



INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

December 2024



SEPO Board

Welcome back our Winter Texan residents!!!!

Our next Board Meeting is December 9th at 1:00 in Retzlaff Hall. Residents Meeting the following day---Tuesday the 10th.

Please, if you want to help our community, consider volunteering to be a member of the Nominating Committee. The Committee will be looking for four (4) new members of the Board. It is your Community and your help is much appreciated!!!

- *Jim Kennedy, SEPO President*

Celebration of Life for Jack Baethke

Sunday, December 29th, 2024 Noon to 2PM, Retzlaff Hall

Please join Jack's family to share many memories, some laughs, and a few tears, a beer or pop and a light lunch of Jack's favorite cafe haunts. Jack will be remembered for his sense of humor, kind actions, and a genuine caring-heart. We thank everyone for your support during the past few months. He will be missed by so many.

- *Jan Baethke*

Communications

I just want to let everyone know that, although I won't physically be in Sunshine for most of December, I will continue to handle SEPO Communications just as I do during the summer. As always, contact me anytime with any questions/issues. Thanks everyone. Let's keep that information flowing!!!

- *Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications Mgr*

Women's Club: From the President

The Women's Club is thriving this season with a series of community fundraising events aimed at fostering friendships and beautifying our neighborhood. In our November meeting, we welcomed approximately 51 members.

We are excited to introduce Judy Stone as our new historian; her contributions will be invaluable. Liz Deitrick shared an update on her team's ongoing initiatives to enhance our storage facilities, while Anita Smith informed us about upcoming Women's Club merchandise, with half of the proceeds benefiting our general funds.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Pam Adams and Sandy Lowe for leading our Halloween festivities, which were delightfully spooky!

In the absence of a chairperson for our Chili Cook Off, our dedicated Women's Club Board stepped up to ensure a fantastic event, resulting in some new champions: 1st place went to Jill Heinerikson, 2nd place to Lisa Perrier, 3rd place to Fred Lowe, and the Whackiest Chili award was claimed by Fred Sanchez!



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Lenore Combs organized a touching Veteran's Day celebration that left many in tears. We extend our gratitude to all of our Sunshine Veterans for their service to our country.

Our first-ever Country Carnival, chaired by Aida Leach and Pam Davis, brought our neighborhood together for a fantastic gathering. A huge thank you to all who contributed to its success; it was a blast!

We are also grateful to Lenore Combs for coordinating our annual Thanksgiving lunch, which is a lovely occasion to connect with our neighbors.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our Craft and Bake Sale on December 6th, organized by Terry DeBackere and Nancy Lyne.

We are still in search of a chairperson for our Christmas Dinner; please keep in mind that without someone to lead, we may not be able to host this event.

We are eagerly anticipating a fun New Year's Eve celebration, hosted by Patricia Lay and her committee on December 31st—stay tuned for more information! Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Our very own Beth Parish is spearheading a resident photo update initiative. If you're interested in leading this project or have photography skills to contribute, please get in touch with Beth!

Join us for our upcoming Women's Club meeting on the third Friday of December, which falls on December 20th at 9 AM. We'll provide refreshments and host an ugly sweater contest with prizes for the top three winners! As usual, we'll cover upcoming activities and address community matters. We look forward to seeing all the women of our community there. Together, let's create a positive change!

Please keep in mind that the Women's Club members are volunteers committed to organizing fun events, and every dollar we earn is reinvested back into our community.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

- Pam Davis, Women's Club President

Women's Club: Activities Director

I would like to begin by thanking those of you that have participated in and/or worked the past events these last couple of months. We couldn't do it without you all! I would also like to thank in advance those of you that are planning on attending or have signed up to help with the upcoming events which include Thanksgiving potluck (Nov. 28th), Craft and Bake sale (Dec. 7th), Christmas potluck (Dec. 25th) and the New Year's Eve party (Dec. 31st).

In last month's newsletter I had mentioned maybe doing a dolphin watch "field trip" and to let me know if you'd be interested in going on one. The response was very underwhelming to say the least, so that is being put on the far back burner. That being said though, I'm always all ears if someone has a fun idea for



us in the future. Remember that in the spring, the Women's Club always has a planning meeting, where we discuss events we'd like to see happen next year.

Speaking of next year, (I'm putting this out in the universe now) as much fun as it has been being the Women's Club Activity Director, I am not seeking to be the director again next year. So start thinking of who you would like to see take my place. It's a fun position and a busy one but the rewards are totally worth all the blood, sweat and tears! I will do everything I can to help make it a smooth transition and to give whoever it is as much advice as I can (I have learned a lot!)

- Jill Ventrello
Women's Club Activity Director

Women's Club: Bake & Craft Sale

Just a reminder that the Women's Club Bake & Craft sale is coming up on Dec 7. All are welcome to come have coffee and cinnamon rolls with friends..shop our vendors and buy some goodies at the bake sale. We will take donations of your homemade goodies...cookies, breads, rolls, home canned jams and jellies...in the hal on Friday at 6 pm. The sale is on Sat from 8 to 11.

- Terry DeBackere / Nancy Lyne.....Co-chairs

Women's Club: New Years Eve

A shout out to community on New Years Eve!
Get ready for some fun to ring in the New Year!
Music and music videos for dancing.
Games and prizes
Bring snacks to share
More information later
Woo-hoo
- Patricia Lay/Chair

Christmas Caroling

Hi All – For the past few years I have headed up the Sunshine Christmas Caroling event. I wanted to let everyone know I will not be doing that this year. However, I am really hoping that someone will step up and take it over, as it truly is a wonderful tradition that has been established. I would hate to see it fall by the wayside.

- Pam Lacy

Golf: Women's League

We had our first golf meeting on Wednesday, November 20,2024. Thank you all for your attendance and participation in the group discussions.

A big shout out to those that volunteered to chair or co-chair an event this season:

- Lisa Ellicott and Lori McCurry for a fundraiser on February 1, 2025.



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- Bonnie Fransene to co-chair the Good Neighbor Tournament lunches. Terry DeBackere has graciously agreed to chair the event again this year. Thank you.
- Suzie Sawyer, Glenda Wetherbee and Marlene Hall will be our new Rules Committee.

Thank you to Glenda Wetherbee for her past commitment to chair the potato bake, and to Karen Peterson for being on the rules committee.

A big thank you to Nancy Lyne for all her help training me and keeping me on track! That has not been easy.

Following are some changes that were recommended by our members: Great ideas

- Randy had a sign we will be placing on hole #1 every Wednesday to inform the residents that the course is closed for league play. The sign will be removed at 11:30.
- Our winter golf hours will begin December 4, 2024, through February 26, 2025, with a start time of 9:30. Please be in the library no later than 9:15.

We were able to get "Guest Day", changed to January 8, 2025, with a rain date of January 22, 2025.

Our next meeting will be on December 18, 2024, in Retzlaf Hall at 9:00.

Again, thank you all for your participation and suggestions ... keep them coming!

- Dana Szretter

Sunshine Garden Club

Sunshine Garden Club announcing:

Wild August Flower Farm Tour
16803 Garrett Road, Harlingen, TX
6 min via Stuart Place Rd

Field Trip: Tuesday, December 10

Jennifer Wilson's passion for gardening blossomed into the ownership of half an acre, dedicated entirely to cut flowers. The journey started with Jennifer and her family transporting a trailer packed with hundreds of blooms to various markets throughout the Valley. Jennifer remarked that managing three kids, along with a trailer full of flowers, was quite a challenge. So, they transformed their backyard into a farmer's market, allowing locals to buy flowers straight from the farm.

Jennifer Wilson encourages the community to take up gardening. "It will not only change your life but also your living room decor."

December 10th

Gather: 10:30 am our library parking lot

Tour starts: 11 am (1 hour walking tour)

After tour visit the gift shop and feel free to bring a snack or lunch -Dessert provided while visiting in the pavilion.



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Signup sheet located in Library.

Join us to experience the beauty of these flowers.

- *Susanne Ulrich*

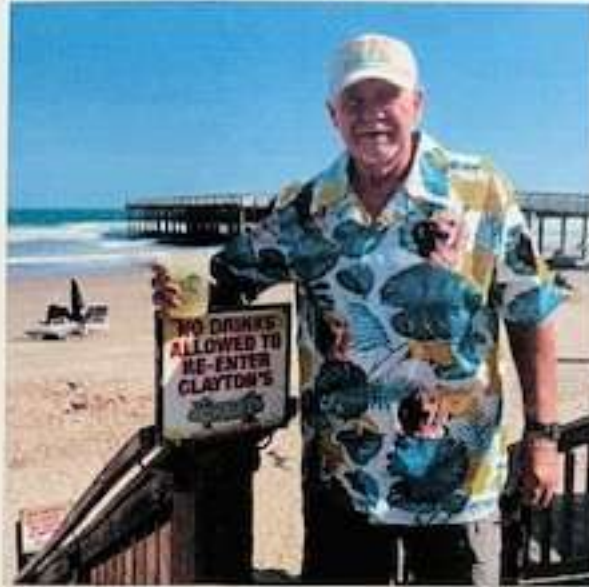




BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Brett Dana



Music, Parody, Comedy

Sunday February 16th, Retzlaff Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

WOW – This is the last Newsletter for 2024. Where has the year gone? They say – time flies when you're having fun. And we surely do that here at Sunshine.

Thanks to everyone who provided great information for this Newsletter. As additional details are finalized for some of these events, they can be sent to the community at any time via seponews@sunshinecountryclub.com.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all.

- **Beth Parrish, SEPO Newsletter Editor**

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