th, Texas had 56,194 staffed hospital beds and had 2,793 hospitalizations. On July 18th the number of staffed hospital beds were about the same but hospitalizations were over 10,658. On June 17th, there were 1,473 ICU beds, 5,844 ventilators and 13,815 hospital beds available. On July 18th there were 966 ICU Beds, 5,254 ventilators and 10,831 hospital beds available. However, there are some hot spot areas, like Houston, where ICU beds are close to 100 percent of capacity.

Travis County

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th, over 4,770 cases have been reported. The daily six (6) day average of cases was 110 on June 17th. On July 18th the cases have risen to over 17,000 and the daily six (6) day average had risen to over 450. On June 17th the total number of deaths were 106. They rose only slightly till June 29th to 117. On July 18th, they had risen to 196, increasing over 80 percent in the last 19 days. Remembered deaths usual follow cases by around 14 days or more. So we may not have seen the total impact of the rise of deaths yet.

Recoveries

On May 28th the percentage of recoveries (number of recoveries divided by the number of cases) was hovering around only 36%. Then all of sudden on June 5th it rose to 81.9% and continue to rise to 83.2% on June 8th. The reason for the drastically change on June 5th is undetermined. But probably not all reporting locations were reporting recoveries initially. On July 1st the recoveries decreased to 68.9%. Then started to increase and on July 18th the percentage was 77.7 %.

Williamson County

Cases and Deaths

On June 17th, over 1,020 cases had been reported. The daily six (6) day average of cases hovered between 9 and 12 from May 27th to June 10th when it rose to 16. On June 17th it was 39. On July 17th, the six (6) day average of cases was 58 and shown no decreases in a month. A worrisome fact that shows we have not be able to curb the coronavirus. On June 17th, the total number of deaths was 30. They remained constant at 32 from June 18th to June 27 when they rose to 35. They have steadily increased to 67 on July 18th. Remembered deaths usual follow cases by around 14 days or more. So we may not have seen the total impact of the rise of cases yet.

Recoveries

From July 7th to July 13th the recoveries remained at 972. However, lo and behold on July 14th, the recoveries jumped to 2,901 and 71.6% of cases. Currently the percentage is 77.8%.

The data for Texas and the counties of Travis and Williamson was obtained from the dshstexas.gov website on Covid-19 and both Travis County and Williamson County websites on coronavirus.

City of Cedar Park

Cases and Deaths

On June 7th, 109 cases had been reported. A significant increase from the beginning of the month (45). It has continued to increase and on July 18th they were 528. This is very disturbing. Fortunately Cedar Park has not reported a death.

Recoveries

On July 7th, they stopped recording the recoveries, so the percentage of recoveries will not be stated. I did communicate with the City of Cedar Park's Media and Communications Manager, Jennie Huerta whose give me sources and said Williamson County was no longer recording this information but the DSHS was trying to determine how best they could develop it.

The Cedar Park data was obtained from the Covid-19 information on the City of Cedar Park website.

Therapeutics and Vaccines

Hydroxychloroquine with azithromycin

Unfortunately this treatment was touted by President Trump and the initial study was conducted on patients with severe cases or on ventilators. This study showed patients taking the drug were still dying with very little effect on the outcome. Subsequently, this study was found to be flawed. Further studies have found the anti-malaria drug not to be effective or only somewhat effective when used in the early stages of the virus. Current studies are being conducted on healthcare workers treating coronavirus patients to see if it can lessen the occurrence of the onset of the virus.

Remdesivir

An early study showed the recovery time was reduced from a median of 15 days (13 to 19) to 11 days (9 to 12 days). The drug was approved by the CDC and is currently being used in hospital settings.

Convalescent Plasma

Currently thousands of Covid-19 patients are receiving this treatment. However, a small study of 103 patients who were given the plasma 14 days after having become ill showed no change in mortality rate or hospital stay. However the good news was that it did show a significant decrease in virus level in PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing.

Steroids

When dexamethasone, a synthetic steroid hormone, was given to Covid-19 patients it decreased 28-day mortality rates by 17percent and hasten hospital discharges. This work was conducted in a randomized and clinical controlled trial of 6,000 patients. Although not replicated in another study or yet peer reviewed, there is certainly enough evidence worthy of its use.

The above information on therapeutics was obtained from the internet from several different articles.

The news on vaccines is very encouraging. Moderna's coronavirus vaccine is ready to advance to final phase of testing with a 30,000 person study to prove if the shots are really strong enough protection against the coronavirus. As a first, the government is already paying to have the vaccine produced. So when and if the vaccine is approved, vaccination will be immediately available.

The Senior Center President and the Board will keep you posted on when and under what circumstances the Senior Center would open. The possibility of us opening the Center in the near future is pretty remote. It may not open until we have an effective vaccine and members have been vaccinated (my opinion only). However, if the cases start to decrease and continue to decrease for 10-14 consecutive days, my opinion maybe not worth much. Let's hope that is the case. In the meantime, continue to follow the current guidelines, wear a mask if and when you go out in the public, avoid close gatherings and stay safe.



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Harold Weiss, Jr.	03
Elyse Peavy	06
Felicia Gledhill	08
Cindy Rollman	09
MarEllen Basalyga	10
Jan Ills	10
Eileen Kay Brown	11
Dave DiMego	11
Paul Jaqua	12
Patti Laakso	14
Woody Woodruff	14
Georgia White	16
Jo Koerner	17
Rose Ann Doty	18
Sherry Dott	20
Dianne Thomas	20
Jayne Van Osten	20
Becky Jensen	21
Jim Ohradzansky	21
Cindy Klein	22
Tootie Glaeser	23
Inge Wasser	23
Jim Gardner	27
Barbara Read	27
Connie Tortorelli	28
Nancy Kingston	29
Carolyn White	31

Sheila & Mike Perkins	01
Freth & Les Rohan Carroll	02
Barbara & Denny Clauson	02
Marilee & Jeff Blackwelder	03
Terri & Tom Brandt	12
James & Athanasia Brenton	12
Dian & Jim Gardner	24
Helen & Paul Jaqua	27



Pray for the “huggers” ... we are not okay. Do you know how hard it is “not” to hug when you’re a hugger at heart? The struggle is real ... especially during this pandemic.



Remember ... patience is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting!

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SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

When I took the oath of office as President, I so looked forward to the year ahead. Thoughts of great events at the Center and the enjoyment we would have and memories that would be made.

What can I say? It's been almost 6 months since TOTH was closed due to COVID-19. It appears there is no opportunity on the horizon for re-opening the Center Texas is one of the hotspots in the country for COVID-19. We have to keep hoping and praying that a vaccine can be found in the near future.

To my knowledge no Senior Centers in Central Texas are allowing any social functions until the safety of everyone is assured. Listening to Joyce Mayer on KNCT-FM on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. she reports happenings of all Senior Centers in Central Texas. All like us are closed to activities.

In case you are wondering "why" we do not publish Members' phone contact information in the Gazette, it is because the Gazette is put on our website where the public can access that information. It's a protection of

President's Message (continued)

our seniors so they do not receive unwanted phone calls. Years ago it was my understanding that our Members Directory was not given out because it had been used by business's and our members were receiving unwanted phone calls and advertisements in the mail.

If you have need for an address or phone information, please feel free to contact Lisa, myself or an Executive Board Member.

I would like to encourage everyone to do as our Vice President, Carolyn White, did. Reach out in the next month to a TOTH member you have not seen or spoken to lately and say hi, how are you?

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for July was \$1,700.05 and our expenses were \$1,049.56 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$650.49. The Major source of Income for the month was \$1,700.00 Rental Revenue from the Church. There were no unusual items of Expense. Our investments increased in value by \$10,224.18 and are now \$453.18 above the January 31, 2020 value.

Copies of each month's Financial Reports are filed in a binder behind the Receptionist desk for Members review.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

I am so sorry to report that on July 31st, August 2nd and August 20th respectively, three of our members Terry Newman, Doug Thomas and Pat Johannessen passed on. My most heartfelt condolences to Mary Newman, Pat Thomas, Pat Johannessen's children and their families. May sweet memories and the love and support of friends help them through this difficult time.

I would also like to update you on Frank Cielonko, our Bingo caller, who fell and broke his hip last February and had to undergo surgery. He is doing well but still at Lakeline Oaks. Frank would love to hear from you — if you need his contact information I or Dennis can pass that along to you.

Three happy things happened in August:

Barbara and Phil Duprey donated two beautiful bookcases to TOTH. One is already replacing the bookcase that was damaged when our water heater broke, the other one will be put to use in the Library. Thank you Barbara and Phil!

TOTH became the beneficiary of an Eagle Scout Project. Hunter Johnson (originally from this area, but who lives now in Houston) donated four wooden planters complete with soil and perennials to us. The planters are set up around our Memorial Garden.

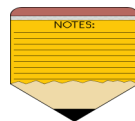
DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Many thanks to Eagle Scout Hunter and his Mom Heidi and little brother Ronin who lent a hand in setting up the planters.

Pictures were sent to our webmaster. When you have a chance, drop in at www.toth-seniors.com

And last but not least, we got a new member. Sandy Silver who recently moved to Cedar Park from Missouri, reached out to us via our website and telephone and decided to join us. She enjoys walking, hiking, kayaking, gardening and movies and is eager to volunteer. Welcome, Sandy!

As of now, there is no opening date in sight for the Center. Miss y'all; stay safe and healthy and stay cool!



VP NOTES

By Carolyn White

Hi Everyone, hope y'all are still doing OK. Just checking in. Can you believe September is now here? I was checking via telephone on some of our members and one of them was Joan Parker. Her address was sent out in an email blast and she would love to hear from everyone. She's doing ok and misses all of us. Another one I talked to was Norma Goodman who is also getting along ok. Of all I've talked to none have come down with this Covid-19, which we are so thankful for.

I know we are all anxious to get back to the Senior Center and we will, just don't know when right now. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

COVID-19 Update for Texas and Surrounding Areas – August 2020

By Frank Mignoli

Texas

Covid-19 continues to impact our daily lives. It has been over 5 months since it came onto the scene. Texas still ranks 3rd in cases, but daily cases have been slightly decreasing since August 4th. This is due to the enforcement to wear masks, the closing of bars in the large metropolitan cities and limiting the number of people at events.

Of course the big controversy now is school openings. Should we have full attendance (with temperature taking, face masks, some social distancing and sanitization) or virtual education or a combination of both? The data shows that about 2% of those 10 and younger have contracted Covid-19 while the percentage for 10-19 is slightly above 4%. So it boils down to what risks both teachers and parents are willingly to accept.

Colleges and college sports seem to be even a bigger problem. Some football conferences have already decided to cancel the entire fall sports programs.

Cases and Deaths

Currently, the six (6) day average for daily cases is over 5,200. A considerable reduction from the almost 9,000 On July 18th. On August 17th there were over 10,000 deaths a large increase from the 3,865 deaths reported on July 18th.

Other Texas Data

The following data is based on 10,189 deaths listed under Cases and Deaths:

<i>Age of Fatalities</i>	<i>- Gender of Fatalities</i>	<i>- Race Ethnicity of Deaths</i>
10 - 19 years – 0.17%	Female – 41.1%	Asian – 2.2%
20 to 49 years – 8.1%	Male – 58.9%	Black – 12.4%
50 to 69 years – 32.6%	Unknown – 0%	Hispanic – 53.4%
70 to 79 years – 25.4%		White – 31.3%
80 years plus – 33.8%		Other – 0.7%
Unknown – 0.0%		Unknown – <0.1%

Another interesting statistic is that the percentage fatalities to cases is only 1.85%.

Recoveries

On August 17th the recoveries were over 74%. A large increase from the 53.2% on July 18th.

Testing

In Texas on August 17th the six-day daily average number of tests performed were about 47,000 a drop from the 55,000 on July 18th. The total number of tests (viral plus antibody) performed are over 4,840,000 or more than 16% of Texas's reported population based on one (1) test per person.

Hospitalizations

On August 17th, Texas had 57,000 staffed hospital beds and had about 6,200 covid-19 hospitalizations. A far cry from the over 10,000 hospitalizations of Covid-19 on July 18th

Travis County

Cases and Deaths

On July 18th the reported cases were 17,215 and the total number of deaths were 196. On August 18th, the reported cases were 24,409 and the reported deaths had risen to 335 but have not change the last three (3) days.

Recoveries

On July 18th the number of recoveries were 13,672 or 79.4 % of the recorded cases. Since then the recoveries have risen to over 23,100 and 94.8% of the reported cases which is excellent. The deaths per reported cases was 1.54%.

Williamson County

Cases and Deaths

Williamson County including Cedar Park no longer make any reports on the weekends. On July 17th the number of cases was 4,420. On August 18th was over 7,100 and appear to be leveling off. On July 24, the deaths jumped by 10 to 89 and rose to 92 on July 26th. Then on July 27th they dropped back down to 74. Obviously some deaths attributed to Coronavirus were changed to more natural causes. The cases continue to rise thereafter to 102 on August 18th.

Recoveries

On July 18th, there were 3,492 recoveries which was 77.8% of the cases. Currently there are 6,663 recoveries and the percentage has risen to 88%.

The data for Texas and the counties of Travis and Williamson was obtained from the dshstexas.gov website on Covid-19 and both Travis County and Williamson County websites on coronavirus.

City of Cedar Park

Cases and Deaths

On July 18th they were 528 cases. On August 17th, 759 cases. Fortunately Cedar Park has not reported a death.

The Cedar Park data was obtained from the Covid-19 information on the City of Cedar Park website.

Therapeutics

Hydroxychloroquine with azithromycin or zinc

This is a very controversial drug. Some epidemiologists say it's dangerous to patients with certain heart problems. Other epidemiologists say it's been in use for over 60 years for malaria patients with no heart problems or adverse side effects. In any event, it's only recommended use is as a prophylactic treatment. However, it has not been approved as a treatment for the corona virus by the CDC or FDA. In any case, some doctors are dispensing it prophylactically only. You're on your own for this drug.

Remdesivir

Remdesivir (Veklury) is currently being administered under hospital care only and is given through a vein (intravenous or IV) one time each day for up to 10 days depending on what your healthcare provider thinks is best for you. Veklury may help decrease the amount of the coronavirus in your body. This may help you to get better faster. The usual dosage for adults weighing 40 kg (88 lbs.) or more is 200 mg the first day and 100 mg thereafter. Many millions of doses have been manufactured and is only used to reduce the impact to patients in the hospital with corona virus.

Convalescent Plasma

COVID-19 patients treated with the blood of those who have recovered from the infection die at significantly lower rates than those given standard treatments alone, according to a preliminary analysis.

In their analysis, posted July 30 to the preprint database [bioRxiv](#), the researchers looked at a dozen trials where hospitalized COVID-19 patients received convalescent plasma (CP) therapy — a treatment that involves drawing blood plasma from recovered patients and injecting the antibody-rich fluid into sick patients. The 12 trials suggest that patients given plasma were less than half as likely to die as patients given other treatments, according to the report.

Specifically, the mortality rate among patients given plasma was 13%, compared with 25% among patients given standard treatments. Only three of the 12 studies were randomized controlled trials (RCTs), where patients are randomly assigned to receive a treatment or standard of care, which is the gold standard for assessing medical treatments.

The Senior Center President and the Board will keep you posted on when and under what circumstances the Senior Center would open. Continue to follow the current guidelines, wear a mask if and when you go out in the public, avoid close gatherings and stay safe.

A WORD OF CAUTION

From Medicare

Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare Number or financial information. If they ask for personal information, hang up and report it to Medicare at

1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227). Per AARP



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MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

Naida Williams and
Terry Newman
From Janice & Harvey Wohlwend

NEW MEMBER

WELCOME
Sandy Silver



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OBITUARIES

Terry Newman passed away on July 31st.

Terry was our Director a few years ago.

Terry loved to cook and was the chef for some TOTH dinners & luncheons. Terry was an avid and very excellent bridge player.

Doug Thomas passed away August 2nd.

Doug attended many of the TOTH luncheons and special dinners. Doug enjoyed playing poker and bunco at TOTH. Doug was our member Pat Thomas's husband.

Pat Johannessen passed away on August 20th. Pat was a regular attendee at the TOTH luncheons and enjoyed playing canasta at TOTH.

We extend our sincere condolences to Terry, Doug and Pat's family and friends.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

Since I'm working this election cycle at the Williamson County Election Commission, I thought I would pass along some voting information regarding Williamson County.

Texas voters who wish to vote by mail must meet at least one of these eligibility requirements: be 65 years of age or older, sick or disabled, expect to be absent from the country for the entire voting period, or be confined in jail but otherwise eligible to vote. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is Friday, October 23, 2020 (received by).

If you vote by mail, you cannot vote in person. If you requested a mail-in ballot and then change your mind and want to vote in person, be sure to take your mail-in ballot with you to the polling place & surrender it in order to vote in person.

Marked (mail-in) ballots must be received by 5 p.m. the day after Election Day as long as it is postmarked on or before Election Day.

You may deliver your ballot in person at the Election Commission office (Williamson). Voters will need to present a photo ID when dropping off their ballot.

President's Message (continued)

There have already been over 25,000 requests for mail-in ballots. Each mail-in ballot will be validated by the Ballot Board for matching signatures on the request for mail-in ballot and the ballot. It's possible the outcome of this election may not be known for several days.

If you wish to check to see if your application for ballot has been received, you can check your information in our Ballot-by-Mail Status Tracker (updated daily) on www.wilco.org

Voting times are listed on Page 3. Websites to check: www.votetexas.gov, www.vote.org, www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for August was \$2,368.67 and our expenses were \$1,821.88 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$545.79. The Major source of income for the month was, \$2,000.00 Rental Revenue from the Church and \$295.00 from Memorials. Major items of Expense were: Directors and Officers Insurance \$663.00, and Senior Expo returned fees, \$245.00. Our investments increased in value by \$6,629.09.

Copies of each month's Financial Reports are filed in a binder behind the Receptionist's desk for Members review.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

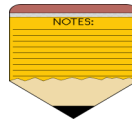
By Lisa Leirvaag

With great sadness I have to report that Mike Gomez, the husband of Vicky Van Osten and son-in-law to Jayne and Bill Van Osten lost his battle with cancer. It is such a terrible illness that takes those we love far too early. My most sincere condolences to Vicky and the family.

September was a quiet and almost uneventful month at the Center. Almost — because the big refrigerator in the kitchen stopped running and we had to throw away the remaining food. It was a small comfort that most of the groceries were way past their “best before” date anyhow.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Frank Mignoli for his Covid-19 updates. I find the articles interesting and informative and appreciate all the work he puts into them. Last month’s article sparked hope that we are heading in the right direction. So let’s keep our hopes up, our masks on and our fingers crossed (after washing them for 20 seconds!).

As always — STAY SAFE!



VP NOTES

By Carolyn White

Hi Everyone, hope y’all are still doing ok.

Just checking in. By the time our newsletter is out it will officially be fall. Can you believe it? I haven’t heard of anyone getting sick, so we are so thankful for that, and we’re keeping Bill, Jayne and Vicky Van Osten in our prayers on the loss of their son-in-law/husband Mike.

I’m still staying busy doing odd things around the house, putting puzzles together and enjoying sitting on our back porch playing on my tablet when the weather is cool and nice. Hope you are enjoying our cooler weather. Looks like we’re through with the triple digits anyway.

I know we are all anxious to get back to the Senior Center and we will, just don’t know when right now. You’re all in my thoughts and prayers.

If you hear of anyone who is ill, please let us know. You’re never far from our thoughts. Stay Safe and wear your masks if you go out and until we meet again, God bless all of you.

MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

Doug Thomas from Lisa Leirvaag

Terry Newman from Phyllis Mehrens

Terry Newman from Lisa Leirvaag

Terry Newman from Mary Newman

Terry Newman from Bill & Carol Kitto

Terry Newman from Del Darling

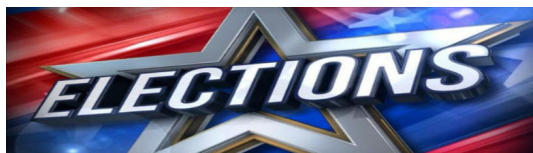
Terry Newman from Phyllis Epps

HALLOWEEN JOKES FOR KIDS

Print, cut out cards and staple into a mini joke book or add one each day to your child's lunch bag.

<p>Why wouldn't the skeleton cross the road?</p>  <p><i>Because he didn't have any guts.</i></p>	<p>What do you call a witch at the beach?</p>  <p><i>A sand-witch.</i></p>
<p>What kind of shoes does a ghost wear?</p>  <p><i>Boooooots.</i></p>	<p>Why didn't Dracula have any friends?</p>  <p><i>Because he was a pain in the neck.</i></p>
<p>Why do witches ride broomsticks?</p>  <p><i>Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy.</i></p>	<p>What is a ghost's favorite food?</p>  <p><i>Spook-etti.</i></p>

SCHOLASTIC
Find more printables for children at scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables



**Presidential Election
REMEMBER TO VOTE!!**

Early voting

Starting Tuesday, October 13 thru

Friday, October 30

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(except Sundays)

Sundays -October 18 & October 25

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



From Pat Thomas

To Doug and my dear friends at Treasure of the Hills.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for the many kindnesses that you showed after Doug's passing.

The flowers, the food, the cards, the phone calls, etc. meant so much. Just to know that someone was thinking of me and that they understood what I was going through really helped. You have all been so kind and so thoughtful.

Friendship isn't about who you've known the longest. It's about who walked into your life and said "I'm here for you". Then they proved it (copied).

This experience has inspired me to try to be a better friend. Thank you ever so much.

Our Condolences To

Vicky Van Osten Gomez for the loss of her Husband Mike.

Jayne & Bill Van Osten for the loss of their son-in-law Mike Gomez.

Covid-19 Update – September 2020

By Frank Mignoli

This month rather than give you a lot of boring statistics I thought I give you something a little different. In the United States the CDC estimated that in the 2018-2019 flu season there were 35.5 million illnesses, more than 16.5 million medical visits, 490,600 hospitalizations and 34,200 deaths. Although the number of illnesses far exceed Covid-19 at the moment, the deaths were only about 0.1% of the number of illnesses. This compared to Covid-19's death rate at 2.97%. This explains why Covid-19 is considered so dangerous.

Texas

Covid-19 cases continue to pile up reaching almost 679,000 and almost 14,600 deaths. The six-day daily average of cases is decreasing but at a very slow pace. The current average is over 3,500 new cases per day. The recoveries are running about 88% and the deaths at 2.15% of the cases. On September 14, they changed the method of counting tests which reduced the count by over 300,000. However, the percentage of test to the population of Texas is still around 20%.

The availability of ICU beds, ventilators and hospital beds are more than adequate.

Travis County

Covid-19 cases have reached over 28,200 and 413 deaths or 1.55% of cases. Recoveries have reached 96.1 %.

Williamson County

Covid-19 cases have reached about 8,300 and 135 deaths or 1.67% of cases. Recoveries have reached 97.7 %.

The data for Texas and the counties of Travis and Williamson was obtained from the dshstexas.gov website on Covid-19 and both Travis County and Williamson County websites on coronavirus.

City of Cedar Park

Cases and Deaths

Covid-19 cases have reached 818.

Status of Vaccines

There are 27 vaccines in Phase 1 – testing safety and dosage, 14 in Phase 2 – in expanded safety trials, 9 in Phase 3 –in large-scale efficacy and 5 vaccines approved for early or limited use.

Astrazeneca – is in Phase 3 of trials both in the US and Britain. The trial was halted on September 8th in Britain due an unexplained illness in a patient. It resumed on September 12.

Moderna – develops vaccines based on mRNA to produce viral proteins. The government has bank-rolled \$1 billion to Moderna’s efforts. In partnership with National Institutes of Health (NIH), they found the vaccines protects monkeys from Covid-19. In March the company put the first Covid-19 vaccine into human trials, which yielded promising results. On July 27th the vaccine trials went to Phase 3 testing. On August 11, the government awarded the company an additional \$1.5 billion in exchange for 100 million doses if the vaccine proves safe and effective.

Biontech, Pfizer, FosunPharma – The German company BioNTech entered collaborations with Pfizer, based in New York and the Chinese drug maker Fosum Pharma to develop a mRNA vaccine. In May they launched a Phase 1/2 trial on two (2) versions of the vaccine. Both versions caused volunteers to produce antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, as well as immune cells called T cells that respond to the virus. One version, called BNT162b2 produced significantly fewer side effects. On July 27, the companies launched Phase 2 / 3 trial with 30,000 volunteers in the US and other countries including Argentina, Brazil and Germany. In September, the Trump administration awarded a \$1.9 billion contract for 100 million doses to be delivered by December and the option to acquire 500 million more doses. Pfizer’s chief executive announced they would know if the vaccine works as soon as October 2020. If approved, Pfizer has said they expect to manufacture 1.3 billion doses by the end of 2021.

Repurposed Vaccines – vaccines already in use for other diseases that may also protect against Covid-19.

The Bacillus Calmette-Guerin vaccine was developed in the early 1900s as a protection against tuberculosis. The **Murdoch Children’s Research Institute** in Australia is conducting a Phase 3 trial called BRACE to see if the vaccine partly protects against the coronavirus. **Other repurposed vaccines** are in clinical trials. Some of the many being conducted are: LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, the BADAS Study (Texas A&M, Baylor College of Medicine, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and Cedars-Sinai Md. Ctr.) and Oklahoma Med. Research Fdn. and the Univ. of Oklahoma.

Information about other vaccines can be found on the internet – Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker – The New York Times.

In the meantime, continue to follow the current guidelines, wear a mask if and when you go out in the public, avoid close gatherings and stay safe. Maybe we will be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel next month.



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- 1) The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.
- 2) If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.
- 3) I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!!
- 4) I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.
- 5) They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store. They lied!! Everybody else had clothes on.
- 6) Until further notice, the days of the week are now called – thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and next day.
- 7) Keep in mind, even in a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.
- 8) The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

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GIVING THANKS

(author unknown)

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea,
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Domanski

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as I reflect on thoughts of Thanksgivings past — the great dinner at the Center with all the joyful faces, well wishes and wonderful food we shared. This year is different with Covid-19, but I will be thankful on Thanksgiving Day for those memories.

I hope and pray all are doing well and if you would like to share any “news” we will begin a “What’s Happening” Article. Call Dodie at 512-350-2573 or send her an email at dodie1@austin.rr.com to submit “your news” for the December Gazette.

I have been in contact with managers of local senior centers to monitor their status. While the Center remains closed and we are not meeting for activities, it still is a solid organization as it was on March 13th when we suspended activities.

Normally, we could start paying dues for 2021 in November. Due to Covid we need another plan to receive dues — until then your membership will remain in effect.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for September was \$1,670.06 and our expenses were \$767.12 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$902.94. The Major source of income was, \$1,600.00 Rental Revenue from the Church.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Major items of Expense were: \$296.48 for utilities and \$159.96 for investment fees. Our investments decreased in value by \$7,209.24.

Copies of each month's Financial Reports are filed in a binder behind the Receptionist's desk for Members review.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

First of all, I would like to thank Gerri Newman Caputo, Mary Newman and Karl Renner for the donation of two plumbago bushes to our Memorial Garden. They were given in memory of Terry Newman and Dick Newman. Karl planted the bushes and had to work hard to make sufficiently big holes in the very stony ground. Let's hope the bushes will thrive and bloom in their sunny place in the Memorial Garden and delight us with their beautiful blue blossoms for many years to come.

The big refrigerator is up and running again. The maintenance crew from the City of Cedar Park fixed it for us. The City also took care of a leak in the irrigation system. So all is well and in good order again at Treasure of the Hills.

I wish I could tell you when the Center will be opening again, but I can only wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and as always — Stay healthy! Stay safe!

Covid19 Update – September 2020

By Frank Mignoli

I will refrain from providing anymore statistical data on Covid-19. Williamson County doesn't report data on weekends and the state no longer monitors the fatalities by age group, male and female or ethnicity. Let's just say it's still with us and will be until a vaccine "**proves**" to be effective and safe. Even then, there will be people that will be reluctant to get a vaccine injection until no one has had an adverse reaction.

So I wanted to find out the the answer to the \$64 million dollar question. ***Are facemasks really effective against Covid-19?*** So I went to my favorite source, the internet and asked the following: Scientific evidence of the efficacy of face masks. Of course, immediately a recent article caught my eye. It was from a Nina Bai from California who talked to UC San Francisco epidemiologist [George Rutherford](#), MD, and infectious disease specialist [Peter Chin-Hong](#), MD. Here are some excerpts from the five page article.

Why did the CDC change its guidance on wearing masks?

Here's a synopsis of their response.

Original CDC guidance partly was based on what they thought to be low disease prevalence early in the pandemic, said Chin-Hong.

The legitimate concern that the limited supply of surgical masks and N95 respirators should be saved for the health care workers said Rutherford.

Culturally, the US wasn't really prepared to wear masks, said Chin-Hong. He also said some Americans are choosing to ignore CDC guidance and local mandates on masks which is "foolhardy".

What may have finally convinced the CDC to change its guidance in favor of masks were rising disease prevalence and a clearer understanding that [both pre-symptomatic an asymptomatic transmission are possible](#) –even common. Studies have found that viral load peaks in the days before symptoms begin and that speaking is enough to expel virus-carrying droplets.

What evidence do we have that wearing a mask is effective in preventing Covid-19?

There are [several strands of evidence](#) supporting the efficacy of masks.

Laboratory studies – An experiment using high-speed video found that hundreds of droplets ranging from 20 to 500 micrometers were generated when saying a simple phrase. Nearly all the droplets were blocked when the mouth was covered with a washcloth.

Another study looked at coronavirus deaths across 198 countries and found that those with cultural norms or government policies favoring mask-wearing had lower death rates.

Two compelling case reports also suggest that masks can prevent transmission in high-risk scenarios, said Chin-Hong and Rutherford. One a man flew from China to Toronto and subsequently tested positive for Covid-19. He wore a mask on the flight and all 25 people closest to him on the flight tested negative for Covid-19. In another case, in late May, two hair stylists in Missouri had close contact with 140 clients while sick with Covid-19. Everyone wore a mask and none of the clients tested positive for Covid-19.

Do masks protect the people wearing them or the people around them?

Masks may be more effective as a “source control” because they can prevent larger expelled droplets from evaporating into smaller droplets that can travel further.

You could still catch the virus through the membranes in your eyes, a risk that masking does not eliminate, noted Rutherford.

How many people need to wear masks to reduce community transmission?

What you would want is 100% of people wearing masks, but you’ll settle for 80%, said Rutherford. In one simulation, researchers predicted that 80% of the population wearing masks would do more to reduce Covid-19 spread than a strict lockdown.

Does the type of mask matter?

Studies have compared various mask materials, but for the general public, the most important consideration may be comfort. The best mask is one you can wear comfortably and consistently, said Chin-Hong. Surgical masks are generally more protective than cloth masks. The bottom line is that any mask that covers the nose and mouth will be of benefit. “The concept is risk reduction rather than absolute prevention,” said Chin-Hong.

If we’re practicing social distancing, do we still need to wear masks?

A mnemonic that Chin-Hong likes is the “Three W’s to ward off Covid-19”; Wearing a mask, Washing your hands and Watching your distance. But of the three, the most important thing is Wearing a mask he said.

Cleaning your iPhone or wiping down your groceries are “just distractors.” There’s little evidence that contaminated surfaces are a major source of transmission, whereas there is a lot of evidence of transmission through inhaled droplets, said Chin-Hong.

“You should always wear masks and socially distance” said Rutherford. “I would be hesitant to try to parse it apart. But, yes, I think mask wearing is more important.”



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lois Watkins	01
Dodie Planck	03
Jim Cowan	04
Jimmie Marshman	04
Ralph Lee	05
Bruce Leach	06
Calvin Allison	08
Joyce Brahm-Pickens	11
Marilee Blackwelder	12
John McElver	15
Pat Thomas	15
John DeMarines	16
June Peterson	16
Ninette Fernandez	17
Mike Callahan	18
Marie Roycroft	19
Peg Fiehtner	20
Martha Orr	20
Jeff Blackwelder	22
Dian Gardner	23
Mick Sandgarten	23
Jerrold Rubin	24
Dora Martinez	25
Frank Mignoli	26
Peggy Ryburn	27
Patty Biles	29
Del Darling	29
James West	30



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Nancy & Ron Greenwood	05
Rhoda & Bill Lloyd	26
Lois & Ken Birdwell	27



THINK HAPPY
THOUGHTS AND
GOOD THINGS
WILL HAPPEN

People come and go in your life. But the right ones will always stay.

You are part of a puzzle in someone else's life. You may never know where you fit. But someone's life may never be complete without you in it.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

MEMORIALS

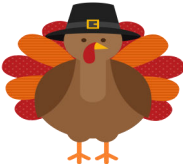
By Jan Clark

Terry Newman from Dick & Dodie Planck
Terry Newman from Dennis & Dodie Domanski

Donation of 2 Plumbago bushes in Memorial Garden from Gerri Newman Caputo, Mary Newman and Karl Renner in memory of Terry Newman and Dick Newman.

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22	23 9:00 Sit & Fit 1:00 Cribbage 1:30 Bingo 3:00 Scrabble 6:00 Game Night 6:15 Dup. Bridge**	24 9:00 Canasta 9:45 Rubber Brdg** 1:30 Poker	25 9:00 Sit & Fit 9:30 Tables Choice 10 Jewelry Making 1:30 Bunco	26  <i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</i>	27 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:00 Bridge Lessons 10:30 Bingo Noon—Pinochle 1:00 Dup. Bridge**	28
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CHRISTMAS

*Christmas is more than a day in December
It's all of those things that we love to remember*

It's carolers singing familiar refrains

Bright colored stockings

And shiny toy trains

Streamers of tinsel and glass stain balls

Laughter that rings through the house and its halls

Christmas is more than a day in December

It's the magic and the love

That we'll always remember

By M. E. Miro

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Dennis Domanski

Holiday wishes to all — hopefully we will all be able to have a joyous season — this Christmas is a bit different with the lack of social gatherings, namely dinner, breakfast, tree decorating and enjoying the decorations at the Center. While we are not able to greet, meet, and wish each other the best of the holiday and New Year with a hand shake, hug or smile, our hearts are filled with those well wishes we long to share in person.

I look forward to the New Year with thoughts for a new beginning for us at Treasure of the Hills Senior Activity Center.

Wishing you old fashioned pleasures, happy memories and all the joys of the Christmas season.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Joyous New Year!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dick Planck

Our income for October was \$1,600.04 and our expenses were \$1,302.69 resulting in a Net Ordinary Income of \$297.35. The Major source of income was, \$1,600.00 Rental Revenue from the Church.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Major items of Expense were: \$600.00 Premium for Liability insurance, \$313.44 for utilities and \$153.91 for investment fees. Our investments increased in value by \$84.14.

Copies of each month's Financial Reports are filed in a binder behind the Receptionist's desk for Members review.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Lisa Leirvaag

November was quite uneventful for a change. No break-downs!

Jimmie Marshman kindly donated a knee scooter to the Center. It looks brand new and we are lucky to have it. Thank you, Jimmie!

I can hardly believe that it is time to think about Christmas. I want to thank all our members for their patience and support during this very unusual year, and I would also like to thank the City of Cedar Park for always taking good care of our Center.

I sincerely hope that 2021 will be a better year.

Merry Christmas! Stay healthy and safe!



Vice President NOTES

By Carolyn White

Merry Christmas Everyone. I know its going to be a different and maybe hard time for a lot of us. We still don't have a time for reopening, but I believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I came across a meaning of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas", I'd like to share with you.

On the 1st Day – A Partridge in a Pear Tree

The Partridge represents Jesus. The partridge in a pear tree represents Jesus, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on the first day of Christmas. Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge, the only bird that will die to protect its young.

On the 2nd Day – Two Turtle Doves

represents the Old and New Testaments, so in this gift, the singer finds the complete story of Judeo-Christian faith and God's plan for the world. The doves are the biblical roadmap that is available to everyone.

On the 3rd Day – Three French Hens

represents – birds that represent faith, hope, and love. This gift hearkens back to 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter written by the apostle Paul.

On the 4th Day – Four Calling Birds

represents one of the easiest facets of the song's code to figure out, the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

On the 5th Day – Five Gold Rings

represents the first five books of the Old Testament known as the Torah or the Pentateuch

On the 6th Day – Six Geese a-Laying

represents the first story in the Bible. These lyrics can be traced back to the first story found in the Bible Each egg is a day in creation, a time when the world was "hatched" or formed by God.

On the 7th Day – Seven Swans a Swimming

represents— hidden in the codes are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit – prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading and compassion. As swans are one of the most beautiful and graceful creatures on earth, they would seem to be a perfect symbol for the spiritual gifts.

On the 8th Day – Eight Maids a-milking

represents - As Christ came to save even the lowest of the low, the ones who would receive his word and accept his grace. Being a milkmaid was about the worst job one could have in England during this period; this code conveyed that Jesus cared as much about servants as he did those of royal blood. The eight who were blessed included the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

On the 9th Day – Nine Ladies Dancing

represents the nine dancers who were really the gifts known as the fruit of the Spirit. The fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

On the 10th Day – Tens Lords a-leaping

represents - this is probably the easiest gift to understand. As lords were judges and in charge of the law, this code for the Ten Commandments was fairly straightforward to Catholics.

On the 11th Day – Eleven Pipers Piping

represents - this is almost a trick question, as most think of the disciples in terms of a dozen. But when Judas betrayed Jesus and committed suicide, there were only eleven men who carried out the gospel message.

On the 12th Day – Twelve Drummers Drumming

representing the drummers are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed. "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the [communion](#) of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

The Context & History Behind "The 12 Days of Christmas"

Teaching the Catholic faith was outlawed in sixteenth-century England. Those who instructed their children in Catholicism could be drawn and quartered. Thus, the church went underground. To hide the important and illegal elements of their teaching, clerics composed poems that seemed sill to most people. But these verses were veiled works that taught the church's most important tenets. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is said to be one of these teaching tools.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Duprey	01
Mark Haase	03
Margaret McClintock	06
Karon Thiem	07
Sandra Kelso	08
Maria "Coty" Castro-Guerra	09
Patricia Zwernemann	11
Cecil Holder	14
Helen Holland	14
Yolanda Gonzalez	15
Vici MacIntosh	16
Norma Goodman	19
Richard Johnson	19
Angeline Slezak	19
Stella Brittnacher	20
Elena "Ele" Espinosa	20
Norma Crozier	21
Sue Witovec	22
Phyllis Mehrens	25



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MEMORIALS

By Jan Clark

Doug Thomas from Bobby McKissick
P.J. Johannessen from Bobby McKissick

One of our former long time members,
Barbara Harper, passed away October 26.
Our condolences to her family.



If 2020 is telling us anything... it's telling us to enjoy the moments we have, and don't take any day, anything or anyone for granted.

May 2021 bring us renewed joy and happiness!

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