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# THE SCOOP



February 2013

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## Housewife's Lament

*Director of Senior Center Retires*

This will be my last communication through the "Scoop" The city has received my retirement and has accepted it with my last day being Friday December 28<sup>th</sup>.

First, I want to thank each one of you that have supported the "Center" in various ways for the last 5 and ½ years. ESPECIALLY EACH VOLUNTEER, who was there to help at each event, which enabled us to accomplish that special event. To me one of the biggest events that we were able to accomplish was going from a Senior Club to a Senior Level 1. The Golden Cain started in 1970 as a club and continued until the new building opened in June of 2007. We should all be thankful for all those who kept the club going and the accomplishments they were able to do. At the club level the city through the Department on Aging received \$5,000.00 per year. At Senior Level 1 the amount they received was \$18,000.00 per year. Since the contract is with the city all the money goes to the city. However, there are certain criteria they have to follow as to where the money is spent. Example: One-half of the salaries paid to the employees of the "Center" can be paid from that money. If you would like to have complete accounting of where the other money is spent, you can go to the city for a complete account. The city is audited on all monies taken in through the

*Caryl M Kerber*

Make the beds, bandage heads,  
Straighten up the room;  
Wash the windows, cut the grass,  
See the tulips bloom.  
Drive the children to school,  
Drive them back again.  
Have the Cubs to meeting,  
Then I clean the den.  
Serve on my committee,  
Attend the P.T.A.  
Forgot to buy the children shoes....  
Cant do it today,  
Pay the bills, write a note,  
Fill the cookie jar.  
Oh dear, I forgot to go  
And have them grease the car.  
Catch up on the ironing,  
Scrub the kitchen floor.  
Answer phone and doorbell,  
Need I list some more?  
My pet peeve I must admit,  
You surely will agree,  
When someone asks, "Are you employed?"  
I answer, "No, not me!"

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“Center” by fundraisers or donations. At our Carry-in lunch in November we heard that 4 centers have lost their funding for 2013. We had a 10% reduction in our own money we received from the Department on Aging in 2013. My hope and prayers are that you continue to support the new director so we do not lose our funding. You have a good building to support the activities that are being presented. If you do not support those activities, just look in the mirror as you are just as guilty as anyone else. We here at the “Center” have been working at the requirements for Senior Level 2 for the last 4 years, but as before we were not able to move up because of the budget restraints and you have to be at your present level for 2 years.

The “Golden Chain: brought over from their location the following: a round table with leaf, 4 chairs, 48 orange stacking chairs, 12 stacking chairs with arms, piano, arts and craft supplies, 3 book shelves, paper back books, stove, refrigerator, kitchen items, card tables, games, and other items. The “Golden Chain” also brought a big screen TV, DVD player, and a pool table before the opening. We used the money left over to buy curtains and help put a door in our arts and crafts room, sidewalks, and drain. The cost was well over \$6,000 and the city chipped in the rest of the cost.

As for fundraisers, the money goes to the city and they pay the expenses out of the money that comes into the “Center.” Example: the biscuits and gravy breakfast that we have once a month. The money raised goes to pay for the biscuits, gravy, coffee, jam, butter, juice, cups, napkins and all other things needed. The money left over then goes into a pot that pays utilities.

I would like to list some people who have donated items to the Center starting with James and Jimmy Charles who publish the “Scoop” in honor of James mother (Lucille) who started the Scoop, and for the donation of the security system for the building. Jim Stoddard who donated two trashcans and the two chairs in the office and also helped us in moving. Ruby Fisher who worked on getting the jam session started and worked on The Scoop. Ann Tjaden for her work on The Scoop. Jerry Stitt for all his work around the center. Geri Deninger for her work with all the arts and crafts. Wayne McEntire for all his work. LaVina McEntire for all the caps she knitted. Farol McMillan for her work on the RSVP program and starting biscuits and gravy and being here at almost every event. Angie Shaver who was here at every event. Helen Fesnock is the painting instructor and her class size has been improving under her

guidance. Other important classes are the Tai Chi and the exercise classes taught by Lewis Kellogg and Robert Pugh. Mary Jo McMahan is a very special worker in the kitchen at every event. Mary along with Barbara Hufford has done great things for the Center. I also want to thank all of the volunteers who worked at most of the events for their time and effort and have been a benefit to the work at the Center and in the community.

Carl Shaffer

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## **Did you know.....?**

The Center has different medical items that can be loaned out for those who need them at NO COST. Some are walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs, stool risers, etc. Please contact the Center today for details.

Also the RSVP program is for people who are 60 and over who do not drive or are having a vehicle in for repairs and need a ride. Rides can be given to almost anything including hair and Doctors appointments, the grocery store or any other shopping stores. This service is free and the Center gets \$7.00 for the trip. However, with the price of gas it would be nice to give the driver a tip to help them with their expenses.

In addition, we offer the Good Neighbor Nutrition Program at the Center. This is for anyone 60 years and over. The meals are only \$2.00 per meal. It is served each day except for weekends and holidays. It starts at 11:30 am at the Center. Again this program needs to be supported so the shut ins in your area do not lose their meals. Call Cindy at 584-2332 to sign up and get all the information.

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## **Seniors visit the High School**

Harold and Mary Stafford, Cheryl Wright, Farol McMillan, Lew Kellogg, Robert Pugh, Angie Shaver and Carl Shaffer all went out to the high school to welcome back the students on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We passed out candy to the students and talked with Mike Justice as to why several students had luggage. We found out 42 of the students were going on a trip to Washington DC later that day. What a great experience it is for all of those students who were able to go.

## FUN PUNS

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.  
 A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.  
 A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.  
 A lot of money is tainted, it taint yours and it taint mine.  
 Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.  
 In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.  
 Reading whilst sunbathing makes you well-red.  
 Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.  
 The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.  
 The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.  
 Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.  
 Acupuncture is a jab well done.  
 A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JAM SESSION

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY CENTER  
 SATURDAY JAN 5<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7PM-9PM  
 Come join us for some good music and great time with friends.

### CARRY-IN-LUNCH

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY CENTER  
 TUESDAY JAN 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00 NOON  
 Bring a dish and enjoy time with friends.

### ALL YOU CAN EAT BISCUITS AND GRAVY

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY CENTER  
 SATURDAY JAN 19<sup>TH</sup> 7AM-10AM  
 This is open to all age groups. Come out and enjoy some great breakfast.

## Mothers Voice

By Marilyn Tullys

In my heart are messages  
 Which often I replay,  
 Treasured guidance wisely stored  
 To guide on life's way.  
 Words which parted wrong from right  
 Stay with me from my youth,  
 Words which taught a preference  
 For kindness and for truth,  
 Counsel and encouragement  
 For purpose that's fulfilled,  
 Soft echoes of phrases meant  
 To undergird and build  
 In my heart are messages  
 Which urge for Godly choice.  
 Within the caring lines inside,  
 I hear my mother's voice.

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*Open Monday-Friday*

*8:00 am – 2:00 pm*

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