

## NEWS FROM THE STAFF

### YOU ARE INVITED

*By Glen Shaffer, Chairman on the Board*



Please join me and the members of the Board of Directors for coffee and a light breakfast on **Thursday, Aug 15**, from **9-9:45am** in the upstairs Lobby Area of Blue Skies of Texas West. For planning purposes, *please sign up in CC3 by noon Wednesday, Aug 14*. We look forward to visiting with the Blue Skies of Texas West

Residents.

### 2019 HAGAUER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

*By Darrell Jones, President/CEO*



Please join me in congratulating our Hagauer Scholarship Recipients and their sponsoring BST family members:

Austin Hazel (left picture), son of Wendy Carpenter, Chief Health Services Officer, is attending UTSA and studying Kinesiology. Austin was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Lyric Williams (right picture), daughter of Maxine Fluellen, Human Resources Generalist, will be attending Northwest Vista College studying Business Administration and Management. Lyric, until very recently, served our residents in dining services, where she worked for two and a half years. Lyric was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Congratulations to Austin and Lyric. Your focus and hard work helped you achieve the Hagauer Scholarship. Along with the support and love of your family – your commitment to your education will fuel your life's dreams!

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

*By Darrell Jones, President/CEO*

Every year each Blue Skies of Texas campus recognizes a person, persons or organization that has/have contributed significantly to the betterment of Blue Skies of Texas. The award is given either for a sustained period of superior performance,



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Margaret H. McDaniels**  
passed away on  
**Jul 6, 2019**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Mrs. Rosewitha Snavelly**  
passed away on  
**Jul 9, 2019**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**CMSgt Tommie Anderson**  
passed away on  
**Jul 20, 2019**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Lt Col William Thompson**  
passed away on  
**Jul 25, 2019**

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or a specific meritorious act or achievement. Distinguished Service Award nominations may include residents, board members and any friends of BST who have no direct affiliation with BST. Any resident, board member, or staff member of either campus may make nominations. Please submit your nominations to the Resident Services Director, Lori DeWitt, containing a brief narrative of the nominee's contribution or achievement, no later than **Sunday, Oct 13**.

### **BIRTHDAY OF UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

*By Fred Ryder, Chief Operations Officer*

**Aug 4**, marks the birthday of the United States Coast Guard. The Coast Guard traces its founding to Aug 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling and protect the collection of federal revenue. The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service protecting the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation's waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security. Happy Birthday and Semper Paratus! [www.military.com/coast-guard-birthday](http://www.military.com/coast-guard-birthday)



### **NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICES**

*By Lori DeWitt*

#### **Save The Date:**

**Thursday, Aug 8** – DRAC Meeting, Roadrunner Lounge, **1:30pm**

**Friday, Aug 9** - Westover Brass Band, Main Lobby, **3pm**

**Thursday, Aug 15** – Coffee & Light Breakfast with Board of Directors, Lobby, **9am**

**Tuesday, Aug 20** - Ice Cream Floats w/Broadway Bank, Main Lobby, **3pm-4pm**

**Friday, Aug 23** - Summer Luau Pool Party, Swimming Pool, **2pm**

**Tuesday, Aug 27** – The Oaks Safety Checks, **1:30-4pm**

**Friday, Aug 30** – Siren Testing, **10am**



**Wednesday, Sep 4- Honey, Hats & Chats, Main Lobby, 2pm**

**Paving** – We are planning in late September to pave the RV area and the parking lot at the Lobby flagpole. We'll be reaching out to our RV'ers individually to work the movement of your RV's and the exact dates. If you're an RV'er and will be out of town in Sep (without your RV), please give me a call, and we'll make arrangements for your RV.

**Dinner Reservations** – We are conducting a trial regarding dinner reservations. On **Aug 12, 13, 15 and 16**, residents will be able to attend dinner without having to make reservations. For residents who desire not to make reservations, please do so with the understanding you may have to wait for 45 minutes to an hour to be seated. For residents who would still like to make reservations, please do so as usual. For any question or concerns, please contact Dining Services.

**New Residents Since March** – If you would like to update your resident roster, a list is available at the Front Desk of all new residents since March with their phone numbers and email address.

**Video: *You don't have to live with Urinary Incontinence!*** – Provided by Ryan Blue with Select Rehabilitation for your private viewing. This video will be shown on the in-house channel 1890 on:

**Friday, Aug 2 at 6pm**

**Saturday, Aug 3 at 10am, 2pm, and 7pm**

**Sunday, Aug 4 at 10am, 2pm, and 7pm**

**The Vista & Liberty House** – Reminder, if you're taking a resident who resides in these areas off Campus, to your home, etc., please ensure you check in with a Staff member to sign him or her out.

**Pool Doors** – We know some like the pool doors open and some like them closed. To prevent critters from sharing the pool, if you open the doors, please ensure you close all the doors prior to leaving the pool area.

**The Oaks Safety Checks** – Staff will be visiting all homes in The Oaks on **Tuesday, Aug 27**, between **1:30-4pm**. Each check will only take about 10 minutes.

**Shopping Carts** – Please, return the carts to one of the Tower entryways once you're finished with them. They're intended for use by all.

**Maintenance Guest Room** – Blue Skies has a guest room available, should the need arise, due to issues in your home that can't be resolved immediately (a/c outages, no water, etc.). Please contact the Front Desk.

**Modification Forms** – These forms need to be filled out prior to any modifications to your home or landscaping. We don't often say, "No," to a request, but it's necessary for us to look at the "big picture." These forms can be obtained from Maintenance or Resident Services. Once you pick it up, just fill it out and drop it off to Maintenance or



Resident Services. We have a small committee that will review and approve/disapprove all requests.

**Safety** – Please use extreme caution when exiting Montgomery Road and turning on to the access road coming toward Blue Skies. We've witnessed several drivers exiting Highway 90, and they don't realize the access road is two way. We've reported this concern to TxDot. Please use caution until they are able to resolve this situation (scheduled for 2020).

**Johnston Library Transportation** – Every second and fourth Friday of the month. Bus departs at **9:45am** from the Main Lobby.

**Wednesday Shopping** – Departs from the Lobby at **1pm**.

**Aug 7** – Target; **Aug 14** – Trader Joes; **Aug 21** – Costco; **Aug 28** – Alamo Ranch

**Friday "Mall" Transportation** – Departs from the Lobby at **10am**.

**Aug 2** – La Cantera; **Aug 9** – Ingram Mall; **Aug 16** – Wonderland Mall of the Americas; **Aug 23** – Quarry Marketplace; **Aug 30** – North Star Mall

**Housekeeping Spotlight Item** – These weekly items give housekeepers an area of special interest. Housekeepers will still adhere to their checklists but will pay special attention to the Spotlight Items of the week:

Week of **Aug 5** – Walls, Switches, Doorplates; **Aug 12** – Door Frames/Tracks;

**Aug 19** – Vanity Lights; **Aug 26** – Gaskets on Refrigerator/Dishwasher

## **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

*By Teresa Santana, Assistant Resident Services Director*

Please give the following new residents a warm Blue Skies West "Welcome" in your respective neighborhoods.

- Mr. David & Mrs. Dorothy Lemme, #1703

## **SCAM ALERT**

*By Shirley Clay, Resident Counselor*



**"This call is to alert you there is a problem with your credit card....or checking account."** When you receive an automated call or voicemail like this, it sounds very official and can be scary. But it is a circulating scam. The scammers ask you to call a number and when you return the call, personal information is requested. The information can then be used to gain access to your credit card or financial accounts. If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately. Do not return calls to any numbers given by the caller. Check your accounts online, or call your financial institution directly with the number you usually use to reach them, to see if there has been any unusual activity on your accounts. Most institutions have various means to put alerts on your financial accounts if requested to watch for unusual activity. A resident recently mentioned to me scammers had tried to reach her through calling the Blue Skies front desk. Remember, the front desk will not give out your telephone number to a caller. In this



situation, the front desk did take a call-back number which was given to the resident. When the resident returned the call, it was an automated message stating there was a problem with her checking account. This resident hung up immediately!! Be Aware of Scammers' Tactics! Don't let scammers win!

## **ANNUAL FIRE-SAFETY VISITS FOR THE OAKS**

*By Teresa Santana, Assistant Resident Services Director*

Do you know what to do in the event of a fire? Fires can happen anywhere at any given time. They can start small and turn into a life threatening situation. Being prepared and knowing what to do will help you and those around you act swiftly. Blue Skies team members will be performing safety visits to assess and mitigate potential fire and life safety hazards in your home. On the day of the visit, a Blue Skies team member(s) will arrive at your home to brief you on our process and review your home for any fire/safety hazards. A typical visit may take up to 15 minutes. If you have a "Do Not Enter" notice on file and are not present for the visit, we will still enter your home to complete the check, although our preference is for residents to be present. The date the visits will be performed is **Tuesday, Aug 27, 1:30-4pm.**

## **VIDEOS IN PUBLIC AREAS**     *By Kathie Estrada, Director Corporate Compliance*

We've had some inquiries about showing movies in public areas. Unfortunately to do so requires purchase of an umbrella license from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation. The amount of the fee for the license outweighs the benefit to the small number of requests we receive. This applies even to videos you own or rent. The purchase or rental agreement allows only for viewing in your home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## **DID YOU WRITE A CHECK TO THE IRS THIS YEAR?**

*By Joy Woodruff, Director of Development*

One way to avoid writing that dreaded IRS check next year is to consider a charitable gift annuity (CGA) with the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation.

In exchange for your gift of cash or appreciated stock, individuals or couples can receive a fixed, guaranteed, partially tax-free lifetime income stream in addition to immediate tax savings.

When someone considers a CGA, they generally have one of two interests. One is the lifetime fixed rate of interest. Two factors determine the interest rate: current age and whether the annuity is written for one or two beneficiaries. With two beneficiaries, the interest rate will be lower.

The other consideration is the tax deduction available in the year the annuity is established. The factor that drives this deduction is the IRS discount rate. Donors may elect the most favorable rate from the current month or either of the previous two months; the June rate is 2.8%. As an example, a couple, both 74 years of age, establish a \$25,000 annuity. They receive a 5.4% interest rate and a 2019 deduction



of \$8,373. Their annual income, which is partially tax-free, is \$1,350. The interest rate for a 74-year old individual would be 6.1% with a \$10,495.50 tax deduction and \$1,525 annual income.

Your decision to establish a CGA is a gift that keeps on giving beyond your lifetime to impact Blue Skies of Texas, your home, your friends and neighbors. If you would like additional information or a no-obligation, confidential proposal, please call the Development office at 210-568-3206.

## **NOTHING BUNDT CAKES' NEW STORE - SUPPORTING BLUE SKIES!**

*By JoyWoodruff@blueskiestx.org, Director of Development*



As part of the opening of the new Dove Creek Nothing Bundt Cakes location, co-owners Laura González (pictured) and her husband Mariano decided to donate 20% of proceeds from sales on Friday, July 19. The result was a generous gift to the Blue Skies Charitable Fund. We truly appreciate their initiative, generosity and community spirit. Keep their delicious cakes in mind to help you celebrate special occasions throughout the year!

## **2019 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S – SAN ANTONIO, TX**

*By Kurt Riedel , Director of Freedom House*



**Saturday, Oct 19**

Registration: **8am**

Ceremony: **9am**

Walk: **9:30am**

It is time to put away your running shoes and pull out your casual walkers to support our goal of curing Alzheimer's Disease. We invite you to join Team Freedom House as we represent Blue Skies of Texas at this year's walk! If you are interested, please sign up on the Alzheimer's Association website's Walk Page, or go to:

<https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/TX->

[SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team\\_id=543142&pg=team&fr\\_id=12431](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team_id=543142&pg=team&fr_id=12431)

Search for Team Freedom House and enter your information! Watch next month for details on transportation.

## **LEADINGAGE TEXAS 2019 ARTSINSPIRE™ FINALISTS**

*By Shari Proctor, Wellness & Life Enrichment Director*

Thank you to all residents who entered the 2019 **ArtsInspire™** Contest. Blue Skies residents submitted a total of 33 entries for the written and visual arts categories. BST residents brought home 10 wins, including Best of Show. This is phenomenal, as BST



competed with at least 12 other Leading Age Texas Communities across the state. Below is the list of our Blue Skies Stars and how they placed:

**Best in Show**

Gail Coe – “Egypt”

**Hard Crafts**

First, Ann Albert – “Waves”

Second, Mac McDonald- “Madre E Hijo”

Third, Bob Nettleship- “Shapes and Shadows”

**Mixed Media**

First, Mac McDonald – “Western Reader”

**Painting: Alternative**

First, Dottie Wallingford – “Blown in the Wind”

Third, Joy Heslin – “When the Sun Went Down”

**Painting: Oil/Acrylic**

Second, Doug Frazee – “Planted Stump at Botanical Garden Portugal”

**Painting: Watercolor**

First, Gail Coe – “Egypt”

**Soft Crafts: Sewing**

Second, Betty Granheim – “Diptych Wall-hanging: Sunrise #1-Sunset #2”

**Soft Crafts: Textile**

First, Karen McDonald – “Roxie and Sissy”

**ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE OF SERVICE**

*By HR Team*

The Human Resources Team (HR) would like to thank the following employees for reaching an Anniversary Milestone of Service with Blue Skies of Texas. Thank you for serving our residents with love and care throughout the years. We appreciate you!

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Anniversary Date</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Department</b>
Jacqueline Morales	Aug 3	1 yr	Vista (West)
Rene Sosa	Aug 6	1 yr	Resident Services (East)
Beatrice Escalante	Aug 8	5 yr	Dietary (West)
Maria T. Diaz	Aug 17	1 yr	Mission Nutritional Svs (East)
Cecilia Lopez	Aug 17	1 yr	Freedom House (West)
Marsha Lloyd	Aug 21	10 yrs	Liberty House (West)
Yukari Nitz	Aug 21	5 yrs	Resident Services (East)
Erica Salazar	Aug 22	5 yrs	The Mission (East)
Manuel Ortiz	Aug 28	10 yrs	Maintenance (East)
Sandra Calvillo	Aug 31	1 yr	Vista (West)
Rachel Williams	Aug 31	1 yr	Vista (West)
Tracy Lee	Aug 31	1 yr	Beauty Shop (West)

Araceli Mendez Delgado	Aug 31	1 yr	Resident Services (West)
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## MAINTENANCE

### CATERED LIVING

*By Mercedes Cruz, CATERED Living Manager*



Do you have a piece of furniture you need assembled, or something you need repaired? CATERED Living can help you with repairing, assembling or moving furniture, additional cleaning, car washing, golf cart preventive maintenance, gardening, grocery shopping and much more!! We also have our laundry service for \$1.50/lb.

Let us know if you would like more information, contact us at 210-568-3285. The CATERED Living office is located within the Maintenance office (Lower Level, Tower3).

### PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

*By Mercedes Cruz, System Coordinator*

<b>Friday, Aug 2:</b>	<b>Friday, Aug 9:</b>
<b>Tower Apts</b> – 106-108, 131-138, 141-148	<b>Tower Apts</b> – 211-218, 221-228
<b>Cottages</b> – 1100-1200	<b>Cottages</b> – 1300-1400
<b>Specials</b> – Village Center, Kitchen, The Vista – Office & A Wing	<b>Specials</b> – Exterior Main Bldg. (Tower)
<b>Ranch Homes</b> – 860, 862, 863, 864	<b>Ranch Homes</b> – 865, 866, 867, 868
<b>Friday, August 16:</b>	<b>Friday, August 23:</b>
<b>Tower Apts</b> – 231-238, 241-248	<b>Tower Apts</b> – 311-318, 321-328
<b>Cottages</b> – 1500	<b>Cottages</b> – 1600
<b>Specials</b> – Liberty House, The Vista – B & C Wing	<b>Specials</b> – Freedom House – Int./Ext.
<b>Ranch Homes</b> – 803, 805, 807, 809	<b>Ranch Homes</b> – 804, 806, 808, Pavilion 3
<b>Friday, Aug 27:</b>	
<b>Work Orders</b>	





## BOB'S BLOG

By B  b

A few weeks ago we took a trip up to Dallas and spent the night in a hotel. The hotel was “free” because of our points, but we had to pay \$100 for Bob to stay there. He would not settle (shocking because we all know how much Bob loves to sleep). Every time I looked at him during the night, he was staring just like in this picture – at the door. All night long. I finally fell asleep at about 4am, Bob was still staring at the door! Bob couldn't sleep = Lori couldn't sleep ☹️



## AIR FORCE VILLAGES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

**Col and Mrs. James W. Council**

**Ms. Susan Harvey**

*in memory of Col Hubert and Mrs. Madeline Harvey*

**Estate of Mrs. Madeline R. Jacobs**

**The Myra Stafford Pryor Charitable Trust**

provided amazing charitable gifts of \$10,000 or more from June 25 – July 24.

We are also grateful to the following donors who provided generous support!

### **BLUE SKIES CHARITABLE FUND**

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## AFV CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORT, JUNE 25 – JULY 24 *(cont'd.)*

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## AFV CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORT, JUNE 25 – JULY 24 *(cont'd.)*

### MARY O. WOLANIN ENDOWMENT

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*in memory of Joseph McCullough  
and Clyde McCullough Sr.*

### HIGH FLIGHT CENTER FUND *(cont'd.)*

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Lt Col and Mrs. Bob Rutledge  
Mrs. Jane Stuart  
Capt Joseph C. Wychunas  
Lt Col and Mrs. Norris S. Wynne  
Mrs. Cynthia Yanez

**We offer a special thank you to those individuals listed below  
who donated through the Protestant Church from June 25 – July 24  
to benefit the High Flight Center:**

Maj and Mrs. Kenneth F. Andrews, Jr.  
Mrs. Kathy Bader  
Lt Col and Mrs. James M. Conner  
Dr. and Mrs. LeBaron W. Dennis  
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Lt Col Valerie St. John



## AFV CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORT, JUNE 25 – JULY 24 *(cont'd.)*

As always, we are sincerely grateful for our anonymous donors!

Due to the deadline for this month's resident newsletters, those who have made gifts after July 24 will be recognized in the following report. Thank you!

*We make every effort to prepare a complete and accurate donor listing.*

*If you detect an error, please contact the AFVCF office (568-3211) so that we can correct our records.*

*Thank you.*

### RESIDENTS' CORNER

#### THANK YOU

*By Mary Goldfein*

Words cannot express my sincere appreciation for the amazing kindness that has been expressed again and again by the entire Blue Skies of Texas community to my family and me at the passing of my husband Goldie. It is still overwhelming to me. Without the support I received from family, Blue Skies staff, friends and neighbors, it would have been even more difficult. I am grateful to call Blue Skies my home, and thank you one and all for your love and support

#### PARADE THANK YOU 2019

*By Frank Sherman, Parade PR*

Many Thanks to all those who made our "First-In-The-Nation" Independence Day parade such a success. As the chairman, Stump Sowada, said: "It was inspiring to see our young men and women in uniform, marching in formation, as the Commemorative Air Force flew overhead." He also stated that our Thanks go out to all of our marchers: The Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps; The Revolutionary War and Marine Corp Color Guards; The Pots 'n Pans Drill Team; The Kazoo Marching Band; Wheelman Cycling Club; Goldie's Memorial Scooter Team; Boy Scouts; Drum Majorettes; the Bexar County Sheriffs Explorers; and the Mini Horses.

A big "Thank You" to our parade Grand Marshals Alice Mechling, Rosella Anderson and Lt Col June McLaren (retired USAF), and to all of our residents and community neighbors who brought in Antique Vehicles, Convertibles, other Cars and decorated golf carts. Thank You also to our First Responders: Fire Department (that was one awesome fire engine), Acadian Ambulance and the Bexar County Sheriff's Department. Thank You also to the pilots of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) for their fly-by. Of course any Thank You would be incomplete without mentioning our Parade Marshals, Staff and Management who gave of their time, as well as the Thrift Shop and Morrison Community Living who donated the hot dogs and all of the fixin's; as well as you, the spectators who watched the parade. As Chairman Sowada concluded: "Everyone enjoyed the not-too-hot weather and had a great time. Thank you all!"



## NOTES FROM THE DRAC

*By Bill Ball, DRAC Secretary*

The DRAC Agenda and Minutes from every meeting are available in binders in the Library and in CC3 within one week following a DRAC meeting. DRAC Minutes are also forwarded to the Resident Council and included in their published minutes. Any resident should also be able to get a copy via email from their area's DRAC representative if they wish.

From now on, please refer to those detailed documents. We will no longer take up space in the *Roadrunner* since these are easily available elsewhere.

### “Did You Know?”

Salads and Sandwiches are available in the Village Store, next to the Front Desk, and may be charged to your meal plan. This is particularly helpful when you're hungry and the Bistro isn't open.

## DRAC ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

*By Bill Ball, DRAC Secretary*

Starting in 2020, the Dining Room Advisory Council (DRAC) will have eighteen representatives - two from each of the nine major population areas (no at-large positions anymore). DRAC members stand for election every year, so all positions are open, but some residents have served so long they are not eligible in 2020.

The following DRAC representatives have reached their term limits, and we thank them for their many years of service:

Tom Reedy

Kathy Bader

Buzz Trustin

Joan Leydon

Mike Slominski

Bill Wilkins

Gina Skucas

Marilyn Goff

Ritchie Seymour

We need residents to bring their energy and ideas on Dining Services to DRAC to continue the progress we have made this year; so we are asking for volunteers to become candidates for representing the residents in their area.

This month we will begin putting out flyers to publicize the need for new residents to join DRAC, with elections to take place in September/October.

Please submit a Notice of Intent To Stand For Election. These forms will be available at the front desk starting in September. Residents for each area must submit their forms to the front desk collection box by Oct 1, to become a candidate.

## PARADE IN 2020?

*By Frank Sherman, Parade PR*

This, 2019, is Chairman Stump Sowada's last year to organize the Parade, due to health concerns. He is seeking a replacement, so our "First-In-The-Nation" Independence Day Parade will continue on. If you are interested in keeping this tradition marching into the future, Stump will be happy to talk with you and explain what's involved. Please give him a call (see Resident Roster).

## ADDITIONAL FISHERMAN AT THE GAZABO POND

*By Russ McCarthy*

Our pond is out of balance; there are too many fish for the available food. We need to move some of the fish to another pond to prevent a potential fish kill. Our

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Maintenance personnel have volunteered to help us relocate the fish; so you may see them fishing in the pond during their off-time.

## **RESIDENT CONCERT SERIES**

*By Ginny Hallager*

They did it again! The Bazzani Jazz Trio upped their game again this year, their seventh appearance here at Blue Skies. Only they weren't just a trio, they were a quartet with the addition of Kristin Jackson on flute. Kristin and her husband Tyler thrilled us with two numbers in particular: "The Entertainer" with Tyler playing the banjo to Kristin's silver flute; and then Tyler played the guitar as background to Kristin on the Irish flute, made of wood with such a mellow sound. Wow! What a combination. Anthony and Dean were at their best as they gave us such a variety of composers. From Brubeck to Lennon, to Fats Domino, to Joplin, to Monk, and even Beethoven made an appearance! The audience was enthralled and showed its appreciation with a well-deserved standing ovation. Another spectacular afternoon of music brought to you by the Concert Committee and supported by you, our residents. Save the date - **Sunday, Oct 27**, Sasha and Chloe. Be there!

## **NEED A NEW FLAG?**

*BY Buzz Parkhill*

Buzz Parkhill has American flags for sale (3ftx5ft). Flags are only \$5, and all proceeds go to BSTW Activity Coordinating Committee.

## **GRAZING AROUND SAN ANTONIO**

*By The Clandestine Gourmet*

Have you noticed Mr. and Mrs. CG really like ethnic foods?

After a recent trip to Lackland, I stopped to get a Gyro Wrap at Tripoli's, a Mediterranean restaurant on Valley High near our East Campus I had never before noticed. The wrap was one of the best I've had in years! I haven't tried anything else on their menu, but we'll definitely go back and explore.

Tripoli's Mediterranean Grill - 322 Valley Hi Drive, Suite 106, San Antonio, TX 78227  
Open every day until 9pm; Saturday & Sunday from Noon (210) 645-4450.

My favorite Chinese restaurant for authenticity here is Sichuan House on Wurzbach, near Ingram Mall. I just wanted some hot and sour soup and chicken fried rice, so I picked that up as takeout from Peng's Chinatown, also near Ingram Mall. The flavors were very good, and the quantity is generous for a very reasonable price. This is a great place to get a good meal, especially if you don't mind your Chinese food being a little more Americanized than Sichuan House.

Peng's Chinatown Chinese Restaurant - 3211 Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78238. Open every day, except Sunday, 11am until 9:30pm, (210) 681-2345.

The great thing about both of these restaurants is they are not far away from where we live, and are easy to get to. Bon Appetit!

## **SMART DRIVER COURSE**

*By Al Wesson*



The next course is **Friday, Aug 2, 12:30-5pm** in the *Roadrunner* Lounge. AARP has dedicated considerable time and resources to

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## **GADABOUTS**

*By Jean Miller & Sande Truzzi*

Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, Aug 7**, at Umberto's Italian Grill. All singles, widows, widowers and caregivers are welcome, as well as others on the wait list if there is extra room on the bus. Please sign up in CC3; add your phone number and a "W" if you are using a walker. Please check in with your hostesses Jean Miller and Sandi Truzzi by **10:30am**, in the Lobby. The bus will depart at 10:45am.

## **TRAVEL TALK – MOROCCO – AUGUST 2019**

*By Bill Ball*



**Friday, Aug 9, at 10am** in the Roadrunner Lounge.

Our travel this month takes us to Morocco! My friend Lawrie Kirkham (who years ago got me started doing travel photos and videos) visited Morocco with his brother Brian and produced this typically excellent video of the country.

Morocco means, 'place the sun sets; the west.' It borders the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, and is influenced by Berber, Arabian and European cultures. Morocco is a constitutional monarchy with an elected parliament, and the King holds executive and legislative powers. The king can issue decrees called dahirs, which have the force of law.

Marrakesh's medina, a mazelike medieval quarter, offers entertainment in its souks (marketplaces) selling ceramics, jewelry and metal lanterns. Rabat's Kasbah of the Udayas is a 12th-century royal fort overlooking the water. And the most well-known city to us, of course, is Casablanca, site of the famous movie starring Ingrid Bergman, Humphrey Bogart and Claude Rains. During our visit, maybe we'll even see some of "the usual suspects!"

If you haven't seen Travel Talk before, our residents visit interesting places around the world and bring back pictures and/or short videos to share. To RSVP or for more information about Travel Talk, contact Bill Ball (see Resident Roster).

## **SING-ALONG STRINGS UKULELE BAND**

*By Verna Mae Roberson*

August is almost here and, as we all know, *In The Summertime* there'll be a *Heat Wave*. But, *Hot Diggity!*, there'll be an *Itsy Bitsy*, *Teenie*, *Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini* to take your mind off of it. So, dress for the weather and sign up for the **Saturday, Aug 10**, Sing-along. The bus leaves for Blue Skies East at **6:30pm**. If





you're eating over there, come on down to the CC Rooms when you've finished your dinner. As always, the words and chords will be up on the screen; so bring your stringed instrument and invite your friends and house guests to do the same. If you know someone who would like to try their hand at playing along with the band, we have a couple extra ukes there in the closet. Hope to see you there!

## **FAITH CONVERSATION CLUB**

*By Kathie Kulikowski*

Seeking avid book readers, audiobook listeners or movie watchers! Please come and join us for the Faith Conversation Club. All denominations are welcome as we explore our commonality and share what the Holy Spirit guides each of us to read or watch. Read or watch any faith-based or spiritually enlightening book or movie of choice, and then come to the monthly meeting and share with neighbors and friends. We will meet on **Monday, Aug 12** (second Monday in August), at **2pm** in the Helen LeMay Room. Contact Kathie Kulikowski (see Resident Roster) for details or questions.

## **LOOSE THREADS**

*By JoAnn Oldham*

The Loose Threads will meet on **Wednesday, Aug 14**, at **10am** in the Arts and Crafts Room. Share techniques, demonstrations and Show and Tell. We will discuss plans to attend the Greater San Antonio Quilt Show on Friday, Sep 20.

## **RESIDENTS' PHOTOS**

*By Ruth Ann Taylor & Tom Ryan*

Attention new residents, and all others, who would like photos updated for the Residents' Picture Board in the hallway. The next photo session will be on **Wednesday, Aug 14**, at **10am** in the Helen LeMay Room. Please call Ruth Ann Taylor or Ellen Alkire for an appointment (see Resident Roster). Walk-ins are also welcome. We'll be looking for you!

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*By Vicki Fowler*

**Who:** All BST West residents and guests are invited

**When:** **Wednesday, Aug 14**, Hosted Cocktails at **5pm** and Dinner at **6pm**

**Theme:** Dog Days of Summer

**Entertainment:** A Touch of Class Dance Band

**Menu:** Romaine salad w/ Snap Peas and Pecans w/ Chef's choice dressing, jumbo Gulf shrimp in lemon wine sauce w/ garlic parmesan zucchini noodles, house rolls & vanilla mousse dessert. (A special diet alternative entrée is offered. Sign-up sheet is located in CC3.)

**Pictures:** Lily or Shock Shockley will be available to take the Birthday & Anniversary pictures at **4:30pm** in the Helen LeMay Room.

**Seating Time:** Doors open for regular seating at **6pm**. Those needing extra time for seating may enter at 5:45pm

**Decorations:** TBA



**Suggested Dress:** Summer Comfort

**Reservations:** The Reservation Chairpersons are Patricia McCarthy and Bonnie Gardner. Please follow directions and everyone is guaranteed a seat. All those planning to attend, including guests, must sign the list in the CC3 room. The list will be picked up at 1pm on Friday, Aug 9, or earlier if the 300 seating limit is reached. If you need to cancel after 1pm Friday, please call Patricia McCarthy or Bonnie Gardner (see Resident Roster for phone numbers). Important: If you cancel *after 1pm Monday, Aug 12*, please call the Dining Services Office (210-568-3232).

**Table Reservations:** To make a table reservation, call Patricia McCarthy or Bonnie Gardner (see Resident Roster for phone numbers). Table reservations are limited to eight. Come alone and be seated with other interesting people. Reservations are needed for the Singles & Caregivers table. Reservations are not taken through the Dining Room for this event. *Each person must sign up including guests.*

**Hosted Cocktails:** Cocktail Hour for all BST West residents and guests will be held in the CC rooms from **5-6pm**. Hosts for the evening will wear colorful and distinctive name tags. The list of hosts provided by the Chair, Kathy Heidemann, includes: Jim & Charlotte Cosgrove, Uwe & Brenda Fohlmeister, Vicki Fowler, Carl & Elaine Hallada, Bill & Pat Jacobs, Russ & Patricia McCarthy, Charley & Judy Michel, Byron Mills, Tom & Carolyn Massello, Bob & Evelyn Nettleship, Bill & Betty Overacker, Billie Rosencrans, Tom & Penny Ryan, Tommy Thomson, Rob Williamson, Ann Wood, Duane and Peggy Young.

## ON THE AIR AGAIN!

*By Bill Overacker*



For three months the BST Radio Room was silent. The cause of this was the necessity to remove the G5RV wire antenna, located on Tower 4's roof during our new roof project, which encountered multiple complications causing delays. Many thanks to Joel Lichtenstein, Bob Stuckert and Jim Conner, who accomplished the antenna's successful removal. Fortunately during this time, there were no drastic disasters requiring the implementation of radio communication. On Jun 19, Tower 4's roof was adequately restored to safely replace the radio antenna. The delight of BST's Amateur Radio Operators is displayed by the photo of Bill Overacker, Joel Lichtenstein, Walter Hock and Bob Stuckert on the air again in the Radio Room. All are invited to the next Amateur Radio Club meeting on **Thursday, Aug 15**, at **11:30am** in Room CC1. Please contact Joel Lichtenstein for more information. 73—(Best regards in Ham language).

## RED HATS LUNCHEON

*By Sandra Howard*

The Red Hats Luncheon, on **Friday, Aug 16** at **11:30am**, will be on the far side of our Main Dining Room near the windows. We will be going through the regular lunch line.

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## VILLAGE VOICES

*By Diana Greenly*

The Village Voices, under the direction of Nancy Sowada and accompanied by Judy Hooge, are looking forward to an exciting fall and holiday season starting with rehearsal on **Tuesday, Aug 27**. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday, from **1:30-3:30pm**, at Liberty House on the 3rd floor.

New singers, who can read music or learn a part, are always welcome. The Village Voices will sing at the Veterans Day ceremonies and present Holiday Concerts on Dec 5 & 6.

## RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

*By Tom Reedy, Secretary*

The Resident Council consists of elected representatives from nine Independent Living areas. If you are interested in serving, pick up a "Notice of Intent to Stand for Election" form at the Front Desk. Complete the form and return it to the ballot box, adjacent to the Front Desk, between **Sunday, Sep 1**, and **noon, Wednesday, Oct 9**.

Current elected members who have served less than three terms and who wish to serve in 2020 are also required to submit the "Notice of Intent to Stand for Election" document.

## SAVE THE DATE

*By Kathleen Andrews*

Mark your calendars for the annual Arts and Crafts Fair on **Friday, Nov 22, 10am-3 pm**, in the Blue Skies West Lobby. Artisans must be residents of either Blue Skies East or West, and items must be made by the residents. More information will be available in the next editions of the Roadrunner.

# RELIGION

## JEWISH SERVICES INFORMATION

Sabbath Eve Service meeting is held on **Fridays at 4:30pm** at Lackland's Airmen Memorial Chapel.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*By Dougie Clarke*

There is an Episcopal Service with the Holy Eucharist every **Thursday at 3pm** in the High Flight Chapel.

## CATHOLIC NEWS

*By Annie Moore*

**Aug. 15, 11am Mass** - Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation  
**Saturdays - 11am Mass** (For Sunday, by special dispensation of the Archbishop) in the High Flight Chapel

**Second Saturday of the Month** – Birthdays & Anniversaries will be recognized with a special blessing at the Saturday Mass



**Saturdays/Sundays** - Freedom House: Catholic residents will be visited, beginning about **1:30pm**, with Holy Communion and prayers

**Wednesdays** - **9am** Mass in High Flight Chapel. Following the *first Wednesday* Mass every month, Coffee & Theology will be held in the Roadrunner Lounge

**Wednesdays** – Sep-May, **3pm**, Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Room

**Third Tuesdays** – **10am**, Catholic Council meets in Conference Room #110. Guests are welcome!

**First Thursdays** – **1pm**, Knights of Columbus Council 10593, Blue Skies Round Table in Conference Room #110. The Round Table meets on the *first Thursday* of each month. All Knights are invited to attend whether they belong to Council 10593 or not. Any man interested in joining the Knights is also welcome to attend.

**Fridays** – Adoration **1-5pm**, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**St. Vincent de Paul**, Castroville – First Saturday Donations

**Pastoral Care** - To meet privately with a priest for Reconciliation or Anointing, please contact Deacon Pat Benigno. Hospitals have a Catholic priest available; so ask a staff member to contact him.

**Spiritual Direction** - Fr. Rich Bendorf, OFM, is available for spiritual counseling by appointment. If you are interested, contact him by text or email.

## **AFV II PROTESTANT CHURCH**

*By Carmen Perez, Church Secretary*

<b>Protestant Services:</b>	High Flight Chapel <b>9:30am and 11am</b>	Willow Chapel <b>9:30am &amp;</b> Freedom House <b>10:45am &amp;</b> Liberty House ( <b>Thurs</b>
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**10:30am)**

Aug 4	TBA	TBA
Aug 11	TBA	TBA
Aug 18	TBA	TBA
Aug 25	TBA	TBA

*This schedule is subject to change without notice*

**Freedom House Worship Service** – Held each **Sunday** at **10:45am**, with Communion. All are always welcome.

**Liberty House Worship Service** – Held each **Thursday** at **10:30am**. All are welcome. Communion is held the second Thursday of each month.

### **Bible Study and Weekday Service Schedule:**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** – **9am** in CC3 has recessed until September. For more information, please contact Connie Wyckoff (see Resident Roster).

**Wednesday Mid-week Service** – Held in the Willow Chapel, located in The Vista, at **10am**. For more information, call the church office 210-568-3372 or Pastor Gil at 210-262-9550.



**Ladies' Bible Study** - Will reconvene later in the year with a new study at **10am** on **Wednesday**, in the Theatre on the third floor of Liberty House. For further information, contact Ginny Hallager or Nita Peck (see Resident Roster).

**Liberty House Bible Study** – Meets on the first floor of Liberty House every **Thursday** at **3pm**. Join us as we study how Scripture applies to our lives today. The public is invited. For more information, contact Dan Corcoran (see Resident Roster).

**Interested In Joining AFV II Protestant Church?** – If you desire to unite with the Air Force Village II Protestant Church, you may transfer your membership by letter or statement, request dual membership, whereby you retain membership in your present church. If you do not belong to a church, you may join by profession of faith; you may also join by reaffirmation of faith. For more information, please speak to one of the Pastors.

## **BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP**

*By Vickie Phelps & Paddy Farino*

Our second year of Bible Study and Fellowship here at Blue Skies will begin on **Thursday, Sep 12**, at **10am** in room 112.

We will study, apply and share lesson in Acts and the Letters of the Apostles, seeing evidence of God's spirit, the growth of His church and the unstoppable witness of His people. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

If you have questions, please call Vickie or Paddy (see Resident Roster).

## **HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY**

*By Doug Stewart*

The Protestant Church Board has approved Doug Stewart to present for all residents the History of Christianity DVD course designed by Dr. Timothy George, a well-known and respected historian, Dean of Beeson Divinity School of Samford University. The six sessions provide glimpses of some of the pivotal events in the spread of Christianity. Sketches of Christian figures who have significantly affected Christian history; thereby shaping the history of the world, are shown. Doug will divide the one-hour class time between the narration of the DVD topics and class discussion. The presentations will be on Friday mornings at **10am** in CC3, beginning on Sep 13 as follows:

Sep 13 - *The Early church to AD430*

Sep 20 – *The Church in the Middle Ages: The Quest for Order in Medieval Times*

Sep 27 – *The Reformation: Division & Renewal Between Medieval/Modern Times*

Oct 4 – *The age of Reason and Piety: The Church in Early Modern Times*

Oct 11 – *City Set on a Hill: Christianity in the New World*

Oct 18 – *Into All the World: Christian Movement in an Age of Uncertainty*

## **SUNDAY EVENING SERIES**

*By Jim & Nita Peck*

On the **first Sunday** of each month, the Thursday afternoon Bible Study Group holds an evening study event in the third floor theater of Liberty House at **7pm**. This is a series of lectures by Ray Vander Laan, a noted scholar and archeologist



dealing with the Middle East and Biblical Israel. Join us as we tour the ancient sights and listen to Mr. Vander Laan explain the historical significance of each site and how this history relates to Christian living today. Discussion time will follow. You will enjoy it.

### **PRAY FOR UNCLE SAM**

*By Pat Caruana*

Residents, please pray for our nation on the **first and third Thursdays of every month at 10am** in the Helen LeMay Room. During that hour, you may come, pray and leave at any time; you don't have to stay the entire hour. Uncle Sam needs our prayers!

## **SPORTS, GAMES AND SCORES**

### **BST WEST PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION**

*By Tom Carter*

Join us to play the fastest-growing sport in the USA and have some fun with other BST residents and guests. We play on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** at the BST West tennis courts from **8-10am**, weather permitting. Pickleball is played on a small court (about one-half of a tennis court), and provides seniors an ideal way to get exercise. Gender or strength is of no advantage in this sport. We have the required paddles, balls, nets, etc.; so come out, and we'll provide instructions and show you how easy it is to play. For further information, contact Helen Vanderneck, Don & Debbie Christian, Keith & Susan Shumaker or Tom Carter. Also, indoor courts and Pickleball equipment are available at Lackland AFB Medina Annex Fitness Center on a first-come, first-served basis. Medina hours are Mon-Fri , 5am-9pm and Sat/Sun/Holidays, 8am-4pm.

### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

*By Bob Hood*

The Duplicate Bridge group is meeting on the *first and third Fridays*, at **6:30pm** in CC3. We would like to invite other bridge players to join us. If you can play bridge, you can play duplicate. No additional lessons are required. The main difference is in the scoring. If you would like to play, sign-up in the Duplicate Bridge folder in CC3. We look forward to seeing you!

### **NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE**

*By Gayl Ganskow*

If you are familiar with the card game Gin Rummy, you have a head start to understanding "MJ." There are no playing cards here because in MJ you mix, pick, discard and arrange your tiles in combinations for a winning hand. The ideal game is played with four players; however, two or three players can play and have a great time as well. Come and enjoy! We play three times a week, no sign up, just show up.



Playing Sessions: Wednesdays, 1-3:30pm in CC3, All B&A days - 2nd Wednesday of each month, Card Room 112 (Card Room is located across from the Thrift Shop, first floor) Fridays in CC3 from 1-3:30pm, and Saturdays in CC2 from 1-3:30pm.

## **BOCCE**

*By David Capito*

Attention all individuals interested in playing bocce! The court will be closed for refurbishment until further notice. Rails are to be painted, the water drainage problem corrected, and a new carpet covering will be installed. A notice will be placed in the *Roadrunner* when the work is completed.

## **BST WEST TENNIS**

*By Buzz Trustin*

We are blessed with one of the finest tennis courts in San Antonio, which includes excellent lighting for night use, and a contoured backboard and electric-powered ball machine. Join us for mixed doubles each **Monday** and **Friday mornings**. All levels are welcome, 2.5 to 4.0. Call Dan Collin, Helen Vanderneck or Buzz Trustin for details.

## **BRIDGE RESULTS**

*By Ellen Parkhill, Reporter*

### **Monday, Jun 24**

1. A. Wesson/C. Wyckoff (slam)
  2. P. Brenner/P. Higginbotham (slam)
  3. E. Frisch/L. Shockley
  4. Skucas (slam)
  5. B. Christopherson/J. Wright
- Slam: B. Linn/P. Wagner

### **Thursday Nite, Jun 27**

1. Parkhills (slam)
2. Shockley/A. Wesson
3. E. Kendrex/P. Wagner
4. B. Christopherson/A. Wood

### **Monday, Jul 1**

1. Skucas
2. K. Cole/E. Kendrex
3. P. Lubbers/L. Shockley
4. J. Tuttle/A. Wood
5. U. Fohlmeister/H. Lutz

### **Monday, Jul 8**

1. A. Wesson/C. Wyckoff (slam)
2. H. Elliott/A. Graves
3. P. Brenner/P. Higginbotham (slam)
4. K. Bader/G. Skucas
5. J. Bigham/A. Wheeler

### **Thursday Nite, Jul 11**

1. B. Christopherson/A. Wood
2. E. Jackson/B. Linn (slam)
3. Wrights
4. K. Bader/E. Kendrex

### **Monday, Jul 15**

1. H. Elliott/A. Graves
2. B. Christopherson/J. Wright
3. P. Brenner/P. Higginbotham
4. D. Neubrand/A. Wheeler (slam)
5. J. Tuttle/ E. Parkhill

### **Thursday Nite, Jul 18**

1. G. Alloway/S. Uling
2. Parkhills (slam)
3. M. Miller/J. Tuttle
4. B. Linn/A. Wheeler

### **Monday, Jul 22**



1. D. Neubrand/E. Parkhill
2. H. Elliott/A. Graves
3. K. Bader/A. Wesson
4. P. Lubbers/L. Shockley
5. B. Hood/D. Skucas

### **Thursday Nite, Jul 25**

1. B. Christopherson/A. Wood (slam)
2. R. McCarthy/B. Hood
3. Parkhills
4. J. Tuttle/A. Wesson

### **WRIGHT PAT MAH JONGG**

*By Martha Wesson*

We've had a repeat of an interesting situation where there is one favorite hand that nearly everyone wins each day such as, eleven Idiots hands, eight Piano Keys and eight Dragon Lineups in just two weeks of play. Bonny defied the odds and had seven of the eight flowers in one hand (they are worth a lot of points). She was the winner one week, and she and Carolyn nearly tied another time with only a two point difference making Carolyn the actual winner. Frieda was the only Hand of the Day winner. The unusual winning hands were an Honorette, a Tradewinds, a Chopsticks and a Scotch Hopper. We had two new players and they each won a hand. Welcome Pat and Mary! We are planning a party with the Lackland ladies in August, so this would be a perfect time to come join the newbies table and learn right along with them so you can party, too. We meet on **Tuesday afternoons** from **1-3:30pm** in CC3. Just show up and we'll find a place for you!

### **BST WEST BILLIARD ASSOCIATION NEWS**

*By Mike Slominski*

**9-Ball, Tuesday, Jun 25:** Six today. Early winners: Fingers, T-Man, Fingers again when Big Dog scratched on the 9-ball, and T-Man again. That sent Big John, Ding Dong, Big Dog and Wild Bill to the lower level. When there: Big Dog bit Ding Dong, Big John sent Wild Bill home, and the Big Dog bit Big John only to be sent to his kennel by T-Man. Fingers and T-Man faced off in game seven to move into the finals with Fingers making it. T-Man came up from the lower level to face Fingers again, only to fall to him again! Fingers is tough to beat. Well done

**8-Ball, Saturday, Jun 29:** Only five this time. Wild Bill and Ski were early winners up top and ended up facing each other for the finals slot. Wild Bill won. Big John on the other hand went on a rampage and tore through the competition like a buzz saw defeating Ding Dong, Big Dog, Ski and Wild Bill. However, he beat Wild Bill in the first game only, and Wild Bill survived the onslaught and sent Big John back to the dugout.

**9-Ball, Tuesday, Jul 2:** Headcount steadily dropping, only four today. T-Man and Big Dog skunked their opponents Big John and Wild Bill only to face each other with T-Man coming out on top (for the time being). Big John and Wild Bill faced off with Wild Bill going home and Big John doing battle with the Dog. Big Dog must have been hungry because he devoured Big John and the T-Man to be this week's champion.

**8-Ball, Saturday, Jul 6:** Same foursome. This time Wild Bill and T-Man sent the Bigs to the lower level with T-Man making it to the final. Big Dog sent Big John





home only to fall to Wild Bill who succumbed to the T-Man in the first game of the final. Well done.

**9-Ball, Tuesday, Jul 9:** Aha! Six today. The Bigs faced off in game one with the Dog winning. Poor Fingers never even got a shot in game two when T-Man sunk the 9-ball on the break. Ski sent the Big Dog to his kennel in game three while T-Man rang Ding Dong's bell in four. Big Dog apparently got mad and ran through Fingers, Big John, T-Man and Ski in the next four games finally losing to Ski in the final. Ski got lots of practice making bank shots today.

**9-Ball, Tuesday, Jul 16:** Seven actually showed today. T-Man, Fingers and Big Dog were the early winners while Wild Bill, Ding Dong and Ski were early occupants of the lower level. T-Man fell to Big John in game four while Big Dog bit Fingers in five. Ding Dong had a 5-ball run sending Ski home but fell to T-Man in game eight. Wild Bill sent Fingers home and then proceeded to conduct billiard lessons for T-Man, Big John, and twice to Big Dog, to win the 9-ball championship for the week.

**8-Ball, Saturday, Jul 20:** Five players: Wild Bill, Ding Dong and Big Dog jumped into the lead while T-Man, Big John and Wild Bill ended up in the basement. Ding Dong and Big Dog faced off with Big Dog going into the final with Ding Dong going to the lower level. T-Man Wild Bill and Big John all dropped out while Ding Dong survived to face Big Dog again in the final. Unfortunately, no winner was recorded.



# LIBERTY HOUSE

*By Brandy Garcia, Liberty House Administrative Assistant*

## Highlights of August Activities

### Save The Date:

- Thursday, Aug 1** - Church, Third Floor Lounge, **10:30am**, Bible Study, Act. Room, **3pm**
- Friday, Aug 2** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**  
Ice Cream Cone Social, LH Lobby, **3:15pm**
- Sunday, Aug 4** - Randy & Jerry's Sing A-Long, Third Floor Lounge, **3:15pm**,  
DVD of the Holy Land, LH Theater, **7pm**
- Monday, Aug 5** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**
- Wednesday, Aug 7** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**, Bingo, Act. Room, **3:15pm**
- Thursday, Aug 8** - Church, Third Floor Lounge, **10:30am**, Bible Study, Act. Room, **3pm**
- Friday, Aug 9** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**,  
Wine & Cheese Social, LH Lobby, **3:15pm**
- Sunday, Aug 18** - Randy & Jerry's Sing-A-long, Third Floor Lounge, **3:15pm**
- Monday, Aug 12** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**
- Wednesday, Aug 14** - Exercise w/Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**, Bingo, Act. Room, **3:15pm**
- Thursday, Aug 15** - Church, Third Floor Lounge, **10:30am**, Bible Study, Act. Room, **3pm**
- Friday, Aug 16** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**,  
Wine & Cheese Social, LH Lobby, **3:15pm**
- Sunday, Aug 18** - Randy & Jerry's Sing A-Long, Third Floor Lounge, **3:15pm**
- Monday, Aug 19**- Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**
- Tuesday, Aug 20** - LH Dining Out Trip, **11am**
- Wednesday, Aug 20** - Exercise w/Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**, Bingo, Act. Room, **3:15pm**
- Thursday, Aug 20** -Church, Third Floor Lounge, **10:30am**, Bible Study, Act. Room, **3pm**
- Friday, Aug 20** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**,  
Ice Cream Social, LH Lobby, **3:15pm**
- Wednesday, Aug 21** - Exercise w/Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**, Bingo, Act. Room, **3:15pm**
- Monday, Aug 26** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**
- Tuesday, Aug 27** – Popcorn and Movies, LH Theater, **3:15pm**
- Wednesday, Aug 28** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**,  
Bingo, Activities Room, **3:15pm**
- Friday, Aug 30** - Exercise with Kathie, LH Lounge, **10am**,  
Ice Cream Social, LH Lobby, **3:15pm**

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# THE VISTA

By Paula Qualls, Activities Coordinator

## August Activities Highlights



### Save The Date:

**Thursday, Aug 1 – Bread Making 3pm**

**Friday, Aug 2 – National Ice Cream Sandwich Day 4pm**

**Saturday, Aug 3 – National Watermelon Day 10:30am,  
Music & Memory (M&M) 3:30pm**

**Sunday, Aug 4 – Sunday Service 9:30am (every Sunday)**

**Tuesday, Aug 6 – Root Beer Floats 2pm, Resident Council 3:30pm,  
Music w/ Trustin, Mann and Carwile 6:30pm (every Tuesday)**

**Wednesday, Aug 7 – Devotional 10am (every Wed.), Purple Heart Day 11am**

**Friday, Aug 9 – Westover Brass Band 3pm**

**Saturday, Aug 10 – Overcome words for you w/Bruce 10:30am**

**Monday, Aug 12 – Ukulele 10am, Music w/ Carlos 3pm**

**Tuesday, Aug 13 – Resident Outing 11am**

**Wednesday, Aug 14 – Music w/ Mike 5:30pm**

**Thursday, Aug 15 – Cooking Demo w/Dietary 3:30pm**

**Friday, Aug 16 – National Airborne Day George Bush 11:15 am,  
Ice Cream 3:30pm**

**Saturday, Aug 17 – Music w/ Alejandro 6:30pm**

**Monday, Aug 19 – Birthday and Anniversary Party music w/Frank 3pm**

**Tuesday, Aug 20 – Senior Floats 3pm**

**Friday, Aug 23 – Luau Pool Party 2pm, Banana Splits 3:30pm**

**Tuesday, Aug 27 – Line Dancing 10am, Resident Outing 11am**

**Friday, Aug 30 – National Trail Mix Day 3pm**

Day Care Kids visit every Tuesday and Thursday at **10:30am**, weather permitting

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Self-directed Activities are resident geared, personal choice and include evening hours. Please ask Nursing if you have any questions regarding Self-directed Activities. Pet Therapy dogs (Rex & Bruno) visit weekly.



# FREEDOM HOUSE

By Rose Garza, Activities Coordinator

## Highlights of August Activities

### Save The Date:

- Thursday, Aug 1** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Music and Memory **3:30pm**  
**Friday, Aug 2** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Dinner Movie **6:30pm**  
**Saturday, Aug 3**- Bingo **2pm**  
**Monday, Aug 5** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Let's Visit our Neighbors **2pm**  
**Tuesday, Aug 6** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Documentaries **11am**  
**Wednesday, Aug 7**- Childcare/Residents Activity **10:30am**, History Trivia **2pm**  
**Thursday, Aug 8** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Music and Memory **3:30pm**  
**Friday, Aug 9** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Dinner Movie **6:30pm**  
**Saturday, Aug 10** - Bingo **2pm**  
**Monday, Aug 12** - Morning Stretch **11am**,  
Residents Monthly Birthday Party **1:45pm**  
**Tuesday, Aug 13** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Documentaries **11am**  
**Wednesday, Aug 14** - Childcare/Residents Activity **10:30am**, Lunch Outing  
**Thursday, Aug 15** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Music and Memory **3:30pm**  
**Friday, Aug 16** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Dinner Movie **6:30pm**  
**Saturday, Aug 17** - Bingo **2pm**  
**Monday, Aug 19** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Card Games **2pm**  
**Tuesday, Aug 20**- Morning Stretch **11am**, Documentaries **11am**  
**Wednesday, Aug 21** - Childcare/Residents Activity **10:30am**,  
Sweet Tea Social/ Cookies **2pm**  
**Thursday, Aug 22** - Morning Stretch **11am**, Music and Memory **3:30pm**  
**Friday, Aug 23**- Morning Stretch **11am**, Dinner Movie **6:30pm**  
**Saturday, Aug 24**- Bingo **2pm**  
**Monday, Aug 26**- Morning Stretch **11am**, Movie Time **2pm**  
**Tuesday, Aug 27**- Music w/Carlos **2pm**  
**Wednesday, Aug 28** –Reminisce Group **2pm**  
**Thursday, Aug 29**- Music and Memory **3:30pm**

