

PRAIRIE TWP. SENIOR CENTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

GREETINGS TO ALL.

MAYBE WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS DEEEP FREEZE PRETTY SOON AND LOOK FORWARD TO SOME PLEASANT WEATHER.

AS WE MAKE PREPARATIONS TO MOVE TO OUR NEW LOCATION, I HAVE MANY MIXED EMOTIONS. I KNOW THAT THIS WILL BE A GOOD MOVE AND WE WILL BE SAVING A LOT ON RENT AND UTILITIES, BUT I ALSO WILL MISS OUR CURRENT LOCATION. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, WE REALLY MOVED INTO A LOCATION THAT WAS LARGER THAN WE NEEDED TO START OUT WITH. NEWLYWED COUPLES USUALLY BEGIN WITH A SMALL HOUSE OR APARTMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT THEY CAN MOVE INTO A LARGER PLACE. I THINK THAT'S KIND OF THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

WE STARTED OUT WITH AN EXTRA LARGE PLACE THAT WAS BEYOND OUR PRICE RANGE AND WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO KEEP WITHIN OUR BUDGET EVER SINCE. BY MOVING INTO THE NEW PLACE, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO START OVER, SO TO SPEAK. WE WON'T HAVE THE ROOM WE HAVE HERE, BUT WE WILL MAKE DO WITH IT. TRUST ME , THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTION OF SERVICES OR HOURS. I'M SURE THAT EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FOR US.

WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING A GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO RUN THE REMODELING JOB FOR US. AFTER THAT, WE CAN GET THE BALL ROLLING AND GET THIS JOB DONE. WE WILL BE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE WORK OVER THERE, BUT WE HAVE TO SEE IF WE ARE COVERED INSURANCE WISE. WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE MOSTLY FOR PAINTING AND CLEANING.

LET'S ALL GET INTO THE SPIRIT AND MAKE THIS MOVE AS ENJOYABLE AS POSSIBLE.

ROBIN

LIFELINE SCREENINGS TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 19TH

STROKE IS AMERICA'S THIRD LEADING KILLER. IT IS ALSO THE #1 CAUSE FOR NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, HALF OF ALL STROKE VICTIMS HAVE NO WARNING SIGNS BEFORE A STROKE OCCURS.

LIFELINE SCREENING IS AMERICA'S LEADING PROVIDER OF QUALITY HEALTH SCREENINGS. THESE TESTS QUICKLY DETECT ARTERIAL ABNORMALITIES WHICH CAN CAUSE DISRUPTED BLOOD FLOW. THESE SCREENINGS ARE FAST, ACCURATE, AND AVAILABLE AT AN AFFORDABLE RATE.

THESE SCREENINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER ON FEBRUARY 19TH. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL 1-800 324-1851.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1ST, 11AM	PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING. OPEN TO ALL PTSC MEMBERS
FEBRUARY 4TH, 9AM-1PM	INCOME TAX PREPARATIONS. SUCCESSIVE MONDAYS THRU APRIL 15TH.
FEBRUARY 4TH, 2PM-4PM	LEGAL AIDE SOCIETY. CALL 878-5110 FOR APPOINTMENT
FEBRUARY 6TH, 11AM	LUNCH&LEARN. REVERSE MORTGAGES
FEBRUARY 8TH, 1-3 PM	OFFICE HOURS W/JIM HOGAN- EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS
FEBRUARY 9TH, 12-2PM	BEGINNERS PAINTING, ACRYLIC PAINT PROJECT
FEBRUARY 13TH, 7PM	TRUSTEES MEETING @ 23 MAPLE DRIVE
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2PM	SINGALONG WITH SALLY YOCOM
FEBRUARY 16TH, 3-6PM	SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT. TICKETS- \$5 IN ADVANCE
FEBRUARY 19TH	LIFELINE SCREENINGS
FEBRUARY 20TH, 11AM	LUNCH&LEARN. LEARN ABOUT HOME CARE SERVICES
FEBRUARY 21ST, 5PM	VFW MEETING (LADIES AUXILIARY MEET @ 6:30PM)
FEBRUARY 27TH, 7PM	TRUSTEES MEETING @ 23 MAPLE DRIVE
FEBRUARY 28TH, 12PM	POTLUCK. CARD PARTY
MARCH 5TH, 11AM	LUNCH&LEARN. AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR SALE

NEW CLASS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY NIGHTS

HAVE YOU EVER WATCHED DANCING WITH THE STARS AND THOUGHT, "GEE THAT LOOKS LIKE FUN. MAYBE I COULD TRY IT SOMETIME." WELL, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE. WE HAVE BEGUN A BALLROOM DANCING CLASS ON MONDAY EVENINGS. MICHAEL HARTMAN, A VERY ACCOMPLISHED BALLROOM DANCER, WILL BE HERE TO TEACH YOU THE BASICS.

PRICES ARE VERY REASONABLE, \$80 PER COUPLE, \$60 SINGLE FOR A SIX WEEK COURSE. YOU ARE PROBABLY ASKING WHY IT IS MORE FOR A SINGLE PERSON. WE NEED COUPLES, IN ORDER TO RUN THE CLASS SMOOTHLY.

TO SIGN UP, CHECK OUT THE ACTIVITY BOOK LOCATED ON THE RECEPTIONIST'S DESK.

POT LUCK NEWS

THE START TIME FOR THE FEBRUARY POTLUCK HAS BEEN MOVED UP. FOR THIS MONTH'S POTLUCK WE WILL BE STARTING AT NOON. THIS IS MORE IN LINE WITH THE TIME THAT PEOPLE ARE USED TO EATING AND IT GIVES US MORE TIME FOR OUR ACTIVITIES.

THIS MONTH WE WILL BE HAVING GAME NIGHT (DAY). BRING IN YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME OR CARD GAME AND WE'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME. ONE OF MY FAVORITE GAMES IS MONOPOLY, BUT I CAN NEVER GET ANYONE TO PLAY WITH ME. THEY ALL SAY THAT I ALWAYS WIN. WHAT CAN I SAY, I'M GOOD AT IT!

THE DATE FOR THE FEBRUARY POTLUCK IS THE 28TH AT 12 NOON. BRING A COVERED DISH AND YOUR FAVORITE GAME. FEEL FREE TO INVITE A FRIEND TO COME WITH YOU.

NEXT MONTH WE WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO THE 6PM START TIME.

SENIOR CENTER TO PROVIDE TAX SERVICE

BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE DOING “PAPER” INCOME TAX RETURNS. THIS SERVICE IS COURTESY OF THE AARP AND MR. ED HANEY, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE, BUT YOU MUST CALL THE CENTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT. PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING;

- LAST YEAR’S TAX RETURN
- ALL TAX PAPERS FOR THIS YEAR
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- PICTURE I.D.

CALL 878-5110 FOR AN APPOINTMENT. VOLUNTEER PREPARERS NEEDED ALSO! SEE ROBIN FOR DETAILS.

*****FREE NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE*****

CALL LORI MONTAG @ 878-7705 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

THIS ‘N’ THAT

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A “SOUP”ER SATURDAY, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE LIST THAT IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. FEBRUARY’S SELECTION IS SPAGHETTI AND ALL THE FIXIN’S. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5 FOR ADULTS, \$4 FOR CHILDREN AGE 10 AND UNDER. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SENIOR CENTER.
- YOU MIGHT NOTICE “SDA CLASS” ON THE CALENDAR. THE SOMALI DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOLS, IS TUTORING CHILDREN AGES 5-10. THE GOAL IS TO HELP THE CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL. THE PROGRAM IS CALLED “NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND”. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE LET ROBIN OR LANI KNOW.
- BE SURE AND SIGN UP FOR THE BEGINNERS PAINTING CLASS. WE HAD 17 PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST CLASS AND EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. THE FEBRUARY CLASS IS THE SECOND SATURDAY FROM 12-2PM. IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING A LUNCH OR A SNACK.
- VFW POST 6065 MEETS THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5PM. THE LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS AT 6:30PM THE SAME NIGHT. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS, CONTACT WILL DAVIS FOR DETAILS @ 878-5110.

RECIPE CORNER

SUBMITTED BY BILL REITER

NOODLE CASSEROLE

1 BAG KLUSKI NOODLES

1 BAG FROZEN CORN

1/2 TSP. SALT

1 CUP MILK

1 ROLL SAUSAGE (MILD OR SPICY)

COOK NOODLES TIL TENDER. FRY SAUSAGE UNTIL BROWN AND CRUMBLY. DRAIN SAUSAGE.

COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS. ADD SALT AND PEPPER. PLACE IN SHALLOW BAKING DISH AND BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 1/2 HOUR.

*IF YOU WANT IT CREAMY, ADD 1 CAN OF MUSHROOM SOUP AND 1/2 CUP MORE MILK.

JUST LIKE BILL’S MOM USED TO MAKE! YUM, YUM!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

BENEFIT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 3PM-6PM

PRICES

\$5 IN ADVANCE

\$6 AT THE DOOR

\$4 AGE 10 AND UNDER

MENU

SPAGHETTI/SAUCE

MEATBALLS

SALAD/BREAD

DESSERT

****50/50 RAFFLE****

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK

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