



Committee & Group Reports – March 2024

Food Think Tank Report (Anna Van Tyne)

Norine and Marty reviewed the Harvest Grill menu changes, effective March 5, 2024.

A summer cookout to recognize Gay Pride, the Stonewall anniversary, and to celebrate Fourth of July is proposed for June 26, 2024.

The mug project has evolved into education and encouragement to use less throw-away cups. Drink cards will be offered to encourage the use of washable drink containers.

Questions were answered about pastry sales, meeting in person rather than on Zoom, more servers, Sunday menu items, and price lists for pastry items. Details of meeting discussion can be found in the Food Think Tank minutes under the Work Groups & Reports icon on Touchtown.

Green Team Report (Paula Wiiken)

The Green Team raised money to plant native plants, \$2,000 of which Rose Villa matched. Committees are discussing how to implement these plantings in partnership with the building and grounds team.

The Green Team presented a Xerces talk about pollinator habitat in January. There will be two talks in March about the tree canopy. The first is an update on our Rose Villa tree canopy by Eric Shawn on March 14. The second is a talk by Hannah Prather, PhD from Reid College about "The Mysteries of the Canopy."

Lana Bryan has agreed to be the Green Team Recycling Contact. If you have a recycling question, please let Lana know.

Please go to the Green Team icon on Touchtown to learn more.

Ready Force Report (Jean Lofy)

Ready Force completed the first ROSE Refresh Party in the PAC on Friday, February 23, with an attendance of about 125-150 residents, staff, and Green Hammer people—many thanks to all who volunteered and attended.

Ready Force has begun a CERT-Lite Training program for 16 residents. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. “Lite” is just a reference to this national FEMA-based training being customized more to Rose Villa. This is a 5-week course that meets twice a week. Volunteers will be trained in disaster preparedness. We are incredibly fortunate to have Steve Morris as a resident who is a certified CERT Trainer and who is teaching the course.

If you have questions about these activities or Ready Force, please contact either Ed Gellenbeck or Louise Williams.

Readers Theatre Report (Suzie Matranga-Watson)

The Readers Theatre had nothing new to report, but they meet every Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the PAC.

Safety Committee (Mayo Marsh)

The Safety Committee is working on two issues: (1) The anti-reflective paint on the campus exterior stairs needs to be repainted annually. (2) The lighting to the main entrance has been made more visible since red lighting isn't seen well at night. Both Main Street and Wild Rose Drive, which are off of River Road need headlight visible reflectors into Rose Villa. The positioning of the red reflectors still needs to be improved. Email Mayo Marsh (mayommarsh@icloud.com) (who is out of the country 4/27-5/13/24) with feedback. Email her if a new issue needs to be submitted.

Sewing and Quilting Report (Mary Claire Phelan)

Due to conflicts in scheduling, sewing and quilting groups had very little activity last month. On Thursdays from 9:30 until 11:30 am, volunteers continue to be in the sewing room to help residents with alterations or mending for donations that help maintain our equipment, but mostly go to the Foundation.

In case you missed it on RV chat, this is an example of what can be done for you. Gretchen Holden shared the following: “Sadly, I am losing height, and I didn't have a lot to lose in the first place! My pants are all too long! I gave away my sewing machine. I didn't want to throw them out, so I asked Sewing and Mending if they would hem them. They were more than happy to hem any of the pants, including my favorite blue jeans, that I took to their beautiful sewing room.

While I was there, I saw one gifted resident repairing the cover for a stool that some nice kitty had completely destroyed. These excellent seamstresses can do about anything! The price is right. Pay what you think is appropriate. It goes to the Foundation.”

Two of our sewing machines and the serger are broken beyond repair. If you have one that you don't need anymore, it would be great for you to talk to Jeannie Corn or Pam Duren about donating it.

Sunday Suppers Report (Susan Hyne)

The Sunday Suppers Year-to-date totals through end of last month: 6 meals with 153 diners. Two Sunday Suppers were held in February and 29 meals were served. The second community potluck (hosted by Weaving Rose Villa) was held with 45+ residents attending. The March schedule features three meals (potluck is not scheduled due to Easter). Information is shared via monthly flyers and posted on RVillagers.org.

Treasure House Report (Judie Hansen)

Things slowed down a bit in February with the icy sidewalks, etc. We had another large book sale -- hadn't expected how well everyone donated books. We made \$505.00 in cash sales and another 100 in charges. Even with lots of customers, we still had two SUV loads left over for the Clackamas Bookshelf. Keep those donations coming. Our goal is to have one book sale a month.

Woodshop (Joel Metzger)

The Woodshop completed eight projects for residents: They repaired a shovel blade, an office chair, a bar stool, a folding cart, a step stool, and built a shelving unit support frame and a raised floorboard platform for an accessibility van conversion. They also prepared and sealed a wasp nest for display and did one project for a resident group: made a second set of 30 card holders for Sunday Suppers.