

April 2008

DeSoto Senior Activity Center Newsletter

204 Lion Street - DeSoto, Texas 75115

972.230.5825

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm

Where Active Seniors Go!

This and That

- Benefits counseling will be available on the first and second Tuesday each month, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call for an appointment or stop by the center if you need assistance with Medicare/Medicaid or other benefits.
- Did you know that if you have email, you can go to ci.desoto.tx.us to register to have senior center updates and newsletter notices emailed to you?
- The weekly Camp Meeting has been moved from Tuesday to 10 a.m. on Thursday mornings.
- Our next presentation on “Reflections of Italy” and other overnight trips during 2008 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd, at 2 p.m.
- Join us on St. Patrick’s Day, Monday, March 17th, for breakfast at 8:15 a.m., 25c per card bingo at 9 a.m.

Senior of the Month – Ora Cooper

Ora Dean Hawks Cooper works in the kitchen at the senior center. She is a warm, caring individual who thinks of others needs first. The staff and the participants at the senior center can always count on a helping hand from Ora whenever there is a need. She just seems to appear at the right moment. We all are very grateful that she is playing on our team!!! We love you and all you do for us!!!

Ora was born in Wharton, Texas and has three brothers and three sisters. Ora is married to James Cooper, Sr. and they have been married 35 years and have seven grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

She retired from DeSoto ISD and worked in child nutrition. Her favorite song is “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” and her words to live by are: “You Reap What You Sow.” Her hobbies are sewing and reading a good book and her favorite food is fried chicken. Ora’s fondest memory is playing horses with her baby brother on her parents’ farm. In her spare time, Ora volunteers at her church.

Welcome to our New Members

Dorothy “Anita” Hanes, Laura Autrey, Patsy Burnham, Carol Lombardo, Deanna Hanbey, Arlene McMains, Billy Brents, Ruby Conley, Nancy Ramsay, Paula Pennington, Luther Jones, Ted Lineks, Joann Lineks, Bob Irby, Anabel Cooper, Abel DeHoyos, Betty Crowe, Mattie Washington, Delores Stanley, Grace Turner, Inez Williams, Frances Tombs, Ruby Walker, Sylvia Hendrix, Howard Ryden, Lena Kimbell, Charles Wheelis

March Birthdays

Nellie Baldwin, Nina Bledsoe, Thelma Brown, Varie Cameron, James Camp, Richard Cearley, Clois Clark, George Cole, Ora Cooper, Hortense Crowder, Doris Daly, Jack Fletcher Debra Gantzer, Shirley Gardner, Thomas Germino Jr., R.K. Hall, Betty Hanson, Carolyn Harris, Donna Lee Henderson, Helen Hish, Leoteal Hodge, Jamie L. Howard Sr., Iris Johnson, Vennie Mae Johnson, Gladys Kemp, Margaret Kenyon, Ruth M. King, Emily Lacy, Perry LeGrand, Cozadene Martin, Alyce Mitchell, Kenneth Mitchell, Marjorie Monroe, Leonardo Nigo, Marie Ogburn, Josefina Ortiz, Jane Ota, Grace Pennington, Paula Pennington, Janet Phillips, Claudia Plasket, Clarence Price, Rosetta Reynolds, Hildegard Schulz, Mary Lou Scott, Jean Shaw, Aris Shields, Dorothy Stevens, Nancy Sunderman, Jeanne Vaughan, Donnell Vaughn, Judith Wendt, Delores Wesley, Dolores White, Mary Williams, Carole Wilson, Sam Wilson, Nathan Yarbrough

Health & Wellness

Benefits Counseling	DAAA	Tuesday, 3/6	10:45 a.m.
Anemia Screening	VNA	Wednesday, 3/5	9 a.m.
Diverticulitis	VNA	Wednesday, 3/19	10:30 a.m.

Events & Trips

Mystery Dinner

Our next mystery dinner is Wednesday, March 12th, at 6 p.m. Dress will be casual. We will depart the Senior Activity Center at 6 p.m. Transportation is \$2.00 plus the cost of your \$10 to \$14 dinner. The mystery dinner sells out fast, so please reserve your seat early! Pickup and take home is available.

Grapevine Mills Mall

We will visit the Grapevine Mills Mall for your shopping and dining pleasure on Tuesday, March 18th, departing the Senior Activity Center at 9:30 a.m. Only thirteen seats available with no handicap seating available for this trip. Our handicap bus is in for repair. Transportation cost is \$2 plus the cost of your lunch at the mall.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Join us on Thursday, March 27th, at 1 p.m., for our next Texas Hold'em tournament. Entry fee is \$5.00 with awards for 1st & 2nd place. Each player will deal. Please RSVP by 3/25/08.

Crochet Class

The crochet class meets each Wednesday, through April. The beginner's class begins at 12 noon. The intermediate class begins at 2 p.m. The class is taught by Carol Coterill. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the registration desk. The fee to the class is \$5.00 a month.

Quilting Class

It's not too late to join the Quilting class by sewing machine. This class begins at 12:30 p.m., and is taught by Shirley Ward. The class meets each Thursday at 12:30 p.m., through April. If you are interested in attending this intermediate class, please sign up at the reception desk. You must know how to sew and have a portable sewing machine. Class fee is \$5.00 per month.

DeSoto Police Department

Rodney Sneed with the DeSoto Police Department will be here on March 6th, 2008, at 10 a.m., to talk on "A Citizens Responsibility." Questions and answer session will follow the presentation. Please join us for this very informative lecture.

North Texas Food Bank Volunteer Program

Thursday, March 13th, is the DeSoto Senior Center's day to volunteer at the Food Bank. We will leave the center at 8:30 and return for lunch. Volunteers are needed to work two hours and in turn the Center gets double food credits. We had seventeen volunteers work at the Food Bank in December, lets break that record. We use the food credits at the Food Bank to obtain our morning snacks. For additional information, please contact Don Wittman or Joe Pirotte.

Saturday Night Dance

Join us on Saturday night, March 22nd, from 7 – 9:30 p.m., for a fun night of entertainment and dancing. The music will be provided by "Classic Country." Snacks & punch provided at intermission. Admission is \$4 at the door.

St. Patrick Pancake Breakfast & Bingo

Pancakes, sausage and juice for St. Patrick's Day breakfast on Monday, March 17th, at 8:15 a.m. At 9 a.m. we will have St. Patrick bingo and it's only .25 per card. Come dine with us and be a bingo winner. Please RSVP at the Registration Desk for the breakfast.

Easter Party

Ladies wear your Easter Bonnet and men bring your ball caps and enter the Easter Bonnet/Hat contest at this year's Easter Party at the DeSoto Senior Activity Center on Monday, March 24th, beginning at 10:45 a.m. Refreshments will be provided.

DeSoto Senior Activity Center – March 2008

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
	3	4	5	6	7	8
	8:30 Bingo 9:00 <u>Site Council Meeting</u> 9:00 Ceramics 9:30 Wal-Mart 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Center	9:00 - 12:00 <u>DAAA</u> <u>Benefit Counseling</u> 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:00 Library 10:15 TOPS Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Pinochle	8:30 Bingo 9:00 Painting Class 9:00 <u>VNA – Anemia</u> 9:30 Grocery/Bread Store 11:30 Lunch 12:00 <u>Crochet Class (Beginners)</u> 12:30 "42" & Dominoes 2:00 <u>Crochet Class (Intermediate)</u> 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Center	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:30 <u>Seasonal Crafts Class</u> 9:45 <u>Police Dept. talk on "A Citizens Responsibility"</u> 10:00 Camp Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Senior Samaritans 12:30 <u>Quilting by machine class</u>	8:30 Bingo 9:30 P.O./Bank/Drug & Dollar Store 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 2:30 Fitness Class	
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	8:30 Bingo 9:00 Ceramics 9:30 Wal-Mart 10:45 <u>Easter Hat Contest</u> 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Center	9:30 Chair Exercise 10:00 Library 10:00 <u>Entertainment - Gospel Singing</u> 10:15 TOPS Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 <u>Single Pinochle Tournament</u>	8:30 Bingo 9:00 Painting Class 9:30 Grocery/Bread Store 11:30 Lunch 12:00 <u>Crochet Class (Beginners)</u> 12:30 "42" & Dominoes 2:00 <u>Crochet Class (Intermediate)</u>	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:30 <u>Seasonal Crafts Class</u> 10:00 Camp Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Senior Samaritans 12:30 <u>Quilting by machine Class</u> 1:00 <u>Texas Hold'em Tournament</u>	8:30 Bingo 9:30 P.O./Bank/Drug & Dollar Store 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 12:00 Pinochle 2:00 Fitness Class at Town Center	
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Activities and services at this Center are equally accessible to all persons who are age 55 and over regardless of race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, handicap or impairment. A donation of \$1.00 is suggested for meal participants 60+ and their spouse otherwise the cost is \$4.00 per meal. Meals must be ordered by noon two days in advance by calling 972.230.5825.