



The Golden Gazette

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Treasure of the Hills Senior Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carolyn White

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! Gobble, Gobble!

It's a time to reflect on all that we are thankful for. I am especially thankful to all of you. I've made friends that I'll cherish always, and our Center is growing every day. New exciting things are happening, with new activities including a weekend movie day.

To all our new members last month, a Warm Welcome. It's so exciting to see all the new faces!

This month we will have our Thanksgiving Dinner here at the Center — we furnish the meal. We also started a tradition in the past: we put up our 8 round tables to be decorated, and if you like, you can take one of the tables and decorate it for our dinner. It's been fun in the past and I look forward to the tables again. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend. BUT we are limited to the number of people we can put in the Center so it will be especially important that you sign up for this event. The sign up sheet is on the board in the reception area.

Breakfast continues to be very popular. We do have to close it off right now at 40. Please be sure to sign up early to hold your spot.

Did you notice the paint samples on the outside of the building? The City provided us with a few sample colors, and the Board has chosen the green color. It is going to make our building really stand out and will look great with the new color of the roof. The City also put a strip of asphalt in front of the main lot parking spots for ease of walking.

In other news, the accordion door between the TV Room and the Great Room has been fixed. I know everyone is happy about that.

As I've said each month, I enjoy being your President and working with the terrific Board of Directors that we have. We welcome any ideas for our Center and look forward to continuing to grow our membership.



VP NOTES

by J C Henderson

Hope you all have many things to be thankful for come Thanksgiving! At least one may well be meeting with your friends and acquaintances for a friendly Thanksgiving meal this month. Be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet in the lobby so that we can get an accurate count for how many people are coming to the TOTH event.

Other things for you to appreciate may include the new large screen TV. Have you caught a movie being offered yet? And have you tried some of the other new offerings, or something that you just had not done before? Have you given feedback on any of this?

My hope is that you all have many happy memories to be thankful for and that TOTH has been able to add to that collection.

ELECTION RESULTS

by Pat Thomas

My fellow TOTH members, it is my pleasure as Chair of the Nominating Committee to inform you that our membership has elected the following members to serve as officers for the coming year:

President—Carolyn White
Vice President—Ellen Fannin
Secretary—Ann Mignoli
Treasurer—Dennis Clauson

I hope that we will all take time to congratulate them and to thank them for being willing to serve.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Lisa Leirvaag

Congratulations, newly elected officers!

There are a lot of new things happening at Treasure of the Hills.

We have a new roof! The City also fixed the sidewalk on the south side of the building, and is going to install extra lighting. In addition, they will put up new siding and paint the entire building.

We have added so many new games and activities that we are starting to run out of space on the bulletin board!

In October, we started '42' and Mexican Train, and we had our first Line Dancing lessons. The quilting group is growing.

Not as many members as had signed up attended Happy Hour and Movie Day, but it was still a good turnout, and those participating had a good time. Special thanks to MarEllen for organizing these events. And thank you, Floresa, for donating the popcorn machine. Can't have movies without popcorn!

Finally, a big thanks especially to Denny, but also to Jim A. and Ken B. for their part in making Movie Day possible.

This month, Mary Riordon is organizing a Craft Sale on November 5th. Movie Day will be on November 12th. Mocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres will be served November 10th. We are planning to celebrate Thanksgiving with a dinner at TOTH on Wednesday, November 16th.

It feels great to get back into the swing of things! We have also been offered a course in downsizing and organizing, and we are working on new 'Tech Pals' sessions.

No Soup Day or Breakfast Day this month! The Center will be closed from November 24th thru November 27th (Thanksgiving weekend). Y'all stay safe and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



TOTH BOARD NOTES

by Beverly Ball

Greetings old, new and potential Members!

October is time to vote for new officers with the passion and enthusiasm to make TOTH thrive in 2023.

There is so much happening at TOTH now. The sign-up board keeps Lisa busy. Please remember to check it when you visit.

Frank has proposed possible luncheons and bridge on Wednesdays.

With our vigilant Treasurer, Denny, we are discussing ways to increase revenue. Options mentioned add to the excitement of involvement. They include: Fundraisers – Spring Fling, November craft sale, increasing membership, and casino and other paid game days.

We appreciate the Sunday church group's support also.

Senior Expo, with TOTH volunteers and Chairperson Ellen Fannin, was a big success this year. She has already locked in our date with Tim Dean at the Cedar Park Rec Center for August 12, 2023.

You may have noticed that we have more new sturdy game tables. Also, notice new outside lighting. The City of Cedar Park will install high-powered solar LED walk and pole lights after they complete the sidewalk leveling.

Phyllis, our Publicity Chair, stays busy promoting TOTH in the community. She attends the CP Chamber's monthly Lunch Connect Luncheons, the monthly Networking Socials sponsored by Always Best Care Senior Services, at Lakeline Senior Living Resident Facility and monthly Women's Connection Breakfasts.
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TOTH BOARD NOTES

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TOTH's continued membership with the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce was very instrumental in selling several 2022 Expo booths. Furthermore, TOTH's membership with the Chamber is a vital link in keeping TOTH on the City of Cedar Park's radar for current residents, in addition to those who have recently relocated (or plan to relocate) to the City of Cedar Park.

We look forward to our Thanksgiving celebration meal on Wednesday, November 16th. Frank and Pat are always working hard to make special meals. We will get 3 turkeys and post a signup sheet for side dishes.

So many new activities! Our Treasurer, Denny, has facilitated a new larger TV in time for monthly movie matinees in house one Saturday a month. Floresa has donated a popcorn machine, popcorn and oil. J C and MarEllen have set it up with popcorn bags for us all to enjoy! Movies are always free for our members. Food and drinks may be brought in to share. MarEllen has also taken on the responsibility of keeping the machine clean and functioning through this year. We always appreciate our hard-working volunteers (hint)! There will be options to request movies. Check the posts for your votes.

You may have noticed our new roof. Keep checking for on-going improvements. The exterior paint is coming soon!

Best wishes from your TOTH 2022 secretary.

MORE BRIDGE

by Frank Mignoli

Are you interested in another duplicate bridge game? We have so many new members and Ken Birdwell's bridge classes are educating more bridge players. So another bridge game of at least three tables might be supported. It appears Wednesday is the only day available to play. If you are interested in playing duplicate bridge on Wednesdays starting at 1 pm, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. If there is enough interest, the earliest we could start would be Wednesday, November 9th.



IN MEMORIAM

Carolyn Altman



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Denny Clauson

September Income: \$2,223.27

September Expenses: \$8,913.60

September Investments: \$4,224.67 loss

Note: September had a few one time expenses including annual insurance bills and purchase of large screen TV.



JEWELRY AND CRAFTS

by Mary Riordon

Our Jewelry Making class instructor Connie has some ideas for the holidays, so join us in the TOTH library at 10 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Let the creative juices flow...

The Craft Sale will be in the Great Room on Saturday, November 5th, from 10 am until 2 pm. Vendors should already have signed up in the reception area.

Call Mary Riordon with questions, 512-260-8876. (No texts, please; this is a landline.)

CRUISE

by Mary Riordon

Cruisers get ready!!!!!! Feb 19-26, 2023, on the Ruby Princess to Roatan, Belize and Cozumel....round trip from Galveston...call Mary Riordon with questions, or call Karen Bradder at Princess and ask for the 'TOTH group.'



SOUP DAY

by Frank Mignoli

On Tuesday, October 11th, seventeen members sat down and enjoyed the 6-can vegetable and beef soup, as well as conversing with friends. They also consumed fresh sourdough bread, lemonade, ice tea and cookies. Note that there is no Soup Day in November, with so many food-related events happening. Stay tuned for the next one!

INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON

by Frank Mignoli

The first International Luncheon was held on Wednesday, October 19th, in conjunction with the annual business meeting that announced the results of the 2023 TOTH Elections.

The country represented at this first luncheon was Germany. Lisa Leirvaag gave a five -minute presentation, using our newly WiFi-connected overhead projector, to show facts and figures about the country, accompanied by pictures of beautiful sites from all over Germany.

The luncheon menu, selected by Lisa Leirvaag, served typical German cuisine of bratwurst with buns, sauerkraut, and German potato salad. Coffee, iced tea and lemonade were also served. Special cakes (one white and one chocolate) were purchased at COSTCO. The delicious cake had Halloween decoration icing and was decorated with 'Congratulations TOTH Officers' to recognize the election results. A special thanks go to Lisa Leirvaag, Pat Fiero and Frank Mignoli who prepared and served the meal.

Floresa Williams, a Board Director, had presented the idea of the International Luncheon to the Board, and they were happy to approve. She told the almost 40 members in attendance her reason for suggesting this event. Primarily, our members are from many nationalities and backgrounds, and it would be fun and educational for our members to learn about those countries and customs.

Due to the holiday dinners coming up, the next International Luncheon is not scheduled until January, 2023. If you are interested in setting one up, please contact Floresa. She has set aside February for her event, which celebrates Black History Month.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

by Frank Mignoli

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, at noon. The dinner will include roast turkey, a small ham for those non-turkey eaters, and all the usual trimmings. As part of spirit of the holiday, lists for appetizers, sides and pies will be posted for people to sign up to bring. The number of servings and serving sizes listed should be sufficient to feed 80-96 people. If your name is not on this list, please do *not* bring any food whatsoever.

Also, a list will be on the bulletin board to sign up to attend. The list will be limited to 96 people. If you sign up and then determine later you cannot attend, please make sure your name is crossed off the list so somebody else can attend. The sign up lists will be posted sometime in early November.

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

by Pat Fiero

There have been several requests for this recipe — hope you enjoy it!

Potato Layer:

EITHER 1 pkg (2 lb) frozen hash browns, cubed or shredded

OR 1 pkg (2 lb) tater tots, thawed and smushed up

Meat layer:

EITHER 1 lb bacon, diced and cooked

OR 1 lb pork sausage, cooked and crumbled

OR 1 lb ham, cooked and diced

10 eggs

1/2 c milk

salt and pepper to taste

16 oz grated cheese (American, Pepper Jack, or Swiss)

- The day before serving, spray 9x13 casserole dish with vegetable oil such as Pam.

- Prepare potatoes and add to casserole.

- Prepare meat and add to top of casserole.

- In medium bowl, beat eggs thoroughly with milk, salt, and pepper.

- Add egg mixture to top of casserole.

- Top with cheese.

- Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

- Preheat oven to 375°.

- Bake covered casserole about one hour. Uncover and test for doneness; knife inserted at center should come out clean.

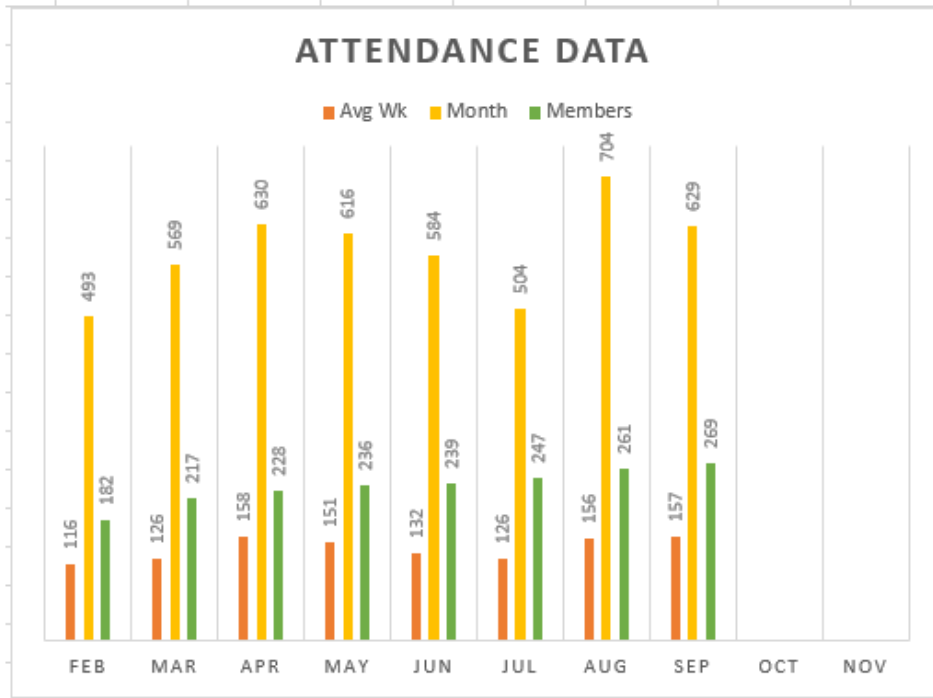
- Bake, uncovered, for about 10 minutes to brown cheese. Then add additional cheese if desired.

- Cut into portions (3 by 4 or 3 by 5) and serve.

ATTENDANCE FACTS AND FIGURES 2022

by Frank Mignoli

Membership rose by eight again in September. The membership has risen over 35% since February this year! All these new members need to be welcomed into our senior community. So if you see someone you don't know at an activity, say hello, introduce yourself and welcome them.



LINE DANCING

by Frank Mignoli

Well, Line Dance Class is back, with an experienced teacher, Marylou Moya, who just moved to Leander from Houston. She has a wide variety of music and line dancing steps for us. She makes it easy to learn the dances, and uses the same steps and moves to both a slow and a somewhat faster song. Besides learning Line Dancing, it's a fun way to get your exercise in and create new friendships. So come join us on Mondays from 11 am to noon. Both novices and semi-pros are welcome.



SIT AND FIT

by Pat Fiero

Sit and Fit is going steady and strong. We have been growing every week and are needing more dumbbells (weights), especially the one and two pound ones. If you have some hanging out in your garage or closet that you are not using, we would appreciate it if you would consider donating to the center! If you haven't already visited Sit and Fit and are looking for an exercise program, we would love to have you join us on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 9 am.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Candy Gross	03
Ann Cowan	04
Jimmie Marshman	04
Ralph Lee	05
Nelya Warner	05
Mary Ann Coleman	06
Joan Neely	06
Mae Duncan	07
Calvin Allison	08
Jim Anderson	08
Dennis Williams	08
Joyce Brahms-Pickens	11
Pat Thomas	15
John DeMarines	16
June Peterson	16
Mike Callahan	18
Archana Goel	18
Marie Roycroft	19
Peg Fiehtner	20
Michael Dutton	21
Karen Zabcik	22
Dian Gardner	23
Mick Sandgarten	23
Jerry Rubin	24
Dora Martinez	25
Frank Mignoli	26
Peggy Ryburn	27
Del Darling	29
Jim West	30



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy and Ron Greenwood	05
Kay Binger and Raymond Cheesman	15
Bob and Kelley Greenway	25
Roe and Bill Lloyd	26
Lois and Ken Birdwell	27



NEW MEMBERS

- Angie Adams
- Robin Bates
- Pat Davies
- Darrel Docking
- Laura Lemus and Enrry Luna
- George McKee
- Mary Moya
- Karen and James Muir
- Celia Nussbaum

FROM THE EDITOR

by Barbara Duprey

You may have noticed a recurring theme in this issue — food! With so much of that in this month’s events, several things got displaced from the calendar: Soup Day, Breakfast Day, and Meet and Eat. They’ll be back!

Another change is that there is no Line Dance Class on the 21st or 28th.

The November Mocktails theme is Veterans.

Hope everybody has a great Thanksgiving. We’ll see if December gets so thoroughly packed, I wouldn’t be surprised!

Congrats to our 2023 officers, new and continuing; we’re all looking forward to the new year.

Please send feedback on the Gazette to bduprey@austin.rr.com.

A hug for you, my friend



The family of Carolyn Altman



Pat Thomas
June Peterson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Carolyn White
Vice President:
 J C Henderson
Treasurer: Denny Clauson
Secretary: Beverly Ball
Directors:
 Frank Mignoli
 Pat Thomas
 Floresa Williams
 MarEllen Basalyga
 Dick Planck
 Philip MacDonald

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 Denny Clauson
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OPERATIONS

Building Maintenance:
 Carolyn White
Kitchen Mgr: Lisa Leirvaag
Supplies: Carolyn White
Membership: Jeanne Allison,
 Donna Craig
Receptionists: Mary Riordon
Memorials: Jan Clark
Sunshine: Jan Clark
Setup: Carolyn White
Memorial Garden:
 Lisa Leirvaag
Communications:
 Lisa Leirvaag
Historian: Ruby Banks,
 Gail Brennen

ACTIVITIES

Breakfast *: Pat Fiero,
 Frank Mignoli
Salad/Soup *: Frank Mignoli
Meet & Eat *:
 Lisa Chmelar
Golf: Frank Mignoli
Sit & Fit:
 Rich Stone, Pat Fiero
T'ai-chi: Dr. Tom Barrett
Crafts/Jewelry Making *:
 Mary Riordon
Quilting Bee: Cindy Glenn
Line Dancing: Marylou Moya
Mocktails and Hors d'Ouvres:
 Carolyn White, Pat Thomas
Movie Day: MarEllen Basalyga
Happy Hour:
 MarEllen Basalyga

GAMES

Bingo
 Monday: Barbara Duprey
 Friday: Joe Gleaton
Bunco *: Carolyn White
Canasta *: Bobbie McKissick
Cribbage: Stan DeRocher
Mahjong: Georgia White
Mexican Train:
 MarEllen Basalyga
Pinochle: Jeanne Allison
Poker: Jerry Rubin
'42': Georgia White



**Contact information for these
members is available —
call 512-331-6000.**

NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
* Signup Required # Signup Required & Pay in Advance		1 9 ³⁰ DupBrdg* 9 ³⁰ RbrBrdg* 10 ⁰⁰ Canasta* 1 ³⁰ Poker	2 9 ⁰⁰ Sit & Fit 10 ⁰⁰ Jewelry Making* 1 ³⁰ Bunco*	3 10 ⁰⁰ T'ai-chi 11 ⁰⁰ Mahjong 12 ⁰⁰ Quilting 1 ⁰⁰ MexTrain 2 ⁰⁰ Pinochle	4 9 ⁰⁰ Sit & Fit 10 ⁰⁰ Brdg Cls 10 ³⁰ Bingo 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*	5 10 ⁰⁰ CRAFT SALE 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*
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Please Remember:
Sign in and out
Sign up for classes and meals

Missing something? Check the Lost and Found!

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