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Friends of McMinnville Senior Center



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Chats from the Chair

Hello everyone! Spring has sprung and let's hope we are all enjoying some warmer weather by the time you read this. It's been a pretty busy month since we spoke last so here's what's been going on.

We had a very successful Valentine's Day Dance and Wine Tasting event on February 14th. We had a great turnout, the band was hot and the food was cold (which it was supposed to be) and the wine flowed. We had a wonderful hostess, Sabra Mathot, pouring wine from the many bottles we received as donations from various vineyards in the area as well as a few donated bottles from some of the members. Our 50/50 Raffle winner for the evening was Tony Sulak who walked away with \$70 in cold hard cash! Congratulations Tony! The only complaint we had was that the dance floor was too small. We plan to have another dance sometime this summer so be watching for it.

On March 3rd, the Friends hosted a "meet and greet" with our new Mayor Scott Hill, the new city manager Jeff Towery and Parks and Rec Director Jay Pearson. We had a good turnout. I gave a short presentation expressing our views on the 50% self-sufficiency efforts the center is tasked with and our objection that the center was requested to raise half the money estimated for a proposed new roof. The main gist of our argument was that other community based facilities are not challenged to raise their own maintenance funds and we shouldn't be either. All three officials spoke and we had a short question and answer session afterwards. It was agreed at the end of the meeting that quarterly get togethers would be a good thing to do so that lines of communication remain open and less likely to cause misunderstandings in the future.



I leave you with, “You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.” – Winston Churchill

IN OTHER NEWS

We are beginning to receive applications for our scholarship award. Applications are due by May 1st and required information includes how an older person affected the life of the applicant. Forms can be found at the Kiosk at the Senior Center or in the counseling center of the high school.

We had no entries for the “Win Back Your Tuition” contest this last quarter! As Vizzini from “The Princess Bride” would say, “Inconceivable!” Listen, if you sign up and take a class here at the center and are a member of the Friends, just fill out an entry form (at the Kiosk) and put it in the tuition bucket. Doesn’t cost anything to enter and you might win back your money! Easy!

The latest acquisition paid for by the Friends for the Senior Center can be found in the kitchen. Go “ooh and ahhh” over the new stainless steel work station that arrived on Friday March 3rd. It’s huuugggge...and will really help in the prep work for Meals on Wheels and the Café.

The February winners for the Café Punch Card Raffle are Linda Behrens and Les I-didn’t-write-in-my-last-name. Both received a punch card good for 5 free Café lunches. We hold the raffle every month with the winners announced on the last Tuesday or Thursday of that month. Cost is only \$5 per ticket and we draw two winning names! Such a deal!

Just a reminder that if you are a current member of the Friends and haven’t paid your membership dues for 2017, we will continue to bug you until you do...well, maybe a little. If you aren’t a member and want to join, it’s easy! Just fill out an application! Cost is still \$15 for individuals and \$20 for a household. Included in your membership is the opportunity to use passes to get into the Evergreen Museum for free! Each pass (we have two) is good for 4 adults and 4 kids under the age of 17 which means you could take as many as 16 people to the museum...for FREE! You also get a free pancake breakfast and ice cream social during the year. Such a deal! Join up now!

You're invited! The Executive Board of the Friends meets the first Friday of each month at 11 a.m. and any member of the Friends or wanna-bes are welcome to come and sit in on the proceedings. However, keep in mind that dates and times are apt to change due to unforeseen events. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 7th.