



The Golden Gazette

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carolyn White

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!! Can you believe it, Spring is almost here!! This month I want to start off by thanking everyone for just being you. Our Center is such a warm and welcoming place and it is all because of all of you. We're growing faster than we have in past years.

We were very lucky in this last storm; we only lost branches and none hit any of the windows or did us damage. Atmos is still working on the gas lines outside, so it's still a bit torn up, but that too will soon pass.

Soup Day is March 14th. and March 15th will be our Culture Day, this month celebrating the Irish with Frank Mignoli as our speaker. Luncheon that day will be Corned Beef and Cabbage. Mark your calendars for this. Don't forget you MUST sign up and pay for these ahead of time so the cooks know how many to buy for.

We had such a fun time at our Super Bowl party. More on this in our Vice President's article. Thank you Ellen Fannin for putting this on.

Have any of you tried out the new Forum that our Editor Barbara Duprey has put up? She will be presenting something on this also at our March Culture Day and taking any questions that you may have. She'll have it up in the TV room so you can see what it is.

By the time you get this issue, 18 of us from the Center will be on our cruise, so you'll hear all about it in the April issue. I know I'm looking forward to it.

We are looking to implement new features in the coming issues of the Gazette, so watch for them. Watch the big board in the Reception area for new games.

As always, I enjoy being your President and look forward to working with the Board of Directors. Remember, our Board welcomes any ideas for our Center, and we look forward to meeting new members.

Stay safe and may your year be filled with good health, peace, and happiness.



VP NOTES

by Ellen Fannin

The Super Bowl Party was a great success! (Of course, it helps that my team won!) We had a grand time and thanks to all who attended we had some great food. A special note of gratitude to Darrel Docking who came in early and set up all the chairs and tables, and to everyone who pitched in to clean up. We're planning on making this an annual event.

I would like to correct one thing I shared at the party. I said that the losing team members received \$150,000. However, it was just reported that it is the winning team members who each received \$157,000 (a \$7000 bump up from previous Super Bowls), the losing team members only received \$82,000. Well! That's a little more than our party games paid, but we still had fun.

For March, we are planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a traditional "Corned Beef and Cabbage" lunch on Wednesday, March 15 at 12 noon. We may even spot a leprechaun or two and dance a jig. Be sure to sign up right away and pay (\$5) for this lunch. Although it is two days before St. Paddy's Day, it would be wise to wear green.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Lisa Leirvaag

Spring is here! TOTH was very lucky during the ice storm in February. Although a lot of branches came down, there was no damage to the building. Our only casualty is one of the grills on the back porch. It got hit by the biggest branch that came down. The City gave us preferential treatment and quickly cleared away the debris.

Time for Spring Cleaning! Our cleaning service is now coming twice a week, and we are also planning to have the carpet and the folding chairs cleaned. As soon as the weather has stabilized, we'll start tidying up the back porch. It's also time to get started in the Memorial Garden.

I am on the TOTH Forum and plan to publish news and updates under "TOTH Administration." Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*May your blessings outnumber
the shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you wherever you go.*



TOTH BOARD NOTES

by Ann Mignoli

Members have been selected for the Finance Committee.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin board for details of the St. Patrick's Day Special Event on March 15th.

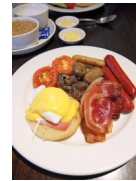
We will continue investigating venues for the Senior Expo in October/ November.

Three proposals were received to clean the carpets and chairs twice a year. The Board wanted more details on the proposals, so no decision was made.



ONE-TIME FREE BREAKFAST

If you're a new member, and didn't get your coupon for a Breakfast Day free meal, see the receptionist to get it! They try to remember to give it to you when they're handling your application, but sometimes things get hectic and they forget. We really want to welcome you in and give you a taste of what we do here!



CELEBRATING IRISH CULTURE

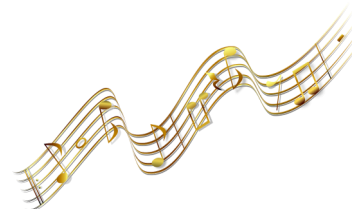
Are you of Irish background, or just want to participate in our special event and maybe get a bit of that famous luck?

Consider telling a story, reading a poem, doing a dance, or whatever else speaks of Ireland to you! The members will be happy to cheer you on.



IRISH LULLABY

Over in Killarney many years ago
My mother sang a song to me
in tones so soft and low
Just a simple little ditty in her good old Irish way
And I'd give the world if I could hear
that song of hers today
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral
Too-ra-loo-ra-li
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral
Hush now, don't you cry
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral
Too-ra-loo-ra-li
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral
That's an Irish lullaby



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Lois Birdwell, Acting Treasurer

Income for January was \$4,658.67 and expenses were \$2,749.29 resulting in a profit of \$1,909.38.

The main source of income was rent from the church of \$1,700 and collection of membership dues and there were no unusual expenses.

Our investments decreased in value by \$3,397.69.



MEMORIAL FUND

For Mary Dye from Phyllis Epps



CRUISE

by Mary Riordon

The cruisers are cruising !!!!

The "TOTH group" chartered a bus for the trip to Galveston on the 19th. (I am sure other drivers are happy to not have to deal with the seniors on the highway.)

Tuesday the 21st is Mardi Gras, so I'm sure a good time will be had by all. We will receive a small refund because we had a large group booking with Princess. Several of us also received an upgrade to a mini-suite!!!

We arrive back in Cedar Park in the afternoon of the 26th. Just ask -we'll be happy to relate our fun stories!!! Future cruises???



TOTH ORIGINS

by Phil Duprey

Few, if any, current members of the Treasure of the Hills Senior Center know how TOTH came to be.

Once upon a time the Buttercup Creek neighborhood was independent, not part of any city. Annexation by the city of Cedar Park was contentious – but, after all, a good thing.

The Buttercup Creek homeowners association owned a headquarters building. As part of the agreement for annexation, the HOA required the city of Cedar Park to acquire that building and maintain it for community use.

Enter Jeanne Felldin. Although a very young senior citizen (if that) at the time, she recognized the need for a senior center. Although I was not there at the time, I know what she did – because I saw her do the same thing for the creation of the Way Off Broadway Community Players a few years later.

She organized and funded a group of like-minded people to incorporate a 501(c)(3) charitable organization for a senior center. She was the spark-plug and the major contributor. She lobbied the city to designate the old Buttercup Creek HOA building as the Treasure of the Hills Senior Center – and to get the city to agree to maintain it forever.

Since then the city has embraced its relationship with TOTH. This is no small thing. Over the years the city of Cedar Park has maintained, renovated and extended the TOTH building, the grounds and the parking lot.

All of this is thanks to two people.

Jeanne Feldin, the founder.

You, who populate, energize, and continue to recreate the senior center for new generations of seniors.

Thank You!

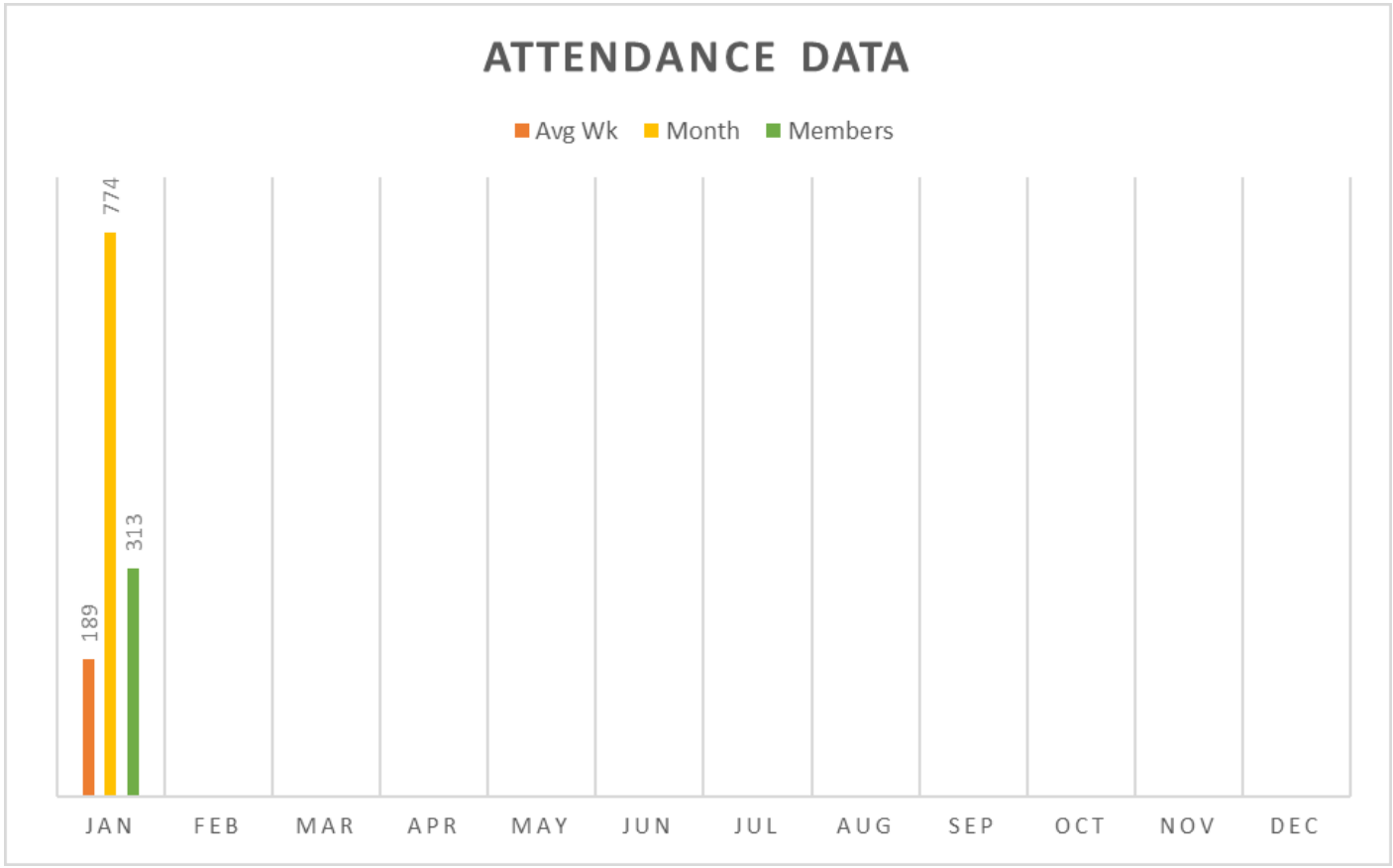
If you have not looked into the historical TOTH notebooks, please do.



TOTH 2023 ATTENDANCE FACTS AND FIGURES

by Frank Mignoli

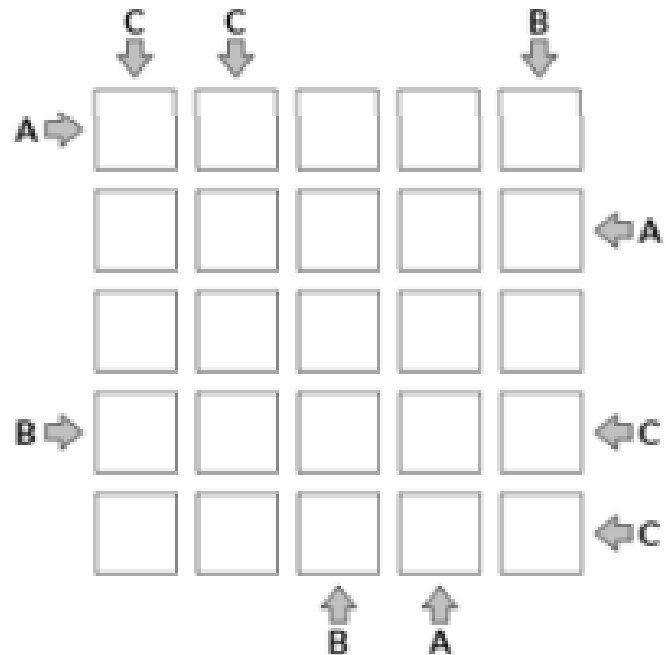
The membership increased in January by 14, and weekly and monthly attendance also increased from December 2022. It will be interesting to see membership numbers in February, when yearly dues for 2023 were supposed to be paid by February 15th. Due to the continued increase I decided to keep collecting data until such time as a leveling off occurs.



ABC View

Each row and column contains one each of A, B, and C, plus two blank cells. The arrow clues around the outside indicate which of the three letters you would see first when looking in that direction.

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(Answers on page 5)

TRIVIA

1. A classic 1976 song by Blue Oyster Cult features the advice "Don't Fear The" what?
2. A college graduate who participates in an ROTC program graduates with a what?
3. A common ingredient in ice cream and toothpaste, carrageenan is an extract of what?

FEBRUARY SOUP DAY

by Pat Fiero

On Valentine's Day we had a nice crowd celebrating with Ham and Beans and Turkey Vegetable soup as well as a yummy dessert of brownies with cherries and ice cream.

There were 8 people who signed up and didn't come, so we had lots of leftovers. This is why it is so important to notify the office in advance if you aren't able to come. I really do enjoy doing the cooking for our breakfasts and Soup lunches. I am open to suggestions, just leave a message with Lisa and we'll go from there. I want to thank everyone who voted for me for Volunteer of the Year. I feel very honored and blessed to be a part of the Treasure of the Hills family!

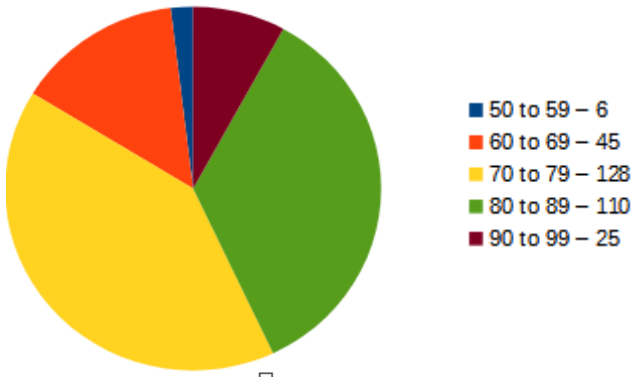
We are always needing help with setup and cleanup for our meals. It's a great way to get to know people. And if you would like to make pancakes, I would love to hear from you! Our pancake maker will be gone for the next 2 months.



AGE DISTRIBUTION

by Barbara Duprey

We certainly cover a wide range of ages in our membership, with some in their 50s and some in their 90s! And there's a wide range of activities to match. We're always looking for more, though, so please tell us if there's something you'd like to see here.



CALENDAR NOTES

Movie Day is at 1 pm on March 4th

Our March Special Event is at noon on March 15th, celebrating Irish culture with a St. Patrick's Day theme and menu (Corned Beef and Cabbage)

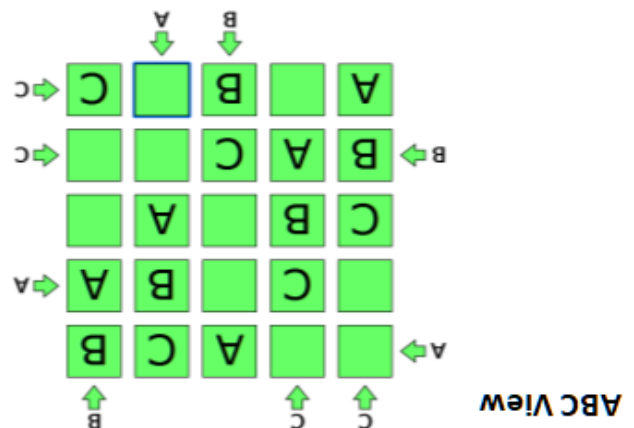
Happy Hour is at 4:30 pm on March 16th at Chuy's

Meet and Eat is at 1 pm on March 21st; watch for the sign-up sheet for the location



(Answers to puzzles on page 4)

- Trivia
- 1. Reaper
- 2. Military commission
- 3. Seaweed





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Don Atkins	01
Mary Williams	01
Jerry Booton	04
Jane Howard	04
Mirta Rosa	05
John Lazzaretti	06
Darrel Docking	07
Shirley Davis	08
Carolyn Brewer	09
Greg Lenz	10
Chris Campbell	11
James Brenton	13
Dominga De La Rosa	14
Nancy Nunn	14
Sharon Pickel	17
JC Henderson	19
Beverly Ball	22
Linda Carter	23
Henri Stanford	25
Ron Greenwood	29



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ann and Joe Gleaton	04
Carolyn and David Brewer	15
Janet and Bob MacFarland	28
Kae and Rich Carroll	29
George and Anna McKee	30

DUES ARE OVERDUE!
 2023 membership dues must be paid to retain membership privileges — don't miss out!



NEW MEMBERS

- Kathie Bacque
- Blanca Barrera
- Ann Burford
- Lucy Cacciavillani
- Mark Chadwick
- Rosanna Chan
- Martha Locker
- Ann Logrippo
- Midge Norris
- Eloise Ragsdale
- Mirta Rosa
- Linda Staas
- Marie The
- Michele Teter



RETURNING MEMBER

Sue Holmes

FROM THE EDITOR

by Barbara Duprey

The TOTH forum is heating up! I'll be giving a short presentation, and handouts, at our St. Patrick's Day event on March 15th, but I'm happy to give you an ID and any help (if you need it) before then. I need to register you, to keep participation for members only; after that, anything about passwords is handled automatically.

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

A hug for you, my friend



- Denny Clauson
- Joyce Brahm-Pickens
- CJ Hardy
- Jo Koerner

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ACTIVITIES

Breakfast *: Pat Fiero,
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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
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
Hearts *: Chris Campbell
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: Joyce Francis,
 Sheila Perkins
 Saturday: Carolyn Patrick
Rubber Bridge *
 Tuesday: Ed Williams,
 Beverly Ball

* Signup Required



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

MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
* Signup Required # Signup Required & Pay in Advance	DAILY: 9 ⁰⁰ Sit & Fit 11 ⁰⁰ '42' 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 ³⁰ Bingo 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*	
			1 DAILY + 10 ⁰⁰ Jewelry Making* 1 ³⁰ Bunco	2 DAILY	3 DAILY	4 1⁰⁰ Movie Day
5	6 DAILY	7 DAILY + 9 ³⁰ DupBrdg* 1 ⁰⁰ DupBrdg*	8 DAILY + 10 ⁰⁰ ExCmte	9 DAILY	10 DAILY	11 1⁰⁰ DupBrdg*
12	13 DAILY + 10 ⁰⁰ BOD	14 DAILY + 12⁰⁰ Soup Day*	15 DAILY + 12⁰⁰ Special Event* 10 ⁰⁰ Jewelry Making*	16 DAILY+ 4³⁰ Happy Hour	17 DAILY + 9 ⁴⁵ DupBrdg*	18
19	20 DAILY	21 DAILY + 9 ³⁰ DupBrdg* 1⁰⁰ Meet & Eat*	22 DAILY	23 DAILY	24 DAILY	25 9⁰⁰ Breakfast Day*
26	27 DAILY	28 DAILY	29 DAILY	30 DAILY	31 DAILY	



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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