

ROADRUNNER

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DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICES

Danielle Weintraub

As we move into May, the campus continues to settle into a steady rhythm following a busy start to the year. With warmer weather and a full calendar of activities, there's a noticeable energy across the community.

For me personally, this time has also been one of reflection. As I begin to prepare for my transition later this summer, I've found myself appreciating the everyday moments that make Blue Skies special. Whether it's seeing familiar faces around campus, watching residents connect through activities, or simply experiencing the routines that bring a sense of consistency to daily life.

May is often a month of transition, and that feels especially true this year. While there is still important work ahead, I remain focused on supporting the team and ensuring a smooth path forward in the months to come.

Thank you for the continued support, collaboration, and the role each of you plays in making Blue Skies such a meaningful place to be.

To You, on Mother's Day

From all of us to you – thank you for the love you give so freely, the strength you show so quietly, and the countless ways you make life warmer, brighter, and better every single day. Your care shapes hearts, your kindness leaves lasting marks, and your presence is a gift that never goes unnoticed. We celebrate you – not just for all that you do, but for who you are.

With appreciation and love, All of us



Welcome

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

Bob & Carol Rhodes, #426

Joseph & Sue Moran, #804

David & Patricia Hunninghake, #2106

Deadline to submit articles for the next Roadrunner is

Friday, May 22.

Submit articles to Google form:
Website: bit.ly/BSTnewsletters

Next Publication Date:

Monday, June 1

Blue Skies Announcements

Monday, **May 25**, Memorial Day Holiday Schedule -Please make note of the following closures:

Broadway Bank - closed

WHASC – closed

Mail delivery – suspended

Blue Skies Transportation – suspended

BST staffing – minimal as on weekends

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, **May 14** – DRAC Meeting, RR Lounge, 1:30pm

Thursday, **May 21** – RC Meeting, RR Lounge, 1:30pm

Thursday, **May 28** - State of the Village, RRL & Lakeview, 2pm

Monday, **June 1** - Bennie & Sue Blansett's 65 year Anniversary, RRL & HLR, 2-4:30pm

Blue Skies Breaks Ground on New Development

Blue Skies of Texas has begun construction of a new freestanding emergency room. This is believed to be the first such facility of its kind in the country, bringing hospital-grade emergency care directly to a senior living campus. The new facility will provide 24/7 emergency services, including advanced diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, and immediate treatment for a wide range of medical conditions. Construction is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2027, with the facility opening shortly thereafter.

Employee Appreciation Fund

Every day, there are small moments that make life here feel special—a warm greeting, a good meal, a quick fix, a helping hand right when it's needed. Those moments don't happen by accident; they are created by our incredible employees.

The Employee Appreciation Fund is one of the most meaningful ways residents can say “thank you” to those team members. A quick reminder that this fund supports all hourly team members, including our Restaura dining team, who play such an important role in the daily life of our community.

Participation is always optional, but every contribution—big or small—goes directly toward recognizing the people who show up each day with care, pride, and heart.

Thank you for helping us celebrate those who make Blue Skies feel like home.

Community Grill Now Available

Residents can reserve the gas grill at the tennis court pergola for gatherings or outdoor meals.

Reservations are required—please contact management in advance to schedule a time and arrange for the grill to be brought out of storage.

This helps keep the grill well-maintained and ensures fair access for all. For reservations or questions, contact Resident Services.

Blue Skies Announcements

Snake Safety Reminder

With recent snake sightings on campus, we want to share a few important reminders to help residents stay prepared.

Pet Emergency Information

For residents with pets, it is helpful to have the contact information for a nearby veterinary clinic readily available in case of an emergency.

MissionVet Specialty & Emergency
8202 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78249

The MissionVet carries coral snake antivenom, which may be helpful information in the event of a pet emergency.

In Case of a Snake Bite

If a person is bitten by a snake, seek medical attention immediately.

- Call 911
- Or contact the Texas Poison Center Network at 1-800-222-1222

Not all hospitals carry antivenom, so calling ahead can help ensure the appropriate treatment is available upon arrival.

General Safety Reminders

- Move away from the snake and keep a safe distance
- Try to remember what the snake looked like (do not attempt to capture it)
- Remain calm and limit movement
- Remove any tight jewelry or clothing near the affected area

Avoid attempting to treat the bite yourself. Proper care should always be provided by medical professionals.

For more detailed information, residents may visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website.

Safety Notice:

There have been reports of golf carts being driven on the wrong side of the road. This behavior is not only against the law but also creates a serious risk of accidents. Any future incidents will be addressed by Resident Services. Safety is a shared responsibility—please follow all traffic rules and operate vehicles responsibly to help keep the community safe.

Blue Skies Announcements

Gate Hours of Operation

(please note that the following can change without notice due to staffing)

John Ryan Gate:

Mon-Fri 6am-8pm; Weekends and Holidays 8am-8pm

Freedom House Gate:

Mon-Fri 6am-8pm; Weekend and Holidays 8am-8pm

"Be Kind and Rewind"—Remember That?

That popular phrase from the VHS era reminded us to rewind tapes before returning them.

Today, the modern version is: "Be Kind and Return"—shopping carts, that is!

Please return shopping and luggage carts promptly after use so they remain available for everyone. These carts should not be stored in apartments for personal use.

Let's all do our part—be kind and return the cart!

Personal Decorations in Common Areas

Personal decorations in common areas—including elevator landings, community rooms, the front desk, and the main lobby—are not permitted unless approved by Resident Services.

If you currently have personal items in these areas, please remove them or contact Resident Services to request approval. Please keep in mind that spaces such as elevator landings and tower corridors are shared by all residents, and individual décor preferences may vary.

Private Hires and Parking in the Towers

If you are currently receiving, or plan to receive, services from a privately hired individual, please ensure they are aware of our parking guidelines. Private hires are subject to the same parking requirements as BST employees. This means they must not park in designated resident spaces or in spots closest to the building, as these are reserved for resident use. If you have any questions reach out to Teresa Santana of Resident Services.

Summer's Here... and So Are the Bugs! Summer brings warmth, sunshine, and more time outdoors—but it also brings unwanted visitors like ants, bees, and other pests that try to make themselves at home in or around your space. While pest control has successfully helped many residents, some pests just keep coming back. Here's what you can do to help keep them away:

Tips to Keep Pests Out:

- Keep food sealed and stored properly, especially sweets and pet food.
- Clean up crumbs and spills promptly.
- Take out trash regularly and use sealed containers.
- Avoid leaving standing water (like in pet bowls or plant saucers).
- Report any signs of pests to management so we can respond quickly.

Blue Skies Announcements

Maintenance Guest Speaker

Sophia Figueroa, Maintenance Senior Systems Coordinator

Please join us on **May 19** at 3pm in the Helen LeMay Room for our upcoming Maintenance Update Meeting.

We're pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Roy Herrera, owner of Front Runner, our pest control provider. Front Runner services our community on Tuesdays and Fridays and is also available to respond to urgent pest-related matters as needed.

Roy will be discussing spring insect activity and will be available to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please sign up on Uniguest to attend this event.

New Campus Signage Coming Soon!

Logan Cook, Technical Inspector

The long-awaited Blue Skies West signage is set to arrive, marking an exciting update for the campus. Installation is scheduled for the week of **May 11-15**, bringing refreshed and improved wayfinding for residents, visitors, and team members.

In preparation for the new signage, some existing signs will begin to be removed starting Tuesday, **May 5**. During this transition period, there may be temporary gaps in directional signage. To help minimize any inconvenience, the front gate team has been informed and will be available to provide maps and assist with directions as needed.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Thrift Store for generously funding this project. Their support plays a meaningful role in enhancing our community and improving the overall campus experience.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this brief transition and look forward to the enhanced experience the new signage will provide.

Maintenance Workorders

Earlier this year, Equip QR codes were distributed to every household. If any maintenance issues arise, you can simply scan the code with your phone to submit a request. Step-by-step instructions for submitting work orders via the QR code are available in the Maintenance module in Uniguest.

We understand that technology isn't everyone's preference, so here are alternative ways to submit a work order:

- Email your request to workorder@blueskiestx.org
- Call the work order line at 210-677-8978

Blue Skies Announcements

Compliance Insights - Basics of Emergency Preparedness

Maureen Parrish, Corporate Compliance Director

Emergencies can happen with little warning. Being prepared doesn't have to be complicated. Preparedness isn't about expecting the worst, it's about ensuring you're ready for anything. A safer YOU means a safer community as well:

- You should consult the Blue Skies of Texas Resident Guide available at each campus the community's emergency procedures.
- Create a small personal emergency kit. Include items like a flashlight, spare batteries, a list of medications, copies of important documents, a few days' worth of essential medications, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. For those who use hearing aids, glasses, or mobility devices, keep backups or extra supplies handy.
- Stay informed. Pay attention to weather alerts, community announcements, and let staff know if you have medical or mobility needs that might require extra support during an emergency.
- For more information on OR suggest a topic for an article, please reach out to Director of Corporate Compliance, Maureen Parrish [maureenparrish@blueskiestx.org].

May Service Anniversaries 🎉

BST Human Resources Team

We are proud to recognize our team members celebrating service milestones this April. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to excellence!

1 Year

Lorinda Garcia-Ramos (ACRC FH)
Jesusita Sandoval (The Mission)
Elijah Mahammad Smith
(Resident Services)
Jean Curnow (Mission-Healthcare)
Rebecca Villalta (Executive)

2 Years

Jamie Ann Del Rio (ACRC FH)
Alize Marie Ortega (The Mission)
Benny Velez (ACRC FH)
Alyssa Saenz (Mission-Healthcare)

Brianna Baldwin (ACRC FH) - **4 Years**

Betty Gutierrez De La Cruz (The Mission) - **4 Years**

Jesse Ray Alarcon (Resident Services) - **7 Years**

Consuelo Gonzales (The Mission) - **7 Years**

Theresa Michelle Trenidad (Resident Services) - **8 Years**

Brenda Cantu (ACRC Freedom House)-**12 Years**

Virginia Rodriguez (Environmental Services) - **20 Years**

Delores Ann Zertuche (The Mission) - **28 Years**



15 April 2026

Dear Residents,

We want to address a rumor that has been circulating regarding dining credits: unused dining credits do not go to our food service partner, Restaura. We would like to take a moment to explain how these credits work and where they go.

How Dining Credits Work

As Independent Living residents, your Monthly Service Fee (MSF) supports all aspects of our community. As part of this fee, each resident receives \$1,209 in dining credits per quarter (\$403/month) to use toward meals and dining services.

Usage During Our Initial Test Quarter

We're pleased to share that residents are using their dining credits well:

- 35% of residents fully exhausted their credits
- 41% came within 10% of full usage (within ~\$1.34/day)
- 8% came within 20% of full usage (within ~\$2.69/day)

That means 84% of residents either fully used or nearly used their available dining credits, a strong sign that the program is working as intended.

Where Unused Credits Go

Any unused dining credits remain with Blue Skies and are reinvested directly into our community, supporting capital improvements, staffing, maintenance, contracted services, daily operations, and dining. They do not go to Restaura or any outside provider.

We hope this clears up any confusion. As always, reach out with questions, we are happy to help.



HEATHER L. RANSOM
Chief Operating Officer



Resident Announcements

Fourth of July Barbecue and 250th U.S. Anniversary Celebration at BST-W

Plans are underway for our upcoming Fourth of July Barbecue and 250th U.S. Anniversary Celebration at BST-W. Sign Up Begins **May 15**. We look forward to celebrating together as a community.

Here are the highlights:

3:15pm - Decorate your Lakeview/Road Runner tables with 4th of July colors

4pm – Enjoy your own Happy Hour (BYOB and snacks)

5pm – Program begins with patriotic slides, show routine, and honoring of service flags

5:30pm – Buffet lines open and To-Go is available for pick up

6– 7pm - Dancing to DJ Tony Styles.

Menu is BBQ from Rudy’s: brisket, sausage, chicken, baked beans, creamed corn, coleslaw, and peach cobbler. Water and tea will be available. \$31.07 per person, charged to your catering account (not your Blue Skies meal account)



For this event, reservations will be required for both “take-out” and “dine-in” options; there will be no walk-ups allowed on the day of the event!

Seating is limited, so residents are encouraged to make their reservations early. Signups work like the B&A reservations. Everyone who plans to dine-in or take out must add their name to the sign-up sheet.

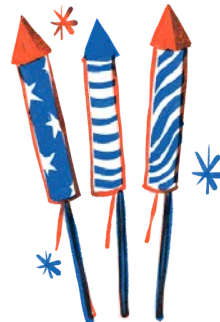
Sign-up sheets will be available beginning **May 15** in CC3; sheets will be removed **June 23** at 1pm. No additions or cancellations will be accepted after sign-up sheets are picked up.

If you are planning to dine-in as part of a group of 6 to up to 20 people, we ask that you designate a table captain for your group.

The table captain will be responsible for contacting Susan Shumaker by email (see resident directory) with the total number and names of the residents expected at your table. Or come on your own, and you will be seated with other Blue Skies friends.

Please DO NOT reach out to Susan before May 15th!

Your cooperation ensures that the celebration will be enjoyable for everyone. We look forward to a wonderful Fourth of July gathering!



Resident Announcements

Village Voices Update

Nancy Jones Sowada

COME CELEBRATE THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH THE VILLAGE VOICES! We are presenting our program entitled America, Our Heritage on the following dates:

East, Thursday, **May 7**, CC Rooms, 2pm

West, Friday, **May 8**, Main Lobby, 2pm.

We will also be singing at the Mission and Freedom House on May 12 and Liberty House on May 19. Then we will be a part of the Memorial Day celebration on the morning of May 22.

We hope you will join us for all our performances in May!

Golf Carts on Parade!!

Jim Conner

We are looking for participants who would like to drive a golf cart in the Blue Skies First in the Nation Independence Day Parade to be held Tuesday, **June 30**. The parade is being organized by Nancy Jones with lineup at 08:30 for a short trip around the campus. If you would like to drive your golf cart in this event, please contact Jim Conner in Resident Directory for details.

Residents are encouraged to decorate their carts with a patriotic theme recognizing the 250th anniversary of our nation.

A PARADE TO CELEBRATE THE USA!

We had another great meeting in March for the First in the USA Independence Day Parade for 2026. The date of the parade is Tuesday, **June 30**, starting at 9am. The next meetings of the parade committee will be on the following Tuesdays, at 10am in Room CC3 (lower level, not the Vista): May 5, June 9. If you have a dog and want to participate, please come to the parade line up that day at 8:30am over by the water treatment area. You and your dog may dress up for Independence Day and join our parade. We also need parade marshals and other help with the parade, so please plan to attend our next meeting on **May 5** at 10am. Thanks!

Celebration of 80

Next planning meeting is Tuesday, **May 12**, at 2pm in the Roadrunner Lounge.

Party will be Tuesday, **September 22** from 3- 5pm.



The BST Handbell Choir Spring Ring Concerts

Nancy Sowada

Come and listen to beautiful music on

West, Friday, **May 15**, Main Lobby at 2pm

East, Thursday, **May 21**, CC rooms

We will also be performing on **May 13** at Freedom House and **May 20** at Liberty House.

Please join us for our concerts in May!

Resident Announcements

LEST WE FORGET - WEAR A POPPY ON NATIONAL POPPY DAY, MAY 22

Ginny Callanan

The red poppy has been a symbol to honor and remember those who died in service since WWI. In 1924, Congress established the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day.

The poppy was the inspiration for the poem "In Flanders Field" written by Lt Col John McCrae. He was amazed by the resilient red poppies growing throughout the carnage of the battlefields in Belgium.

Poppies will be available for everyone in the main lobby and at lunch on Thursday and Friday, **May 21** and **22**.

Last year your donations of over \$1,100.00 was given to the San Antonio non-profit "Military Warrior Support Foundation" which supports combat-wounded Veterans and Gold Star spouses and families. Donations will support them again this year. Wear your poppy to the Memorial Day Event and throughout the weekend, including Memorial Day.

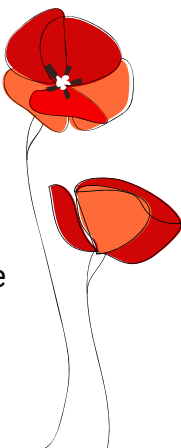
Bonnie Gardner and Susan Shumaker are co-chairs for this event. Please contact them if you would like to volunteer to remember and honor our nation's heroes.

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Memorial Day Ceremony

Friday, May 22, 2026
Vista Patio, 10:00 am

Come and join us as we remember all
BSTW residents who have passed
since last Memorial Day

Listen and join in with the Village
Voices as they present a Patriotic Song
or two, and the singing of Taps

Marvel at the Precision of the
JP Stevens HS Drill Team

Listen to Special Remarks about
Memorial Day by one of our own!

Resident Announcements

Memorial Day Ceremony, Vista Patio



On **May 22** at 10am we will remember all BSTW residents who have passed away since last Memorial Day.

The Village Voices and the John Paul Stevens High School AFJROTC Drill Team will perform. After the ceremony, the AFJROTC cadets will stay for lunch. If you would like to eat with the cadets, please sign up in CC3. The cost of your meal (\$18 - choice of 3 sandwiches) will be charged to your house account (not your meal plan). Cake provided by Broadway Bank will be in the main lobby following the ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Cochran or Ken Brockway.

Freedom House Caregivers Support Group

Jane Luke Hill

If you are caring for a loved one with dementia either at home or in Freedom House, you are welcome to join our Freedom House Caregiver Support Group. We will be meeting on Thursday, **May 7th** at 1pm in the Freedom House Chapel. Join us if you can, for lunch in the Lakeview from 11:30am-1pm. The long table in the back corner is reserved for us. Our diverse group has experiences with various forms of dementia: Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Lewy Body over varying lengths of time and in different settings, home and at Freedom House. We are there to support each other and share our knowledge with others facing the same challenges. Please join us.

Casino Night 2026 - A Fundraiser for Freedom House Memory Care

Blue Skies West Resident Sponsored Event Casino Night 2026

A Fundraiser for Freedom House Memory Care

Sunday, **May 17**

Lakeview Dining Room, Roadrunner Lounge, & Helen LeMay Room

Doors Open: 4:30pm

Dinner Served: 5pm – 6:30pm

Casino Opens: 5:30pm

\$50 per person (after May 3 it will be \$60 per person)

Includes Dinner (B.Y.O.B.) , 2 Raffle Tickets and \$1,000 in Chips

To register, make checks payable to Ed Wright and drop off in the labeled box above the wooden internal mailboxes.

Questions: Call Connie German (number in Uniguest – Resident Directory)



Blackjack – Roulette – Craps – Texas Hold 'Em
Silent Auction – Raffle Prizes – Music by Tony



Resident Announcements

Dining Room Advisory Committee (DRAC)

Robert Certain, Chair

During the April meeting of the Dining Room Advisory Committee, we were pleased to recognize lyshea Deleon for her 8+ years as a server in the Lakeview, and Adela Chimel for her willingness to do anything in the back of the house to make meals go smoothly. lyshea is nearing the completion of her degree work to become a nurse and will likely leave Blue Skies when she gets a position in her new profession.

We also welcomed Lance Sanson to Blue Skies. Lance is the new Vice President of Operations for Restaura and keeps his office in the corporate area on the West Campus. He will be the leader of all dining services on both campuses. He began on Easter Day and has made a positive impact on both staff and residents in a very short time. During the meeting he took lots of notes and responded to many of the questions asked by residents.

Thomas Brown, the Restaura Director of Hospitality, reviewed the results of comment cards and thanked residents for participating in this important process of helping them adjust to us and us to them. He announced that new “smallware” (plates, dishes, glasses, dinnerware, etc.) has arrived and will be used in the Lakeview soon. He also announced a change in the Village Pantry Menu, a slight increase in the cost of ice cream, and a “Blue Skies” label for chardonnay and cabernet wines from Becker Vineyards in Fredericksburg (<http://www.beckervineyards.com/>). The Mother’s Day buffet will be similar in operation to the Easter buffet; and in June the first Sunday buffet will return to the schedule.

Following questions and concerns from our members, we opened the floor to all residents present and were able to hear from any who wished to speak.



BSTW Kitchen Tour

Lu Schuster

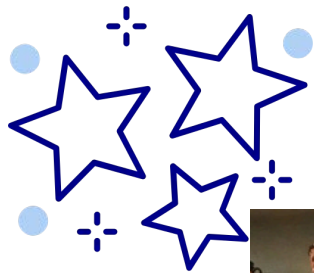
Restaura conducted its quarterly Kitchen tour on April 15th, 2026. The tour provided the residents insight concerning the kitchen and its working environment. Questions asked during the tour helped those who attended have a better understanding of what it takes to prepare the meals we eat every day. The July tour reservations are now open. Contact Lu Schuster (refer to the resident directory for email and phone number) if you are interested in attending this tour.

Resident Announcements

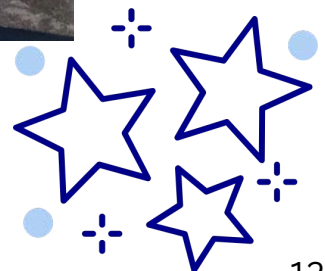
April RC Resident of the Month Betty Overacker

Annie Moore arrived at AFV (now “Blue Skies”) thirteen years ago. She immediately became involved with our “Thrift Shop”, and has worked all aspects of its functioning, from sorting donations to being the cashier. Annie was instrumental in making positive changes and additions. These included: a three-month schedule for the volunteers; the expansion of the Thrift Shop in 2024; and the capability of credit card payments for purchases. Occasionally, you will observe Annie in her car loaded with non-saleable items from the Thrift Shop on her way to “Good Will”, which is a huge help to the community and frees up space in the “Thrift Shop”. As the secretary of her Church Parish Council, she diligently communicates vital information weekly to all Parishioners. Early in December, Annie commences decorating her cul-de-sac (2100) for Christmas. She inspires neighbors to join her and motivates other cul-de-sacs to commence decorating. Thank you, Annie, for your dedication and inspiration to our Community.

Nominated by Carl Hallada.



Congratulations



Resident Announcements

From Donations to Impact: The Story of Our Thrift Shop

The BSTW (AFVII) Thrift Shop opened its doors on February 28, 2003, and remains the only revenue-generating entity within the Village. After more than 20 years in a two-room space, the shop underwent a renovation in the summer of 2024, expanding into three rooms. This \$22,500 project was fully self-funded by the Thrift Shop, resulting in significant savings for BSTW.



We are grateful for the opportunity to grow and better serve our community.

The Thrift Shop is more than just a place to purchase donated items from our generous residents—it is a vital source of funding for Village West projects and initiatives that benefit residents, healthcare communities, and other meaningful causes. To date, the Thrift Shop and Furniture Store have contributed over \$800,000 back to the Village, with additional projects already planned.

Over the years, proceeds have supported a wide range of initiatives, including Freedom House, the High Flight Chapel Fund, Liberty House, the Employee Appreciation Fund, the Fitness Center, the Beauty Shop, Big Give, the Mary Opal Wolanin Endowment Fund, Play for Freedom Golf Tournaments, the annual Cowboy Breakfast, the Wellness Upgrade Project, sound system improvements, shopping carts, campus benches, dog waste stations, and the electric fireplace in the main lobby. Most recently, funds have been committed to replacing road signs throughout BSTW.

The main Thrift Shop is open every Friday from 7am to 1pm. The Furniture Store, located in the main building in Rooms 110 and 112 directly across from the Thrift Shop, offers convenient one-stop shopping. Its hours of operation are Fridays from 8am to 12pm. Eligible shoppers include Blue Skies of Texas employees and their family members, residents and their families and guests, contractors working on-site during store hours, and Marketing guests. Employees must wear their ID badges and accompany their family members while shopping.

We extend our sincere thanks to our residents for their continued generosity in donating items to the Thrift Shop and Furniture Store. Without these contributions, we would not be able to give back in such meaningful ways to the Village community we all share.

Resident Announcements

B&A Wednesday, **May 13**

Theme: May Flowers

All BST West residents and guests are invited to May Flowers on May 13th Birthday and Anniversary event (B&A). Doors open for the hosted Social Hour CC1-3 Rooms at 5PM. Dinner service in the Lakeview Room is at 6pm. Fernando Davil Jazz Trio will provide the entertainment.

Allan Johnson will be available to take Birthday and Anniversary pictures from 4-until no later than 5:15pm in the Helen LeMay Room. Please check in with Judy Howen.

The Dinner Menu:

Starter: Green Salad: Mixed Greens, Goat Cheese, Supremes, Raspberry & Almonds Served with a Citrus Vinaigrette

Entrée: Chicken Cordon Blue Served with Dijon Cream Sauce. Sides: Fingerling Potatoes & Steamed Broccoli.

Dessert: Pannacotta with Berry Compote

Bread: Dinner Rolls

Water, Coffee, or Iced Tea

\$38 Per person

Alternate Entrée: Samon

Dinner reservations are required. All those planning to attend, including guests, must sign up on the Sign-Up sheet in CC3. If you need to cancel after 11am Monday, May 11, call the Dining Services Office (210-568-3232). If you wish to create a table of 6-8, call Bonnie Gardner or Donna Bowman. Seating will be assigned for all others. Reservations are not made through the Dining Room for this event.

This month's very generous hosts and hostesses for the independent Social Hour are: Diana Dill, Fidel & Eppie Exconde, Ed & Carolyn Gruber, Cyndi Clements, Roger & Carol Hansen, Dave & Sallie Hennessey, Jane Hill, Winston Padgett, Pollyanna Randol, Kyle Hood, Tom & Karen Keck, Ralph & Edith Kelly, Kathleen Ramsey, Tom & June Reedy, Larry Runge, Peter & Donna Schill, Rita Schmidt, John & Susanne Shore, Alan & Sandi Snyder, Howard & Edie Talley, Clare Taylor, and Dan Van Syoc.

Red Hat Luncheon at Seasons 52

255 E. Basse Rd, S.A. 78209

Hosted by Joy Hough and JoAnn Oldham

Friday, **May 15** at 11:15am

Please be in the lobby by 10:15am. B

The bus departs at 10:30am.

When you sign up on the sheet in CC3, indicate "W" if you use a wheelchair, as the bus can only accommodate one wheelchair.

You will be charged for transportation costs if you do not remove your name by Wednesday morning before the luncheon you are a "no call, no show."

Gadabouts Lunch at Viola's Ventanas

9660 Westover Hill Blvd.

Hosted by JoAnn Oldham and Nan Smith

Friday, **May 8**

Please be in the lobby by 10:15am

Bus leaves at 10:30am

When signing on the sheet in CC3 indicate "W" if you use a wheelchair, as the bus can only accommodate one wheelchair.

You will be charged for transportation costs if you do not remove your name by Wednesday morning before the luncheon you are a "no call no show"

Resident Announcements

Punkin Pond

Carol and Ron Conkey

Alas! The punkin couldn't make it this year.

He sends apologies to all who showed up, and thanks for the concern expressed over his absence. The difficulty boiled down to the support team being unable to cope with the logistics. It is hoped that among the True Believers there are those able to step up and see that next year and afterwards, the magic of the arrival of the punkin will recur.

PS There are those who claim they know all about the origin of the appearance but have been sworn to secrecy about the matter. They shall remain nameless here, but we implore anyone who really and truly does know (yes, we're a bit suspicious) to induct us into the Group of Those Who Know.

65 Year Anniversary Board

Bennie Blansett

I am the Action Officer for the 65 YEAR Anniversary Board and we have three of them located on the wall at left side of the entrance door to the Village Store which some call the BX,PX or Gedunk. My first 4 years in this job I added about 9 couples a year to this exclusive club but in the last year I have added only one couple. My wife Sue asked me how "exclusive " is it? So I asked the Big G robot and She tells me that of all the couples married in the USA only 3.5% make it to the 65 year milestone. If any residents have made it to 65, please let me know so I can get your plaque on order.

PS: The next plaque I am going to order, if we make it to 1 June 2026 without divorcing or passing, is for BENNIE AND SUE BLANSETT. (The party is in the RoadRunner on Monday 1 June from 1400 to 1630 and everyone is invited).

Bennie and Sue Blansett 65 Anniversary Celebration

All are Welcome!

Please come and help us Celebrate our 65 anniversary

Monday, **June 1**

1400-1630; 2-4:30pm

RR Lounge & HLR



Resident Announcements

ROTARY CORNER

Debby Cox



All residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings of the San Antonio West Rotary Club, which meets right here at Blue Skies of Texas West, to hear one of our great speakers or to learn more about our service projects. We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Roadrunner Lounge from Noon until 1pm, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

In March we heard from 6 very accomplished women who live right here at Blue Skies. The meetings were quite popular and attended by a number of guests. So for our first meeting on May 5 we have three more women you can meet to learn about their talents. Nan Smith writes childrens' books, Barbara Sumlin is a professional quilter, and Sandi Snyder is an artist.

Our **May 19** meeting features an FBI agent, Stephanie Post, who will talk about what resources are available from the FBI in Southwest Texas and what issues does the FBI address here.

If you would like to learn more about our Rotary Club, please call Debby Cox (see Resident Roster), or you can visit our web site or Facebook page:

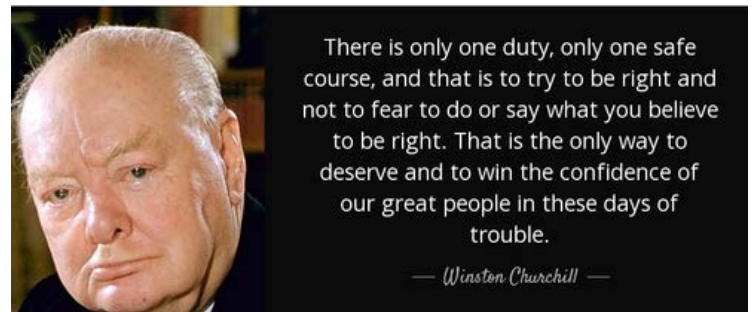
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The Role of US Gliders in WW2

The Alamo Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society will meet at 10am on Wednesday, **May 13** in the Roadrunner Lounge. All residents of Blue Skies of Texas East and West are invited to attend. Chuck Hobbs will tell the story of his father who served as the Glider Officer of the 93rd Troop Carrier Squadron of the 439th Troop Carrier Group. He flew a glider into Normandy, Holland and Germany and was awarded a DFC, an Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.



The Great Courses David H. Brands

Our current lecture series, Winston Churchill, concludes May 4 at which time we will select a new topic from THE GREAT COURSES library.

Join us Monday evenings at 7pm in the Roadrunner Lounge starting **May 11** when we begin this, yet to be determined, lecture series.

Resident Announcements

It's that time of year to start rehearsing for the Follies!

We are looking for singers, skits, musicians, and etc.
For newcomers with questions please call Judy Michel
(see resident directory).

This year is a special year as we are dedicating it to Marcia Tinsley. Marcia is unable to do all the work it takes to put on such a big production, but believe me her stamp will be on it. Paula Haley will be our MC and is currently working on a program with Marcia. Judy Michel is in training to take Marcia's place, and if truth be told, Marcia, is one in a million, and could never be replaced.



BSTW's dancers are currently practicing their dances. For those of you who like to dance and would like to be on the dance team, please join us. We meet **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 3-4pm in CC2.

So all you entertainer's please contact Judy Michel (see resident directory) as soon as possible to get your name on the billboard (program). We need to make this yearly production special for Marcia.

