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GriefShare Support Group Begins January 26

Grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend can feel overwhelming and isolating—but you don't have to walk this journey alone. GriefShare is a caring, supportive program designed to offer help, hope, and encouragement during one of life's most difficult seasons.

This 13-week seminar and support group provides a safe, welcoming environment where participants can learn practical tools for healing while connecting with others who understand what grief feels like. Each session is led by compassionate facilitators who have experienced grief themselves and are committed to walking alongside you as you begin to rebuild your life.

GriefShare will meet on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning January 26, 2026, at Treasure of the Hills Senior Center. The cost is \$20, which covers the workbook if needed.

Registration is available in the office or online at: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/284101>

If you or someone you know is navigating loss, this group offers comfort, understanding, and gentle guidance for the days ahead.



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Treasure of the Hills Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 to honor MLK Day

Crafting Classes

Pressed Flower Card Making Class

Discover the beauty of handcrafted stationery in our new *Pressed Flower Cards* class, taught by Taffy Gauger. In this relaxed, creative workshop, participants will design elegant greeting cards using real flowers that have been carefully pressed and dried by the instructor.

Each class meets once a month and is limited to 10 participants to allow for personalized instruction. All supplies are provided, and each person will create two unique pressed-flower cards, complete with envelopes, to take home.

The class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Library, beginning Wednesday, January 21. The cost is \$5 per person.

Register in advance and join us for a lovely morning of creativity and leave with beautiful cards perfect for sharing or keeping.

Wednesday, January 21—10:30 a.m.—\$5

Volunteers of the Year

Be sure to stop by the office and cast your vote for the 2025 Volunteers of the Year. You can nominate two people who you feel have made a difference contributing to TOTH during 2025. Voting will be open throughout the month of January. Ballots are available in the front office.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Senior Center will be closed on New Year's Day! We will reopen on Friday, January 2nd.

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President's Message

By Ellen Fannin

There is an old Chinese curse: *“May you live in interesting times.”* And yes, it is considered a curse. I am reminded of this saying as I reflect on 2025. It was certainly an interesting year—for our country and for the world.

However, in our little corner of the world that we fondly refer to as TOTH, we did quite well. Not only did we continue many of our standard activities, but thanks to the efforts of many dedicated people, we also added new, informative, and fun events. There is no way to acknowledge everything we did this year, but here are a few highlights.

We continued with Culture Days and enjoyed learning about—and tasting the cuisine of—Serbia, Costa Rica, and Mexico. We celebrated both mothers and fathers on their special days, adding new touches to each event. A fashion show enhanced the Mother’s Day Tea Luncheon, while games and prizes brought extra fun to the Father’s Day celebration. Our July 4th indoor picnic featured a delicious dessert contest that truly satisfied every sweet tooth.

Many businesses and organizations were eager to share their services and information with us. Our very capable Vice President, Sue Holmes, worked throughout the year scheduling Lunch & Learns. Due to the high demand, she introduced Snack & Learns as well. Through these sessions, we learned about progress on the Bell District, recycling, senior safety, Medicare changes, hypnosis, medical research, gardening, health and hydration, pain management, and many other topics.

January brought the GenLink students, who visit once a month to help with technology challenges. We also launched a writing group, and the Senior Scribblers have been sharing their stories in this newsletter. In November, we began weekly Spanish classes for those wanting to learn a new language or refresh their skills.

We partnered with the Cedar Park Parks & Recreation Department on five different events throughout the year. In April, we

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TREASURER’S REPORT

By Denny Clauson, Board Treasurer

- November Income : \$8,332
- November Expenses: \$6,843
- Investment Fund increased \$1,743
- Memorial Fund increased \$219
- Total value of both Funds:\$314,000



Vice Versa

Insights from the VP

By Sue Holmes, Board Vice President



I hope you had a Merry Christmas and are ready to start a new year!!

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to start the “Snack & Learns” and “Lunch & Learns” again.

On January 14th, we have a Snack & Learn about “Dermatology for Senior Skin Care.” ProDerm Skin & Surgery, a new dermatology and surgery practice in Austin will present the program. (see below)

On January 21st, there is a Lunch & Learn given by Dignity Memorial about “Pre-Planning Benefits.” (see page 4)

On January 28th, there is a Lunch & Learn by Thrivent Financial discussing “Retirement, Legacy, and Medicare Planning.” (see page 4)

I hope to see you at all three events.



Dermatology for Senior Skin Care

Join us on Wednesday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. for an informative

Snack & Learn focused on “Dermatology for Senior Skin Care.” Representatives from ProDerm Skin & Surgery, a new dermatology and Mohs surgery practice recently opened in the Austin area, will be joining us to share valuable information about maintaining healthy skin as we age.

They’ll discuss common dermatological concerns, preventive care, and the services available at ProDerm, while taking time to connect with residents and answer questions about skin health.

Snacks will be provided. Sign-up is required. We look forward to seeing you there!

2026 Membership Dues

Members must renew by February 15th to retain membership privileges. Dues are \$35 annually and can be paid with cash, check or credit card at the front desk.



From the Director

By Lisa Leirvaag

- If needed, TOTH is able to send very short text messages to its membership. Please, do not answer those messages. They are for your information only and no reply is expected or given. Please use email toth.director.tx@gmail.com or landline (512) 331-6000, if you want to contact the Center.
- Three Senior Expo volunteers returned their green polo shirts without leaving their names. Unfortunately, I cannot remove your name from the list unless you provide a note with your name included.
- TOTH will be closed on New Year’s Day and on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Conversational Spanish Continues in 2026

Ya sabes, nunca es tarde para aprender un nuevo idioma.

Translation: You know, it’s never too late to learn a new language.

The Spanish class has received glowing reviews. The instructor, Leslie Blanton, creates a fun and entertaining learning situation that everyone enjoys. She is teaching practical Spanish that can be used in everyday conversation and provides handouts to take home. She incorporates songs and rhymes to help with learning a new language.

TOTH members are invited to join the class at any time. It meets on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Each session is \$5. Sign up to attend.

Leslie also recommends using Duolingo.com, the world’s most popular language-learning app, to supplement your lessons and keep your skills sharp between classes. The suggestion was made to use your computer rather than your phone since the presentation is better on a larger screen. You can also use SpanishDictionary.com as an app on your phone for translating.

Thursdays, January 8-15-22-29—10:30 a.m.



Board Notes

The Memorial Fund did well throughout 2025. Your Board of Directors utilized the realized funds in ways that would benefit not only the membership, but the greater community. Here is a listing of the items purchased or donations made, totaling approximately \$18,700.

- Several Bridgemate Terminals for bridge games
- New Computer for Director’s Office
- Banquet Chairs (26)*
- Folding Mesh Chairs (40)*
- Full-length Floor Mirrors on wheels for exercise groups
- Wheelbarrow & Other Garden Supplies
- Various Plants
- Raised Garden Bed Kits
- New Refrigerator for Kitchen
- Mini Fridge for Great Room for water bottles
- Flood Relief Donations
- Food Pantry Donations
- Flowers & Plants for members in hospital and deaths

In addition to these items and donations, TOTH has funded approximately \$5,600 in free meals to members, and covered dues for four members with financial hardships.

In December, TOTH received an anonymous donation of \$5000. We want to thank the individual or individuals who were so generous in their support of Treasure of the Hills.

Note: TOTH total investments consist of Memorial Fund and General Investment Fund, which combined, total approximately \$300,000, a net increase for 2025 after donations and purchases.

*There has been some question about what chairs we are keeping and which ones we are either selling or disposing of. The only chairs we are getting rid of are the old, red folding chairs that are in disrepair. We are retaining some of the old, red folding chairs. We have added the red and black banquet chairs and the black mesh folding chairs. We are keeping the board table rolling chairs, both old and new.

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Pre-Planning Benefits

Planning ahead can provide clarity, confidence, and peace of mind. Join us for a Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, January 21, at 12:00 noon, as Dignity Memorial presents an informative program on “Pre-Planning Benefits.”

Attendees will gain insight into the practical and emotional benefits of pre-planning, have the opportunity to ask questions, and learn how thoughtful preparation can ease future decisions.

A complimentary lunch will be provided, and advance sign-up is required. We encourage you to reserve your spot early and take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Wednesday, January 21—12:00 noon

Retirement, Legacy, and Medicare Planning

Join us on Wednesday, January 28 at 12:00 noon for a special Lunch & Learn hosted by Thrivent Financial, featuring an informative presentation on “Retirement, Legacy, and Medicare Planning.” This session is designed to help you better understand the financial topics that matter most as we plan for the future.

Thrivent Financial will share practical insights on retirement planning, legacy and estate considerations, and Medicare updates and navigation. They will also discuss ways they can continue to support and interact with TOTH members through financial literacy workshops tailored to your interests.

In addition, Thrivent Financial was a sponsor and participant in the 2025 Senior EXPO, further demonstrating their commitment to serving our community.

A complimentary lunch will be provided to accompany the presentation. Advance sign-up is required, so be sure to reserve your spot early.

Wednesday, January 28—12:00 noon

President's Message

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collaborated on a Hill Country Wine Tour and our third Puzzler Party. In October, Parks & Rec not only provided the venue for our largest and most successful Senior Expo to date, but also hosted us for the Walburg Oktoberfest bus trip. In December, they treated us to a barbecue dinner and a trip to the Zach Scott Theatre for a performance of *A Christmas Carol*. We are extremely grateful to Josh Rodrigue, Mike Devito, and the Rec Center staff for all they did to help make 2025 a great year.

The Recycled Teenagers enjoyed two cruises in 2025. In August, more than 20 members traveled to Alaska. In December, 40 cruisers set sail on a Caribbean cruise aboard the newest cruise line out of Galveston, MSC Cruises.

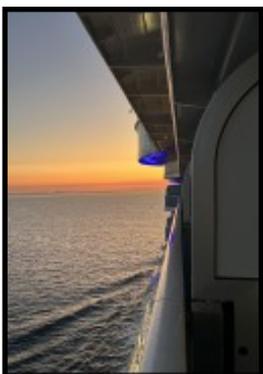
One addition that truly stands out this year is the Veterans Wall of Honor, created by Sue Holmes and others. It is a meaningful and lasting way to honor our members who served our country.

We wrapped up the year with two wonderful luncheons at Thanksgiving and Christmas, both featuring excellent entertainment.

All in all, it was a good year for TOTH, and I personally look forward to an even better 2026.



Happy New Year!



2026 Board of Directors

Mary Riordon, one of our board's previous presidents, installed the 2026 Board at the Christmas Luncheon on December 17th.

The incoming board for 2026 is:

- President—Ellen Fannin
- Vice President—Sue Holmes
- Treasurer—Denny Clauson
- Secretary—Lisa Leirvaag
- Director—Jim Anderson (*continues his term*)
- Director—Pat Fiero (*continues her term*)

- Director (*2-year term*)—Emma Sue Johnson
- Director (*2-year term*)—Jeanne Allison

The board is here to serve the needs of the Center and its members. Please contact any of the board members with concerns, suggestions and ideas you may have to make our Center even better. You can contact any of the board members through the front office or the toth.director.tx@gmail.com email address.



Board Members (standing, left to right): Lisa Leirvaag, Secretary; Jim Anderson, Director; Sue Holmes, Vice President; Ellen Fannin, President; Jeanne Allison, Director; Denny Clauson, Treasurer; Emma Sue Johnson, Director; Mary Riordon, Past President. Not pictured: Pat Fiero, Director.

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Returns After Holiday Hiatus

The TOTH Monthly Breakfast will return beginning on Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m. The breakfast is free to all members; guests are \$5.

Fortunately, our chef, Pat Fiero, is successfully recuperating from her recent health concern. She is ready to hit the ground running and to create a delicious breakfast for us on the 24th.

Because seating is limited to 40 people, it is imperative that you register in advance. We often have a waiting list, so if you register, but are unable to attend, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Saturday, January 24—9:00 a.m.

Member Ads in Gazette

Do you have a retirement hobby or sideline to make a few bucks? The Golden Gazette would be a good place to advertise it.

Members can advertise for \$10 per issue.

Healthy Hints

10 Rules for Protecting Your Mental Peace

1. Don't attend every argument you're invited to.
2. Stop replaying conversations that are already over.
3. Let go of what you cannot control.
4. Say "no" without explaining yourself.
5. Trust actions, not words.
6. Distance yourself from people who drain your energy.
7. Don't take things personally.
8. Prioritize 8 hours of sleep.
9. Your peace is more valuable than being right.
10. It's okay to not be okay.

(Reprinted from Akarsh Kumar @ Facebook)



By Kevin Hallett

The Senior Scribblers met twice in December, submitting two short stories about sports and visiting somewhere. However, we chose a story from November for this month's submission to the Golden Gazette. Ellen's charming tale will resonate with those who have experienced a recalcitrant pet.

In the first quarter of 2026, the Senior Scribblers will be compiling a book of short stories contributed by Scribbler embers, so be sure to keep an eye out for its release!

We are also planning to develop a booklet of stories from TOTH members describing their "Longest Day," which may be a good or bad experience (mine was a bad one); others are uplifting. We will welcome stories written by our TOTH members, but if you are reluctant to put pen to paper, we will be happy to ghost-write it for you. So there's no excuse for not sharing your personal "Longest Day" with us all.

The Pancho Vendetta

By Ellen Fannin

Usually, when we talk about pets, we're referring to our favorite dog or cat—how much we loved them, what great companions they were, and some of the antics or habits that endeared them to us. And although I had some wonderful pets growing up, the one that comes to mind is the *antithesis* of that idyllic image.

Pancho was a Bebe Parrot—green, with a bit of yellow on his wings, and about seven or eight inches long. Bebe Parrots are actually canary-winged parakeets, but they're commonly called "Bee-Bee" or "Bebe" parrots. They're considered intelligent, friendly, and playful, and they enjoy interacting with humans—often bonding closely with their person. What I didn't know at the time was how *protective* they could be of the human they bonded with.

My husband, Vince, and I were newly married and in our early twenties. We lived in a second-floor apartment in an older house. We would have loved to have had a dog, but the landlord didn't allow them. Besides, with both of us working full-time, caring for a dog would have been difficult.

Vince really wanted a pet, and since his parents had owned a Bebe parrot, it wasn't much of a surprise when he came home one day with Pancho.

It was clear from the beginning that Pancho had bonded with Vince. The bird would come to him when called and sit contentedly on his shoulder. One of their favorite things was to "kiss"

each other—it was really sweet... well, for *Vince* it was.

As attached as Pancho was to Vince, it quickly became obvious that he had a personal vendetta against *me*. When I'd extend my finger for him to perch on, he'd bite it. If I snuggled next to Vince, Pancho would swoop over to his shoulder, as if to reclaim his human. But what really convinced me of his grudge was his habit of marking his territory—by pooping on *my* possessions. Never Vince's. Always mine.

Before you think I'm exaggerating, let me give you an example. We were a young couple without many resources, and I didn't own a jewelry box. My makeshift solution was to hang my necklaces over the doorknob on the inside of our bedroom door. When Vince got home from work, he'd let Pancho out to fly around and stretch his wings. Now, keep in mind—this bird had been in his cage all day and could have pooped anytime he pleased. But no.

Pancho would do his usual routine—fly a bit, land on Vince's shoulder for their little "kisses," then take off again. Meanwhile, I'd be in the kitchen fixing dinner. And that's when Pancho would stealthily perch atop the bedroom door. Then, with the precision of a sharpshooter, he'd position himself over the *inside* doorknob—and poop directly on my necklaces.

I wouldn't discover his handiwork until the next morning, when I'd find a neat little pile of bird

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BOOK CLUBS

By Chris Campbell

The book clubs are always open to anyone who would like to join in the discussion.

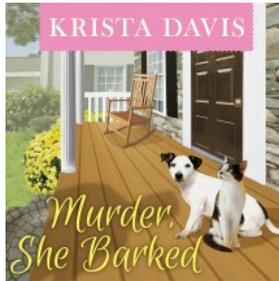
Friday, January 9 —9:30 a.m.



The Rated PG Book Club meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at

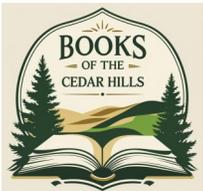
9:30 a.m.

The January book is *Murder She Barked*, by Krista Davis. The book is available in paperback, on Audiobooks and Kindle. The Rated PG Book Club is open to all and drop-ins are welcome!



Friday, January 23 —9:30 a.m.

The "Books in the Cedar Hills" Book Club gathers on the 4th Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.



The January book is *Extracurricular Activities*, by Yoon Ha Lee. This

book is available in Kindle. The BCH Book Club is open to all and drop-ins are welcome!

The book club discussions are led by TOTH members. The groups are always open to new book suggestions.



February Selections

We have not yet received the books for discussion in February. Watch for an update.



**January 2026 Session:
Monday, January 12
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Great Room**

Bring your favorite snack to share;
\$2 per card/No card limit
(2 max is recommended)

Cash Prizes

**Music Genre for January:
Motown & Golden Oldies**

Here's a tip if you've never played before:
Download the Shazam app on your phone in advance to help you identify the songs.



*Wanna sing along?
Join us at the Sing-Along Table!*



Contributed by Sterling Hartman

😄 I told my knees my New Year's resolution was to exercise more at Sit and Fit. They sniggered and filed for early retirement.

😄 What is the best thing about making New Year's resolutions when you're over 70?

A: By the time February rolls around you can't remember them, so you never feel guilty.

😄 **New Years Resolutions**

- Not to gripe about taxes
- Not to whine about the weather
- Not to cuss about gas prices
- Not to complain about food prices
- Not to fret about job availability for seniors
- Not to complain about crooked politicians and lawyers
- Not to take resolutions seriously

Cruisin' with Recycled Teenagers

by Mary Riordon



Hello Fellow Travelers,

We had 40 folks go cruising on the MSC Seascape out of Galveston in early December. This was, by far, the largest group of cruisers yet! There was a sea of purple “Recycled Teenagers” shirts the day we set sail.

Although we didn't get a lot of photos, we'll share what we do have here.

At this time, we have no travel plans for TOTH on the horizon. But, never fear, I feel certain that something will come up. If you have a suggestion, let Mary Riordon know at TOTH on Mondays or Wednesdays, 512-331-6000. (*Cruises are Mary's favorite.*)



Always smiling faces on a cruise!



CPHS Theatre Presents the Musical, PIPPIN

The Cedar Park High School Theatre Department has issued a special invitation to TOTH members to come enjoy their presentation of **PIPPIN**. This play is an imaginative and inspiring musical that takes audiences on a journey of self-discovery, purpose, and possibility. Blending dynamic music, movement, and storytelling, this bold production promises a truly memorable theatrical experience.

Performances will be held **January 22 and 23 at 7:00 p.m.**, and **January 24 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**, at the **South Performing Arts Center (South PAC)** on the Cedar Park High School campus, 2150 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park.

Performed and produced entirely by talented CPHS student actors, musicians, and techni-

cians, *PIPPIN* follows a young prince searching for meaning and fulfillment, guided by a mysterious troupe that promises something extraordinary. With energetic musical numbers, striking visuals, and thought-provoking themes, the show appeals to audiences of all ages.

This production highlights the creativity, dedication, and artistry of the Cedar Park High School Theatre Department and is sure to entertain while leaving a lasting impression.

Tickets go on sale January 5, 2026. VIP: \$20; General Admission: \$15; Students/Seniors: \$12 They can be purchased online at <https://cphstheatre.boottix.com/>

For all you theatre-goers, don't miss this magical production—join us at South PAC for Pippin!



Safe New Year's Celebration Tips for 2026!



As we approach the New Year, it's essential to celebrate safely. Here are some tips to ensure you have a fun and secure celebration:

1. Plan Ahead: Whether you're heading to a party or hosting one, make sure you have a transportation plan. Consider using rideshare services or designated drivers.
2. Limit Alcohol Consumption: If you choose to drink, do so responsibly. Set a limit for yourself and encourage your friends to do the same. Don't drink and drive.
3. Stay Aware: Keep an eye on your surroundings and trust your instincts. If something feels off, it's okay to leave the situation.
4. Fireworks Caution: If you're planning to use fireworks, check local laws and safety guidelines. Enjoy organized displays rather than personal fireworks for a safer experience.
5. Health First: Remember to prioritize health. If you're feeling unwell, it's best to celebrate at home.
6. Emergency Plan: Always have a plan for emergencies. Know the location of the nearest hospital and keep a charged phone handy.



Let's ring in 2026 with joy while ensuring everyone's safety. Wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with joy, laughter, and lots of memories!

Please always check the sign up sheets in the Front Office of TOTH to make sure you have signed up for any upcoming event that you want to participate in. It is also important to make sure you register only once for any event.

“The Pancho Vendetta”

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droppings adorning my jewelry. The first time, I thought it was a fluke. By the third and fourth time, I knew better. The bird *hated* me. And believe me, Vince got an earful. I finally cleared out a drawer to store my necklaces—less convenient, but far better protected.

So, what ever happened to Pancho? Did we ever reach a *détente*?

No—but the situation did resolve itself. And fortunately, I wasn't around to be blamed. It happened one weekend while I was at the grocery store. Vince and Pancho were home together, with the bird out of his cage. Vince was working on something and kept going in and out the back door. Though we lived on the second floor, we had an exterior door that led to a small porch and stairs down to the yard. My guess is that Vince went outside once too often, and Pancho decided to follow.

Out he went—into a great, wide world he had never seen before. And, as any bird would, he took off to explore new horizons.

Vince searched for him, but to no avail. I commiserated with my husband, of course—but deep down, I was *secretly delighted* that the vendetta-driven Bebe parrot was no longer part of my life.



GenLink Sessions Resume in January

Although the GenLink students are still on holiday break as of this writing, we spoke prior to the holidays and agreed to resume the technology sessions in 2026 on the third Saturday of the month. Unless you hear otherwise, the January session will be on Saturday, the 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Center

GenLink is a non-profit organization of local high school students who come to TOTH once a month to help you learn how to set up, use and manage your smart phone, tablet, laptop...any electronic device you have questions about. Bring your devices and questions.

The tentative date for our next session will be:
Saturday, January 17—10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Shared Meals

Members and friends are invited to join us for any of these events. Please remember that reservations are required! You can register in the front office of the Center or call 512-331-6000.

TOTH Dinner Club

Thursday, January 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Blue Agave Tex Mex Restaurant

14900 Avery Ranch Blvd., B100, Austin

(Limit 15)

Contact: MarEllen Basalyga, 512-905-1102

Meet & Eat Lunch Group

Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen

13301B N. Hwy. 183, Austin

(Limit 20)

Contact: MarEllen Basalyga, 512-905-1102

Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, January 24, 9:00 a.m.

TOTH Senior Center Great Room

(Free for members; \$5 for guests. Sign up in advance; deadline is January 21. Seating is limited to 40 people.)



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January Presentations, Meetings & Events

Line Dancing

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23—9:00 a.m.

Conversational Spanish Classes

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29—10:30 a.m.

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Rated PG Book Club

Friday, January 9—9:30 a.m.

(see article on page 8)

Music Bingo

Monday, January 12—3:00 p.m.

Date has moved due to holiday on 3rd Monday.

(see more detail on page 8)

Senior Scribblers Writer's Group

Wednesdays, January 14 & 28—9:30 a.m.

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Snack & Learn: Dermatology for Seniors

Wednesday, January 14—10:00 a.m.

(see article on page 3)

GenLink Technology Session

Saturday, January 17 (tentative)—10:00 a.m.

(see article on page 10)

Pressed Flower Cards

Wednesday, January 21—10:30 a.m.

(see article on page 1)

Lunch & Learn: Dignity Memorial

Wednesday, January 21—12:00 p.m.

(see article on page 4)

Pippin at Cedar Park High School

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 22-24

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BCH Book Club (Books in the Cedar Hills)

Friday, January 23—9:30 a.m.

(see article on page 8)

GriefShare

Monday, January 26—10:30

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Lunch & Learn: Thrivent Financial

Wednesday, January 28—12:00 p.m.

(see article on page 4)

January Birthdays

Cathrine Liu 1	Norman Houle 11	Joy Eddy 23
Heidi Eichenauer 4	Christiane Alexander 15	Judy Geraci 24
Barbara Johnson 5	Zane Lowenstein 17	Fran Robertson 27
Joan Brown 6	Hermina Minnerup 19	Bernie Gibbons 29
Barry Feigenbaum 7	Ellen Fannin 22	Ray Hassen 29
Robert Ritter 7	Diane Houle 22	Florence Zuckero 30
Connie Ellis 8	Arlene Oliver 22	Jon Devries 31
Toni Turner 9	Kathie Turner 22	Gloria Garrido de Carrillo ... 31
Linda Rettinger 10	Nancy Weller 22	Ann Mignoli 31
	Ken Birdwell 23	

January Anniversaries



Pam & Tom Rohrer 1
Beatrice & Raymond Harper 10
Carrie & Don Pace 15
Amy & Jeffrey Hubert 16
Yvonne & Don Roach, Sr. 18
Annie & Michael Berry 23
Mary Kate & Harry Woodruff 23

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION Nov/Dec 2025



We are so grateful to our new members at Treasure of the Hills (or TOTH, as we know it). Despite it being the end of the year, we still had four new members, bringing our total membership up to 344. TOTH is a special place where you can develop some wonderful friendships and participate in fun and entertaining events. Please know how much we appreciate each of you!

November/December

Allison Keith
Sue Nolen
Maria Zavala
Donald Benson

welcome!



Hugs & Sunshine



Pat Fiero

If you or another member of TOTH is experiencing an illness or loss and need a little more sunshine in their lives, please contact the front office, 512-331-6000, to let us know.

We've all gone through, and may still be going through, a rough patch physically or emotionally. Every member is important to us and we want to know that you are doing well.

SOS COMPUTERS

Tech Support for Seniors by a Senior

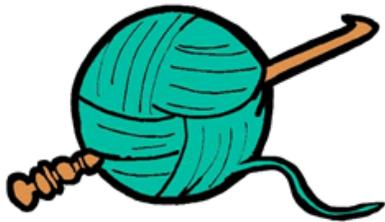
Jeb Seibel

TOTH Member

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Home Visits | PC Repair | Security
Backups | Device Setup

Crochet Class Handiwork



Baby blankets, hats, towel toppers, lined baskets, shawls. These are just a few of the items the Wednesday afternoon Crochet Class has completed. Sue Chesnutt leads the group and provides wonderful instruction for the projects.

The Crochet Class meets every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to join at anytime. Come check it out and see if it is a fit for you. Sue and the regulars welcome any newbies.



Blanca Barrera



Catherine Liu



Diana Hiebeler

Photo Gallery: Dinner & "A Christmas Carol"



We were greeted at the Cedar Park Rec Center by Santa (Josh Rodrigue and staff) while we waited and then enjoyed a delicious dinner of Alzer's Barbeque.

We then loaded onto the bus for our trek downtown, arriving is time to enjoy music and drinks before we took our seats to enjoy the performance.

We only got one quick snapshot of the play before we were told that we were not allowed to take photos.

Thanks to Beverly Ball, Kathy Bonardi and Shirley City for the photos.



Photo Gallery: Christmas Luncheon



We were fed by Chef Felix and gang...Dessert furnished by The Springs...and entertainment by Roderick Sanford.



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STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Denny Clauson

Nominating

Assigned in January

Special Events & Resource Dev.

Sue Holmes

Communications & Publicity

Open

OPERATIONS

Bldg Maintenance: Cedar Park (City)

(Lisa Leirvaag is TOTH contact)

Bookkeeping: Lori Rainey

Kitchen & Supplies: Lisa Leirvaag

Membership: Lisa Leirvaag

Jeanne Allison

Barbara Duprey

Reception: Mary Riordon

Memorials: Colleen Sanchez

Sunshine: Colleen Sanchez

Mem'l Garden: Jim Anderson

Historian: Ruby Banks

Gail Brennen

Library: Ruby Banks

Bulletin Board: Open

Newsletter: Ellen Fannin

Website: Open

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Breakfast (monthly)	Pat Fiero & Frank Mignoli	Sign up Required
Lunch & Learn/Snack & Learn	Sue Holmes	Sign up Required
Meet & Eat Lunch (monthly – locally)	MarEllen Basalyga	Sign Up Required
TOTH Dinner Club (monthly – locally)	MarEllen Basalyga	Sign up Required
Jewelry Making (currently on hiatus)	Open	
Golf (weekly)	Frank Mignoli	
Sit & Fit (2x week)	Pat Fiero	
T'ai-Chi (weekly).....	Open	
Quilting Bee (weekly)	Cindy Glenn	
Crochet Class (weekly).....	Sue Chesnut	
Technology Classes (3rd Saturday)	GenLink Students	Sign up Required
Book Clubs (2nd & 4th Fridays).....	Chris Campbell	
Senior Scribblers (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)	Kevin Hallett	

GAMES

Bingo (Weekly on Monday)	Barbara Duprey	
Bingo (Weekly on Friday)	Barbara St. Marie	
Bunco (Weekly on Wednesday)	Ruby Banks/Barbara St. Marie	Sign up Required
Canasta (Weekly).....		Sign up Required
Cribbage (Weekly).....	Stan DeRocher	Sign up Required
Hearts (Weekly).....	Chris Campbell	
Mahjong (Weekly on Thursday).....	Georgia White.....	Sign up Required
Mexican Train (Weekly).....	MarEllen Basalyga.....	Sign up Required
Music Bingo (3rd Monday).....	Ellen Fannin	Sign up Required
Pinochle (Weekly on Tues., Thur. & Fri.) ...	Sue Holmes	Sign up w/Leader
Pinochle (Weekly on Monday).....	Becky Goad	
Poker (Weekly on Tues.).....	CW Clark	

BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge

Tuesday (weekly)
 Frank Mignoli | Sign up Required |

Friday (weekly).....
 Ken Birdwell | Sign up Required |

2nd Saturday.....
 Carolyn Patrick..... | Sign up w/Leader |

Rubber Bridge

Tuesday (weekly)
 Open | Sign up Required |

January 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Blue Agave Tex Mex* — 14900 Avery Ranch Blvd., B-100, Austin—5:30 p.m.

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen* —13301 B. N. Hwy 183, Austin—1:00 p.m.

*The red asterisk indicates that Sign-Up is required



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9⁰⁰ Sit & Fit
10³⁰ BBCP Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Cribbage
1⁰⁰ Bingo

6

9³⁰ Rbr Brdg*
10⁰⁰ Canasta*
12³⁰ Poker
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*
1⁰⁰ Pinochle

7

9⁰⁰ Sit & Fit
9/10⁰⁰ Cardiology
11⁰⁰ Exec Comm Mtg
1⁰⁰ Bunco*
3⁰⁰ Crochet Class*

8

10⁰⁰ T'ai Chi
10/11⁰⁰ Mahjong
10³⁰ Conv Spanish*
11⁰⁰ Pinochle
12⁰⁰ Quilting Bee
12³⁰ Mex Train*
5³⁰ TOTH Dinner Club

9

9⁰⁰ Line Dancing
9³⁰ Rated PG Book Club
10³⁰ Bingo
10³⁰ Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*

10

1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge

11

9⁰⁰ Sit & Fit
10⁰⁰ Board Mtg
10³⁰ BBCP Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Cribbage
1⁰⁰ Bingo
3⁰⁰ Music Bingo*

13

9³⁰ Rbr Brdg*
10⁰⁰ Canasta*
12³⁰ Poker
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*
1⁰⁰ Pinochle

14

9⁰⁰/10⁰⁰ Cardiology
9³⁰ Senior Scribblers*
10⁰⁰ Snack & Learn:
Dermatology for Srs.*
1⁰⁰ Bunco*
3⁰⁰ Crochet Class*

15

10⁰⁰ T'ai Chi
10/11⁰⁰ Mahjong
10³⁰ Conv Spanish*
11⁰⁰ Pinochle
12⁰⁰ Quilting Bee
12³⁰ Mex Train*

16

9⁰⁰ Line Dancing
10³⁰ Bingo
10³⁰ Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*

17

10⁰⁰ GenLink Technology Session* (tentative)

18

Center Closed
10⁰⁰ Board Mtg
10³⁰ BBCP Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Cribbage
1⁰⁰ Bingo
3⁰⁰ Music Bingo*

20

9³⁰ Rbr Brdg*
10⁰⁰ Canasta*
12³⁰ Poker
1⁰⁰ Meet & Eat*
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*
1⁰⁰ Pinochle

21

9⁰⁰ Sit & Fit
9/10⁰⁰ Cardiology
10³⁰ PRESSED Flowers*
12⁰⁰ Lunch & Learn:
Pre-Planning Benefits
1⁰⁰ Bunco*
3⁰⁰ Crochet Class*

22

10⁰⁰ T'ai Chi
10/11⁰⁰ Mahjong
10³⁰ Conv Spanish*
11⁰⁰ Pinochle
12⁰⁰ Quilting Bee
12³⁰ Mex Train*

23

9⁰⁰ Line Dancing
10⁰⁰ BCH Book Club
10³⁰ Bingo
10³⁰ Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*

24

9⁰⁰ Monthly Breakfast*

25

9⁰⁰ Sit & Fit
10³⁰ BBCP Pinochle
10³⁰ GriefShare* (1 of 13)
1⁰⁰ Cribbage
1⁰⁰ Bingo

27

9³⁰ Rbr Brdg*
10⁰⁰ Canasta*
12³⁰ Poker
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*
1⁰⁰ Pinochle

28

9⁰⁰ Sit & Fit
9⁰⁰/10⁰⁰ Cardiology
9³⁰ Senior Scribblers*
12⁰⁰ Lunch & Learn:
Thriving Financial*
1⁰⁰ Bunco*
3⁰⁰ Crochet Class*

29

10⁰⁰ T'ai Chi
10/11⁰⁰ Mahjong
10³⁰ Conv Spanish*
11⁰⁰ Pinochle
12⁰⁰ Quilting Bee
12³⁰ Mex Train*

30

10³⁰ Bingo
10³⁰ Pinochle
1⁰⁰ Dup Bridge*

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