



The Golden Gazette

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Treasure of the Hills Senior Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carolyn White

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah everyone! It doesn't seem possible that another year is almost gone. I want to thank all of you, especially those that have helped and pitched in when needed to make this past year special, and a big thank you to all who helped make our Thanksgiving dinner such a success. Isn't it nice that we can once again share a meal together?

Our membership is growing, and our Center is beautiful. A lot of new things have happened this past year. New games, new activities, and we are now back to having our dinners, soup and salad days.

This month we will have our Christmas Dinner here at the Center. (We furnish the meal.) Those that would like to contribute money towards the dinner, there is a box on the credenza for that, and of course help is always appreciated for set-up and cleanup. Also, as we did in past years, and as we did for Thanksgiving, we decorate our tables. If you'd 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 seeing all the different decorations each year. Our Christmas Dinner will be December 14th. 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.

Another thing that is happening to our Center is a new look for the outside — not just a paint job, we are getting all new siding as well. No date has been set, but it shouldn't be too much longer. They will let Lisa know when they are going to start, and it will take two weeks to complete.

We had a great time and turn out for our first

“Let's Mingle, with Mocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres” was a great success in October. Our next one will be December 12th at 1:30, so sign up and plan to come. The theme will be Christmas.

I've been told that those who attended our movie day loved the new “big” TV, along with the freshly made popcorn. Special thanks to MarEllen and Floresa.

I enjoy being your President and working with our terrific Board of Directors. We welcome any ideas for our Center and look forward to helping increase our membership.



VP NOTES

by J C Henderson

Jaeger and I

wish you and yours

a Merry Christmas

and

a very Happy New Year!

It's time to elect our two Volunteers of the Year for 2022!

Come and vote between December 1st and January 15th. Ballots and a ballot box will be in the reception area.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Lisa Leirvaag

A very special thanks to Pat and Frank for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, and to everybody that contributed and helped make it a wonderful and memorable event.

I am already looking forward to Christmas dinner on December 14th. The piano in the Great Room was recently tuned, and I hope that we can have a Christmas sing-along after the meal. The piano, by the way, belongs to North Gabriel Christian Assembly, but they have graciously allowed us to use it.

I would also like to draw your attention to a special presentation on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Sampson Orajiato, BSN, RN, Community Trial Educator from Care Access, will tell us about some of the advancements being made in research pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and prevention. Care Access will also provide a light lunch after the presentation. (Care Access was one of our vendors at this year's Senior Expo.)

Breakfast, Soup Day and Meet & Eat should also be back starting January.

We are planning to improve the back porch, getting new and more comfortable outdoor furniture so members can meet out there on nice days to shoot the breeze over a cup of coffee, and maybe a donut.

In conclusion, I would like to remind you that all the thermostats in the building are now on the winter setting, i.e., HEAT, inactive setting 65 degrees, active setting 72 degrees. The group or activity leader of any group that is the last one to leave the building must make sure that the thermostats are set on HEAT and 65 degrees.

The City's maintenance crew repaired the accordion door between the Great Room and the TV room. Please, open and close the door gently, and leave it open unless there are activities going on simultaneously in both rooms.

The Center will be closed December 23-26 for the Christmas Holidays.



TOTH BOARD NOTES

by Beverly Ball

As our year is winding down we count our blessings and so appreciate what TOTH has meant to us. We have so many opportunities, options and such a mixture of personalities. Each one enhances the positive warmth that we enjoy.

Many thanks to our President, Carolyn White; VP, J C Henderson; Treasurer, Denny Clauson; and all of the other hard-working Board of Directors members, as well as the other volunteers who work at the front desk, in each activity, and in the kitchen. We are thankful for our hard-working Managing Director, Lisa Leirvaag, who tirelessly keeps us all grounded. Be aware that there are many hours of heartfelt efforts to make TOTH such a great place for us to come and feel like we belong to something much greater than ourselves. Your involvement is encouraged!

My position as Secretary will soon pass to long-time volunteer Ann Mignoli, and the VP position to Ellen Fannin, who has certainly proved herself already with the successful Senior Expo. We are in good hands with all the officers who will be sworn in December 14, 2022.

The building will soon have all new soft green siding, and there are many more projects to anticipate. They include enhanced landscaping and updates of the front area with new furniture in the spring.

We will also soon have some coat racks as the cold weather is setting in.

Our new movie TV (thanks to Denny and the rest of the Board) and popcorn (thanks to MarEllen and Flores) have been a huge hit. "Top Gun" will be a difficult movie to follow, but we'll have a great one!

Many ideas are always percolating at the Board meetings. We welcome yours!



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Denny Clauson

For October:

Revenues \$2326.05

Expenses \$6095.66

Investments \$8961.63 gain

Note: over the last few months we have been purchasing several items such as tables, big screen TV, laptop computer, etc., which has made expenses look abnormally high. Money for these purchases has come from surplus funds out of the insurance settlement due to 2021 flood damages. Spending will be back to normal levels in future months.



MEMORIAL FUND

For Carolyn Altman from

- Nancy Nunn
- Mary Newman
- Carolyn's daughter Kristi Kelley, Kristi's husband Thad, and Thad's mother Billie Kelley



"There is always light.

If only we're brave
enough to see it.

If only we're brave
enough to be it."

— Amanda Gorman

CRUISE

by Mary Riordon

February 19-26, 2023, is the scheduled cruise for TOTH members (currently 15 ladies) going round-trip from Galveston to Roatan, Belize City, and Cozumel.

We will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in the TOTH library, to discuss transportation to Galveston, our Medallion app, excursions, and other questions.

Our "TOTH group" rep at Princess is Karen Bradder (800-901-1172, ext 41643, 7-3 Pacific time) Our rooms are booked close together on deck 15, the Lido deck (the deck with the buffet)!!

I won't quote prices, but I am available for other questions: 512-260-8876, a landline so NO texting. Come join us!



TOTH DINNERS

by Pat Fiero

72 members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal on November 16th. Many thanks to all who helped make it happen, and for all who made donations of food or cash!

We will be celebrating Christmas with another dinner on December 14th. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of bodies to make these events happen. Please consider volunteering to help. There will be a sign-up sheet with the various needs. Take a look and see if you might like to help in any way. This is a free meal, but we would appreciate it if you would like to make a cash donation toward the cost of the food. There will be a box in the reception area for your donation. Merry Christmas!



FORUM FOR TOTH

by Barbara Duprey

TOTH is considering a new feature for our website -- a forum where members can discuss various topics in an organized way and really develop a community around a particular shared interest, without having to arrange to be at the Center at a particular, regular time. We all found out just how important that face-to-face connection was during the pandemic, and this in no way is meant to replace that. But it could be a valuable addition, especially for those who are housebound or find it difficult to schedule around doctors' appointments, work, and other obligations. For those who have never used a forum, here's a little about how this would work.

The idea for a forum first came up when we noticed how many of our members listed reading or book club as an interest, but the Book Club never seemed able to get off the ground. A forum would allow, for instance, for somebody to recommend a book, and those who were interested could read it and 'post' comments about it, to which others could respond -- all on their own schedules, but still in an organized way. This is quite different from things like a Facebook page, which just adds new material at the top and can make it difficult to tell who's responding to what, or to develop a topic in depth. Besides book club, think movies, cooking, places to visit -- whatever.

Of course, we could also use the forum for informal conversations with no particular focus other than getting to know each other better! There need to be ground rules, of course, like:

- Keep it clean and civil and avoid controversial topics (no politics or religion, please).
- Don't 'butt in' to conversations that you really have nothing to say about just to talk.
- No gossip or nasty comments about people.
- ... I'm sure you can think of other things here, but basically -- play nice!

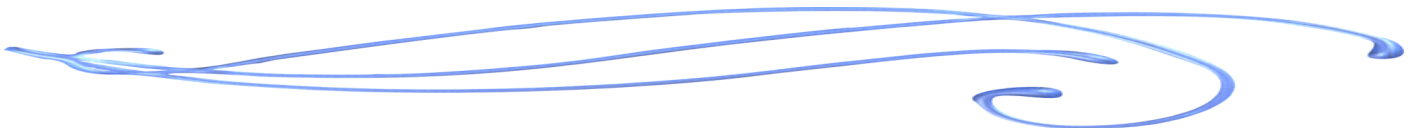
One or more moderators (me, to begin with) will keep an eye on things to make sure they don't get out of hand, and violators can lose their privileges if they don't comply with warnings.

So what do you need to have to participate?

- A computer or other device that can get on the internet.
- A browser -- at least one is always provided free on the device with no need for action on your part.
- An email address. An administrator (again, me to begin with) will set up an account for everybody we have an email address for, and that will result in your getting a message containing an initial username and password. From there, you can go to the forum area on toth-seniors.com, and log in as you would to any other site. Change the password if you want (and of course there's the usual support for forgotten passwords, etc.!) Or just ignore the message if you're not interested -- if you decide later you want to participate, that's fine, too.
- Start a topic, or chime in on one that's in progress, by using the 'posting' capability.

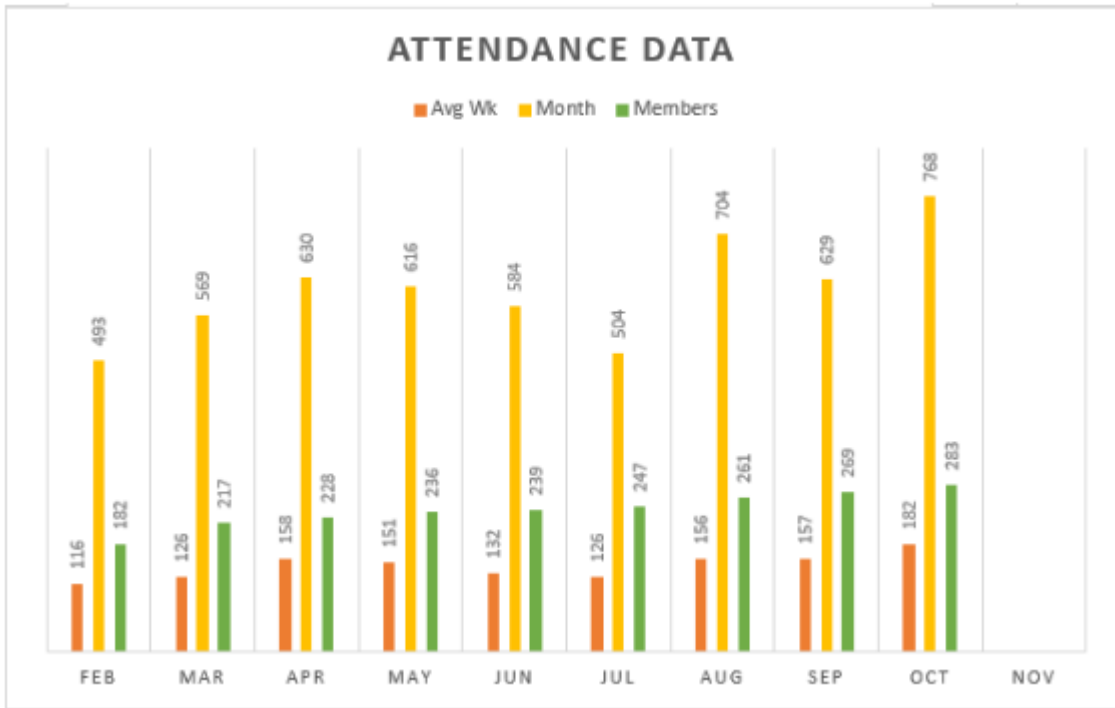
That's it!

Let us know what you think -- bduprey@austin.rr.com or toth.director.tx@gmail.com.

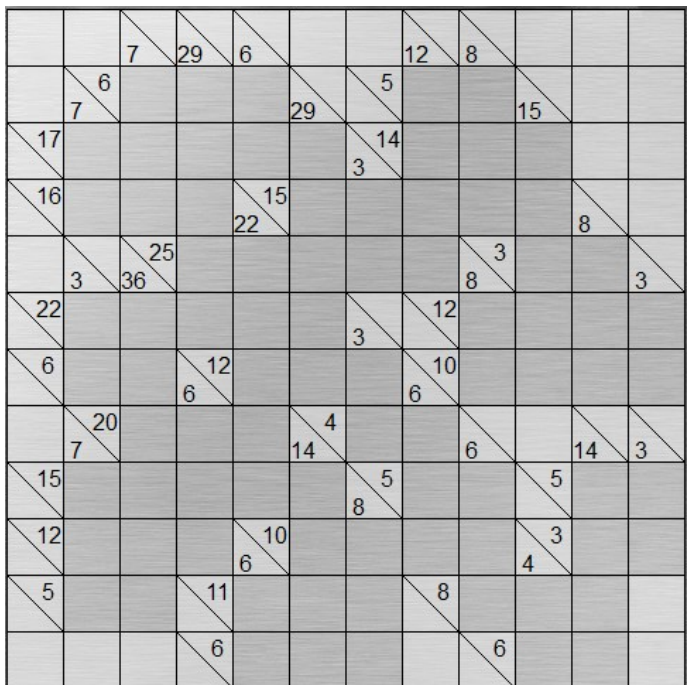


ATTENDANCE FACTS AND FIGURES 2022

by Frank Mignoli



Kakuro (Cross Sums) -- Each across or down clue shows the sum of the indicated digits. Only the digits from 1 to 9 are used, and no digit is used more than once in a given clue.



Signs at El Arroyo

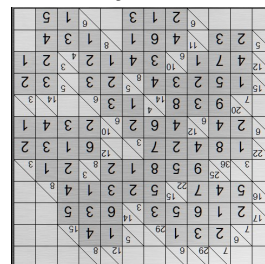
LIFE IS JUST A SERIES OF OBSTACLES PREVENTING YOU FROM TAKING A NAP

MY FAVORITE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IS GOING BACK INSIDE WHERE IT'S WARM

MY FRIDAY WAS DOING PRETTY WELL UNTIL I REALIZED IT WAS THURSDAY

EITHER YOU LIKE BREAKFAST TACOS OR YOU'RE WRONG

(Answer to Kakuro)





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Duprey	01
Kai Sami	03
Karon Thiem	07
Bill Adair	08
Sandy Kelso	08
Sharie Wiseman	08
Pat Daniels	09
Mary Feys	09
Coty Guerra	09
Trudy Callahan	10
Pat Zwernemann	14
Cecil Holder	14
Helen Holland	14
Kelly Schutze	14
Yolanda Gonzales	15
Bob Manaske	15
Vici MacIntosh	16
Janice Hinojosa	17
Charlie Drapp	18
Dick Johnson	19
Stella Brittnacher	20
Marisa Indiveri	22
Phyllis Mehrens	25
Francis See	25
Adrienne Marshall	28

OOPS! November 4 birthday is
Jim Cowan, not 'Ann'! Sorry, Jim!



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Connie and Shane Hawkins	08
Stella and Jim Brittnacher	13
Norma and Cecil Holder	21
Elaine Allen and Chris Campbell	27
Laura Lemus and Enrry Luna	27



NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Allan and Chris Campbell
 Ginny Beckley
 Mary Ann Bird
 Mary Feys
 Dennis Grosse
 Connie Hawkins
 Karen MacDonald
 Bonnie Meyer
 Pat and Al Pate
 Kelly Schutze



RETURNING MEMBERS

Gaylynn Anderson
 Dave DiMego
 Alicia Garcia

FROM THE EDITOR

by Barbara Duprey

I can't believe I'm starting my second year as editor! Just want to thank everybody for their support, especially my wonderful team — they make this such a joy!

You'll notice a change in the calendar format this time, if you didn't get an email about it already. The top row shows the activities on the regular schedule for that day every week, and additional activities are shown below. Hope this works for you — the days were getting too crowded with all the new activities. What a great problem to have, right? Now there's much more room to grow, looks as if we'll need it!

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

A hug for you, my friend



The family of Carolyn Altman
 Ellen Fannin
 Ed Williams

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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'Oeuvres:
 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: [open]
Poker: Jerry Rubin
'42': Nancy Kingston

BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge *
 1st & 3rd Tuesday:
 Sheila Perkins
 Friday: Ken Birdwell
 3rd Friday: Charlene Palmer
 Saturday: Carolyn Patrick
Intermediate Bridge Class
 Friday: Ken Birdwell
Rubber Bridge *
 Tuesday: Ed Williams,
 Beverly Ball

* Signup Required



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

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
* Signup Required # Signup Required & Pay in Advance	DAILY: 9 ⁰⁰ Sit & Fit 11 ⁰⁰ '42' 11 ⁰⁰ LineDnce 1 ⁰⁰ Cribbage 1 ⁰⁰ Bingo	DAILY: 9 ³⁰ RbrBrdg* 10 ⁰⁰ Canasta* 1 ³⁰ Poker	DAILY: 9 ⁰⁰ Sit & Fit 9 ⁰⁰ Hearts	DAILY: 10 ⁰⁰ T'ai-chi 11 ⁰⁰ Mahjong 12 ⁰⁰ Quilting 1 ⁰⁰ MexTrain 2 ⁰⁰ Pinochle	DAILY: 9 ⁰⁰ Sit & Fit 10 ⁰⁰ Brdg Cls 10 ³⁰ Bingo 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*	
				1 DAILY	2 DAILY	3
4	5 DAILY	6 DAILY + 9 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg* 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*	7 DAILY + 10 ⁰⁰ ExCmte 10 ⁰⁰ Jewelry Making* 1 ³⁰ Bunco	8 DAILY	9 DAILY	10 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*
11	12 DAILY + 10 ⁰⁰ BOD	13 DAILY +	14 DAILY 12 ⁰⁰ Christmas Dinner	15 DAILY	16 DAILY + 9 ⁴⁵ DupBrdg*	17 1 ⁰⁰ Movie Day
18	19 DAILY [no LineDnce]	20 DAILY + 9 ³⁰ DupBrdg*	21 DAILY + 10 ⁰⁰ Jewelry Making*	22 DAILY	23 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	24
25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	26	27 DAILY	28 DAILY	29 DAILY	30 DAILY	31



Please Remember:
Sign in and out
Sign up for classes and meals

Missing something? Check the Lost and Found!

Gazette Deadline —
17th of each month



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