



The Prospector

Sitka Pioneers' Home

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Resident Birthdays

Bernice Stedman	12-6
Lydia Emmens 	12-6
Gerald McCutcheon	12-8
Emma Kohler	12-12
Curtis Ledford	12-14
John Sandor	12-22
Jessie Carlson	12-28
Elmo Mills	12-31

Staff Birthdays

Salote Lavulo	12-3
Edna Nicolo	12-9
Marievic Ramil	12-10
Susie Allensworth	12-18
Saori Handy	12-25
Kim Edenso	12-26
Mona Allen	12-31



Scuttlebutt:

Staff Updates:

Milagrose 'Mila' Sarmiento has joined us as an on-call ALA in the nursing dept. Please welcome her!

New Residents:

Evelyn Hatmaker joined Ocean View neighborhood. We welcome her to the Sitka Pioneers' Home family!

Happy Holidays!



Resident Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 @ 1:00pm (Main Lounge)

Attending: In addition to the residents, Hedy H, Assistant Administrator, Dayna A, Administrator, Greg O, NANA Manager, and Skye W, RTI.

Food Forum:

Food/supply orders are sometimes being received late or items are not available. Understanding and patience in regard to this is appreciated. Cooking demo plan pending.

Old Business:

Oct. meeting minutes read.
Still looking for a light up bingo board.
GCI transition plan is still in the works.

Agenda Items:

New residents and staff introduced.
Missing remote at main lounge. Please keep a look out.

New Business:

Inquiry regarding thanksgiving dinner guests. No in-house meal guests at this time.

Administrator's update:

The SPH COVID outbreak is over. Kudos to staff, especially those behind the scenes that put in hard work toward these challenging situations. Visitation is now more open. Please see the guidelines for more information. A copy can be requested from Skye at her email skye.workman@alaska.gov or by phone at 907-747-2103. Guest room remains closed.

Respectfully submitted, Skye Workman, Recreation Therapist I

The Snusgood Brothers

by Galen Insteness





Time to Shine



Neighborhood Decoration & Holiday Spirit Contest

Each neighborhood is encouraged to participate in a Christmas decoration contest. Each neighborhood team, including elders and staff, is encouraged to put on the best showing of decorations and show the most spirit during this holiday season.

Some decorations have been provided by the Home, but if there is a need, please let Skye know so we can help you out.

There will be a pizza party for the neighborhood with the favorite decorations and most holiday spirit!

The 'Time to Shine' is Monday, December 20th at 10:00am.



Thank you!!

Trish Wengenroth set up a Thankful Tree near the Barracks Street entrance with an invitation to share what we are thankful for. The added leaves filled the branches and the wall with wonderful words of gratitude. We are thankful for Trish's Thankful Tree and other lovely seasonal additions around the Home.

Thank you to the Pie Walk pie donors! We had a lovely time working our way around the table full of donated pies hoping for our number to be called to win a pie! Thank you to all!

Please see our calendar for DECEMBER events.

Modifications may need to be made to remain in line with current COVID precautions. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

Happy Veterans Day!



BOWLING!!

Bowling looked different this month, but we all agreed that the hallway made for a fun and exciting lane!



Elder Spotlights—

This November a variety of Alaska Native and Native American items and art were displayed in our main display case. We were honored to include items from **some of our** elders.

At the end of the month, these elders shared about the items they had displayed. What a **treat** to hear them present **each** piece. Thank you!

Alice Walker-Dundas
Mary Miller
Linda Allard



Alice with her treasured beaded items. Some beads and designs were Alaskan and some were not.



Linda (above) showed and spoke about her bear bread art.



Mary (left) sang while keeping time on one of two of the two drums she had offered for our display.

Pie Walk! Our slogan should have been 'Will walk for pie!'



Holiday Festivities Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 11:00am

Door Knocker Party

with food, friends, and *Christmas Music*.

And, don't forget to pick an ornament for your door!

Wednesday, Dec. 8 @ 10:00am

Paulla's Gifts

Come by and check out Paulla's Gifts. See something for you? Maybe something for a friend? There's a little something for everyone!

Friday, Dec. 10 @ 10:00am-3:00pm

SPH Christmas Bazaar

A fundraiser for the Resident Council, homemade crafts, baked goods and assorted items will be available.

Monday, Dec. 20 @ 10:00am (each neighborhood)

Time to Shine!

Neighborhood Decoration & Holiday Spirit Contest

Thursday, Dec. 23 @ 1:30pm

Christmas Party

Announcements, visit from Santa, refreshments and music!

Thursday, Dec. 30 @11:30am

New Years Eve Chili Cookoff

A chili potluck to combat this chilly weather.

Thursday, Dec. 30 @1:30pm

New Years Eve Party

Count down to the New Year with us.

Light refreshments to be served.

****NOTE: Events listed are in the Main Lounge unless otherwise noted.****