# THE CHATTER FOR FEBRUARY 2025

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#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting was held on Friday January 17th. There were 30 members in attendance. New Board Officers were elected to the following positions - Bill MacLaren, President; Jack George, Vice President; Coni Bush, Secretary; Pam Paskell, Treasurer. Welcome to our new Board Officers and thank you for your willingness to lead and serve. In addition to our elected officials, there are several others who serve on the Board at large, including Mary Nelson, Linda Looney, Dianne Johnson, Louise Courtwright, Dorbie Maclaren, Loretta Brice, and Alick Carrick. A huge thank you as well to our outgoing Board officers who served for the past three years - Alice Carrick, Past President; Brenda Hornbuckle, Past VP; Jan Rux, Past Secretary, and Loretta Brice, Past Treasurer. Your service and your leadership have been greatly appreciated.

There was also a decision made that all members who joined as a Lifetime member for \$5 or less prior to 2023 will be grandfathered in, and all new members joining will join at an Annual Membership fee of \$12. The Bylaws will be updated to reflect this change. That said, several Lifetime members also chose to voluntarily convert their membership to an Annual \$12 Membership. If this is something you would like to do as well, please see an Ambassador Monday - Friday from 10-2 and they can set that up for you.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Senior Center provided Subway sandwiches and ice cream sundaes

### FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

The Senior Center will once again be bringing in Tax Aid to offer help in filing your income taxes. Assistance will be available on **Monday, February 17th**, **Monday March 17th**, and a date to be determined in April. You must make an appointment to reserve your spot. There are only 5 spots left, so if you would like to take advantage of this free service, please contact Mary Nelson at 360-274-7882 to make your appointment ASAP.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

We were saddened to hear that one of our long time quilters, Susan Donaldson, passed away in January. She was known for her pension for flare  $\bigcirc$ 

### **NEW MEMBERS**

A big welcome to **Eileen George**, who joined in January. Please be sure to take advantage of the free cinnamon roll and coffee. It's a great way to meet many of our members and make new friends.

### **QUILT RAFFLE**

Have you seen the gorgeous quilt the quilters made for this year? It's in the main room at the Senior Center and Raffle tickets are for sale. This year we'd like to try something new... we'd like to reward you for selling raffle tickets. That's right. We want to get the word out about our spectacular quilt, so the person who sells the most raffle tickets will be rewarded with a \$50 gift card (of your choice). Here's how it works, simply "sign out" the number of tickets you want to sell - You can pick these up at the Senior Center and indicate on the sign out sheet how many you've taken to sell. Sell the tickets (6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10), have the buyer write their name and phone number on the back, then return the money you've collected and the tickets (with the info on the back) to the Senior Center, (put the tickets in the hopper and the money in the coffee can) and indicate on the sign out sheet how many you sold and how much money you collected. With all of us working together, we're hoping to make this the fundraiser it deserves to be this year  $\Box$ 

### **SOUP FOR THE SOUL**

The Castle Rock United Methodist Church offers a FREE bowl of soup to one and all from 5 o'clock to 6:30 pm every Thursday. You pick up your bowl at the side entrance on B Street.

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Needing assistance with transportation or help around the house? Volunteers Services, an organization through Catholic Community Services, provides assistance to those who can't afford to pay for the kinds of services they offer, don't qualify for assistance elsewhere, or don't have friends or family to assist. They serve people of all beliefs, are free of charge, and based on volunteer availability. You must be 60 or older; or adults 18-59 who have temporary and permanent functional limitations, living on a fixed income and living in your own home. You need to call for a quick phone intake to determine if you're eligible for assistance, so contact them at 844-851-9380. If you want additional information, check their website at <a href="https://ccsww.org">https://ccsww.org</a>

This organization is also in search of volunteers who can assist in providing services to people in need. Please contact them at the above number if you are able and willing to help, as any service provided is based on volunteer availability.



TAX AID MONDAY, FEB 17TH

Note that due to Tax Aid Services on the 17th there will be no Yoga or Exercise



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



(Highlight = 90+ years young)

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Vera Young	2	Susan Truttmann	14	Sharron Nelson	20
Ray Roberts	3	Randy Skeeis	14	Jean Ryan	20
Sandy Mitchell	4	Terry Dorn	14	Justin Wygant	20
Lona Kirkwood	4	Dave Moss	16	Dean Andelson	21
Faye Germunson	6	Richard Yaple	16	Doris Langlo	22
Jody Kautz	8	Harold Ramey	16	Doris (Dorbie) MacLaren	22
Ginny Seyhanli	9	Helen Ells	17	Charlotte Bradley	23
Buck Reinholdt	9	Beverly Bowman	17	Dorothy Eylander	25
Mary Mitchell	9	Richard Sherman	17	Janel Burger	25
Douglas Huffman	10	Brenda Rowe	17	Tamara Byrum	26
Shirley Huffman	10	Buck Savage	18	Mike Hickman	27
Ruth Cook	12	Robert Smith	18	Catherine Petlock	28
Ray Durant	12	Doris Brown	18	Bill Martin	
Carole Jones	13	Mary Rosen	18		
Ronnie Evans	14	Lois Karboski	18		

# Senior Center Wednesday Lunch Menu



## Wednesday, February 5th

Chicken Tortellini Bake With Pumpkin Alfredo, Oregon Bean, Sliced Oranges, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Cake

### Wednesday, February 12th

Chicken Artichoke Casserole, Roasted Potatoes, California Blend, Orange Carrot Slaw

## Wednesday, February 19th

Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Cauliflower Rice, Chuckwagon Blend, Apricots

# Wednesday, February 26th

Chicken Reuben Casserole, Roasted Potatoes, Oregon Bean, Sliced Oranges

For Reservations and/or questions, please call Denise at (360) 762-3111

Suggested Donation of \$5 per meal

# Important Reminders

- Make sure you sign the Sign-In Book located on the table each time you come into the Center. This is important, as the number of people who use the Senior Center are counted.,
- **Please bring in your unwanted yarn** for Mary Chappell. Mary is the talented lady who makes the beautiful lap robes we sell.
- Drop off any of your unwanted medications in the box located in the City Hall lobby.
- Please continue to bring in your aluminum cans. Mary and Wayne Chappell pick them up, and the money collected goes to benefit the Senior Center.
- Please continue to bring in your Oregon recyclable plastic bottles. Mary Nelson collects and delivers them to the Rainier Oregon Senior Center to be recycled.
- We are now also collecting Oregon recyclable beer bottles. Mary Nelson collects and delivers them to the Rainier Oregon Senior Center to be recycled.
- Donate your unwanted greeting cards to the Senior Center.
- **Donate your glasses**, cases, etc., for the Lions Club.
- Please consider buying raffle tickets for the quilt hanging on the wall. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. You can buy tickets anytime you are at the center.
- Potluck 3rd Friday of the month. Hope to see you there!
- Commodities are delivered on the 3rd Thursday of every month to our parking lot. Have your CAP ID card.
- The Lions Food Bank delivers to the Eagles every Thursday from 1-2 PM. Bring ID showing you live in Castle Rock or Toutle.



Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives your courage.

~ Lao Tzu ~