



**Celebrating the U.S.**  
**Anniversary**



This year marks the 250th birthday of the United States, and we're celebrating with a blowout event at TOTH! On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 brave men, giving birth to our nation. Now, 250 years later, it's time to celebrate this historic milestone together.

We will commemorate the occasion with a special lunch catered by Stiles Switch Barbeque. The lunch will take place on Wednesday, July 1, beginning at 12:00 noon in the Great Room.

The menu will include brisket, pork ribs, and smoked turkey, along with potato salad, tomato and cucumber salad, corn casserole, and all the extras that make barbecue so delicious. Dessert will be provided by entries in our Dessert Contest (see below).

In addition to the meal, there will be games, prizes, and plenty of patriotic fun for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to wear your best red, white, and blue attire because we will once again hold a contest for the best patriotic outfit.

Since we're making July 4th our major summer celebration, we have canceled the Father's Day lunch. However, we will still recognize all fathers and include a special Father's Day game at the beginning of the event.

Attendance for the lunch is limited to 80 people, so it is important to register as soon as possible. Once all spaces are filled, a waiting list will be started. If you register and later find you cannot attend, please notify the office as soon as possible so your spot can be offered to someone else. The registration deadline is June 23.

**Wednesday, July 1—12:00 noon**



## Fathers Among Us

This year, we are combining our Father's Day celebration with our July 4th celebration. Combining the two celebrations actually creates a wonderful opportunity to honor both family and country together.

However, it is still important to take a moment to recognize the fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, and father figures within our Senior Center family.

Fathers often serve as quiet anchors in the lives of their families. They are teachers, protectors, providers, encouragers, and role models. Through hard work, sacrifice, patience, and love, they help shape not only their own children, but future generations as well. Many of the values we cherish most — responsibility, perseverance, kindness, service, and integrity — were first learned from a father or father figure.

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## All-American Dessert Bake-Off

Last year's "Red, White & Blue Dessert Contest" was a huge — and delicious — success! This year, we are again inviting everyone to participate in our "All-American Dessert Bake-Off."

Contest entries should feature classic American favorites such as pies, cobblers, banana pudding, brownies, cheesecake, or treasured family recipes.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place, and a panel of special judges will sample the entries and select the winners. Desserts must be delivered to the Center no later than 11:30 a.m. on July 1.

Remember to register for the Dessert Contest, too!

**Wednesday, July 1—Entries by 11:30 a.m.**

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America is aging rapidly. Today, nearly one in every five Americans is age 65 or older, and older adults are now one of the fastest-growing segments of our population. Senior Centers like ours are more important than ever in helping older adults stay active, connected, informed, and engaged.

Here are some current and noteworthy statistics about the growth of the senior population in the United States:

- The number of Americans age 65 and older reached approximately 61.2 million in 2024, representing about 18% of the total U.S. population.
- The 65+ population has grown dramatically over the past several decades.
- Between 2010 and 2020, the senior population grew by 38.6%, the fastest growth rate for older Americans since the late 1800s.
- Sun Belt states, including Texas and Florida, continue to see major growth in senior populations due to retiree relocation and overall population growth.
- Cities such as Austin experienced senior population growth of more than 17% between 2020 and 2023.
- The number of Americans living to age 100 continues to rise. The U.S. centenarian population grew by 50% between 2010 and 2020.
- For the first time in American history, older adults now outnumber children in 11 states.
- Census projections suggest that within the next decade, seniors may outnumber children nationwide for the first time in U.S. history.

Our goal here at Treasure of the Hills is to provide a place where seniors can come and play and learn and socialize. We are often congratulated for the variety of activities available to our membership. Thank you to each of you for helping to keep TOTH a vibrant and relevant part of the community. And, invite a friend to join us!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Denny Clauson, Board Treasurer

- April income: \$3,594
- April expenses: \$6,524
- Investment fund increased \$16,353
- Memorial fund increased \$2,566


Note: investment funds increased in April to match decrease we saw in March.



# Vice Versa

## Insights from the VP

By Sue Holmes, Board Vice President



### I Want Your Ideas!

Do you enjoy getting together for fun outings and activities? I am exploring the idea of organizing a monthly movie outing for Senior Center members — and I want to know if there’s enough interest to make it happen!

One movie already generating excitement is *The Devil Wears Prada 2*. Would you like to go? I would also love to hear your thoughts on other movies, entertainment ideas, and activities you’d enjoy seeing offered through the Senior Center.

Do you have suggestions for future Lunch & Learn programs? Is there a topic, speaker, or demonstration you’d especially like to see? Your ideas can help shape future programs and events.

To share your thoughts or express interest, contact me by email or by text at [sue.holmes1950@gmail.com](mailto:sue.holmes1950@gmail.com) or 512-751-5843.

Your ideas matter. Help us shape the future of our Center and add even more fun to our days.

# Behind the Desk

by Jeanne Allison, Office Manager



I hope you are all enjoying the new flooring. While it may look similar to the previous floor, it is much sturdier and more secure.

I want to extend a special thank you to Lisa, Jim, and Sue’s nephew, KJ, for all of their hard work in removing items and then restocking the closets and pantry.

On another note, we have a bit of a mystery to solve regarding a tabletop we purchased for cards. The top consists of two separate pieces; however, one half of the table is currently missing, while the other half is in the closet. If anyone has any information regarding the location of the missing half of the table, please let me know.



“Count your age by friends, not years.”

## Summer Safety Tips for Seniors

Summer can be a wonderful time for outdoor activities, travel, gardening, and family gatherings, but hot weather also brings special health concerns for older adults. Here are some important tips to help seniors stay safe and healthy during the summer months.

### Stay Hydrated

As we age, the body becomes less efficient at recognizing thirst. Seniors should:

- Drink water regularly throughout the day, even if they don’t feel thirsty.
- Limit alcohol and caffeinated beverages, which can contribute to dehydration.
- Eat water-rich foods such as watermelon, cucumbers, oranges, and berries.

### Avoid Extreme Heat

High temperatures can quickly lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

- Stay indoors during the hottest part of the day, usually between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Use fans and air conditioning whenever possible.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing.
- Take cool showers or use cool washcloths to lower body temperature.

### Protect Your Skin

Older skin is especially vulnerable to sun damage.

- Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher before going outside.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses for added protection.

### Know the Warning Signs of Heat Illness

Seek medical attention if someone experiences:

- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Rapid heartbeat
- Fainting
- Heavy sweating
- Lack of sweating



# June Lunch & Learns

Jun 3 • June 10 • June 24

## “Bring Back the Pollinators”

Calling all gardeners and nature lovers!

If you enjoyed Steve Poole’s informative April Lunch & Learn on “Monarchs and Native Plants,” you won’t want to miss his return visit on Wednesday, June 3rd. Steve will present “Bring Back the Pollinators,” an engaging program focused on what we can do to help bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other important pollinators thrive in our communities.



Pollinators play a vital role in our environment and gardens, and Steve will share practical tips on how each of us can make a difference through thoughtful planting and habitat support.

The program begins with a delicious lasagna lunch at 12:00 noon, so come hungry and ready to learn! This program came up quickly, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible by calling the office at 512-331-6000.

**Wednesday, June 3—12:00 noon**



## “I Called 911... What to Expect”

The Williamson County EMS returns following their successful CPR class in April. They will now present a Lunch & Learn program on June 10th about what to expect when you call 911.

How long does it take for an ambulance to arrive? Why do call takers ask so many questions?

They will answer all these questions and teach you how to prepare for an emergency. You will also learn how to save a life during a 30-minute overview of basic CPR compressions.

A light lunch will be provided. Be sure to register no later than Monday, June 8th for this Lunch & Learn.

**Wednesday, June 10—12:00 noon**

## Estate Planning 101

On Wednesday, June 24th, Tom Fortenberry with Silverleaf Legal will present on “Estate Planning 101.”

Estate planning is often pushed aside because it feels complicated or uncomfortable to think about. This session breaks it down into simple, understandable steps so seniors can see what’s needed, what’s not, and how to move forward without confusion. Attendees will gain clarity on essential documents and walk away with practical next steps to protect their wishes and provide peace of mind for their family.



This Lunch & Learn is being hosted by Georgetown Senior Education and their Seniors University Summer Session. A light lunch will be provided. Please register to attend.

**Wednesday, June 24—12:00 noon**



## “Fathers Among Us” (continued from page 1)

Within our membership are men who served their country, built careers and businesses, coached little league teams, fixed bicycles, taught life lessons, supported their families through difficult times, and created lasting memories around dinner tables, vacations, and holiday celebrations. Their stories and experiences are an important part of the rich history and character of our community.

Fatherhood does not always come through biology alone. Many men become fathers through mentorship, friendship, guidance, and simply being present when someone needs encouragement and support. Their influence often reaches farther than they may ever realize.

This month, we extend our gratitude and appreciation to all fathers and father figures in our Center. Thank you for the wisdom you share, the examples you set, and the many ways you have enriched the lives of others. We are honored to celebrate you.

# GenLink Hacks Voting Survey

The GenLink students come to TOTH each month to help our members with challenges involving personal electronics such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Their tireless assistance has been greatly appreciated as they help us overcome the frustrations that often come with learning and navigating today's technology. We are truly grateful for the time, patience, and effort they devote to helping us better understand the digital world.

Over the past few months, GenLink has sponsored what they call a "Hack-a-thon." Students from many different areas were invited to create new apps designed to help seniors. From more than 100 submissions, the entries have now been narrowed down to the top three finalists.

Now GenLink would like input from seniors to help select the winning app. They are asking us to spend less than 15 minutes watching three brief videos that explain each app and then vote for our favorite.

To participate, copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6FgSltkRQDfgAIBIDB7vxT0stzYJLcmTA1LRXfbcjgOhhQg/viewform?usp=dialog>

The videos are linked within the survey questions. Please watch all three videos and vote for ONE app!

## Sage

**Purpose:** An easy TechGuide providing info on how to navigate technology with a built in AI software for seniors to ask questions.

## Aegis

**Purpose:** Teaches you how to recognize potential scams and provides techniques to prevent getting scammed.

## TechBuddy

**Purpose:** Easy design helps seniors with their phone, with AI and with blocking scam calls and scam messages.

Be sure to visit the site and watch the videos and cast your vote. Thanks GenLink for your service to the senior community!

# Conversational Spanish Class Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

The members of the Conversational Spanish Class celebrated Cinco de Mayo by going out to lunch at Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant. Their assignment was to order and communicate with the staff only in Spanish. Fortunately, everyone did a great job and received the correct food.

The class took a two-week hiatus in May since the instructor, Leslie Blanton, was traveling in Italy. Classes resume on Thursday, June 4th. All are welcome to join. Class is from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday in the Great Room; fee is \$5 per class.

**Thursdays—10:30 to 11:45 a.m.—\$5 per class**



Cinco de Mayo Lunch—Left: Taffy Gauger, Michele Elliot and Ellen Fannin. On the right, front to back: Jane Howard, Anita Falkofske and *la maestra*, Leslie Blanton.

# Tai Chi Classes

Tai Chi classes are offered weekly utilizing professionally produced instructional videos, making it easy to follow along at your own pace. Tai Chi's slow, gentle movements are especially beneficial for reducing stress, increasing mobility, and promoting relaxation—perfect for participants of all fitness levels.

Everyone is welcome to join, regardless of experience level. Come give it a try and enjoy the many benefits this time-honored practice has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Weekly on Thursdays—10:00 a.m.—TV Room**





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## June 90-Minute Craft: Paint A Bag Workshop

Join us for “Paint A Bag,” a fun, creative activity using stencils or free hand. This event is hosted by Sewa International, a US-based non-profit humanitarian organization.



Each person attending the workshop will be painting two bags. Transforming creativity into compassion, attendees will keep one of the bags and the other will be used by Sewa to donate to the members of the underserved community during their food drive or grocery distribution. This activity combines art and community service, providing a meaningful opportunity to give back. All materials—2 bags, paint pens, paints, stencils—will be provided.

The class is limited to 16 people and is free. It will be held in the Library Room on Wednesday, June 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Be sure to register to attend as soon as possible.

**Wednesday, June 24—10:30 a.m.—Library**

## Pressed Flower Cards

Pressed Flower Card classes continue in the library on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Taffy Gauger provides all the materials you’ll need and is available to help with instructions. The supplies cost \$5 per person.

Be sure to sign up in advance. Payment can be made at the time of the class.

**Wednesday, June 17—10:30 a.m.—\$5**

## Interested in teaching?

Do you have a skill or craft you’d love to share?

Classes are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Library. AV equipment is available and a small materials fee (typically \$5–\$10) helps cover the cost of your supplies.

Contact the front office at 512-331-6000 or email Ellen Fannin at [fanninellen@gmail.com](mailto:fanninellen@gmail.com).

## Cruisin’ with Recycled Teenagers

by Mary Riordon



## Set Sail on the Carnival Dream!

Pack your bags and get ready for sunshine, relaxation, and unforgettable fun at sea! A special Recycled Teenagers cruise aboard the Carnival Dream is planned for August 22–30, 2026, departing from Galveston.

This exciting eight-day cruise will include stops in beautiful Key West as well as the tropical destinations of Celebration Key, Half Moon Cay, and Nassau. From sandy beaches and turquoise waters to shopping, sightseeing, and delicious dining, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

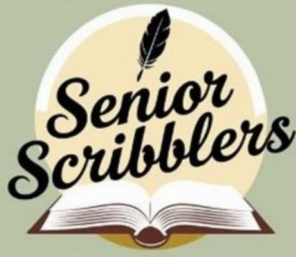
Cruise pricing ranges from approximately \$845 to \$1,260 per person based on double occupancy, as well as the size and location of the stateroom selected. A deposit of \$250 will reserve your cabin, and reservations may be made as long as cabins remain available.

Karen Gordon with Tailored Travel is serving as the cruise representative for this trip. Karen can be reached by phone at 952-232-1916 or by email at [karen@tailoredtravelmn.com](mailto:karen@tailoredtravelmn.com) for reservations and additional information.

On July 15th, cruisers will meet to discuss roundtrip transportation from TOTH to Galveston for those interested. Additional details will be discussed at this informational meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at TOTH.

Mary Riordon will serve as the local coordinator for the trip. Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy a memorable getaway with friends, fun, and fabulous destinations!





By Kevin Hallett

The Senior Scribblers met twice in May and submitted stories under two topics: 1) a strong emotion; and 2) father(s).

We have seven stories so far for the “Longest Day” book, I know we have many more stories out there, so submit your ideas to a scribbler, or write it yourself. We are considering having the book of stories ready for the holiday season this year.

Meanwhile, we have a story for June’s “Golden Gazette” from our “grandparent” submissions, in which Ann Bordelon describes her grandfather in the years just after WWII.

In June, we will meet on the 10th and 24th at 9:30 am in the Puzzle Room. We have not selected a topic for our first meeting. Stop on by and let’s talk about writing.

## My Paternal Grandfather: Francis Eppse Goodwyn

By Ann Bordelon

My paternal grandfather, Francis Eppse Goodwyn, was born and raised in a tiny south Texas town. His formal education began in a one-teacher school and ended in high school in a larger, nearby town. After that he self-educated through reading and association with employers who valued science and technology. As the foreman of a section of the King Ranch, he managed two large crews of cowboys who tended to thousands of cattle spread over hundreds of acres of grassland and desert. He helped create a new breed of cows called the Santa Gertrudis and helped institute new methods for raising cattle in the peculiar environment in which he lived.

His grandparents had come from Wales, in the British Isles. He was six foot, four inches tall, with broad shoulders and narrow hips. Years on horseback in the blazing sun had given his skin a leathery texture from which his bright blue eyes twinkled like polished marbles. He had a broad smile and a pleasant voice that often broke into song when he was around his grandchildren.

After he retired from the ranch, he and my grandmother moved into their “town house,” a two-story white wooden house in Kingsville, Texas. The backyard featured a pond with wild and domestic ducks, a wide grassy area, where we loved to play, and a wash yard. The lot next door contained a chicken yard, a goat yard, a pigpen and a garden. Directly behind the house was a garage and garage apartment where we lived. Aunt Lennie and her family lived in the big house with my grandparents.

The year was 1946. I was three years old at the time. Daddy was just out of the Army (World War II) and was finishing college at Texas A&I in Kingsville. Mama and Aunt Lennie both worked, so my cousin Linda and I stayed at home with Grandnana during the day. She raised canaries on her back porch, so they provided some entertain-

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# Introducing the 2026 Senior Expo Social Media & Marketing Intern Team



For the upcoming Senior Expo, we want to boost our marketing efforts with a specific focus on expanding our social media presence. This year, we are working in conjunction with the Leander Independent School District and their Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. This program is designed to provide learning experiences for students through internships with local businesses.

We are thrilled to have six very capable young people who will be working with the TOTH Team to help promote the Expo to both vendors and attendees.



Mina Barry



Amr Bhimani



Yadniki Deshmukh



Izzy Drury



Sanjay Thunga



Cleo Wang

**Mina Barry** is a rising senior at Vandegrift High School with a passion for literature, community involvement, and helping others. With experience in event organization, book sales, and promotional outreach, Mina brings both creativity and strong communication skills to the team. She has previously partnered with Caritas of Austin on a donation drive and is dedicated to making a positive impact in her community. Mina looks forward to using her organizational and promotional talents to help make the 2026 Senior Expo a tremendous success.

**Amr Bhimani** is a rising senior at Cedar Park High School who enjoys taking on leadership roles and exploring new opportunities to learn and grow. He has experience in marketing, innovation, and organizational leadership through his involvement in a variety of activities and programs. In his free time, Amr enjoys playing the piano and sharpening his strategic thinking through chess. He is excited to bring his creativity and enthusiasm to the Senior Expo team.

**Yadniki Deshmukh** is a rising senior at Glenn High School and is excited to serve as an intern with Treasure of the Hills Senior Center this year. She has experience in working on websites and has a great interest in marketing. She looks forward to assisting with a variety of projects and responsibilities while gaining valuable experience working with the team. Yadniki is eager to contribute wherever she is needed and hopes to make a meaningful impact during her internship.

**Izzy Drury** will be a senior at Vandegrift High School, where she is actively involved in cross country, track, chess club, and Key Club. She is also part of her school's incubator program, where she has developed valuable marketing and business skills. Outside of school, Izzy enjoys volunteering with Miracle League and giving back to her community. She is excited to spend the summer working with Treasure of the Hills Senior Center and contributing to the Senior Expo team.

**Sanjay Thunga** will be a senior at Vista Ridge High School with strong interests in finance, research, marketing, and leadership. He currently serves as president of the school's DECA chapter and founded the Vista Ridge Investment Club. In addition to his academic and extracurricular achievements, Sanjay is a member of the varsity soccer team. When he is not at school, he enjoys staying active through pickleball, basketball, and pickup soccer, and looks forward to bringing his leadership skills and enthusiasm to the Senior Expo.

**Cleo Wang** is a rising senior at Vandegrift High School who is actively involved in DECA, debate, and student council. She is a talented musician who plays three instruments and enjoys meeting new people and working as part of a team. Outside the classroom, Cleo's favorite sport is figure skating, which reflects her dedication and energy. She is excited to work with the team this year and looks forward to helping the program continue to grow and succeed.

# Cedar Park Residents Are On the Move

Treasure of the Hills was featured in the May 15th issue of "Cedar Park Pulse," the City's bi-weekly newsletter. Board President, Ellen Fannin, talked about her experience with the new LiNK microtransit pilot program in the City of Cedar Park and how the members of TOTH are excited to utilize the service.

LiNK Cedar Park represents a modern approach to public transportation. The pilot program is a partnership between the City of Cedar Park and TRIPPP Consulting, working in collaboration with Uber for rideshare service and zTrip for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV). Together, these partners will help provide flexible transportation options that serve a wide range of mobility needs across the community.

Through the program, eligible rideshare users will receive one Uber voucher with 10 rideshare trips per month. Riders pay the first \$5 per trip, and the City-sponsored program covers up to \$10 of the trip cost, with riders responsible for any remaining amount beyond the first \$15. Riders who require Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles through zTrip will also pay the first \$5 per trip, and these rides are not currently capped on the number of monthly trips.

Whether you need a ride to a medical appointment, a quick trip across town, or a connection to Austin's regional transit network, LiNK has you covered, including direct service to CapMetro's Lakeline Station.

To find out more, visit [www.cedarparktexas.gov/Link](http://www.cedarparktexas.gov/Link).



The City is very interested in hearing from those who utilize the LiNK program. Send your testimonials to [communications@cedarparktexas.gov](mailto:communications@cedarparktexas.gov).

## TOTH Walking Group



By  
Diana Hiebeler

The TOTH Walking Group meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Center. They usually walk somewhere in the neighborhood, unless it is raining. On rainy days, they may go to Lakeline Mall to walk inside.

Diana Hiebeler is the team leader of this group. You can sign up for the group and join at anytime. Once you are registered, Diana will get your contact information so she can alert you to any changes due to weather.

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Talk about all the rain showers! I hope everyone has been staying dry. It's hard to believe we are already heading into June.

I wanted to take a moment to wish all of the wonderful mothers at Treasure of the Hills a late, but very Happy Mother's Day! I hope the Mother's Day Tea Luncheon & Fashion Show was a great success, and I look forward to seeing pictures from the event.

We are still under construction at Re|Create and are hopeful to be fully operational by the end of June or early July. Great progress is being made, and the space is looking fantastic. Most of the furniture has arrived, and the team is currently working on final touches. We have a walkthrough scheduled for this first week of June, and we are hopeful for continued progress and positive updates. I am especially excited about the opportunity to host larger programs and activities for our senior community at Re|Create.

As we move closer to the second half of the year, several new senior programs are currently being developed, including a Senior Pickleball Tournament, Senior Bird Watching, Senior Winery Trip, Senior Kayaking, Senior Archery, Senior Fishing, and potentially a Senior Hiking Trip. I have also recently connected with several fitness instructors to explore adding additional group

fitness classes. If you are interested in personal training, we also have contacts at the Recreation Center who would be happy to assist.

I would also like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to complete the Senior Programming Survey. Your feedback has been extremely valuable, and I am working hard to create programs and experiences that reflect the interests and needs of our community. Please continue sharing your ideas and suggestions!

### **Gardening Opportunity**

In addition, I am currently overseeing the Veterans Memorial Community Garden and am looking for volunteers who enjoy gardening and would be interested in helping maintain common areas around the plots. We will also have a few garden plots opening soon for anyone interested in having their own plot. Additionally, if Treasure of the Hills would be interested in sharing a community plot together, I would love to help make that happen. If interested, please email me at [grant.meeks@cedarparktexas.gov](mailto:grant.meeks@cedarparktexas.gov).

For information on all Cedar Park programs and events available for you, your family, and friends, please visit: [cedarparktexas.gov/play](http://cedarparktexas.gov/play)  
Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming programs and events!

## **Upcoming Events in June/July**



**June 5th—Live @ Lakeline, featuring Jo James**

**June 19th—Juneteenth Block Party (Partnership with Leander**

**July 4th (250th Celebration) - Cedar Park Sparktacular**

## “My Paternal Grandfather”

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ment for us, as did the ducks, chickens, goats, pigs and a dozen cats that roamed the premises.

Granddaddy took his turn at entertaining us in the afternoon. He played catch, tag and cowboys and Indians with us, but our favorite time was when he agreed to tell us a story or sang for us. The stories were usually Mexican folk tales, many of them about the devil and how he tempted early Texas residents. The songs included popular songs as well as Texas folksongs. I was young, but I’m pretty sure I remember him singing “Rancho Grande” and “Strawberry Roan.” My Dad sang those songs later, and I actually learned them from him, but I’m almost positive Granddaddy sang both those songs to me and Linda in the backyard.

On Sunday mornings, Linda and I would join Granddaddy in his big, ranch-style bed in the master bedroom of the big house. That bed was huge, as big as any king bed I’ve ever seen. It had a wooden canopy that towered above it, almost reaching the house’s 10-foot ceiling. The mattress was so tall that Grandnana had to use a small set of steps to crawl onto it and she was six

-foot tall. Granddaddy lifted Linda and I onto the bed and warned us to not get near the sides lest we fall off.

Grandnana, Mama and Aunt Lennie were busy in the kitchen constructing a hearty Sunday brunch. I don’t know what Daddy and Uncle J.W. were doing, probably smoking cigarettes in the backyard. Granddaddy had given up cigarettes on his doctor’s advice. Anyway, Granddaddy would pull the Sunday comics out of the newspaper that sat next to him on the bed and read Blondie and Dagwood and all the other colorful cartoons to us. We sat in the middle of that giant bed, giggling and wiggling. The comics were really funny when Granddaddy read them.

We lived in the garage apartment for two years. Daddy received an animal husbandry degree from A&I and we moved to Central Texas to be near my mother’s parents in Cuero, Texas. After that, I saw Granddaddy twice a year for a few days at a time. By then, I had to share him with added cousins. Still, he always made time to visit with me and tell me at least one story. That meant a lot. He died when I was ten, but I remember him well.



# Constable's Corner

by Constable Jeff Anderson



## Fraud Scam Alert: Scammer posing as a bank or bank representative

Stay vigilant, everyone! The landscape of fraud is constantly evolving, and it's essential to know what to watch for to protect yourself and your finances. Here are some red flags to be aware of:

- 1. Unexpected Contact:** If you receive a call, email, or message claiming to be from your bank or government agency that you weren't anticipating, be suspicious. Often, scammers impersonate trusted institutions to gain your trust.
- 2. Requests for Sensitive Information:** Legitimate organizations will never ask for your personal or banking details through unsecured

channels. Be cautious of any requests to provide bank information or move money. It's always best to verify directly with your institution through official channels.

- 3. Urgency and Pressure:** Scammers use tactics like creating a sense of urgency to make you act quickly, often before you have the time to think. Take a moment to assess the situation and remember that it's okay to say no and hang up. Your safety is paramount. Always be skeptical, question anything that seems off, and report any suspicious activity.

# BOOK CLUBS

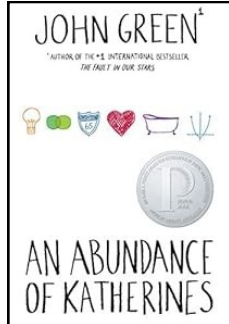
By Chris Campbell

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

**Friday, June 12 —9:30 a.m.**



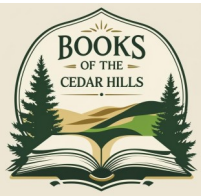
The Rated PG Book Club meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.



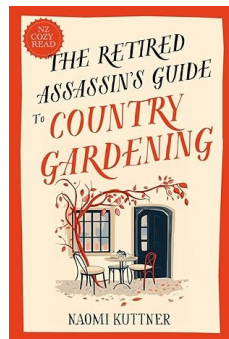
The June book is *An Abundance of Katherines*, by John Green. The book is available in paperback, on Audiobooks and Kindle. The Rated PG Book Club is open to all and drop-ins are welcome!



**Friday, June 26 —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 June book is *The Retired Assassin's Guide to Country Gardening*, by Naomi Kuttner. This book is available on 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.

## July Books

To help you get ahead on your reading, here are the books for the July discussions:

**Rated PG Book Club**—The July 10th book is *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, by Alan Bradley.

**BCH Book Club**—The July 24th book is *Then Came You*, by Jennifer Weiner.

# Thank You!

A special shout out to **Angie Mendoza** for taking over the bulletin board upkeep. Thank you, Angie, for doing such a great job!



## COME JOIN THE FUN!

**June 2026 Session:  
Monday, June 15  
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 June:  
Beach Boys & Beatles**

*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

## LOOKING GOOD

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.  
I think I might never put my glasses back on.

## AT THE BAR THE OTHER NIGHT

An elderly-looking gentleman, (mid-nineties) very well dressed, hair well-groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling slightly of a good aftershave, presenting a well-looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge.

Seated at the bar is an elderly-looking lady.

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her, and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June Presentations, Meetings & Events

### **Tai Chi**

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25—10:00 a.m.  
(see article on page 5)

### **Conversational Spanish Classes**

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25—10:30 a.m.  
(see article on page 5)

### **Senior Scribblers Writer's Group**

Wednesdays, June 10 & 24—9:30 a.m.  
(see article & story on page 7)

### **Lunch & Learn: "I Called 911..."**

Wednesday, June 10—12:00 p.m.  
(see article on page 4)

### **Rated PG Book Club**

Friday, June 12—9:30 a.m.  
(see article on page 12)

### **Music Bingo**

Monday, June 15—3:00 p.m.  
(see more detail on page 12)

### **Pressed Flower Cards**

Wednesday, June 17—10:30 a.m.  
(see article on page 6)

### **Juneteenth Holiday**

Friday, June 19  
Center will be closed for the holiday

### **GenLink Technology Session**

Saturday, June 20—10:00 a.m.  
(see article on page 5)

### **90-Minute Crafts: "Paint A Bag"**

Wednesday, June 24—10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
(see article on page 6)

### **Lunch & Learn: "Estate Planning 101"**

Wednesday, June 24—12:00 p.m.  
(see article on page 4)

### **BCH Book Club (Books in the Cedar Hills)**

Friday, June 26—9:30 a.m.  
(see article on page 12)

### **Walking Group**

Meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Center.

**Always check the Weekly Update for changes in events.**

### **Would You Like to Learn/Play 42?**

The domino game "42" is a popular trick-taking game that originated in Texas and has often been called the "state game of Texas." It combines the strategy of card games like bridge or spades with the use of dominoes instead of playing cards. Sign up in the office if you are interested.

## June 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, June 4 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Sky Asian Fusion**

**1825 Crystal Falls Pkwy., #100, Leander**  
(Limit 15)

Contact: MarEllen Basalyga, 512-905-1102

### **Meet & Eat Lunch Group**

Tuesday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Whip My Soul**

**11416 FM 620, #F & G, Austin**  
(Limit 15)

Contact: MarEllen Basalyga, 512-905-1102

### **Monthly Breakfast**

Saturday, June 27, 9:00 a.m.

TOTH Senior Center Great Room

(Free for members; \$5 for guests. Sign up in advance; deadline is May 20. Seating is limited to 40 people.)

# June Birthdays

Morris Sewell ..... 1	Philip MacDonald ..... 13	Gayle Schedler ..... 19
Rich Pastore..... 2	John West ..... 15	Fred Kalt ..... 20
Janet Cash ..... 3	Victor Sitton ..... 16	Carolyn Patrick..... 22
Anita Shaw..... 3	Harold Jobes ..... 18	Sterling Hartman ..... 23
Elaine Adams ..... 6	Giovanna Lanfear..... 18	Bill Brown..... 25
Helmut Rosin ..... 6	Vicky Benozillo ..... 19	Bob Greenway..... 25
Dennis Schmidt..... 7	Betsi Newbury ..... 19	Pam Jernigan ..... 26
Lois Birdwell ..... 11		Dee Rensch..... 30



## Hugs & Sunshine



Lisa Leirvaag • Pat Thomas  
Sue Holmes

If you or another member of TOTH is experiencing an illness or loss and need a little more sunshine in your life, 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.

### The Month of June

- June is believed to be named after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth.
- June is one of the few months with three birthstones: Pearl, Alexandrite and Moonstone,
- June contains the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

## June Anniversaries



Ann & Frank Mignoli..... 1
Jeanne & Calvin Allison..... 3
Elaine & Tom Adams ..... 7
Kathy & Bob Bonardi..... 7
Karen & Philip MacDonald ..... 10
Marlene & Wayne Hahn ..... 13
Mary & Ron Baehl..... 17
Barbara & Phil Duprey ..... 18
Brenda & Russell Roemer ..... 18
Carol Roberts & Ray Hassen ..... 19
Jean & Leo Riggi ..... 23
Liz & Larry Hagler ..... 24

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION - April/May 2026

Welcome to Treasure of the Hills. 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!

**April 2026**  
Angela Eisert

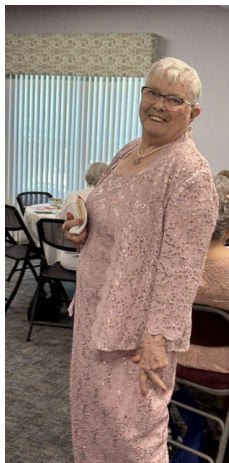


**May 2026**  
John West • Katheran Acmorsoni  
Kathy Schutz • Harold Jobes  
Tonya Davenport • Ann Warren  
Anita Shew

# welcome!

# Photo Gallery: Mother's Day Lunch & Fashion Show

The women of TOTH were treated to a special Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show on May 6th. Thank you to all those who furnished the food, decorated tables, participated in the Fashion Show, and helped with the clean up. Photos by Shirley City and Linda Rettinger.



Fashion Show Models: (left to right) Kathy Bonardi, Pat Fiero, Phyllis Walker, Angie Mendoza, Jacquee Guida and Lisa Leirvaag.



A huge "Thank You" to Jim Anderson and Leo Riggi for being our hard-working tea waiters.



PRIZE WINNERS: Best Fashion Show Ensemble—Phyllis Walker (for the 2nd year in a row); Best Mother's Day Lunch Outfit—Sandra Cook; Best Mother Expression Prize—Vicky Jones



Sue Holmes received a special gift for the hard work she has done for TOTH.

# Photo Gallery: Dripping Springs Wine Trip

It was a bit of a fiasco, but thanks to the flexibility of all who went on the trip. We all had a good time, other than returning home late and hungry. We were to have a wine and cheese pairing class at a shop in Dripping Springs, but there was a snafu in the scheduling. We ended up taking the Party Bus to two wineries in the Dripping Spring area, both providing beautiful vistas of the Hill Country and tasty wine. Plus, we had plenty of wine to enjoy on the bus ride. Thank you to all who ventured out on this day trip and had fun despite the problems.



We did learn about a great app on smart phones that will provide reviews of wines before you buy them. On the left, Allison Keith shares the name of the app.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### President

Ellen Fannin

### Vice President

Sue Holmes

### Treasurer

Denny Clauson

### Secretary

Lisa Leirvaag

### Directors

Jeanne Allison

Jim Anderson

Pat Fiero

Emma Sue Johnson

## OFFICE MANAGER

Jeanne Allison

Email:

toth.director.tx@gmail.com

512-331-6000

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Finance

Denny Clauson

### Nominating—TBD

Special Events & Resource Dev.

Sue Holmes

### Communications & Publicity

Open

## OPERATIONS

Bldg Maintenance: Cedar Park  
(Jeanne Allison is TOTH contact)

Bookkeeping: Lori Rainey

Kitchen & Supplies: Lisa Leirvaag

Membership: Barbara Duprey

Reception: Mary Riordon

Memorials: Colleen Sanchez

Sunshine: Colleen Sanchez

Mem'l Garden: Jim Anderson

Historians: Ruby Banks

Gail Brennen

Library: Ruby Banks

Bulletin Board: Angie Mendoza

Newsletter: Ellen Fannin

Website: Outside Vendor

## 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
Golf (weekly) .....	Frank Mignoli	
Sit & Fit (3x week) .....	Diana Hiebeler	
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	
Conversational Spanish (Thursdays).....	Leslie Blanton	
90-Minute Crafts (various Wednesdays).....	Ellen Fannin .....	Sign up Required
Walking Group (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday).....	Diana Hiebeler	

## 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 on Tuesday) .....		Sign up Required
Cribbage (Weekly on Monday) .....	Stan DeRocher	
Hearts (Weekly on Wednesday) .....	Chris Campbell	
Mahjong (Weekly on Thursday).....	Georgia White	
Mexican Train (Weekly on Thursday) .....	MarEllen Basalyga.....	Sign up Required
Music Bingo (3rd Monday).....	Ellen Fannin .....	Sign up Required
Pinochle (Weekly on Tuesday) .....	Sue Holmes.....	Sign up w/Leader
Poker (Weekly on Tues.) .....	CW Clark	
Skip-Bo (Weekly on Thursday) .....	Leo Riggi & Linda Staas	

## BRIDGE

### Duplicate Bridge

Tuesday (weekly) ..... Frank Mignoli |  |

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

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

### Rubber Bridge

Tuesday (weekly) ..... Open ..... | Sign up Required |

# June 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
1<sup>00</sup> Cribbage  
1<sup>00</sup> Bingo

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Group  
9<sup>30</sup> Rbr Brdg\*  
10<sup>00</sup> Canasta\*  
12<sup>30</sup> Poker  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge  
1<sup>00</sup> Pinochle

9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
9/10<sup>00</sup> Hearts  
12<sup>00</sup> Lunch & Learn:  
**Pollinators\***  
1<sup>00</sup> Bunco\*  
3<sup>00</sup> Crochet Class

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
10/11<sup>00</sup> Mahjong  
10<sup>00</sup> Tai Chi  
10<sup>00</sup> Skip-Bo  
10<sup>30</sup> Conv Spanish  
12<sup>00</sup> Quilting Bee  
12<sup>00</sup> Mexican Train\*  
6<sup>00</sup> **TOTH Dinner Club\***

9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
10<sup>30</sup> Bingo  
10<sup>30</sup> **Exec Comm**  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge\*

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
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9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
10<sup>00</sup> **Board Meeting**  
1<sup>00</sup> Cribbage  
1<sup>00</sup> Bingo

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
9<sup>30</sup> Rbr Brdg\*  
10<sup>00</sup> Canasta\*  
12<sup>30</sup> Poker  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge  
1<sup>00</sup> Pinochle

9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
9/10<sup>00</sup> Hearts  
9<sup>30</sup> **Senior Scribblers\***  
12<sup>00</sup> Lunch & Learn:  
**Wmsn Cty EMS\***  
1<sup>00</sup> Bunco\*  
3<sup>00</sup> Crochet Class

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
10/11<sup>00</sup> Mahjong  
10<sup>00</sup> Tai Chi  
10<sup>00</sup> Skip-Bo  
10<sup>30</sup> Conv Spanish\*  
12<sup>00</sup> Quilting Bee  
12<sup>00</sup> Mexican Train\*

9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
9<sup>30</sup> **Rated PG Book Club**  
10<sup>30</sup> Bingo  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge\*

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge  
**13**



9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
1<sup>00</sup> Cribbage  
1<sup>00</sup> Bingo  
3<sup>00</sup> **Music Bingo**

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
9<sup>30</sup> Rbr Brdg\*  
10<sup>00</sup> Canasta\*  
12<sup>30</sup> Poker  
1<sup>00</sup> **Meet & Eat\***  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge  
1<sup>00</sup> Pinochle

9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
9<sup>00</sup>/10<sup>00</sup> Hearts  
10<sup>30</sup> **Press Flw Cards\***  
1<sup>00</sup> Bunco\*  
3<sup>00</sup> Crochet Class

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
10/11<sup>00</sup> Mahjong  
10<sup>00</sup> Tai Chi  
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12<sup>00</sup> Quilting Bee  
12<sup>00</sup> Mexican Train\*



9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
10<sup>00</sup> **GenLink**  
**Tech Session\***  
**20**



9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
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1<sup>00</sup> Bingo

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
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10<sup>30</sup> **90-Min Craft\***  
12<sup>00</sup> Lunch & Learn:  
**Estate Planning 101\***  
1<sup>00</sup> Bunco\*  
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9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
9<sup>30</sup> **BCH Book Club**  
10<sup>30</sup> Bingo  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge\*  
**26**

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
9<sup>00</sup> **Monthly Breakfast\***  
**27**



9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
1<sup>00</sup> Cribbage  
1<sup>00</sup> Bingo

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
9<sup>30</sup> Rbr Brdg\*  
10<sup>00</sup> Canasta\*  
12<sup>30</sup> Poker  
1<sup>00</sup> Dup Bridge  
1<sup>00</sup> Pinochle

9<sup>00</sup> Sit & Fit  
9<sup>00</sup>/10<sup>00</sup> Hearts  
12<sup>00</sup> **Father's Day/ Independence Day Celebration Lunch**  
1<sup>00</sup> Bunco\*  
3<sup>00</sup> Crochet Class

9<sup>00</sup> Walking Grp  
10/11<sup>00</sup> Mahjong  
10<sup>00</sup> Tai Chi  
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**26**

**June 4 TOTH Dinner Club: Sky Asian Fusion\***  
1825 Crystal Falls Pkwy, Leander—6:00 p.m.—Limit: 15  
**June 16 Meet & Eat: Whip My Soul\***  
11416 FM 620, #F-G, Austin—1:00 p.m.—Limit: 15  
**June 27 Monthly Breakfast: Treasure of the Hills\***—9:00 a.m.—Limit: 40

\*The red asterisk indicates that Sign-Up is required

## Treasure of the Hills Senior Center