



Committee & Group Reports – April 2024

Employee Holiday Gift Fund (Judy Francis)

With the consent of the Resident Council Executive Committee and Angela Hansen, CFO of RVI, the Employee Holiday Gift Fund has been renamed the **Employee Appreciation Gift Fund**. The first residents of Rose Villa created the Employee Appreciation Fund in 1962 as a way to say thank you to the staff; 62 years later, we are still continuing that tradition. As of March 31, the amount in the Fund was \$12,715, a bit below last year at this time. That will change after the official campaign begins in May or June with a presentation at the Resident Forum.

Foundation Written Report (Cathy Schar)

Over 100 residents came to the Foundation's 2023 Annual Report to the Community on March 20 to hear the presentation on outcomes in 2023 by Board members and staff. Residents learned about donated income (returned to pre-pandemic levels), expenditures on Resident Assistance and the other three Pillars (services) in 2023, plus the outcomes and successes in 2023. A sumptuous Happy Hour preceded the meeting.

The 2023 published Annual Report was provided, as well as the introduction of a brand-new video about the Rose Villa Foundation. They are both available in digital form on Touchtown and the Foundation website. Did you read in the Annual Report the stories of several of your neighbors? See pages 4, 11, and the back cover.

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 fewer 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 the meeting discussion can be found in the Food Think Tank minutes under the Work Groups & Reports icon on Touchtown.

Readers Theater (Suzie Matranga-Watson)

Every Thursday the Readers Theater meets in the PAC from 2:00 pm -3:30 pm. We read short plays each week. Most are funny, and/or quirky. No memorization or acting experience is required. Come join us for a good time.

On Thursday, April 4, Readers Theater will perform for the residents in Madrona Grove from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. Contact Suzie Matranga-Watson for any questions.

Ready Force (Jean Lofy)

Ready Force has just completed its first CERT-Lite Training program for 12 residents. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. "Lite" refers to customizing the national FEMA-based training for Rose Villa. This was a five-week, 20-hour course that met twice a week. Volunteers were trained in disaster preparedness -- many thanks to Steve Morris, a certified CERT Trainer.

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

Safety Committee (Mayo Marsh)

The Safety Committee has been working on the issue of the visibility of signage at the entrances to Rose Villa. Other issues they are working on include 1) the need to repaint the reflective paint on the exterior stairs annually, 2) the need for another marked crosswalk on Wild Rose Drive between the Northeast and North Pocket trash areas, 3) the parking blocks anti-trip sticks need to be checked annually for potential replacement on Main Street parking, 4) the Main Street pillar will have the electrical put underground. The Safety Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month, but they are not planning to meet in May.

Sewing & Quilting (Mary Claire Phelan)

Due to overlapping events during the sewing and quilting scheduled time on Friday, we are trying the second and fourth Mondays from 2:00-4:00 PM. We think you would enjoy coming.

Jeannie Corn makes quilts for newborns in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit at Providence Portland Medical Center. Although she works from home with her own machine and workspace, she has been able to source the majority of the fabric for her last six NICU quilts from the sewing room. She says, "I am very grateful for this resource!"

Rosebud continues to need more flannel hand wipes. Unfortunately, the serger used to make them that was donated by Norma Martin has broken. It is not reparable. We would welcome the donation or loan of another serger!!

On Thursdays from 9:30 until 11:30 am, volunteers continue to be in the sewing room to help residents with alteration or mending for donations that help maintain equipment and mostly go to our Foundation. It is time to evaluate your summer clothes to see if our volunteers can save you the cost of replacing those comfortable cherished items.

Sunday Suppers Report (Susan Hyne)

Year-to-date totals through the end of the month (including potlucks): 9 meals with 195 diners. Three Sunday Suppers were held in March and 42 meals were served. Due to the Easter holiday, there was not a community potluck in March. The April schedule features three meals plus a potluck hosted by the Resident Council Middle District. Information is shared via monthly flyers and posted on RVillagers.org.

Treasure House (Judie Hansen)

Beginning in May, the Treasure House will have extended hours every FRIDAY MORNING, with hours from 10:00 AM until the normal opening time of 1:00 PM. If you remember, back like when the Treasure House was where Schroeder Lofts is now 4-5 years ago. Thanks to Jean Corn for taking the lead on this shift. This will open up a few more slots for newcomers to volunteer. Call Carol Brownlow if interested in volunteering.

We had no Sneak Peak sales last month. We will be scheduling a "Gold and Silver" buyback program in the near future.