DeSoto Senior Activity Center Newsletter
October 2009

204 Lion Street - DeSoto, Texas 75115 - http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm - 972-230-5825
Where Active Seniors Go!

This and That

- Did you know that your Tom Thumb Reward Card is worth $$$ to the Senior Activity Center? Go to the Customer Service counter and link your reward card to #3510.
- Please remember children are not allowed at the Senior Activity Center except for special events approved by the Site Council. The special events will be published in this newsletter as they are scheduled.
- **Don't forget the Community Garage Sale on Saturday, October 3rd. This would be a great opportunity to clean out the house and sell your unused items. Registration forms are available at the registration desk. If you don't have any treasures to sell, come by and buy some treasures from the many booths both inside and outside the building.**
- The Dallas Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) will have a Benefit Specialist visit us on Wednesday, October 21st, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions or needs, the counselor will be happy to assist.
- **Flu & Pneumonia shots** will be available on Thursday, October 15th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please RSVP at the registration desk. Medicare Part B will be accepted. Mobil Medicals will be administering the shots.

Senior of the Month – Billie Jean Clayton

Billie Jean Clayton is the lady with the bright smile and cheerful attitude who is always helping others. She was motivated to come to the center in 2006 by her love of volunteerism. She assists when there is a need, whether it is with bingo or in the kitchen. Billie was born in Emerson, Columbia County, Arkansas, and has seven brothers and three sisters. She was married for 20 years and is presently a "Lady in Waiting" with one daughter and three grandchildren.

Some interesting facts about Billie: retired from being a Compliance Officer with the State of California in 2002; favorite food is corn; favorite song is "The Greatest Love"; favorite hobby is shopping and she loves to travel; fondest memory is a vacation in Cancun during the spring; words to live by: "This is the day that the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it." Her involvement here at the center includes: watercolor painting, jigsaw puzzle "queen", bingo, line dance and Saturday night dances. Her quirky habit is being an overseer (i.e. **BOSSY**)! Besides volunteering here at the center, Billie is involved with DeSoto Police "COP" program, Friends of the Library, VNA – Hospital Administrative Support, Mentor – Big Brothers & Big Sisters, DeSoto Dinner & Dialogue – Board Vice President and Antioch Fellowship church – Decision Team & Hospitality Ministry. Billie also wants everyone to know that she received a speeding ticket trying to get to the center in time for **BINGO!!** Billie you are appreciated and we are so glad you joined the center!

October Birthdays

Marlene Alford, Delores Anthony, Pamela Bagley, Hensley Banks, Raymond Banks, Jerri Barber, Brenda Lee Barnes, Levy Barnes, Magnora Benson, Charles Bernabo, Verle Bozarth, Billy Brents, Winona Bullard, Sylvia Burkes, Delores Burns, Jeanne Carrabba, Ann Cartwright, Alfredo Castillo, Ray Cobb, Ruby Conley, Dorothy Cowart, Barbara Davis, Pat Davis, Terri De La Rosa, Ruth Deckard, Abel DeHoyos, Belia DeHoyos, Miguel DeHoyos, Louise Ennis, Willie Fulford, Della Ree Gibson, Ronald Glover, Rose Goodman, Jean Green, Alton Gregory, Maggie Hansbrough, Raymond Hill, Usie Holyfield, Reta Howze, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Jones, Eddie Fayrene Jones, Suzanne Joseph, Venne Lawson, Don Lewis, Ted Lineks, Judy Littlefield, Mike Matthews, Anita Moreno, Winston Morris, Carrol Nelson, Bobbie Oglesby, Elmarie Overstreet, Carolyn Peterson, Dorothy Pickard, Joe Pirotte, Daisy Pleasant, Lawrence Randle, Nancy Rannels, Bernice Reilly, Bryan Reynolds, Freddie Robertson, Glenora Roland, Frank Rosenberger, Annie Rudolph, Phyllis Sager, Irene Scroggins, Billie Jean Seaton, Martha Shelander, Polly Shelton, Earline Shields, David Smith, Harvey Smith, James Spearman, Treon Spencer, Ernestine Stephens, Howard Stevens, Thelma Sullivan, Kris Taylor, Cassie Turner, Swamy Valluropalli, Patsy Vines, William Vines, Frederick Walker, Janice Walters, Bessie Washington, Youree Washington, Weston Whitfield Jr., Miltoy Wilson, Betty Womack.

Welcome to our New Members

Lola Marie Bell, Magalene Benson, Carolyn Browder, Helen M. Buford, Arba Jean Clark, Eddie (Marvin) Clark, Earnestine Cole, Ronald B. Cox, Charles L. Creel, Erma J. Davis, Willie Pearl Gillins, Deborah Hegger, Wanda Hargrove Holloway, Virgie A. Jackson, Richard M. Johnson, Rosa M. Johnson, Donald R. Lewis, Frances G. Mabry, David T. Miller, David W. Miller, Laura Lee Miller, Samuel G. Moore, Jan F. Owen, Jesse R. Owen, Mattie M. Roberts, Bessie R. Simpson, Charles R. Simpson, Lutherine Starlin, Gigi Thomas-Jones, Felecia R. Warner, Gloria L. Williams and Winston C. Warner.

Health & Wellness

Blood Sugar	VNA	Wednesday, 10/7	9 a.m.
Flu/Pneumonia Shots	Mobile Medicals	Thursday, 10/15	9-11 a.m.
Flu Update Education Talk	VNA	Wednesday, 10/21	10:30 a.m.
Nutrition Talk – Healthy Eyes/Screening	Marlice Peabody	Thursday, 10/22	9:40 a.m.

Events & Trips

The Great State Fair of Texas, October 1st, 8th, & 15th, 9:30 a.m.

Big Tex and the Great State Fair of Texas. Does it get any better? Take in the famous fried butter, corn dogs, tornado taters, the new car show and all the great displays the fair has to offer. State Fair admission is free to seniors. We will depart at 9:30 and return to the center at 3 p.m. Pick up and take home is not available. Transportation is $2.

Movie Matinee, Friday October 23rd, 8:45 a.m.

We will show the movie "The Soloist (rated PG-13 adult content)" in the craft room and we will even throw in free popcorn. Please RSVP at the registration desk. Because of this movie, we will not be playing bingo.

Choctaw Casino Resort, Monday, October 12th, 8:30 a.m.

The bus will depart at 8:30 a.m. from the old Winn Dixie parking lot on Hampton Road, and return around 6:00 p.m. Trip cost is $12.00 (includes bus transportation and driver tip). You will receive $10 casino cash and a $5 meal voucher. Pick up/take home transportation will not be provided.

Mystery Dinner, Wednesday, October 14th, 5:30 p.m.

Please sign up early for our next Mystery Dinner. Please sign up early as we have limited seating. Transportation cost is $2.00 plus the cost of your meal. No pick up or take home available for this event.

Texas Hold'em Tournament, Thursday, October 15th, 1 p.m.

Please join us for our next Texas Hold'em tournament. Entry fee is $5.00 with awards for 1st & 2nd place. Each player will deal. Ron Cox won the September Tournament with John Roberts coming in at 2nd. RSVP by 10/13/09.

AARP Driver Safety Program, October 19th, 12:00 noon – 4 p.m.

RSVP at the registration desk for the AARP Driver Safety Program. This is now a four hour class. Class fee is $12.00 for AARP members and $14.00 for non-members payable to the instructor. Insurance purposes only.

DeSoto Police Dept. Educational Discussion, October 20th, 10:45 a.m.

Cindy Mendez with the DeSoto Police Department will be in our dining room for a discussion on the high crime rate areas in the city and other topics.

Saturday Night Dance, October 24th, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of entertainment and dancing. The music will be provided by "Jimmy Gomez and the Country Outlaws." Snacks & punch will be provided at intermission. Admission is $5 at the door.

Double Pinochle Tournament at 12 noon on Tuesday's & Fridays in October

The tournament will be played each Tuesday & Friday at noon during the month of October. You must play at least eight times to qualify. Winners of the July Double Pinochle Tournament were; 1st place – John Burns, 2nd Place – Ron Ford and 3rd Place was Fern Kelly.

Canton First Monday Flee Market, Thursday, October 29th, 8:30 a.m.

Put on your walking shoes and be prepared for a fun day shopping Canton 1st Monday Trades Days on Thursday, October 29th. The trip cost is $2.00. The van will leave from the DeSoto Senior Activity Center at 8:30 a.m. and return to the center by 3:00 p.m.

Halloween Costume Party, Friday, October 30th, 10 a.m.

Come to the center dressed in your Halloween costume and join the party and contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume. Refreshments will be served.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
A Big Thanks to Cantex Senior Communities for sponsoring the food for the September Dance.			1 9:30 State Fair Trip 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:00 Camp Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Senior Samaritans 12:15 Line Dance Class	2 8:30 Bingo 9: 30 P.O./Bank/Drug Big Lots & Dollar Store 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 12:00 Double Pinochle Tournament 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Center	3 **8:00 – 3:00 Community Garage Sale**
5 8:30 Bingo 9:00 Ceramics 9:00 Site Council Breakfast 9:30 Wal-Mart 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 1:00 Mahjong 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Ctr.	9:30 Chair Exercise 10:15 TOPS Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:00 Double Pinochle Tournament 12:00 Senior Samaritans	7 8:30 Bingo 9:00 VNA-Blood Sugar Screening 9:00 Painting Class 9: 30 Kroger, Bread Store 12:30 "42" & Dominoes 1:00 Crochet Class 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Center	8 8:30 Food Bank Volunteer Day 9:30 State Fair Trip 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:00 Camp Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Senior Samaritans 12:15 Line Dance Class	9 8:30 Bingo 9: 30 P.O./Bank/Drug Big Lots & Dollar Store 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bridge 12:00 Double Pinochle Tournament 2:30 Fitness Class at Town Ctr.	10
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Activities and services at this Center are equally accessible to all persons who are age 50 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 $5.50 per meal. Meals must be ordered by noon two days in advance by calling 972.230.5825.