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(Please place upcoming announcements in the Main Office "ECHO" Box by TUESDAY at 5 p.m. OR use the Echo email.)

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** The defibrillators are currently located in the East Laundry Room, north section of the Main Hall, and in the Laundry next to the Pool Hall.

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Dear Alamo Rec-Veh Residents,

So many activities have been very successful lately. We want to thank everyone who has helped make these events a wonderful experience for everyone.

From the Old-Tyme Radio Dinner Theater to the Craft Show to the RC Oval Track's Red, White and Blue Race, to the Alamo Rec-Veh Park Open House, we've heard many comments about what wonderful volunteers and participants we have. We believe that our residents are the best anywhere. And it's been a pleasure to watch so many people enjoy our wonderful facilities.

Several visitors have complimented all of you on being a community of friendly and good people. We thank you for your kindnesses to visitors and to one another.

Let us know if we can be of help to any of you. If you haven't made your reservations for next year, please stop by to do so.

Sincerely,  
Barb Hamel, General Manager

## WEDNESDAY MEETING CHANGE

9 a.m. FREE DONUTS & COFFEE  
9:15 a.m. MEETING (including Speakers)  
Everyone is encouraged to be there.

Don't Miss ...

**Gordy & Aggie's BBQ RIB DINNER**

**FRI., FEB. 17 at 5 p.m. \$8.50**

Menu: BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea.

CUT-OFF DATE for Tickets: WED., FEB. 15 at NOON

## The Range is now OPEN! Electricity is on.

**RESIDENTS:** Please be careful. Keep your doors locked. Be assured that we have surveillance in the park. If you hear strange noises, including knocks on your doors, don't hesitate to call 911.



**JAY & TAMMY** host JAM & DANCE

*This week's theme: SWEETHEART*

**MON., FEB. 13 (Lunch at 11 a.m. \$5,  
followed by Jam at 12:30 a.m.)**

MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea.

**SAT., FEB. 11 – 5-9 P.M. (Tickets \$2.50) See ad pg. 2**

**MODIFIED BOX SOCIAL w/COWBOY POET**

**TUES., FEB. 14 – 7 P.M. (Cost: \$7) DANCE**

**RICHARD LYNCH**

**WED., FEB. 15 – 11:30 A.M. TICKETS: \$2 (OPEN TO EVERYONE)**

**RED HAT LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW**

Bring a salad with serving spoon to pass. See ad pg. 2.

**THURS., FEB. 16 – (Cost: \$6) (See Activity Office for more info)**

**ROLANDO & 4-HIS GLORY**

**TICKETS IN ACTIVITY OFFICE**

## Upcoming Events

SAT., FEB. 11 – **BREAKFAST** (7:30-9 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Serving omelets, pancakes and sausage patties. Sponsored by RC Off-Road Track. Kitchen help is appreciated. Sign-up sheet near kitchen.

SAT., FEB. 11 – **MODIFIED BOX SOCIAL with COWBOY POET** (5 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$2.50. One person decorates a box containing a cold lunch worth \$10 or more. The other person brings \$\$ to bid at least \$10 on the lunch. You don't need to sit with the person who decorated and filled the box. Friends and neighbors may sit together and share the lunches they've purchased. (All proceeds will stay in park to purchase special items, such as the two benches in front of the Main Office.) See Activity Office for tickets.

SUN., FEB. 12 – **CANADIAN LUNCHEON** (New time: 1 p.m.). Meet at El Dorado Restaurant, 755 Main St., Alamo. Contact Denise Gareau, Lot 98 or call (956) 223-4469 to confirm attendance. (Please wear something red if you can.)

## Upcoming Events . . . Continued

SUN., FEB. 12 -- **HYMN SING-ALONG WITH RANDY PARKS** (6:30 p.m. after Cake & Ice Cream) Bingo on Saturday night.

SUN., FEB. 12 -- **50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** See Activity Director.

TUES., FEB. 14 -- **LAST DAY FOR PARK DIRECTORY PHOTOS.** Please sign up to have your picture taken for the park directory.

TUES., FEB. 14 -- **RICHARD LYNCH VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE.** (Cost: \$7) 7 p.m. in Rec Hall.

WED., FEB. 15 -- **RED HAT SALAD LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW** (11:30 a.m.). Cost: \$2. Salad Luncheon is open to all park residents including men. Style Show follows luncheon. Door prizes. Please bring a salad with serving spoon. Table service will be furnished. Tickets in Activity Office. Bring your ticket! Open to ALL park residents.

THURS., FEB. 16 -- **ROLANDO & 4-HIS GLORY (Entertainer)** (Cost: \$6) (Contact Activity Office for info.)

FRI., FEB. 17 -- **RC OVAL TRACK RED, WHITE & BLUE SERIES (Race 2)** at Alamo Palms. See pg. 4.

FRI., FEB. 17 -- **GORDY & AGGIE'S BBQ RIB DINNER** (5 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$8.50. Menu: BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea. Cut-off date for tickets: Wed., Feb. 15 at noon. No tickets sold at the door.

SAT., FEB. 18 -- **PATIO SALE.** (8 a.m.-Noon).

SAT., FEB. 18 -- **9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE GOD'S WORTHY WOMEN** (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) Center Church, 4801 N. Cage Blvd., Pharr. Tickets: \$30. (Info & Registration: Leila Preuss 479-957-6683).

WED., FEB. 22 -- **AARP DRIVING CLASS** (12:30-4:30 p.m.) Sign-up on bulletin board as you come into Rec Hall. (Course benefit: Most car insurance discounts good for three years.)

THURS., FEB. 23 -- **RED HAT BIRTHDAY PARTY** (1:30 p.m.) in Annex. Bring a gift to exchange worth \$5. Put your name in gift. Dues \$2. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

FRI., FEB. 24 -- **POOL HALL FISH DINNER** in Rec Hall. Music will start at 4 p.m., Dinner served at 5 p.m. (Cost: \$7.50) in Rec Hall. Music provided by Randy Parks County Music Band performs throughout dinner with a dance to follow. (Come early, stay late!) 50/50 and door prizes. Tickets available in Activity Office. (No bingo on Friday.)

### CAKE & ICE CREAM ...

Please bring your own bowl or bowls for cake and ice cream. If you forget, please only ask for one bowl.



## RED HAT SALAD LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW

**WED., FEB. 15 - 11:30 a.m.**

**TICKETS: \$2** (Available in Activity Office)

**SALAD LUNCHEON open to ALL park residents, including men.**

**STYLE SHOW follows luncheon.**

Fashions provided by **WELLS OF WESLACO** and **BEC'S OF McALLEN**

• **DOOR PRIZES** •

**Please bring a SALAD TO PASS with a SERVING SPOON.**

**TABLE SERVICE, AS WELL AS COFFEE AND LEMONADE WILL BE PROVIDED.**



## VALENTINE PARTY

**COWBOY POET ENTERTAINMENT**

WITH

## MODIFIED BOX SOCIAL

**SAT., FEB. 11, 2017 from 5-9 P.M.**

### How it works:

- LADY (or Partner 1) brings BOXED MEAL** (Cold -- not hot -- food) **FOR TWO** (MINIMUM VALUE \$10)
- MAN (or Partner 2) brings Mega Cash** (at least \$10) **To Bid on a Box** (to share with Partner 1)
- BOXES to arrive by 4:30 p.m.** (Boxes should be concealed in cloth or garbage bag.)
- EVERYONE is WELCOME** (Couples & singles)  
Coffee, Iced Tea and Water will be provided or BYOB.

Please write ticket number on your box inside your bag.

**TICKETS: \$2.50 per person**

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY at the Activity Office. (ONLY 150 AVAILABLE!)



## Thank You!

A special thank you for all the people who attended our Radio Show on Saturday night. It was so much fun to see all of you there. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who made this event so successful. Without each one of you, it could not have been done.

Also, we want to thank Alamo Rec-Veh Park for the opportunity to put on this event.

*JoAnn and Dave Langseth, Doris Walimaa, and Marian Peterson*

COORDINATORS OF THE EVENT

Thanks to all who participated in the Super Bowl Party. See you next year.

*Leonard Fulk*

We meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Annex to make **PLASTIC CANVAS CRAYON BOXES** to take to children in Nuevo Progreso on Christmas Day. We'd love to have you join us. All materials provided. We'll show you how these boxes are made. If you have questions, call Carole (269) 718-8536.

### RESIDENT INFO FORMS DUE

Please turn these forms in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This important info helps us update our office records.

### MAIL FORWARDING LABELS

Please check with the office to see if you have correct mail forwarding labels. These labels will help us forward your mail back home when it's time for you to leave Alamo Rec-Veh Park.

# ALAMO REC-VEH PARK CALENDAR

**\$5 Donation**  
*featuring even more  
coupons than last year!*

**AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE**

**ALAMO REC-VEH PARK SPECIAL EVENTS** listed in this calendar. Check out fun photos of your friends and neighbors. *Plus, so many money-saving coupons!*

## GROUP NEWS

### CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

**2/13/17 PILLOWCASE** – Bring 9” x width of fabric (at least 42” wide) for cuff, 27” x width of fabric (at least 42”) non-directional fabric for the pillow, 3” of contrast fabric for trim, if desired.

**2/20/17 EARRINGS** – **Gelene Logsdon** – Make these cute button earrings. Bring two earring hooks, 26 jump rings, 10- 2 hole or 4 hole buttons (these buttons can be a little larger than the four-hole small buttons) and 10 - 4 hole small buttons. Hobby Lobby carries a nice selection of everything needed for this project.

**2/27/17 – FINAL CLUE FOR THE “MYSTERY QUILT”** and revealing! Finish the quilt top or work on any other unfinished project.

### BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Busy Bee Quilters meet on Friday at 1 p.m. in Annex.

### BIKE RIDING GROUP

Contact Gary at (515) 370-4289 for more information.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Please do not push the books back on the shelves. For all people who love to quilt and sew, we have a nice collection of non-fiction books on quilting and sewing. They are located on the bottom shelves of the small bookcase by the door. Just a reminder to place incoming books into baskets and we will shelve them. Donated books must be in good condition and puzzles complete. Thank you for your cooperation.  
*Dean and Karen Starks*

### HELPING HANDS

From 8-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in Annex, Helping Hands invites everyone to make quilts for needy here in the Valley. You don't have to sew. Lots of quilts need tying, etc. *Guys & gals needed!*

**LOOKING FOR ANY COUPLE CELEBRATING THEIR 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. WE WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM. CONTACT ACTIVITY OFFICE.**

## The Church Corner



**Pastor Cathy Graham**

*Salt and Light Community  
of Alamo Rec-Veh Park*

**Tele: (956) 524-4913**  
**Email: 2dlbug@msn.com**

*“You are the salt of the earth ...  
You are the light of the world, a city  
that is set on a hill cannot be hidden ...  
Let your light so shine before man, that  
they may see your good works and glorify  
your Father in heaven.”*

Mark 5: 13-15

- Church services on Sundays at 9 a.m.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Fridays at 9 a.m.
- **BIBLE STUDIES** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. *(after Park Meeting)* for men and women; Fridays at 1 p.m. for women
- **MINDFUL COLORING** follows Wednesday Bible Studies.
- Please check Church Bulletin Board for info about future events.
- Special services will be held on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
- Go to Schwans-Cares.com & enter #30812 to order food online. Proceeds will be donated to charity.
- **HYMN SING-ALONG WITH RANDY PARKS** (6:30 p.m. after Cake & Ice Cream). Bingo switched to Saturday.

### POOL NEWS

Our 8th Annual Owner's Pool Tournament is Wed., Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Sharp! Anyone can come and support the players. Our regular Fun Nite will start up again on Feb. 22. Thanks to all players, spectators and folks who brought treats.

### RECYCLING

All proceeds from aluminum can recycling will be used for park activities. Orange-covered collection containers are located in NE corner near kitchen in Rec Hall, in the Annex by water fountain, and on north side of all laundry rooms. Cans may be deposited on north side of *The Range* in Can Shack (through direct access door).

## Thank You!

The 6th annual Big-Band Jam on Jan. 29 attracted over 300 people and raised more than \$1060 for the Shiners' Kids Transportation Fund. Thank you to all the musicians and singers who donated their time and talents, as well as to all who worked to make the event a success.  
*Bob McArthur*

I would like to thank Helping Hands for the beautiful quilt you gave me when I got home from the Hospital. It was really appreciated. Also, thank you to all our friends for the prayers and well wishes.  
*Helen Ganssle*

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and after I returned home... especially, the ones who took me in and brought me home again. Also, thanks to Helping Hands for the lovely quilt. What would we do without friends? Thank you again.  
*Ella Verke*

Thank you for your cards and well wishes sent to Les. Thank you to Helping Hands for the lovely quilt. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.  
*Les and Sally Tacey*

The following groups NEED participants, players, spectators, etc. Go to a meeting, game, or activity just to see if it's a good fit for you. **GROUP LEADERS:** You will need to submit info for this column by Tuesday at 5 p.m. every week. Please be brief. Copy will be edited.

## RC Racing & Range

- Fri., Feb. 10 -- HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK (PRACTICE 11 A.M.; LUNCH – NOON; RACING 1 P.M.)\* Race or come down to watch. \*Weather permitting.
- Sat., Feb. 11 -- OFF-ROAD TRACK – (RACING 1 P.M.\* SNACKS -- NACHOS & CHIPS) \*Weather permitting.
- Sun., Feb. 12 -- SAILBOAT RACING at Dock (LUNCH 12 NOON; RACING 1 P.M.\*WEATHER PERMITTING) CANCELLED THIS WEEK DUE TO 22 MPH WINDS PREDICTED FOR SUNDAY.
- Mon., Feb. 13 -- INDOOR SMALL-SCALE CAR RACING in Annex (9 A.M.-NOON).
- Tues., Feb. 14 -- QUADCOPTER RACING in Rec Hall. (9-11 A.M.) Bring your 'copters and drones. Bakery fare and coffee on sale.
- Thurs., Feb. 16 -- FUN SHOOT (1 P.M.) at The Range. **ELECTRICITY IS REPAIRED!**

### 2016-17 REMOTE CONTROL RACING AND RIFLE RANGE DONATIONS:

(The following donations give you access to ALL RC and Gun Range competitions and activities for the 2016-17 season. There's NO separation for individual activities.) Please get your donations in soon. Donations help to fund RC, Gun Range and Fishing events.

Annual Couple: \$50 donation; Monthly Couple: \$20 donation  
Annual Single: \$35 donation; Monthly Single: \$15 donation

### – RC&R REGISTRATION PROCEDURE –

Registration for all RC and Pellet Gun activities are handled by Main Office. After the office staff receives your fees, they'll have your RC&R badges printed and returned to your mailbox.

**RC&R MEMBERS:** Please stop by all RC&R activities. There will be someone there to help you learn how to operate vehicles at all events. If you don't try it, you'll miss out on FUN!

## RED, WHITE & BLUE SERIES RACE WINNERS

Alamo Rec-Veh Park hosted the RED Race where 35 racers competed in two classes. Twelve participants were from other parks.

Next race in series (White Race) will be held at Alamo Palms on Feb. 17. Time trials 11 a.m., Race 1 p.m. (For time, watch RC Bulletin Board). All RC racers are invited to participate.

**RED RACE WINNERS: 2-WHEEL CLASS:**  
**1st Place** – Doug Kortbein; **2nd Place** – Mike Benoit; **3rd Place** – Jack Ahlers. **4-WHEEL CLASS:** **1st Place** – Doug Kortbein; **2nd Place** – Tripp Wright; **3rd Place** – Bob Bonar.

## UPCOMING TOURS

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office or in Main Hall on Bulletin Board so you don't miss out on opportunities. (Once a tour is filled, you LOSE your chance to go.) Meet in Rec Hall before the tour unless otherwise indicated. Watch for new tours (posted) because last-minute opportunities often open for park residents. For info, call Tour Directors Marian Peterson at (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.

- SAT., FEB. 11 – HISTORY TOUR of Sabal Palms Sanctuary and Historic Rabb River Plantation Home in Brownsville. (Cost: \$9 includes a bag lunch) Leave park at 9 a.m.
- MON., FEB. 13 – KING RANCH HISTORICAL TOUR If you have signed up and have not paid, please do so as soon as possible. (Cost: \$35) Leave park at 7:30 a.m.
- THURS., FEB. 16 – WESLACO MUSEUM (Cost: \$3) Leave park at 9:30 a.m.
- SAT., FEB. 18 – MUSEUM OF SOUTH TEXAS PIONEER & RANCHING MUSEUM (Cost: \$6) Leave park at 10 a.m.
- SUN., FEB. 19 – LaJOYA ISD presents SPRING FOLKLORICO AND MARIACHI CONCERT. (SOLD OUT) Leave park at 12:30 p.m.

### Remember: OFF-ROAD TRACK RACING on SATURDAYS at 1 p.m.

**SUPER BOWL WINNERS:** 1st Qtr. Mike Ficcaglia \$250, 2nd Qtr. Carol Roe \$125, 2nd Qtr. Gary Winter \$125, 3rd Qtr. Pablo \$125, 3rd Qtr. Gary Klepper \$125, Final Betty Nelson \$125, Final Bernie Paulsen \$125.

### POP TABS • CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

### EDUCATION COUPONS • EYEGLASSES & FRAMES

We're saving POP TABS for Ronald McDonald House. In addition, we're saving Campbell Soup labels, along with Education coupons from Campbell products. Collection containers for both items are in Card Room. We're also saving eyeglasses and frames for the Lion's Club. Box is on kitchen window shelf by water fountain.

NOTE

IT IS A VIOLATION TO TAMPER WITH METER BOARDS (ELECTRICITY) BY MIXING UP NUMBERS.

**PARKING** Please don't park cars and trucks in spots designated for Golf Carts.  
There is a limited amount of golf cart parking.

**POOL CLOSED FOR CLEANING 7-8 a.m.**

**HELP WANTED: MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS** for race tracks, quadcopters and indoor small-car tracks, as well as "The Range." Contact: Colleen Benoit at (262) 914-7100.