

## Resident Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed. December 18, 2013 Time: 1:30pm Place: Rec. Room

Attending: Barb Workman, Martha Howard, Al Gordon, Galen Instiness, Fulton Thompson, Fredi Young, Dottie Klingler, Erma Norlund, Mary Tucker, Sue Hottinger, Ta Holmes, Lureen Stedman, Les Young, Interim Food Service Manager, and Kristi Greinier ATII.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.

### Food Forum with Les Young, Interim Food Service Manager:

Les went over the menu for Christmas dinner and asked that residents let the kitchen know how many guests they will be having. The cost for the dinner for staff and guests is \$10.00. Les will be going home to spend Christmas with his family and will be gone from December 22-January 3. Les said that NANA may have found a permanent replacement for the Sitka Pioneer Home Food Service Managers position and we would be meeting him soon.

### Agenda Items:

Proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar totaled over \$1500.00!  
Christmas Party in the chapel on Friday, December 20th. Entertainment has been lined up by Kris Fulton, Judy Johnstone and her world famous Krumkake, Gift bags, the Christmas Poke, and a visit from Santa.  
Christmas Open House will be held December 24th in the recreation room from 9:30 to 3:00pm. All kinds of goodies and homemade egg nog.  
Home Happenings will be held Friday, December 27th. We have 2 new residents to welcome, Steve Stephens from Skagway. Steve has moved into the Garden Park neighborhood and Nan Robb from Ketchikan moved into the R-House neighborhood.

### Old Business:

No old business.

### New Business:

Our Resident Council received a \$250.00 donation from the Pioneers' of Alaska, Igloo # 6 in Juneau.

Fredi said the Gift Shop will be open all day from now until Christmas.

Lureen Stedman wondered if anyone ever played the player piano in the Sunset View lounge. She was told that Klaudia Leccese used to play when the piano was working, however it is now not functioning properly and cannot be repaired. Lureen asked if it could be moved to make more space in the lounge and maybe put a larger table there for the folks that work on puzzles. Residents who live in the neighborhood and use the puzzle table said they were fine with the current arrangement.

Dottie asked that the lights and music be kept on during the day in the Sunset View lounge for other folks that use the room and may not be able to see to turn on the lights and stereo. Dottie also asked if something could be done about the cool air that comes out of the ventilation system in her bathroom and the Sunset View hallway. Kristi will pass this on to the Maintenance department.

Barb asked that whoever opens the window in the Garden Park laundry/rest room please close it before leaving the room.

### Phil's update:

Phil was unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Greinier ATII



# The Prospector

## Sitka Pioneers' Home



### Resident Birthdays

Deanna Price	Jan. 02
Herb Bonnett	Jan. 05
Margaret Lowery	Jan. 14
Sue Hottinger	Jan. 25
Pauline "Jane" Hammock	Jan. 28
Elaine Powell	Jan. 29

### Staff Birthdays

Delia Estrada	Jan. 04
Valerie Nelson	Jan. 14
Katy Rouse	Jan. 17
Patty Ady	Jan. 17
Jimmy Handy	Jan. 18
Lucinda Williams	Jan. 24
Avelina Castillo	Jan. 28

All January birthdays will be celebrated at Home Happenings!

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## Staff Scuttlebutt...

Marie's husband, Columbus, surprised her with a trip to Australia and VIP tickets to see the Rolling Stones in concert! She is ecstatic, of course! They will be leaving for 2 weeks in March.

Glenn Howard is retiring following 25 years of service. Congratulations Glenn, you will be missed.



Sitka Pioneers' Home  
120 Kathian Street  
Sitka, AK 99835-7342



Elaine Owens donated a beautiful porcelain nativity to the home. We were ecstatic to accept it for use in our main display case! Thank you Elaine for such a wonderful donation!

Environmental Services Department , once again, sponsored their annual "Door Ornament" party for our residents. Their staff brought in all kinds of delicious goodies to share and brought folks in to pick out an ornament to hang on their door. So special and enjoyed by all.

Barb and Steve Morse donated several beautiful poinsettias , very nice for the holidays!

Paula Hardy brought in an amazing assortment of small gift items and asked residents and staff to each choose a few to take home with them. Paula spends all year gathering these items and her thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

The Giving Tree: many people in the community support our home by providing gifts for our folks. Thanks so much to them and Julia Smith for facilitating again this holiday season.

SPH Christmas Bazaar: Profits from the sales at our annual Christmas Bazaar totaled almost \$1500.00. Numerous thanks to all who helped bake, paint ceramics, knit, crochet, and volunteered to assist in many other ways to make the sale a huge success. An extra special thank you to Fredi Young, Kathryn Snelling, Helen Cunningham, and Marjorie Blankenship for the hand knit, crochet and quilted items and to Herb Bonnett for the donation of one of his prints.

Mrs. Lawson's and Mrs. Fredrickson's classes came for a holiday visit and entertained us with Christmas songs. They were so much fun to have!

Bonnie Cottrell donated several rhythm instruments which we are having fun with while she plays piano!

Several first grade classes came in to visit and share Christmas carols with us. We love having children in our home and will see them again soon!

Sitka Rotary Club, once again, sponsored a Christmas Party for residents and their invited guests. Rotarians came with refreshments, punch, and gifts for our elders. Thank you for thinking of us year round and especially during the holidays.

Methodist Church Children's Choir came to carol, so wonderful to have them.

7th Day Adventists' came to carol, so very nice of them.

Kris Fulton organized the whole Christmas party entertainment line-up. Wow, thank you , Kris, we appreciate your efforts on our behalf!

To all the performers who entertained at our Christmas party: The Breakers, Sitka Spruce Celtic Kittens, Over 40 Knot Winds, Tomy Harris, Sitka Studio of Dance, New Archangel Dancers and Sitniks, thank you , thank you, thank you!

Judy Johnstone joined us for the our annual Christmas party and delighted us, once again, with her homemade Krumkake, a tradition begun by her late husband, Allen, and carried on by Judy in his memory.

## Environmental Services Annual Door Ornament Party



# EDEN MOMENTS



Daisy Mae keeps company with Winifred, Nancy, and Deena, she's such a good girl!

## Eden Principle 9:

Creating an Elder-centered community is a never-ending process. Human growth must never be separated from human life.

## *National Activity Professionals' Week*

National Activity Professionals' Week is sponsored by the National Association of Activity Professionals. The week was created to give honor and recognition to those dedicated individuals who contribute so significantly to residents' quality of life.

**The Activity Department  
will be honored  
at the January Home  
Happenings Party  
on Friday, January 31st.**



*Welcome*

*Odie "Nan" Robb*

Odie "Nan" Robb, who goes emphatically by Nan, was born September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1942 in Levelland, Texas to Matthew Hargroves and Edith Flatt. She had a sister Patsy and brother Jeffery. She grew up in the South-west United States, living in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. She graduated from high school and began her lifelong love of cooking.

Nan married Donald Robb in 1963 and they had two sons, Richard and Donald. She moved to Alaska in 1972 where she worked as a cook in logging camps all over Southeast Alaska. She also worked as a cook on the Alaska ferries. Nan won the Betty Crocker Bake Off contest in 1972 for her Braided Cheese bread recipe. Nan loves to walk and spend time outside. She loves plants and gardening, but does not like pets and is allergic to cats.

Nan has traveled extensively throughout Asia, Europe, and all over the United States. She likes cooking shows on TV, reading, and especially reading cook books and listening to country rock music. Nan is very fond of Thai food and enjoys a glass of wine with dinner. She has many good friends.

*Please welcome Nan to the R-House Neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneers' Home family!*



*Welcome*

*Ronald "Steve"*

*Stephens*

Roland "Steve" Stephens was born Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 1925 to William and Myrtle Pearsall Stephens in Scott City, Kansas. He was the middle of three children and has a brother William and a sister Phyllis. They moved to Moses Lake, Washington when he was quite small and then on to Tenino, Washington where he attended some high school prior to joining the Navy at 17. He spent three years on shipboard during the war. He was married to Betty at some time during the 40s and they later divorced. Steve had two daughters Jan who is now deceased and Vicki. Steve was a welder in Tacoma, Washington after the war. He moved to Alaska in 1959 to take a job with the Skagway Power Company and never left. He and Linda Bigham got together on Memorial Day in 1979. They both lived in Skagway and had known each other a little in the way of small towns and have now been together over thirty years.

Steve has always loved the outdoors and did a lot of skin diving, crabbing and shrimp fishing when he was younger and now really enjoys his daily walks. Steve said he liked to catch and clean the crab but is allergic to eating it and also salmon. He has always had a dog and is fond of animals.

He and Linda did a lot of traveling going frequently to Indiana to visit her children. One year they drove across Canada to Newfoundland. Frank was a cribbage player and now enjoys talking books, reading and visiting with close friends.

*Please welcome Roland or "Steve" to the Garden Park Neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneers' Home Family!*



*Welcome*

*Mary "Amy" James*

Mary James who prefers to be known as "Amy," was born in Juneau on December 18<sup>th</sup> 1917 to Jenny Mercado and Ike Takesado, the oldest of her five siblings, Martha, George, Ed, also Maggie Verney and Helen Mercado both of whom now live in Sitka. Amy just celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Amy grew up living on W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. near where the Juneau Douglas Bridge is now located. Life was simple and they had a wonderful time playing on the beaches and in their ball field as they were growing up. Amy also spent much of her time caring for her younger siblings. Amy attended Juneau schools through her sophomore year when she left school to marry John James. Amy and John had 3 sons, Jerry, who lives in Seattle, and Ron and Robert both of whom live in Sitka.

Amy worked as a waitress in Juneau as well as working in the cold storage before she and her family moved to Seattle where she spent many more years working as a waitress. Amy is enthusiastic about her crocheting and works on it every day. She loves to read and spends much of her time reading. She has a very close knit family who will be visiting often. Her mother, Jenny lived here and is known to many of us. Amy's Grandpa Perry was a Canadian from Maine who came to Alaska and fell in love with their grandmother, and he is number 91 on the list of Pioneers in the photo of pioneers located in our chapel.

*Please welcome Amy to the Northern Lights neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneer Home family!*

**"I have a dream..."**



**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
1929-1968

**Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968.**

**In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions led the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976. Following support from the musician Stevie Wonder with his single "Happy Birthday" and a petition with six million signatures, the bill became law in 1983. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.**

*Martin Luther King Day is a holiday and will be celebrated January 20th.*

**Sitka Rotary Christmas Party For Our Pioneers**



**Merry Christmas**



**Happy Holidays!**



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# JANUARY 2014



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9:00am Shopping  
9:30am Stories w/Skye  
  
1:00pm Mind Flexors  
5:30pm Music w/Bonnie

9:30am "Movers & Shakers" Exercise  
10:30am 1-1's  
  
1:30pm Movie/Outing  
3:30pm Bingo: 3N

9:30AM Catholic  
1:30PM Projects

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1:30 Resident Meeting  
2:00pm Bingo: RHouse  
5:30pm Social with Jill

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Flower: Galanthus  
Birthstone: Garnet


