

SENNETT SENIORS NEWSLETTER---NOVEMBER 2023

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Today have you had a chance to speak to someone here you haven't met before? Now's a good time to **introduce yourself as a new member or to a new member!** Even with name tags we may need to ask for reintroductions in the future; but many new people are joining us these days. Welcome, all!

That sparks a reminder to all members to please double check the lists of names with US mail addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses on the posters here today to **confirm that your contact information is current.** It's especially important as we get close to our 3-month winter break. Thank you.

As we greet each other, there are special changes in the lives of some of our members: We are very sorry to note the deaths of **Kayann Taylor's son Terry**, and **Terri Fitzmaurice's mother**, and of **Betty Miller**, ardent knitter and our member of longest standing. Please keep **Pat Baran's phone number** available in case you think of another member who might appreciate a note of sympathy or cheer or other support, particularly again during the winter months when we are apart and not meeting. Pat's number is **315-834-9993**; and she is ready to send out messages from us all.

In this month of thanks-giving, we have received a **thank you note from Chapel House** for our donation of socks...and it's right to thank you for all the **personal care products** you've brought today for donation!

As we approach **Veterans'** Day, heartfelt thanks too, to those of you who have served in our military forces in any capacity.

Our **book and puzzle exchange** last month led to the sharing of a great many of those items. On the downside of that event, it should be pointed out that there were 24 books remaining after everyone had gone home. !! That meant extra carrying and disposal, even though it was made clear to begin with that we are each responsible to take home--whenever we leave, regardless of how many members remain—anything we were willing to contribute that no one else took away. We need to do better at this next year, AND also at every meeting for the:

New to You table. Today you may not get all your holiday shopping taken care of there; but you might find something just right for someone.

Do remember to take home whatever you have brought that remains when you are ready to leave today. Thank you!

Books continue to be a subject for consideration this month---Not an exchange, but as a topic for nomination....**Your favorite children's book(s)**, remember? Slips are available today for you to write the titles of your favorites, whether from your childhood or from another experience or time in your life. Let's hope we will someday hear the results of this project!

So with all that reflection, and our first snow of the season, the "Falling back" time change, and election day behind us, let's peek into the future, past the turkeys, the gatherings of family and friends, and the traditions of this time of year, toward December!

Our next meeting will be on:
Wednesday, December 13th, note the earlier week due to holiday activities!
At the Sennett Firehouse again, **@ 11:30**, where Mike Humphrey will again deliver us a tasty meal, warm and yummy for a holiday time. RSVP date for this meeting is December 4, to Kathy or MaryEllen. Cost for this meal will be \$18 per person, with usual exceptions.

That December meeting will be our final meeting of the year; and we will not get together again until April 2024.

At the December meeting, we will have printed information regarding 2024 meeting dates and locations, RSVP dates, cost of meals, and cost of membership dues for non-Sennett residents in the coming year.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate at the firehouse for our December meeting! If you are willing to help, and can be available on December 12th (day before the meeting) in the late afternoon, please add your name today to the sign-up sheet for that. Thank you in advance!

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As we count our blessings and look ahead to this season of turkey or venison or lasagna or ham, or maybe just munchies...in small or larger groups...with or without TV, or a variety of pies or competing family side dishes...here's a bit of comparison with an earlier Thanksgiving:

In 1910 a turkey dinner for four could be had for about \$3.00, with turkey costing 63¢/lb.