

The Gateway RV and Mobile Home Park Recreation Club operates solely with volunteers. Residents are encouraged to not only participate and socialize, but also to set up, clean up, tidy up, chair a committee, cook, volunteer in any way to make the activities fun and run smoothly. In fact, it is a known fact that the more involved we become, the more enjoyment we gain from the activities. So figure out what you would like to do. then jump in with both feet and a smile.

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday

10:30 A. M.

Anyone wishing to join others in studying The Bible may meet with this group,

BINGO

Thursday

6:30

Each Bingo card costs 50 cents each, with a maximum of 4 cards to each player. Please come to rec hall between 6:30 P.M. and 6:45 P.M. to pick out and pay for cards, and find your seat. Calling begins promptly at 7:00 P.M. Twenty games are played. A Bingo is a vertical, horizontal, diagonal, or four comers; however, other "picture" Bingo games are mixed in for variety. Dollar amounts vary for the prize money depending on the amount the house takes in; however, the maximum amount that can be won on anyone Bingo is \$10. In addition to the money, we have many local merchants who donate prizes which are won along with the money. *Please bring' only quarters or dollar bills. We cannot make change.* After the 10th game there is an intermission with coffee and cookies available for 25 cents. This is a very popular activity in the park .

.BRIDGE

Tuesday

6:30P. M.

For information about this card game, contact Sue Def'ee. They often have three tables: however, would welcome more interested players.

BUNCO

Wednesday

1:00 P. M.

Ladies meet to play this dice game. Bring 25 cents, and play for "the pot".

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Dinner

12:00 Noon

On Christmas Day our Gateway family gathers at the rec hall, Ham, coffee and iced tea is provided, and everyone brings a side dish to share with others. Delicious food and fellowship is enjoyed by everyone. There is a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend, and the dish they will be bringing. Everyone must bring plates, utensils, and cups/ glasses.

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00P. M.

Coffee is provided, and everyone brings appetizers to share. Singing of caroles and fellowship is enjoyed by all.

CLUB COOK-OUT

Third Wednesday of March

5:00 P. M.

This is the last chance for everyone in the park to get together before heading home for the summer. The Club provides hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, tea, lemonade. and condiments. Barbeque grills are brought up to the north side of the rec hall. and volunteers cook hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign-up sheets are put on the bulletin board for anyone planning to attend, and to bring a side dish to serve 10 people. Also. there are sign-up sheets available for anyone wishing to help set up the tables, or distribute the side dishes as they arrive at the hall, or prepare the dessert table, and to clean-up afterwards.

CLUB MEETING

First Monday of each month

6:30 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.

A short business meeting is held each month. It is at these meetings that purchases or maintenance expenses are approved. Since The Club operates solely with volunteers, many ideas and suggestions are brainstormed at this time to keep The Club running smoothly.

CHARITY BENEFITS

Gateway is involved in several charitable events - our way of giving back to the Raymondville community. A charity benefit is held every First Wednesday in December to raise money to help Children's Protective Services of Willacy County. The money raised provides a Christmas party for approximately 100 needy and folster children, along

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with their guardians, in Raymondville and Willacy County. We also help the Raymondville Police department provide gifts for other less fortunate children. Between 600 - 700 candy bags are provided for these events. In addition to helping children, we work in conjunction with a local food bank to provide food for an additional 300 - 400 families per month. PuB tabs from cans are collected in the rec hall and donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Harlingen.

COFFEE IN THE MORNING

Every morning

6:00 A. M.

The rec hall is opened at 6:00 A. M. The Club provides coffee for anyone wanting that early morning cup; however, people come and go all morning meeting friends for coffee and a good visit. There is a money box available for \$.25 donations towards the coffee and cups; and sometimes someone will bring something good to eat with the coffee. A very relaxed way to start the day.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

A week before Christmas

Time and date announced

A sign-up sheet is available for those wishing to participate in a holiday cookie exchange. Those participating need to bake twelve dozen cookies, divide them ¹/_h dozen packages or plates, then exchange them for cookies from the other participants. It's a wonderful way to get a variety for the holidays.

CRAFT SHOW

First Thursday in February

Each year the rec hall is transformed into a craft show. The vendors are Gateway crafters, as well as outside vendors who participate in this show. There is no charge to our residents for a space to sell their wares. Coffee and donuts are available in the morning, and a Sloppy Joe lunch is served for \$3.00. This is a fundraiser for The Club.

CRIBBAGE

Thursday

7:00 P. M.

Tables are set up to play this very popular game. Bring 25 cents, and play for "the pot".

Marilyn Smith sets up for this game.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday

7:00 P. M. immediately following potluck dinner. If you don't wish to do the potluck dinner he at the rec hall by 6:45 P. M. with the correct amount of money. Most entertainment costs \$4.00 to \$5.00 each, and is made up of quality musicians and performers. The programs will last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours in length.

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Tuesday

7:00 P. M.

Tables are set up to play this card game. Bring 25 cents to play for "the pot". 101m Hauula and Kay Mueller set up for this game.

EXERCISE

Monday through Friday

9:00 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.

The exercises follow a routine designed to work the whole body; however, participants should do whatever parts of the routine they are comfortable doing. Just come to the han and join the others.

DANCES

Twice a month (posted on the calendar in the rec hall) 7:30

P. M. to 10:30 P. M.

The dance committee hires musicians, and schedules approximately two dances a month. They post the dance schedule on the board, as well as on the calendar. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Bring your own drinks and munchies, ice is provided. The New Years Eve dance is 8:00 P. M. to Midnight, and a wonderful way to bring in the New Year with friends and neighbors. We encourage local residents from nearby towns to join us for this fun.

GOLF

Gateway is fortunate to be located within easy reach of the Raymondville Golf Course. Arrangements have been made with the owner of land adjacent to the park for a golf cart trail. This makes access to the golf course quick and easy. Monday morning they have a Men's Scramble. Tuesday morning is Ladies Golfing. Thursday is Couples Scramble.

HAND AND FOOT

Afternoon- 12:30 P. M. Evening - 6:30 P. M.

Every afternoon and evening people gather to see if they can get on a table to play this very popular card game. They play either 4 or 6 to a table, and make every effort to include each person in a game. Usually in the evening couples will get a game together. Just make it known that you would like to play or learn to play the game, and you will soon be enjoying this favorite past time. Very often, two games are played and take 2 ½ to 3 hours to play.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Second Sunday of each month

6:30P. M.

To celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries for each month (and summer Birthdays and Anniversaries six months out), folks meet for ice cream and cake. There is a sign-up sheet each month for volunteers to bake cakes. Coffee is available. Bring 25 cents for a scoop of ice cream.

JAMMERS

While The Jammers are not currently an organized group in the park, we are fortunate to have many musically talented people who enjoy getting together to make music. They go to the various music events in The Valley, and there is a group who visit Retama Nursing Home in Raymondville each Wednesday to entertain the residents. They would welcome anyone who plays an instrument or sings to join in the fun.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Second Tuesday of each month

12:00 Noon

The Best Salad Bar in The Valley! For Ladies Only. Each lady brings, in a serving bowl, one item for a salad (for example: a bowl of sliced onions, or cucumbers, or tomatoes anything for a salad). Bring your own plate, utensils, glass or cup, and a donation to our charity bucket. The donation goes to Ronald McDonald House. This is a favorite activity at Gateway, and many ladies remain after eating to play Hand and Foot in the afternoon.

Sign-up sheets are on the board: 1) Sign up that you are coming so that month's committee knows how many to plan for, 2) Sign up for the item you will be bringing. At the luncheon the salad luncheon folder is passed onto the lady who has volunteered for the following luncheon. She usually has 5 to 7 friends to serve on the committee.

LINE DANCING

Monday through Friday

9:30 A. M. to 10:00 A. M.

Immediately following the morning exercise many people stay for the line dancing. Everything from *Elvira* to new dances are enjoyed and introduced during this 30-minute exercise. Once learned, these dances can be enjoyed at the Gateway dances and other dances around The Valley.

MANAGER'S MEETING

First Saturday of each month

9:00 A. M.

Coffee and donuts are served before 9:00 A. M. Manager Bob Willcox conducts a meeting using this venue as an opportunity to make announcements and listen to ideas and concerns from the residents.

MOTORCYCLE GROUP

Soutlz Texas Heat is the name our motorcycle group goes by. This is a large contingency of bikers consisting of people from several different states. They plan rides both for their *ov.11* recreation and for charity; and they gather together for social hours and dinners.

OIL PAINTING CLASSES

Thursday

10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.

Each season students can complete two large paintings under the tutelage of Park Manager JoElla Willcox. There is no charge for the classes, but there are some art supplies required. When classes begin a list of supplies will be provided.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Every Friday morning

7:30 A. M. to 8:30 A. M.

There are six teams of men who take turns cooking a delicious and reasonable breakfast for our residents. The cost is \$3.00 per person, and includes: 2 pancakes, choice of scrambled eggs or two fried eggs, choice of 10 slices of bacon or sausage patties or one of each meats, and coffee. Bring your own plate, utensils, and coffee mug. If you want to serve on a breakfast team, please let the club president know. This is one of the main fundraisers for The Club.

PASS PINOCHLE

Monday

1:00 P. M.

This is another form of Pinochle. Residents interested in a challenge can meet with other players.

PEGS AND JOKER

Several evenings folks gather to play this highly competitive board game. If you are interested in learning, let Vi Mashl know and she'll arrange some lessons.

PINOCHLE

Monday

7:00P. M.

Folks gather to play this card game. Bring 25 cents to play for "the pot". Lisa Gerdes sets up for this game.

PITCH

Sunday

7:00 P. M.

Folks gather to play this card game. Bring 25 cents to play for "the pot". Ellen Gonsalves sets up for this game.

POKER

6:30 P. M.

Almost every night a group will gather to play poker.

POOL

There are four pool tables in the rec hall. You can bring your own cue stick; or use one available hanging on the wall. It is a good place to meet other Gateway folks.

POTLUCK DII'n~ERS

Wednesday evenings

5:00 P. M.

Sign up on the board to participate each week, and bring a favorite dish at 4:45 P.M. to be ready to eat at 5:00 P. M. This is a good time to meet Gateway neighbors.

QUILTERS

Tuesday

1:00 P. M.

Anyone interested in sewing projects will enjoy this activity. The Quilters make small quilts for Ronald McDonald House and Willacy County Protective Services. Each year they make a queen-size quilt which is raffled. The winning ticket for this beautiful quilt is drawn at noon at the annual Gateway Craft Show.

RED HAT SOCIETY

First Monday of each month

10:30 A M.

This organization is not associated with the national Red Hat Society. There are no dues.

Any woman living in the park is a Red Harter if she chooses to participate. All she needs is a purple shirt and red hat. The ladies take tours, enjoy programs, eat lunch out, enjoy meeting and socializing with one another. In February the Red Hat Tea is held. The rec hall is decorated, and the tea is a lovely event with special desserts and a program.

up sheets for Red Hat activities are posted on the Red Hat board located in the rec hall.

SCRABBLE

Monday

1:00 P. M.

Several residents enjoy this favorite word game. Interested players need only show up at the fee hall to begin playing.

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Ladies interested in scrap booking together, and sharing ideas will enjoy this activity.

TEN-POINT PITCH

Sunday
7:00P. M.

One of our popular card games is enjoyed by our club members. Bring 25 cents to play for "the pot".

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Thursday
Noon

The Club provides turkeys that volunteers cook and carve. A sign-up sheet is put on the bulletin board and anyone planning to attend should sign up so the committee can prepare for seating. Each person is to bring a dish to share for ten people, as well as plates, silverware, and glass or cup.

WALK THE PARK

Any day - anytime

One of the most enjoyable activities at Gateway is to just walk the streets of the park. During this time one can exercise by walking, as well as visit with friends along the way, and meet new people. Many people walk very early (before sun-up), while others may walk after dark. However, walking the park - no matter when one chooses to, is one of the best exercises for our residents.

WILD GAME DINNER

Traditionally the third Saturday in March
Time is announced

The Gerdes', Nyman's, Raymondville EMS, and various volunteers prepare a variety of wild game (i.e. turkey, nilgai, javalina, and deer) for park residents. A sign-up sheet is provided on the bulletin for anyone wishing to attend. Each person attending is to bring a dish to share for ten people, as well as plates, silverware, and glass or cup.