

## NEWS FROM THE STAFF

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*By Fred Ryder, Chief Operations Officer*

On Nov 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. With this resolution, the United States Marine Corps was created. We offer our gratitude and congratulations to all who have served our Nation as members of the United States Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis.



### STATE OF THE VILLAGE MEETING

*By Darrell Jones, President & CEO*

On **Friday, Dec 2**, our Senior Staff will hold a "Town Hall" meeting at **2pm** in the RR Lounge of BST West. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for updates regarding the previous year.

### NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICES

*By Lori DeWitt*

#### Save The Dates:

(IHC = In-House Channel)

- Friday, Oct 28 – Thrift Shop Christmas Sale, 7:30am-1:30pm, # 1107
- Sunday, Oct 30 – Concert Series, Sasha, Chloé, Jean Kiffer, 3pm, Main Lobby
- Monday, Oct 31 – Employee Halloween Costume Contest, 12pm, The Lakeview
- Sunday, Nov 6 – Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!
- Sunday, Nov 6 – Roaring 20s, 6pm, The Lakeview
- Thursday, Nov 10 – Thrift Shop Christmas Sale (part 2), 7:30am-1:30pm, # 1107
- Thursday, Nov 10 – DRAC, 1:30pm, Roadrunner Lounge
- Friday, Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, 11am, Lobby Parking Lot by the Flagpole



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- **Sunday, Nov 13 – Roaring 20s, 6pm, The Lakeview**
- **Thursday, Nov 17 – RC Meeting, 1:30pm, Roadrunner Lounge**
- **Thursday, Dec 1 – Village Voices, Holiday Concert, 7:30pm, Main Lobby**
- **Friday, Dec 2 - Briscoe Middle School, 10am, Main Lobby**

**Herbicide Treatments** – On **Monday, Oct 31** and **Tuesday, Nov 1** starting at about **9am**, herbicide treatments are scheduled. The front of homes will be completed first and then back. Areas are safe for pets about one hour after treatment (when the treatment has dried). The schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, Oct 31:** John D Ryan Blvd, The Gardens, Large Grass Area Near 1100s and 1200s, areas around Freedom House, Dog Park and surrounding areas, Golf Range, area around small pond near 2000s, and grassy areas at Lobby Entrance
- **Tuesday, Nov 1:** The Oaks and The Lakes

A map of areas to be treated, as well as detailed information of the herbicides, is available at the Front Desk.

**Safety Article: Red Reflector Program** – If you have vision problems, hearing problems, or feel you would need special assistance to evacuate your residence in an emergency, Resident Services will arrange for a red reflector to be placed outside your home, this reflector is an indicator to emergency personnel. Part of the criteria to be an Independent Living resident is that you must be able to evacuate independently in an emergency; however, assistance with a cane, walker, or scooter is acceptable. If you utilize an assistive device that may slow your evacuation, please let Resident Services know NOW (or at any time your situation changes), so we may alert emergency personnel. In the Towers, a red reflector is placed next to your door near the floor (in the hallway) and in the stairwell, there is a list, by apartment, of current residents. Those who may require extra assistance during evacuation are annotated with a red dot. For outside residences, the reflector is placed adjacent to the Front Door.

**Med Center Transportation Requests Outside Our “Normal” Zone** – If you need to go to a location outside the BST shuttle “coverage” area, you may submit an exception. A committee comprised of the Resident Services Directors of both BSTE and BSTW, as well as the Dispatcher, will review and respond to your request. Forms are available at the Front Desk and should be turned in to the Resident Services Director at your Campus.

**Time Change** – Time to “fall back” and set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, Nov 5 or first thing when you get up on Sunday, Nov 6.

**Stranger Danger?** – If you ever see someone you don’t recognize on campus and you are concerned, please contact the Front Desk immediately. It’s probably a guest or contractor, but we’ll respond and make a positive ID.



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**Transportation Costs** – Ever wonder how we compute charges for transportation? We charge \$2 per mile per vehicle (covering gas/bus maintenance), \$15 per hour for each driver for trips that fall within normal business hours, and \$22 per hour, per driver, for after-hours trips. There is a higher amount for drivers after hours because we have to pay them overtime for the trip. We combine these two amounts and divide it among the number of residents who went on the trip. This way, only the people who signed up for the trip absorb the costs, i.e., it doesn't fall to other residents.

**Seeking WWII Or Korean Conflict Veterans** – Are you a Veteran of WWII or the Korean Conflict, or do you know of anyone residing at BST who is? If so, please contact Lori in Resident Services.

**Recording of Veterans Day Ceremony** – We will record the special ceremony taking place on Friday, Nov 11 in the Lobby parking lot, and show it on a later date on the In-House Channel.

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

*By Assistant Resident Services Director, [TeresaSantana@blueskiestx.org](mailto:TeresaSantana@blueskiestx.org)*

**A Tip About Tips (and Other Personal Gifts)** – Please note that BST employees are prohibited from accepting personal cash gifts, which includes checks, gift cards, debit cards, and tips, and personal gifts of any kind from residents or their family members or guests. (Please speak with Resident Services regarding further details.) Residents can show their appreciation either through:

- The Employee Appreciation Fund, which recognizes all hourly, non-exempt Blue Skies employees, or
- The Employee Emergency Fund, which provides financial assistance to any full-time or part-time Blue Skies employee who has experienced a catastrophic situation which has caused hardship beyond his or her control.

Note: Beauticians are allowed to receive personal tips for their services from residents because they are ineligible to benefit from the Employee Appreciation Fund.

### **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

*By Assistant Resident Services Director, [TeresaSantana@blueskiestx.org](mailto:TeresaSantana@blueskiestx.org)*

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

- Mr. Harley & Mrs. Hazel Saddler, # 143
- Maj Don Schiller, # 318
- Mr. William "Bill" & Mrs. Virginia Hopfensack, # 1707



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## SCAM ARTICLE

By Ashlie Campos, Personal Affairs Advisor

### Pumpkin spice and...scammers are not nice!

With the holidays approaching quickly, please be cautious on the websites you use to purchase gifts and other items online. A lot of websites look “real” and have seemingly good deals, but sometimes those deals are too good to be true. Please do your research and buy from well-established companies, and never give any personal information to anyone, e.g., full name, Social Security number, date of birth, physical address, or bank accounts.



## ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES OF SERVICE

By Human Resources Team

The HR Team would like to thank the following employees for reaching an Anniversary of Service with Blue Skies of Texas.

Thank you for serving our residents with love and care throughout the years. We appreciate you!

Employees highlighted in yellow on the anniversary list will complete a milestone at Blue Skies of Texas.

Employee	Anniv.	Yrs. Svc.	Department
David Coppin	Nov 1	4	Resident Services
Viviana Valenzuela	Nov 2	1	Resident Services
Teresa White	Nov 2	1	Dining Services
Bridget Smith	Nov 3	2	Freedom House
Arielle Corona	Nov 6	7	Freedom House
John Escamilla	Nov 6	7	Resident Services
Crystal Reyes	Nov 8	3	Freedom House
Irene Tomei	Nov 9	6	Marketing
Carol Estala	Nov 13	7	Wellness
Brenda Uresti	Nov 21	6	Beauty Shop
Wendy Sobczyk	Nov 24	8	Finance
Judith Rodriguez	Nov 25	3	Dining Services
Maria Reyes	Nov 25	35	Liberty House



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**PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE***By Mercedes Cruz, System Coordinator*

<b>Friday, Nov 4:</b>	<b>Friday, Nov 11:</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, 869, 871
<b>Friday, Nov 18:</b>	<b>Friday, Nov 25:</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, 903, 907	<b>Ranch Homes</b> – 804, 806, 808, Pavilion 3

**CATERED LIVING***By Mercedes Cruz, Catered Living Manager*

Please keep our Catered Living program in mind this holiday season!!

We are happy to help with putting up your Christmas tree and outside lights.

There's no need for you to be climbing up ladders in the cold, no detangling lights...in other words, no more lighting hassles! Relax while we do the work.

Please let us know if you would like more information.

We would love to hear from you.

Contact us at 210-568-3285.

The Catered Living office is located within the Maintenance Office (Lower Level, Tower 3).



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## A BIG EAGLE THANK YOU

*By Jennifer Z. Berg Matthews, Director of Development*

On Thursday, Oct 13, Blue Skies hosted its 23rd annual Eagle Dinner. The night was a remarkable success, and it was all thanks to our incredible staff. Nine BST employees apart from General Jones and the Development office volunteered to stay after hours and help serve, bus tables, and coordinate behind the scenes. Chef Brad also returned to our campus to help execute his menu for the evening, and newly-appointed Chef Jennifer showed herself to be a team player and excellent leader in the kitchen. Guy, Nikki, and the entire dining staff did a superb job handling the record-setting crowd of 155 guests, and the food was incredible.

Mostly, I want to take the opportunity to thank my team, without whom the dinner would not be possible. Mitch created lists and logs and helped put all the materials together for the event. Daniel again showed his organizational prowess as our event coordinator for the Charitable Foundation and pulled off a night that was fun, beautiful, and memorable. The photo booth sponsored by Leonard Contracting was an extra special touch (Daniel's idea), and we have digital copies of all the photos, should you need a fresh copy!

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you out there who are Eagle Donors. It is because of you that we can take care of your friends and neighbors, provide enhancements to the campuses, and execute so many other programs and projects that would not be possible in other circumstances. Thank you!  
Cheers to another successful Eagle Dinner!



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New Eagle honorees in attendance for the 2022 Eagle Dinner:  
Top center of photo: Maj Gen Duane Young, Mrs. Pat Wagner.  
Starting at lower left, to top center, continuing down to bottom right:

Lt Col Mike Fox, Mrs. Marguerite Fox, Mrs. Peggy Young,  
Fred Zedeck, Judie Zedeck, Col John Siebert,  
Mrs. Elaine Bell, LTC Leo Bell Jr., Sgt Donald Coleman and Ms. Jennifer Coleman  
(for the LTC Fred Jr. and Mrs. Lois Coleman Trust), Lt Col Jack Briggs,  
Brig Gen Russ McCarthy, Mrs. Linda Briggs, Mrs. Patricia McCarthy,  
MSG Jan Olsen, SGM Jim Edwards,  
Mrs. Diane Marx, Mrs. Jane Stuart, and Rev. David Marx.

Additional new Eagles:

Mr. Douglas Rosencrans also attended but arrived later in the evening.  
Unable to attend: Mrs. Douglas Rosencrans, Mrs. Carolyn Sherman, Gen John Jumper, Mrs. Ellen Jumper.  
Corporate new Eagles also recognized: DOCUmentation, Fisher House Inc., and Sitterle Homes.

## RESIDENTS' CORNER

### GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING

*By Ellen Alkire, Election Judge*

Early voting has begun for the upcoming **Tuesday, Nov 8** Joint General, Special, Charter and Bond Elections, and closes on **Friday, Nov 4**.

The nearest early voting sites for BSTW residents are the Johnston Library, 6307 Sun Valley Road or the Northwest Vista College, Pecan Hall, 3535 N. Ellison Drive. Otherwise, another early voting site in Bexar County may be chosen.

Early voting hours:

**Friday, Oct 28 8am-6pm**

**Sunday, Oct 30 noon-6pm**

**Saturday, Oct 29 8am-8pm**

**Monday, Oct 31 - Friday, Nov 4 8am- 8pm**

If you have received your mail ballot, complete it and mail it in right away. If you have not received your mail ballot, you can still vote at any voting site. Just advise the clerk at the voting site that you have not received your mail ballot and want to vote. They will cancel your mail ballot request and allow you to vote.

When you have mailed your ballot to Bexar County Elections Office, in a few days, you may check the status of your ballot at [bexar.org/elections](http://bexar.org/elections).

**DO VOTE!!**

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.



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## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION FUND


*By BST West Resident Council*

It has been a long-standing tradition for Blue Skies' residents to express an additional "Thank You" through the Employee Appreciation Fund. Your gifts qualify as donations to the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation, and as such, will be included in your annual charitable contribution statement. You can participate by placing a check (please use checks instead of cash) into the slot marked "Employee Appreciation Fund" at the Front Desk or by making arrangements with Finance for a specific amount to be added to your monthly service statement. These funds are distributed twice a year (near the beginning of June and December) to all qualifying, hourly-paid employees (except for the Beauty Salon employees, the only employees allowed to receive tips). Your check must be received at the Front Desk no later than **Tuesday, Nov 22 by noon** to be counted in the upcoming distribution; otherwise, they will be applied to the mid-2023 amount. Checks should be made **payable to AFVCF** or Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation with "Employees' Appreciation Fund" on the comment line. Thank you.

Special Note: In addition to those individuals you see every day, such as the wait staff, housekeepers and custodians, and Front Desk/Courtesy Officer and Maintenance teams, we've been asked: "Who are some of the behind-the-scenes employees that our Appreciation Fund reaches?" Here is a not all-inclusive sample: utility workers in back-of-the-house kitchens, cooks, Finance clerks, overnight Front Desk and Courtesy Officer teams, and overnight shift nursing and assisted living team members. Your gift makes a difference to a wide variety of BST hourly staff members!

## THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS SALE

*By Susan Shumaker*

Finally, the date you have all been looking forward to is set; it's today (**Friday, Oct 28** at Apt. 1107 from **7:30am-1:30pm**). We'll have pre-lit Christmas Trees in a variety of sizes, as well as Wreaths, Outdoor Lights, Ornaments, Tree Skirts, Electric Train Accessories, Lighted Houses, Angels, Glassware, Pillows, and many beautiful Decorating Items. You'll appreciate great prices and awesome decorating treasures. Everyone is welcome! 

## RESIDENTS' CONCERT SERIES

*By Fidel Exconde*

We hope you can join us this **Sunday, Oct 30** at **3pm** in the Blue Skies West Main Lobby for a wonderful concert! The Concert Series Committee is pleased to welcome back Pianist Alexandre "Sasha" Moutouzkine and Violinist Chloé Kiffer, as well as Chloé's father, saxophonist Jean Kiffer, who last performed at Blue Skies in 2018 with Sasha and Chloé. We look forward to their rousing and moving renditions of their chosen repertoire, featuring selections from Giuseppe Tartini, Sergey Prokofiev and Georg Philipp Telemann. It should be a special and memorable



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performance. The audience is encouraged to “meet and greet” the artists at the conclusion of the program. The usual array of post-concert refreshments will be available. Please plan to join us!

Also, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, Dec 4**, when the San Antonio Brass Quintet will perform at BSTW!



## **P.E.O. HOLIDAY EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER**

*By Charlotte Derrington*

With the holidays approaching, do you recall the wonderful aroma of the beautiful holiday evergreens from the Pacific Northwest sold by the P.E.O. Chapter EU during the last two years? Our annual sale continues through **Saturday, Oct 29**, with tables set up near The Lakeview and near the in-house mailboxes. You may obtain specific times and locations via the in-house Channel. Wreaths, centerpieces, and noble fir door swags will be available for you to purchase. These lovely arrangements make marvelous gifts for family, friends and neighbors.

Please note: Our P.E.O. wreath sale is distinct from the Wreaths Across America Program.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic education organization, and thanks to sales such as this as well as other generous donations, we are able to support and fund women’s college education. The purchase of arrangements is not classified as a charitable donation by the IRS.

Hope to see you soon!



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## THE DABBLERS – NEXT MEETING

*By Cynthia Allen*

Please join us in the Sewing / Craft / Billiard Room on **Wednesday, Nov 2 at 10am** (i.e., we meet on the first Wednesday of every month). We are residents of Blue Skies Texas West who have a craft skill or trade and meet with the purpose of coming together to share our skills and learn new ones.

We look for projects to help others here at BSTW. Come and bring your bright ideas and samples of your work to share. Show us what you have that can help our neighborhood or bring the information of a charity you like.

There is also a meet-up at the BSTW Library by the fake brick fireplace on **Mondays and Fridays at 1:30pm**. It's for anyone who works with yarn or thread (hooks, thread, needles and yarn) and wants to share.

Please let me know with questions (see Resident Directory).

## TREE OF LIGHTS FUNDRAISER

*By Debbie Christian*

Star sales for the Tree of Lights Fundraiser will start on **Wednesday, Nov 2**. Honor a family member or friend (living or deceased) by purchasing a star in their name. Their name will be written on a star and displayed on a tree in the Main Lobby. You may purchase your stars at the table located in the Main Lobby next to the mailboxes. Each star is \$1.00, and proceeds will be donated to Liberty House. The last day to purchase them is Friday, Nov 25.

## BSTW YACHT CLUB POTLUCK

*By Lee Wells*

Please join us on **Friday, Nov 4 at 4:30pm** at the BSTW Gazebo for a wonderful potluck! Our Village Yacht Club is ready to go. The water is low, so we probably won't be able to sail our boats unless we get a lot of rain quickly. Instead, we will show off our boats. Tables will be set up for the boats and for the potluck dishes – appetizers, entrées, salad, dessert, drinks, etc. I will bring North Carolina BBQ with rolls and sauce. Don't forget your utensils, plates, and cups. Please call me (see Resident Directory) to let me know which side dish you plan to bring.

This is a BYOB event, so let's party together. This is also a time for our Navy friends to join the group!

## ROARING '20S

*By Karen McDonald*

The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation's Eagle Dinner on Thursday, Oct 13 featured the theme of The Roaring '20s, and our "Charleston Gals" added a "kick" to the evening with a spirited debut performance! (Pictured left to right, below: Karen McDonald, Kathy Griffin, Diantha Perelli, Marilyn Williams and Kathy Byers.)

How did our group get its start, you may ask. The dancers began as part of the regular Zumba class at BSTW. Just as we have done for the Follies, some



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volunteer to practice and participate in additional activities. I also note that the Zumba class will be doing a number at the Halloween contest.

To enjoy more of the Charleston and all things Roaring '20s, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, Nov 6** or **Sunday, Nov 13**.



## ROARING '20s EXTRAVAGANZA

*By Diantha Perelli*

Experience “An Evening of Decadence, Excess and Exhilaration” celebrating the Decade of the Roaring Twenties with your World-Renowned Blue Skies Entertainers. Travel back 100 years to that bygone era where Jazz was played hot, Bathroom Gin was poured cold, the Charleston was danced wildly, and Sports Phenoms stunned the nation with their prowess. Witness the birth of technologies that changed the world. Be enthralled by the words of the famous writers and poets of the time. Quake to the menace of mad Mobsters and moralistic Temperance Union Mavens.

Meet us in the Blue Skies Speakeasy, “The Dogfight Dive” (i.e., the Roadrunner Lounge) on **Sunday, Nov 6** and **Sunday, Nov 13**. Doors open at **6pm**, and the show begins at **6:30pm**.



Period attire is encouraged. Feel free to bring leaded or unleaded hooch and munchies. Setups are provided. Stay afterwards to carouse with your partners in crime until the wee hours.

Seats are limited; I encourage you to sign up in CC3 [ASAP](#).



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## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

*By Stet Reid, RC Chair*

October's RC meeting was held on Thursday, Oct 27 so that Wellness could provide the Omicron COVID booster shots during our usual meeting date of Thursday, Oct 20. (Since the new date was after the cutoff date for this input to the Roadrunner, this report provides details on the items that are expected to be covered during the October meeting.) The meeting began with Stewart Allen providing the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Chair. Our Guest Speaker, Dave Zeh (Resident Services Director at Blue Skies East) provided an overview of the Activities at Blue Skies East, and an orientation of the campus. October's Outstanding Residents, Duane and Peggy Young, nominated by Dottie Conner, were recognized by the Resident Council for their many years of working to boost our community's morale, and their efforts to pursue endeavors for residents to share with others.

The Chair stated there were two major issues to be considered in October.

- First was the nomination and election (if required) of our 2023 members, and added that he would ask our Executive Secretary, Phyllis Allen, to provide a complete rundown on where we stand in that process.
- The second was the coming Employee Appreciation Fund distribution for this cycle. Its cutoff date for contributions to our West employees will be **Wednesday, Nov 23**. He also confirmed that General Jones' plan to combine donated funds from both the East and West campuses will not be implemented this cycle.

There was no scheduled Old Business to discuss. Under New Business, Jim Conner provided an update on our Veterans' Day activities.

Our next Agenda Planning Meeting will take place in-person on **Monday, Nov 7 at 10am** in room 110. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Our November RC Meeting will be held in-person on Thursday, Nov 17 at **1:30pm** in the Roadrunner Lounge.

## RESIDENT PHOTOS

*By Judy Howen*

Attention new residents: Everyone is anxious to welcome you to your new home and call you by name. One way to facilitate that is the resident bulletin board in the hallway of the main building. It will help you to get acquainted and conversely, help us to get acquainted with you. Please check it out!

Bob Howen and I will be taking photos on **Wednesday, Nov 9** in CC1. Ellen Alkire will be giving you a call to remind you. Just show up anytime between **4:15-5:30pm**. If you plan to attend the B&A on that day, just come early. See you then!



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## DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (DFC) SOCIETY MEETING

*By Robert Certain*

The Alamo Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, Nov 9 at 10am** in the Roadrunner Lounge. Bill Manchester, curator of the Lackland History Office, will present a program about the many aircraft on display at JB San Antonio-Lackland.

We welcome all residents with a DFC, their guests, spouses and surviving spouses, as well as any interested resident from either BST campus.



## LOOSE THREADS

*By JoAnn Oldham*

The Loose Threads will meet on **Wednesday, Nov 9 at 10am** in the Billiard Room. We will discuss plans for our future sewing and quilting room. Show and Tell will feature holiday projects and ideas.

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

*By Al Wesson*

The next AARP Driver Safety Course will be held on **Friday, Dec 9 from 12:30-5pm** in the Roadrunner Lounge. AARP has dedicated considerable time and resources to create the best possible course using extensive curriculum research. This course features the most informative and relevant content from previous editions, updated to reflect the latest driver safety and transportation innovations, and bundled with fresh information based on new research, expert recommendations, and volunteer and participant insights.

Most auto insurance companies give a premium discount to those who complete the course. You must attend this driver safety course once every three years to be eligible for the discount. The cost is \$20.00 for AARP members, \$25.00 for nonmembers. Please sign up in CC3.

## NOVEMBER B&A

*By Corlea Plowman*

Who: All BST West residents and guests are invited.

What: November B&A

When: **Wednesday, Nov 9.** Hosted cocktails in Helen LeMay Room at **5pm.**

Serving Time: Dinner service begins at **6pm.**

Menu:

- Starter: Avocado Mango Salad (Avocado, Mango, Boston Butter Lettuce, Crumbled Goat Cheese and Vinaigrette Dressing)
- Entrée: Peppercorn-Crusted Lamb Chops, Roasted Red Potatoes and Sauteed French Green Beans
- Dessert: Pumpkin Cheesecake
- Bread: Ciabatta Rolls



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Water, Coffee, or Iced Tea. \$38 per person

Alternative menu choice of salmon is available. You must sign up on the Alternate sheet, and don't forget that you must also sign up on the B&A Sign-Up List.

Entertainment: Cactus Country

Theme: Thanks for the Memories and Friends

Photos: Bob Howen will be available to take Birthday & Anniversary photos from **4:45-5:30pm** in CC1. Please check in with Judy Howen for your photo-op.

Reservations: Reservations for the dinner are required to guarantee everyone gets a seat. All those planning to attend, including guests, must sign up on the Sign-Up List in CC3. The list will be picked up on the evening of **Thursday, Nov 3**, or earlier if the seating limit is reached. If you need to cancel after Thursday, please call Bonnie Gardner or Donna Bowman (see Resident Directory). Important: If you need to cancel **after 11am on Monday, Nov 7**, please call the Dining Services Office (210-568-3232).

Table Reservations: If you wish to put together a table of 6 or 8, please call Bonnie Gardner or Donna Bowman. All others will be placed at tables with other residents. Please note: Reservations are not taken through the Dining Room for this event. Each person must also sign up, including guests, on the Sign-Up List in CC3.

Hosted Cocktail Party: The Cocktail Hour, prior to the dinner, will be in the Helen LeMay Room from **5-6pm**. Hosts this month are Ken & Kathleen Andrews, Kathy Bader (Chair), Celia Bell, Al Buie, Robert & Robbie Certain, Suzann Chapman, Jack & Lyn Church, Jim & Dottie Connor, Mary Jane & Bob Caudill, Dianne & Jim Dower, Gwen Fouss-Becker, Dave & Connie Germann, Joyce Ann Goodwin, Sandra Howard, Judy & Bob Howen, Bob Jones, Alice & Gus Mendeke, Pat Perry, Steve Perry, Bev Reeder, Valerie Rieke, Becky & Gar Rose, and Jeanie Shirley.

## **THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS SALE, PART 2**

*By Susan Shumaker*

Ho, ho ho! Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, Nov 10**, for our second Thrift Shop Christmas Sale of the season, at Apt. 1107 (in The Lakes) from **7:30am-1:30pm**. We still have some great items left, including pre-lit Christmas trees in a variety of sizes, wreaths, outdoor lights, ornaments, tree skirts, electric train accessories, lighted houses, angels, glassware, pillows, nativity sets, and many other beautiful decorating items. You'll find some great prices for awesome decorating treasures. Everyone is welcome!



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## GADABOUTS

By Lee Wells



We are a group of widows, widowers, singles and caregivers who enjoy going out to a different restaurant for a delicious luncheon together every month. On **Friday, Nov 11**, we will be going to one of my favorite restaurants, Bourbon Street Seafood Kitchen (Loop 1604 E. location). Please sign up on the list in the pink folder in CC3; add your phone number, and a W if you use a walker. Check-in will be in the Main Lobby immediately following the 11am Veterans

Day Ceremony, probably near **noon**. We'll leave as soon as all board the bus.

The December Gadabouts will be hosted by John Siebert. We'll go for a nighttime dinner at the wonderful Maverick Texas Brasserie in downtown San Antonio on **Friday, Dec 9**. After dinner, we will board the bus for a tour of the Christmas lights at The University of the Incarnate Word to get us into the Christmas spirit.

## HAM RADIO NEWS – “FIONA, IAN, JULIA AND KARL”

By Betty Overacker

The above names made the front pages during the past two months, for they were tropical storms with the potential of becoming disastrous hurricanes under the right conditions, and were headed for land. Fiona struck Puerto Rico; Ian devastated Fort Myers, FL; Julia made landfall in Nicaragua; and Karl was headed for Veracruz, Mexico. The Hurricane Watch Net (HWN), manned by Amateur Radio Operators, was activated for each of these storms to track the course, take damage reports, and manage health and welfare communication traffic. Ian's 150 mph wind and flooding resulted in 2.7 million customers without power. The HWN Amateur Radio Operator volunteers, nicknamed “Hurricane Hams”, are a vital part of an elite emergency service in disaster situations to mitigate loss of life.

The next BST Amateur Radio Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov 15** in Room CC3 at **11am**. All are welcome to attend this meeting. Please contact Bob Stuckert for more information. 73—(Best regards in Ham language).

## RED HATTERS LUNCHEON

By Mary Lou Sneed and Ritchie Seymour

Our next luncheon will take place on **Friday, Nov 18** at 11am at Gloria's Latin Cuisine at The Rim, 17623 La Cantera Parkway, Ste. 103, San Antonio, TX 78257. Please be in the lobby by **10:15am**; the bus leaves at **10:30am**.

When you sign up on the sheet in CC3, please indicate "W" if you are using a walker or a wheelchair because the bus only accommodates one wheelchair. If



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you sign up and can't go, it is important that you remove your name from the sheet by the Wednesday before the luncheon because you will be charged the transportation cost as a "no call, no show," and you may have prevented someone on the waiting list from going.

## **NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

*By Betty Chalfont*

National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on **Saturday, Dec 17** at over 3,136 locations in all 50 States, at sea and abroad. Last year, over 2.4 million wreaths were laid. The wreath-laying is coordinated on that day with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. When the wreath is laid on a grave, each veteran's name is said out loud. What a special way to remember them!



From the Revolutionary War to present-day conflicts, our veterans have placed their lives on the line for our freedom. Let us now honor our family members, our friends or a veteran by ordering a live wreath(s) to be placed on a grave at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. We can arrange a grave-specific wreath-laying at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. Each wreath is \$15.00. Please note that the order deadline is **Monday, Nov 28**.

## **VILLAGE VOICES NEWS**

*By Nancy Jones Sowada*

The Village Voices invite you to our Holiday Concert entitled "A Bit of Holiday Cheer." Please join us on **Thursday, Dec 1 at 7:30pm** in the Blue Skies West lobby or **Friday, Dec 2 at 7pm** in the CC rooms at Blue Skies East. We will reflect on Advent and the other holidays that occur at this time of year. We will kindle the candles for Hanukkah. Santa will be visiting Hackensack, Peapack, Secaucus, and other places through song and he will be delivering iPhones, crypto currencies, model airplane kits, and leg lamps from the movie The Christmas Story, but he will probably not bring fruit cakes! We will all be singing Joy to the World and Silent Night. Members from the Blue Skies West Handbell Choir will play with us and so will Jane Rock, oboist. We will also sing our Christmas concert at The Mission, Liberty House and Freedom House in December.

The members of the Village Voices are thankful to the residents of Blue Skies West who contribute to the Activities Coordinating Council (ACC), and we are thankful to the ACC for providing us with funding to purchase new music.



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## BSTW HANDBELL CHOIR

*By Nancy Jones Sowada*

The Blue Skies West Handbell Choir is preparing Christmas music. Members will be performing with the Village Voices at their concerts on **Thursday, Dec 1** and **Friday, Dec 2**. We will also be playing a special Christmas Eve concert on **Saturday, Dec 24 at 4pm** in the Blue Skies West Lobby before church services begin. The concert is short enough for you to enjoy and still have plenty of time to get to church. Please come and hear us ring! We are also planning to play our Christmas concert at Liberty House and Freedom House in December.

The members of the Blue Skies West Handbell Choir are also thankful to the residents of Blue Skies West who contribute to the Activities Coordinating Council (ACC), and we are thankful to the ACC for providing us with funding to have our beautiful handbells serviced annually.

## FEATURED ARTIST BIO

*By Karen McDonald*

I loved coloring as a child, and arts and crafts always drew my interest. I took art classes in high school and attended a year of art school in Denver. Marrying, having children, and running a children's bookstore led to my art endeavors taking a lower priority. In 2012 my aunt introduced me to a felting needle, and a new love was born. Then, upon moving to Blue Skies, I joined a small group of artists, and they have stretched me considerably!



## ANNUAL FALL/WINTER ART FAIR

*By Patricia McCarthy*

The Annual BSTW Fall/Winter Art Fair will be held on **Friday, Dec 9** from **10am-3pm** in the Main Lobby. Setup will begin at **9am**. Residents from both campuses are invited to participate (or visit!). The purpose of this event is to provide a venue for our creative neighbors to display / sell their creations.



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## Notes:

- Baked goods may be included this year.
- Each participant is responsible for collecting their own funds.
- BST will provide the space, tables and chairs.
- All items must be handmade by the artisan who is registered for the space.

If you have never participated as a seller, please call me (see Resident Directory) and I will forward you the registration form through our internal mail.

## **WILDFLOWER PROJECT UPDATE**

*By Marti Wessman*

The timeframe of October-November is when we plan to start our preparation and seeding for the Wildflower Project here at Blue Skies of Texas West.

Many of you have noticed our wildflower signs in the grassy areas between the basketball court and the road to the maintenance shed. This is the area that Ruben has mowed; he has prepared a test area to see how a small amount of wildflower seeds would do. Ruben will prepare the remainder of the area, and the seeds will be put out.

There are some wildflowers that came up and were very pretty when we did receive some rain a few weeks back. We will continue to hope for rain over the next several months. We probably will not see too much until spring, but this is a work in progress, and we will need to give it time to see how it all goes.

We have several bags of wildflower seeds on hand. We are not doing fundraising now, but if there are any folks here at Blue Skies who are out shopping and would like to contribute any amount of wildflower seeds, that would be welcomed.

If you have questions or suggestions, they are welcome, and please feel free to contact me (see Resident Directory) with either.

## **NOTES FROM THE DINING ROOM ADVISORY COUNCIL (DRAC)**

*By Karen Reid, DRAC Chair*

If you weren't there, you missed two really great dinners in October. On Friday, Oct 21, prime rib was one of the entrée choices, and it was awesome! The following evening, Saturday, Oct 22, we were able to enjoy live music while awaiting our meals. Service was admittedly slow, but the music made the environment wonderful as we waited.

The time for ghosts and ghouls passes quickly! It's hard to believe that it's time to get ready for Thanksgiving. Make sure you carefully review the Bon Appétit for November. It usually contains instructions for the Thanksgiving meal, including what we're going to have this year and how to sign up for the meal. Historically, this is a really good feast.



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Last month, I shared with you that the DRAC is comprised of up to twenty elected Representatives, with two each from ten basic residential areas. The residential areas are Tower 1, Tower 2, Tower 3, Tower 4, 1100-1500 area, 1600-2000 area, 2100-2400 area, 2500-2800 area, Gardens, and Liberty House. I regret to share with you that although the election is over, more than a few of the Representative positions were unfilled. Specifically, at this point we have no Representatives for the 1600-2000 area, Tower 1, or Liberty House, and we have only one Representative from Tower 3 and one from Tower 4. All of the remaining residential areas have two representatives.

Thank you so very much to the volunteers who stepped forward to serve in 2023. Although the election is over, there is still time for you to volunteer to serve next year. Contact either me or Nancee Langley (see Resident Directory). We'll add you to the 2023 team. New Representatives will assume their positions at the meeting on **Friday, Dec 9** and select their officers for 2023.

Chef Jennifer will be changing over to a multi-week menu suitable for winter beginning in November. This should be exciting! Here is how to give the Chef feedback concerning her new meal choices: go to the BSTW Resident Portal using either your computer or cell phone ([www.BSTWresidentportal.com](http://www.BSTWresidentportal.com)) and scroll down to the "Fill Out a Comment Card" link. Click on the link and you'll be able to submit a complaint, compliment, or other comment concerning the new menus.

## **BSTW RESIDENT PORTAL**

*By Ron Miller*

The Resident Portal, <https://www.bstwresidentportal.com>, has lots of information from the Resident Council (RC) and the Dining Room Advisory Committee (DRAC). We hope you will visit the site often and take advantage of many of its features.

If you would like assistance setting your computer to access the Portal with a single click, that can be done. The link can be put on your desktop or as a browser favorite, or even on your smartphone. We're here to help. Please contact me or one of the other Computer Support Group volunteers (list with contact information is at the Front Desk).

## **RESIDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2023**

*By Phyllis Allen*

Congratulations to all our newly elected Resident Council representatives, listed below. Your volunteering and service on behalf of all West residents is appreciated!

Tower 1	Clare Taylor	Alan C. Chalfont
Tower 2	Ann Wood	William (Bill) Lee
Tower 3	Hiram (Doc) Jones	David Brands
Tower 4	Ricardo G. Cuadros (Ric)	Charles Hobbs
Gardens	Thomas W. Cochran	Jack Briggs
1100-1500s	Vickie Phelps	Frank Jackson



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1600-2000s	Linda Prose
2100-2400s	Mike Lacy
2500-2800s	Lois Clark
Chair	Jack Church
Vice Chair	Mike Lacy
Executive Secretary	Hiram (Doc) Jones

Frank Holder  
Jane Luke Hill  
Jack Church

## **P.E.O. SCHOLARSHIP WINNER FROM MEDINA H.S.!**

*By Charlotte Derrington*

Medina High School Graduate Aya Kasim has won a P.E.O. Scholarship! (Photo: Terri Hall (P.E.O. Chapter EU President), Mrs. Kasim, Aya, Pat Wagner.) Aya was only four years old when she came to America with her mother from Iraq. First, she needed to learn English, and that she did, and more! Not only was she the Valedictorian of her class, but she won the American Legion Oratorical contest three years in a row, with the topic being the United States Constitution. Many Veterans attended her graduation.



Aya is the recipient of the Scholastic Talent Achievement Recognition (STAR), a scholarship given by P.E.O.s. This is made possible due to your generosity, as we hold different money-making projects: Market

Day, selling yummy homemade treats, as well as the Christmas Evergreen Sale and the Valentine's Day Sale, where this year, you may purchase gifts of flowers, champagne, red wine, and chocolate candy for friends and family!

P.E.O. is a nonprofit philanthropic organization that has helped more than 119,000 women reach educational goals. P.E.O. has provided over \$398 million in scholarships, loans, and grants.

Chapter EU is so proud of Aya. Thanks to each of you who donate money toward these scholarships. Hope to see you soon, as our Valentine Gift Sale will begin during the second week in January!



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## ACTIVITIES COUNCIL (ACC) 2023 BUDGETING AND ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

*By Tom Reedy*

**Wednesday, Oct 5:** Budgeting Forms for 2023 were emailed to POCs for all Activities, both new and current.

**October 5-26:** All completed paper Budget Forms were to be returned to Tom Reedy via internal mail.

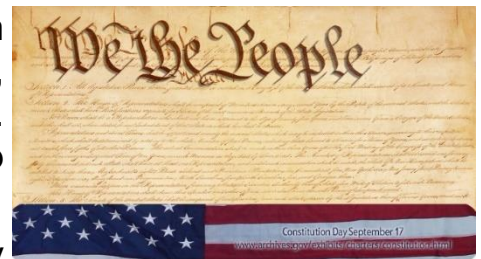
**Wednesday, Nov 16:** ACC Budget Committee will evaluate budget requests and prepared proposed 2023 Budget for consideration at Annual Meeting.

**Wednesday, Dec 7:** Annual ACC Meeting in the Roadrunner Lounge from **10am-12pm** to consider the 2023 Budget and to elect Officers for 2023.

## GREAT COURSES DISCUSSION GROUP

*By Allan Novak*

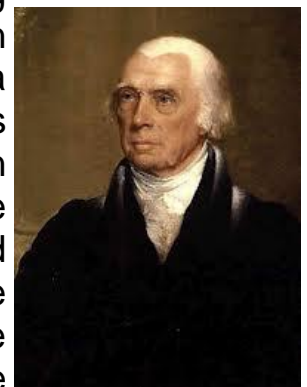
Learn the story of America's founding through an exploration of the great men who debated, persuaded, and negotiated their way to the drafting of the U.S. Constitution. Join the Great Courses Discussion Group as we study America's Founding Fathers.



This course is presented in a series of video lectures by Professor Allen Guelzo, Ph.D. of Gettysburg College. The course covers the political



history of the U.S. using the Founding Fathers as a lens to understand the creation of the U.S. Constitution, thus providing a human dimension to the key political figures of this time. This course was produced in collaboration with The Smithsonian, so the narrative aspect of the course is augmented by images and artifacts from the Smithsonian collection as well as the National Museum of American History. The



lecturer is not only extremely knowledgeable but is also a very engaging speaker.

There is no charge or commitment required, and new participants are welcome at any time. The course is sponsored by the Friends of the Castroville Public Library. Please join us on **Mondays** from **6:30-8pm** at Discover Church, 15495 US Highway 90 E.

For more information, please contact the Castroville Public Library at 830-931-4095.



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## THANK YOU

### From P.E.O. Chapter EU, c/o Charlotte Derrington:

P.E.O. Chapter EU would like to thank the generous folks who purchased evergreen arrangements. Because of you, many young women will receive scholarships, grants, and loans to further their education, and I am happy to share the news that two granddaughters of two Blue Skies residents are in the process of applying to P.E.O. for financial assistance. One has been approved for a grant, and one hopes to receive a scholarship! It's exciting to learn that these Blue Skies grandkids have won such awards!

Can't end this article without thanking Martha Glauner who strategically piloted the Evergreen Project for three years! We also want to thank Marcia Tinsley, Joan Leydon, and all the Chapter EU members who helped with this project!

### From Buzz and Ellen Parkhill:

Thanks to everyone for coming out to our 70th anniversary celebration and for all those who helped pull it together, especially Larissa, Teresa, Cassandra, Nikki, Yvonne, Payton, Caitlin, Judith and all the dining room/kitchen staff! Our out-of-town friends and family were very impressed with the service and quality of the rooms and hospitality!

## RELIGION

### CATHOLIC NEWS

*By Annie Moore*

**All Saints Day – Tuesday, Nov 1 at 11am**, Mass in the High Flight Chapel.

**Saturdays – 11am** Mass (for Sunday, by special dispensation of the Archbishop) in the High Flight Chapel.

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

**Third Tuesdays – 9am (note: time change)**, Catholic Council meets in Conference Room # 110. Guests are welcome.

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

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



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**Pastoral Care** – To meet privately with a priest for Reconciliation or Anointing, please contact Fr. Rich Bendorf, OFM. Hospitals have a Catholic priest available, so please ask a staff member to contact him.

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Episcopal Services with the Holy Eucharist continue on **Thursdays** at **3pm** in the High Flight Chapel.

## **BIBLE STUDY – LIBERTY HOUSE**

*By Jerry Bullock*

I am leading a Bible study group which is held on **Wednesdays** at **3pm** in the Liberty House activity room.

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

*By Linda Ricketts*

Centering Prayer will meet on **Friday, Nov 4** and **Friday, Nov 18** from **8:45-9:45am** in The Helen LeMay Room, which located off the hallway to The Lakeview. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Questions: Please contact me or Judy DeVillez (see Resident Directory).

## **AFV II PROTESTANT CHURCH**

*By Carmen Perez, Church Secretary, [CarmenPerez@blueskiestx.org](mailto:CarmenPerez@blueskiestx.org)*

High Flight Chapel Services are held on Sundays at **9:30am** and **11am**. The same Sunday service is repeated on Wednesdays at **10:30am** on Channel 1890. If you are not a Spectrum subscriber, we invite you to view services on the monitors in the Towers lobby.

Liberty House Worship Service – Thursdays at 10:30am on the third level.

Freedom House Worship Service – Sunday at 10:45am.

(These services have needed to be cancelled from time to time. You are free to call to check if a particular service will be held.)

**Tuesday** Bible Study, ordinarily taught by Connie Wyckoff-Germann at 9am in CC3, has been suspended until further notice. Please call her with any questions about the meetings (see Resident Directory).

Pray For Our Nation is held on **first and third Fridays** from **10-11am** in the Helen LeMay Room. Residents are invited to pray with others for our nation.

Are you interested in joining the AFV II Protestant Church? Please speak to one of our pastors: Wayne Knutson, Gil Richardson or Dan Figueroa.



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## SPORTS, GAMES AND SCORES

### MAHJONG

*By Nan Smith*

Playing this very popular classic tile-matching game is a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Please join us for:

- National Mahjong: **Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3pm, CC3**
- Wright-Patterson Mahjong: **Tuesdays, 1-3pm, CC3**

Everyone is welcome. If you are new to the game, we will be so glad to teach you. Come, sit, watch, and learn.

### BSTW BICYCLE CLUB

*By Mike Fox, Bicycle Club Secretary*

BSTW Bicycle Club members go on 1-hour rides, on campus only, **every Monday at 8am**, weather permitting. Riders gather in the Bistro; the ride starts at the flagpole in front of the Main Lobby. Give it a try. You can leave the ride anytime; the pace is leisurely. There is also a **Wednesday** ride, same starting time. Please note that this ride usually goes off campus and lasts several hours, and thus is a more demanding ride.

### BSTW BILLIARDS

*By Bill Ball*

Welcome, Blue Skies of Texas Pool Players! Please join us at the Blue Skies of Texas West Billiards Room. Blue Skies residents are always welcome to join our regularly scheduled games on **Tuesday and Saturday afternoons**. Play "officially" begins at **2pm**, though players often come early to socialize or practice on our top-quality tables.

Residents can also play anytime the Billiards Room is not in use for other activities. Billiard balls / supplies are kept in the Billiards Room closet, and a key can be checked out from the Front Desk to gain access. If you'd like to hear more about joining us to play on a regular basis, please contact Bill Ball, David Brands, or Sherry Brands (see Resident Directory). Our players look forward to meeting you soon!

### NINE-HOLE GOLF GROUP

*By Lois Clark*

Are you an avid golfer, but 18 holes just seems like too much right now? Come and join our 9-hole group on **Thursday mornings**. We usually play at the Golf Club of Texas off Hwy 211, but if it's unavailable, we go to the Alsatian Golf Club in Castroville. We enjoy a lot of socializing and a bit of exercise. Please contact me for details (Resident Directory).



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## TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL AT BSTW

*By Dan Collin*

Our tennis and pickleball courts continue to offer a great opportunity for fun and exercise. New residents are urged to come and join the merry band of participants on **Monday and Friday mornings** for tennis and **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings** for pickleball. Please contact me (see Resident Directory) for further information.

## BLUE SKIES BRIDGE RESULTS

*By Joe Wright*

### Monday, 26 September

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Hood/D. Skucas               | 2. Bader/ Reedy           |
| 3. Higginbotham/ Elliott (Slam) | 4. Tuttle/ Wood (G. Slam) |

### Thursday, 29 September

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| 1. Wood/ Jackson  | 2. Hood/ McCarthy |
| 3. Leyton/ Tuttle |                   |

### Monday, 3 October

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Germann/ Wesson (Slam) | 2. Caudill/ Flood |
| 3. Graves/ Flood          | 4. Cole/ Andrews  |

### Thursday, 6 October

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| 1. Elliott/ Higginbotham | 2. Leydon/ Tuttle |
| 3. Bader/ Wesson         | 4. Caudill/ Flood |

### Monday, 10 October

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Reedy/ Bader    | 2. Elliott/ Higginbotham (Slam) |
| 3. D. Skucas/ Hood | 4. Caudill/ Flood               |

### Monday, 17 October

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cole/ Andrews   | 2. Newman/ Jackson (Slam) |
| 3. Hood/ D. Skucas | 4. Graves/ Wright         |

### Thursday, 20 October

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| 1 Tuttle/ Carhill | 2. Higginbotham/ Elliott |
| 3. Wesson/ Wagner |                          |

Sign-up sheets are located in CC3. Please join us!



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**Golf Results – September / October 2022****Tuesday, Sep 27**

Front/Overall Mike Kasper, Al Buie, Tom Young, Pat Kelley  
Back Kathleen Raymond, Jack Briggs, Mark Wessman, Gil Wolfe

**Thursday, Sep 29**

Front/Overall Loren LaMora, Al Buie, Pat Kelley  
Back Tom Young, Kent Williams, Mike Kasper, Gil Wolfe

**Tuesday, Oct 4**

Everything!! Gil Wolfe, Eppie Exconde, Pat Kelley, Marti Wessman

**Thursday, Oct 6**

Front/Overall Jack Briggs, Mike Kasper, Loren LaMora, Tom Young  
Back Eppie Exconde, Kathleen Raymond, Tom Young, Gil Wolfe

**Monday, Oct 10**

Front Jack Briggs, Kathleen Raymond, Tom Young  
Back/Overall Rona Bonn, Loren LaMora, Mark Wessman

**Thursday, Oct 13**

Everything!! Kathleen Raymond, Pat Kelley, Tom Young

**Monday, Oct 17**

Everyone Tied!!

**Thursday, Oct 20**

Front Pat Wagner, Kathleen Raymond, Marti Wessman, Ron Miller  
Back/Overall Gil Wolfe, Jack Briggs, Tom Young, Mark Wessman

**Monday, Oct 24**

Everything!! Pat Wagner, Tom Young, Eppie Exconde, Pat Kelley

**DONATE USED GOLF CLUBS FOR A GOOD CAUSE!***By Don Hallager*

First Tee, <https://firsttee.org/>, provides a program primarily for inner-city kids who wouldn't otherwise be able to buy golf clubs or take lessons.

Residents of Blue Skies have donated over 20 sets of clubs over the past few years. If you have clubs you are no longer using, please contact me (see Resident Directory), and I will pick them up and deliver them to the First Tee Learning Center in downtown San Antonio.



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## BUNCO WINNERS – OCTOBER

By Betty Chalfont

Congratulations to October's winners in Bunco: Ingrid Bowden, JoAnn Oldham, Corlea Plowman, and Frieda Schutza.

Ladies, if you're looking for a fun, relaxing, laugh-filled kind of night, please join us on the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month in CC3 at **7pm**. If it is your first time joining us, please bring \$2.00. For any questions, please contact me (see Resident Directory).

## BST SEASONED SOLES RUNNERS' AND WALKERS' ACTIVITIES

By John MacIntyre and Pat Hochstat; Photos by Bob Seigel

Please note: We meet on **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday** in the Bistro before heading out. With the slightly cooler fall weather upon us, we currently meet at 7:15am and leave at **7:30am**. Please join us for coffee after the walk.

The activities of the Seasoned Soles in October began with a tasty local race called the Sauerkraut Bend 5K which took place downtown in the King William area, the location of many lovely Victorian style homes. These homes were built by wealthy German immigrant businessmen along a bend of the San Antonio River, hence the name "Sauerkraut Bend." To cheer us on, "King William" himself was there. We had great local food, including breakfast tacos and sweets. For her Age Group Award, Ellen Skiba received a jar of Sauerkraut – but no hot dogs. Cynthia and Tom Cochran, Richard Devillez, John MacIntyre, Pat Perry, Ellen Skiba and John Paul Sullivan all completed the race.



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Pat Hochstat, Pat Perry and John MacIntyre received their medals and shirts for completing the US Air Force 10K. They ran it as a virtual race here at Blue Skies West.



John MacIntyre completed two additional virtual races at BSTW this month: The Battle of "Hillotes" 10K, and the Marine Corps Marathon 10K.



A number of the Seasoned Soles will compete in the Harp and Shamrock 5K on Saturday, Oct 29. We'll report on that race in next month's Roadrunner.



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