



The Golden Gazette

June 2023

Treasure of the Hills Senior Center
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carolyn White

Can you believe summer is almost here? The months fly by, don't they! I want to say welcome to all our new members. It is so nice to see new faces.

I want to thank those members that have been so diligent in keeping the Center clean after games. We all appreciate the efforts.

I hope you all enjoyed the Cultural Luncheon in May that Lisa put on for us. Wasn't it nice to see the costume of her country and enjoy all the new tastes?

This is a hard article for me to write. My family and I are moving to Conroe, Texas. As of July 1st, I will be turning the Presidency over to our very capable and wonderful Vice President Ellen Fannin. First off, I want to say thank you to everyone for your trust and faith in me as your President these past years and for the wonderful friendships I've made. Our volunteers, our members, and this Center couldn't exist without all of you.

I know you will all give Ellen your support as you've given it to me. If you don't know her yet, be sure to stop in and say hi.

A very special thanks to Lisa, our wonderful Managing Director. This place would fall to pieces without her. I wish I had half the energy you have, Lisa! Special thanks to Mary and all the front desk receptionists. You all do such a great job keeping things running smoothly. The welcome and help you give new and current members are what makes this a great Center. To all those who have given their time and talent to volunteer and help I want to thank you as well. To our "Chefs," Pat Fiero and Frank Mignoli, for putting on some tremendous breakfasts and

dinner meals, I thank you. And also a special thank you to all my Board Members, You've been my right hand. We've done some great things and it's all because of the love and care we have for our Center. I hope you will continue to support Ellen as well. Thank you so much.

As I have said each month, I have enjoyed being your President. We continue to welcome any ideas for our "new" Center. Thank you again to all our members who volunteer their services and help when needed. This is what makes our Center so great!



VP NOTES

by Ellen Fannin

Culture Day

We celebrated Norway's Constitution Day in style! Lisa Leirvaag, a Norwegian citizen and the TOTH Managing Director, provided a delicious meal for us to enjoy. I won't attempt the actual names of the dishes, but they were all wonderful. In addition to the interesting and informative PowerPoint presentation Lisa had put together, she had a variety of items and photos displayed and her daughter-in-law modeled a native Norwegian costume which had also been Lisa's wedding dress. Thank you, Lisa, for a delightful meal and presentation!

In June, Frank Mignoli will be telling us about Italy, the country of his heritage. Frank, along with his wife Ann, will also provide an Italian meal for us to enjoy. It will be on Wednesday, June 14th at 12 noon. Be sure to register for the lunch in advance in the front office at the Center.

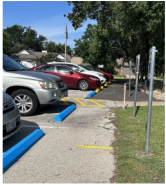
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VP NOTES

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Parking Lot

Have you noticed the changes in the parking lot? The City of Cedar Park has painted the parking stops, removed the one at the end of the east sidewalk and indicated the walkway with bright yellow paint. I, for one, am very grateful for their work. One evening last November, I had tripped over the parking stop at the end of the sidewalk resulting in abrasions, contusions and a broken nose. Thank you, Nick, and the City of Cedar Park, for looking out for our safety!



Future Events

The Board has been discussing additional fundraising ideas to help balance our budget, as well as provide some fun and time for socializing. A couple of ideas presented were:

- A Chili Cookoff, in conjunction with the UT/Oklahoma “Red River Rivalry” football game on October 7th. Attendees would pay \$5 for three tickets to use in voting for their favorite entry/entries.
- Poker Night, where participants would pay a fee to play and all the proceeds would come to TOTH. The winner would receive a trophy.

Watch for details on these possible events! If you have any ideas for fundraising, contact the office and let us know.

Luncheon Honoring Carolyn

Writing this month’s Volunteer of the Month article has been bittersweet, because Carolyn is leaving us, joining her daughters as they move to Montgomery, TX, near Conroe. She will be leaving sometime toward the end of June. Carolyn has brought so much to our Center and she will be sorely missed. In order to honor her, we are hosting a special Tea/Light Luncheon on Wednesday, June 7 at 12 noon. (Carolyn particularly appreciates the observance of Tea due to her English heritage.) Be sure to register in advance for this event.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Lisa Leirvaag

Our president, Carolyn White, is resigning because she is moving to Montgomery, Texas, to live close to her daughters. How exciting for her, and we wish her all the best, but how sad for us! She was a wonderful president and devoted member of Treasure of the Hills. We shall miss her terribly.

Thank you ever so much for all you have done, Carolyn!

On the brighter side, I have been informed that Cedar Park signed the contract to have our windows replaced. I am sure that will make a difference to our electric bill.

Sandy Williams, who is the receptionist on Thursdays, will be substituting for me while I am on vacation from June 20th – July 5th.



TOTH ELECTIONS FOR 2024

by Gail Brennen

Election Time is coming! We are calling on our members to continue making our Senior Center the envy of Cedar Park and surrounding areas by volunteering as our officers and board members, who are elected each October and begin their terms in January. To get an early start, please let me know if you’re interested in serving our wonderful Center.



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TOTH BOARD NOTES

by Carolyn White for Ann Mignoli

Our Treasurer, Denny Clauson, and the Finance Committee are working on a budget for 2024 for TOTH and will present it to the Board at the June Board of Directors Meeting. This will be the first time in a long time that TOTH will have an actual budget to work with. Congrats to the Finance Committee.

The Senior Expo is fast approaching; letters have gone out to vendors. Ellen is going to need help, so contact her if you can help out.

We're looking for fund-raising ways. If you have an idea, contact one of the Board members.

TOTH will start taking credit cards soon. Watch for further notice on this.

Don't forget about our Culture Days, they have been very informative and fun.

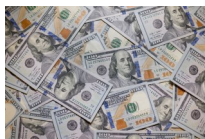


TREASURER'S REPORT

by Denny Clauson

April income was \$2,988, expenses were \$6,595, which includes a one time cost of \$2,000 to clean carpets and chairs. Investments increased by \$2,636. Note: if Congress doesn't do something in the next week to avoid defaulting on our country's debt, I would expect the stock market to react and the value of our investments could drop significantly.

Speaking of debts and deficits.....TOTH's projected income for this year is approximately \$40,000, while our projected expenses are \$57,000. Shortfalls are due to inflation, lower membership, and added costs. The Board of Directors is looking at ways of increasing income and decreasing costs, which may include an increase in dues next year. Shortfalls in this year's budget will be covered by withdrawals from our investment fund. Please pass on any ideas for new fundraisers to any member of the Board.



JEWELRY MAKING CLASSES

by Mary Riordon

After the successful May classes, the participants voted to work on a bracelet (the same design as from several months ago) during the June 7th class. Please sign up in the reception area for the June 7th and 21st classes, which are open to all, at 10 am in the TOTH library. For questions, call me at 512-260-8876.

SALAD DAY

by Frank Mignoli

On Tuesday, May 9th, we had our first Salad Day of the year. Twenty-two members enjoyed salads from MarEllen Basalyga, who made a great chicken salad, Ellen Fannin, who made a beautiful fruit salad, and Sharon McLain, who made a tasty potato salad. Lemonade and tea were served along with dessert.

Next month, Salad Day will be on June 20th. We still need two people to make salads. Receipts for your expenditures will be reimbursed, and you will also get a free salad meal. Contact me if you are willing to make a salad.

In spite of the current inflation, the cost will remain at \$4. Please sign up now and pay in advance, so the salad makers know how much to make.

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SENIOR EXPO

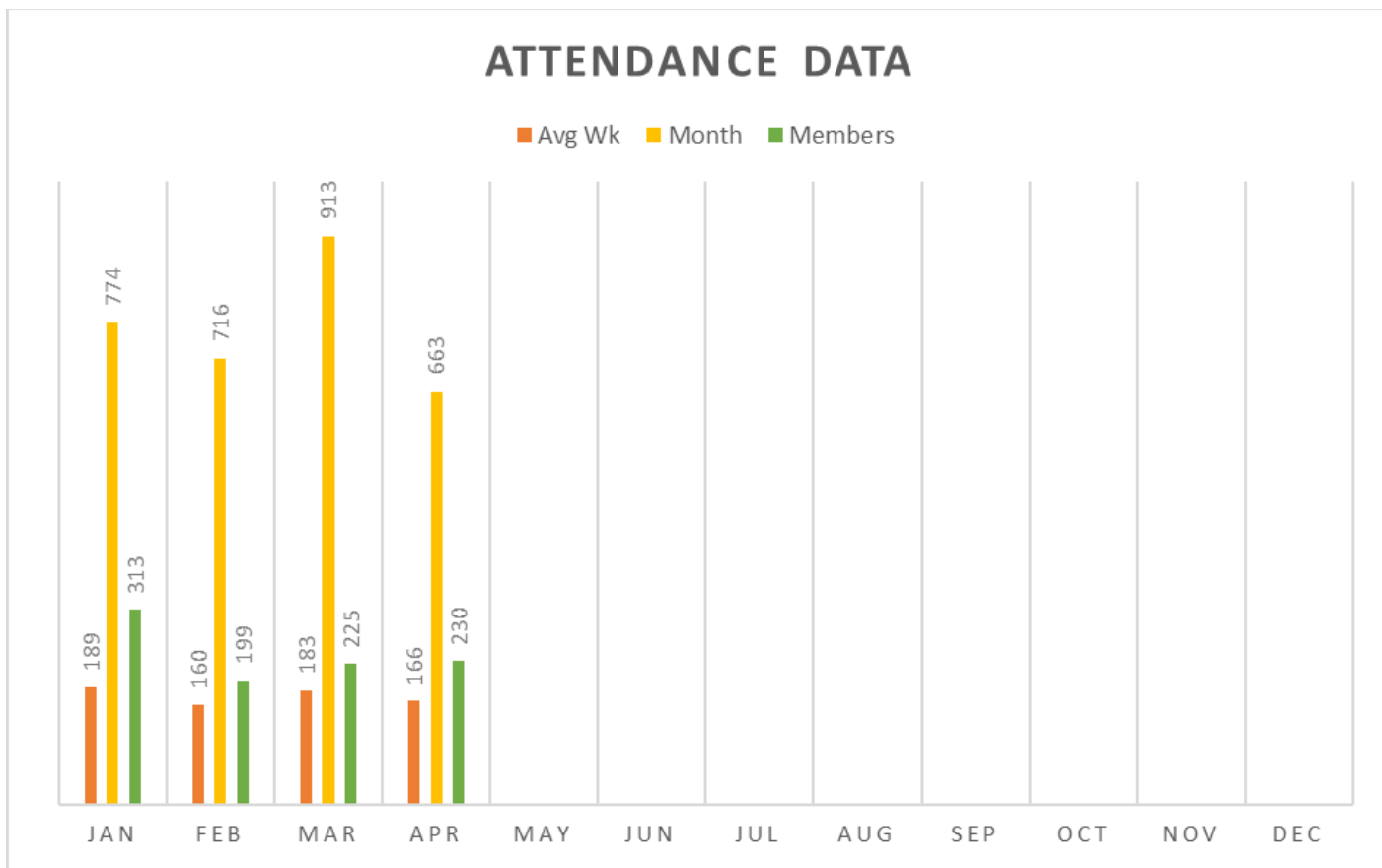
Save the Date! Treasure of the Hills Senior Center will sponsor its 2023 Senior Expo in conjunction with the City of Cedar Park on Saturday, August 12th, 2023, at Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main Street. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event.

August 12th, 9 am to 1 pm
FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

TOTH 2023 ATTENDANCE FACTS AND FIGURES

by Frank Mignoli

April membership rose slightly to 230 members. However, weekly attendance dropped. April, being a four -week month, saw the monthly total attendance drop accordingly. The next significant rise in membership is expected in July, when the membership fee drops to \$12.50 for the remainder of the year.



CALENDAR NOTES

- The Romeo and Juliet dinner is June 1st at 5:30 pm at the CP Mouton's, 1821 S Lakeline Blvd, Ste 104.
- Movie Day is June 3rd at 1 pm; the movie is 'Blazing Saddles.'
- Culture Day is June 14th at noon, with a presentation about Italy by Frank Mignoli.
- Meet & Eat is June 20th at 1 pm at the Cheesecake Factory, 10000 Research Blvd Suite 4602 .
- There is a special event on June 21st at 1, an Ice Cream Social arranged by Devoted Health Plans.



You are invited to an
English Tea Luncheon
 honoring **Carolyn White**
 Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
 Treasure of the Hills Senior Center
 A light lunch and tea will be served.
 Please R.S.V.P. in the front office
 as soon as possible;
 Reservations close on Monday, June 5

JUNE 2023
VOLUNTEER
OF THE MONTH

by Ellen Fannin

The June Volunteer of the Month is Carolyn White, our incredible and devoted Board President. She has served in that capacity since the end of 2020.

TOTH Membership

Carolyn has been a member of TOTH for seven years. In 2016, her daughter brought her to the Center and she has been an active member ever since.

Volunteer Activities

As she is prone to do, Carolyn jumped right in and began to volunteer. She has worked in the front office, at the front desk, as well as setting up for meals and other activities. In addition to her duties as Board President, she currently leads the Bunco group that meets the first Wednesday of every month.

Getting to Know Carolyn

Carolyn was born in Detroit, Michigan, but spent most of her younger years in South Dakota and California. As an adult, she worked in the medical field as a medical assistant in the areas of urology, OBGyn and Emergency Rooms for 30 years. She also worked as an office manager for a doctor's office. When she and her family moved to Tucson, AZ, she went to work for the State of Arizona Superior Court, where she worked until she retired.

She was married to Ted White for 44 years before he passed in 2011. Between them they had six children, three of hers and three of his. Her daughters, Debi and Donna, have both been involved with the Center. Carolyn is now the grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother to 14.

She was involved with Lions Club International, working her way up through the ranks, serving as Secretary, 1st & 2nd Vice President, President and became the District Governor for the State of Arizona over 46 clubs. With the duties of District Governor, she was able to travel quite a bit. She was sworn in as District Governor in Buson, South Korea and went out of office in Hamburg, Germany.

Carolyn is an avid reader, enjoying writers like J.D. Robb, Patricia Cornwell and Nora Roberts. She loves puzzles and games and sewing. Plus, she loves animals, with her favorite pets being dachshunds.

If she had a week to do anything she wanted, it would probably be to go exploring, especially by car, or traveling to Antigua and the Panama Canal and visiting her kids.

When asked why she volunteers, Carolyn said "to help others." She prides herself (and we know it to be true) that she is able to handle difficult situations and people. This talent has made her a wonderful President of the Board. She is most proud of helping to bring TOTH back following the flood we experienced in 2021 during Winter Storm Uri.

Favorites

Favorite Sports: Football & Baseball, no particular team, I just enjoy watching the games

Favorite Book: Anything by J.D. Robb

Favorite Movie: "An Affair to Remember"

Favorite Colors: Blue & Red

Favorite Foods: Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding

Morning or Night person: Morning

Chocolate or Vanilla: Chocolate





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Barb Elrod	03
Lois Birdwell	11
Bob Ross	12
Philip MacDonald	13
Fred Kalt	20
Carolyn Patrick	22
Celia Nussbaum	24
Bill Brown	25
Pam Jernigan	26



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Ann and Frank Mignoli	01
Calvin and Jeanne Allison	03
Lisa and Dan Girouard	03
Karen and Philip MacDonald	10
Al and Pat Pate	10
Barbara and Phil Duprey	18
Carol and Bill Kitto	18
Tom and Wen Barrett	23
Larry and Liz Hagler	24
Dori and Jim Hawks	25



NEW MEMBERS

Becky Good
 Karen Goodman
 Valerie Hackshaw
 Jane Herrin
 Kathleen Smith
 Benjamin and Penny Trimble

FROM THE EDITOR

by Barbara Duprey

I know we're all really going to miss Carolyn, and we wish her and her family well in their new homes. And we all wish Ellen luck (and will give her any support we can) as she continues to deal with the Senior Expo and other things that she's been doing as Vice President, until somebody else steps into that role. Is it you? Gail really wants to know!

Cedar Park has been great about facilities updates, and our grounds are looking wonderful thanks to them and our volunteers. It will be really nice to have all the chairs cleaned, too.

Another person who needs our support is Sandy Williams, who will be filling in for Lisa as she takes her very well-deserved (and way overdue!) vacation. Keeping track of what's going on where and when is a big job, and only one of a number of things Lisa juggles to keep everything running smoothly. And I know she depends on the help she gets from Mary and all the receptionists.

It's an 'interesting' time of transition here, but among us all I'm sure TOTh will just keep on getting better, as it has for so many years. Thanks, everybody!

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

A hug for you, my friend



Dodie Domanski
 Rhoda Lloyd



Lois and Ken Birdwell
 Joy Eddy
 Ann Mignoli
 Pat Thomas

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Sunshine: Jan Clark
Memorial Garden:
 Lisa Leirvaag
Historian: Ruby Banks,
 Gail Brennan
Library: Ruby Banks



ACTIVITIES

Breakfast *: Pat Fiero,
 Frank Mignoli
Salad/Soup *: Frank Mignoli
Meet & Eat *: Lisa Chmelar,
 MarEllen Basalyga
Romeo and Juliet:
 MarEllen Basalyga
Golf: Frank Mignoli
Sit & Fit: Pat Fiero
T'ai-chi: Dr. Tom Barrett
Crafts/Jewelry Making *:
 Mary Riordon
Quilting Bee: Cindy Glenn
Movie Day:
 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: Jeanne Allison
Poker: Jerry Rubin
42: Nancy Kingston

BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge *
 Tuesday: Frank Mignoli
 1st & 3rd Tuesday:
 Sheila Perkins
 Friday: Ken Birdwell
 3rd Friday: Joyce Francis,
 Sheila Perkins
 Saturday: Carolyn Patrick
Rubber Bridge *
 Tuesday: Ed Williams

* Signup Required



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

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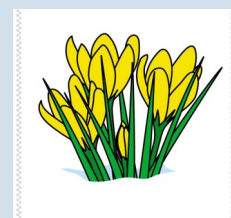
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Please Remember:
Sign in and out
Sign up for classes and meals

Missing something? Check the Lost and Found!

Gazette Deadline —
17th of each month



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