



1306 N 10th St
Spearfish, SD 57783
(605)642-2827

www.spearfishseniorcenter.com

Senior Center Hours
Mon-Fri
8:30am-4pm

Medical Equipment
Availability
Mon-Fri
9am-Noon

CLOSED DEC.
24th, 25th, & 31st, &
Jan 1st for Holidays



DECEMBER 2024

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes November 11, 2024

Present: President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Connie Hyde, Dennis Dahl, Marla Loken, Carol Vercoe, Carol Hess, LeRoy Lanphear, Treasurer Alyce Harich, and Executive Director Stephanie Crago. The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Visitors: Members Jane Mattson, Jim Haeder, Stan James, and Jerri Kiefer also attended the meeting.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of October was \$250. November will be about \$50.

Director's Report: There was a HUGE turnout for the primary election at our Senior Center on November 5th. This is a service we provide for our community, and we do not charge for the use of our facility. There was a great turnout at Arby's on Sunday, November 10th and 15% of all proceeds between 5:00-7:00pm were donated to our Senior Center. Our Fall rummage sale in October went very well bringing in over \$12,000. The November birthday luncheon was well attended with approximately 70 people and income was \$524. October breakfast also had about 70 people and income was \$630. On October 30th, 50 people attended the Pioneer Bank Seminar on Estate and Trust Planning. The bank thanked us for the great attendance. Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 16th. from 9:00-2:00pm. Annual Meeting and Turkey Dinner on November 23rd at 11:00am. We received a \$2000 Nexxus Grant through the S.D. Dept of Health for applying and being an approved "non-profit" in good standing.

Old Business:

New Business: Dennis made a motion, Taffy seconded it, to approve days off for Stephanie on November 27th, December 26th and December 27th. All in favor. Jane Mattson informed the board that additional volunteers are needed to help host and manage the monthly breakfasts. Jim Haeder presented a Volunteer Contribution overview. Dennis Dahl discussed the issue with ice and drainage problems on the roof and gutters during winter. Roger will research solutions. The Senior Center will be closed **November 28th** and **November 29th**. Also, **December 24th, December 25th, December 31st, and January 1st**. Although the Senior Center will be open on Thursday, December 26th and January 2nd, there will be *no caramel rolls*.

The board moved to an Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane Rutherford, *Secretary*



BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30AM.
BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS.



CARAMEL ROLLS & COFFEE

Thursdays 8:30-10:30AM

*Limit of 4 rolls until 10:30am for take-out so we can make sure & have enough for everyone.

NO ROLLS on Dec 26th or Jan 2nd due to Holiday

Open to the public! Invite your friends!



30 Years of Experience
LOCAL Health Insurance Experts

Are You Ready? Huge 2025 Medicare Changes



Prescription Drug Plans
Medicare Supplements
Medicare Advantage Plans

CALL TODAY!
(605) 722-1965

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1800-MEDICARE to get information on all of your options.

COOKIE WALK

SATURDAY, DEC 21ST



Doors Open at 8AM
Will sell until 11AM
(or until we run out!)



We are in need of people to bake one batch of decorated Christmas cookies or candies (keep in mind that chocolate chip, rice crispy treats, etc. do not sell well at the Cookie Walk). Please deliver your cookies/candies by 2pm Friday Dec 20th. We also take donations if you do not wish to bake. All help with this fundraiser is appreciated!

THANK YOU!



Make plans to attend the Fundraising Birthday Luncheon!

DEC 6th at 11:30AM

- ❖ MENU: Beef Chili, breadstick, & dessert.
- ❖ Special Entertainment: Senior Chorus
- ❖ Roses by Zonta for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Special Music by Ivan Kloefkorn & Arne Koski.
- ❖ Members who celebrate a B-Day this month eat for **FREE!** Open to the public!

We are looking for people to call to remind people of Cookie Walk & to see if they will be able to bake cookies this year. If this is something you could help with, please let Stephanie know! We also have other volunteer opportunities for the Cookie Walk, please let us know if you would like to help with this fundraiser.

THANK YOU!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8:30am Snooker 1pm Whist	3 8:30am Snooker 9am Hand & Foot 12:30pm Bridge 12pm 10 Point Pitch 1pm Chess Club	4 8:30am Snooker 9am BUNCO 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong 5:30pm Mahjong	5 8:30am Snooker 8:30-10:30am Caramel Rolls/Coffee 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 1pm Cribbage	6 8:30am Snooker 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong	7 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge
8	9 8:30am Snooker 1pm Whist 1PM-3PM Tech Help with Bennett Gordon	10 8:30am Snooker 9am Hand & Foot 12:30pm Bridge 12pm 10 Point Pitch 1pm Chess Club	11 8:30am Snooker 9am BUNCO 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong 5:30pm Mahjong	12 8:30am Snooker 8:30-10:30am Caramel Rolls/Coffee 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 1pm Cribbage	13 8:30am Snooker 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong	14 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge
15	16 8:30am Snooker 1pm Whist 1pmQuilters/Crafters	17 8:30am Snooker 9am Hand & Foot 12:30pm Bridge 12pm 10 Point Pitch 1pm Chess Club	18 8:30am Snooker 9am BUNCO 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong 5:30pm Mahjong	19 8:30am Snooker 8:30-10:30am Caramel Rolls/Coffee 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 1pm Cribbage	20 8:30am Snooker 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong	21 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge
22	23 8:30am Snooker 1pm Whist	24 CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas	26 8:30am Snooker *NO ROLLS* 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 1pm Cribbage	27 8:30am Snooker 1pm Pinochle 1pm Mahjong	28 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge
29	30 8:30am Snooker 1pm Whist	31 CLOSED New Years Eve			<div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; background-color: #4b6121; color: white;"> <p>Senior Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CLOSED Sat & Sun (Unless special event is scheduled)</p> </div>	





Lots of events coming up!

Jan 10th – Poetry on the Road 1PM

Jan 13th – AARP Smart DriverTEKSM Workshop 1PM

Jan 14th - Souper Starz 6PM

Jan 17th - BINGO with Nicole McCourt 1PM

Jan 31st - Sound Bath for Seniors with Carol Morgan 2PM



Kathy Drentlaw with her floral arrangements at our Annual Craft Fair.

Congratulations to our 3 Board Members for 2025:

Ginger Childers, Taffy Tucker, & Doug Schmit.

We want to thank everyone who ran for the Board of Directors. They were all great candidates. We are so thankful to have people willing to run on the board for our organization. Our Board members are the guiding force for this dynamic organization. Their Services ensures our Senior Center stays active! Thank You!

THANK YOU to our 2024

out-going Board Member Connie Hyde

The Spearfish Senior Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit & a membership driven organization. We rely on volunteerism as the foundation of our organization. Our volunteer board members are your representation in the senior community & uphold our mission of serving senior citizens. The Spearfish Senior Center would like to recognize our outgoing board member, Connie Hyde for her service and commitment to our organization. Thank you, Connie Hyde for your dedication to the Center the past 6 years. They are the guiding force for this dynamic organization. Their service ensures our Senior Center stays active and thriving!

Reminder: If school closes due to INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS the Senior Center is ALSO CLOSED, or if school starts LATE, the Center also opens LATE.

Also, beware of snow and ice in the parking lot! The parking lot has areas where when snow melts it turns to ice overnight—be very careful!

We do our best to keep sidewalks clear but ice in the parking lot does happen. Please use extreme caution. *Everyone be safe this winter!*

IN LOVING ♥
Memory

We are saddened to hear of the loss of Chuck Bliss, Cila Welch, & Ed Denham. Our deepest condolences are sent out to their family and friends during this time of loss.



Senior Center Hours:

MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30AM-4:00PM
CLOSED Sat & Sun

(Unless special event is scheduled)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8:30AM Exercise Group 1pm Quilters/Crafters	3 9:30-11AM Chorus 12:30-1:30pm Advanced Line Dancing 1:45-2:45pm Beginning Line Dancing 7PM Historical Society	4 10am Beginner/Improver Line Dancing 11am-11:45am Challenge Routines 1pm Texas Holdem	5 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes	6 Birthday Luncheon 11:30AM <i>Special Entertainment Senior Chorus</i> 1:30PM BH Better Breathers Group	7
8	9 8:30AM Exercise Group 9:30am Board Meeting 1pm Quilters/Crafters	10 9:30-11AM Chorus 12:30pm Line Dance Christmas Luncheon	11 10am Beginner/Improver Line Dancing 11am-11:45am Challenge Routines 1pm Texas Holdem	12 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes QH Private Rental	13 iPhone Basics with Julie Donat 10am-11am 7pm Square Dance	14
15	16 8:30AM Exercise Group 1pm Retired School Personnel Meeting	17 9:30-11AM Chorus 12:30-1:30pm Advanced Line Dancing 1:45-2:45pm Beginning Line Dancing	18 10am Beginner/Improver Line Dancing 11am-11:45am Challenge Routines 1pm Texas Holdem	19 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes	20 <i>Cookie Walk Set-up 9AM</i>	21 Annual Christmas Cookie Walk 8AM-11AM
22	23 8:30AM Exercise Group 1pm Quilters/Crafters	24 CLOSED Christmas Eve QH Private Rental	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas 	26 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes	27	28 Chorus Christmas Party 2PM
29	30 8:30AM Exercise Group 1pm Quilters/Crafters	31 CLOSED New Years Eve			<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; background-color: #d4edda;"> <p>Senior Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CLOSED Sat & Sun (Unless special event is scheduled)</p> </div>	



Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Marla Loken with her Craft Fair items.



Happy Birthday to ALL our NOVEMBER members!



Diane Bryan, Marilyn Ham, and Lila Bliss helping during our Annual Craft Fair. We sold \$638.50 worth of items!



Thank you Alyce Harich & Marla Loken for serving during Souper Starz! Next one is Jan. 14th 6PM-7PM.



6 Jane Rutherford with her Craft Fair items.



Sandy Hausle with her Craft Fair items.

December 2024



Quilt Winner Gary Kelly! Thank you Lola Stewart for making & donating the quilt!

Thank you to all our Turkey Dinner volunteers!
We appreciate everyone who helped make this fundraiser possible! We had a great turn out & served OVER 165 people. Cooking all those turkeys & preparing all the sides is NOT an easy task. Special thanks to the cooks especially Karen Buchholz, Taffy Tucker, & French Bryan who were willing to take this task on. Thank you to Marla Loken for making the homemade pumpkin dessert with REAL whipped cream topping! Thank you for all the kitchen & dining room helpers, & the people who set up all those tables and chairs! Lots of work! We have had lots of compliments on how delicious the meal was. Great job, & again, **THANK YOU!**

**Looking for a place to hold your meeting or event?
Our building can be rented for a reasonable fee.
Contact the office to reserve a date!**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS RENEWING THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025!

As many of you know, our Senior Center is non-profit 501(c)3 organization. We strive to keep the cost of our membership at a minimum. The money from annual memberships supports our many projects & programs which do not create revenue on their own. Your support of our Senior Center means so much to us all! Thank you to everyone who continues to be a member!

Membership dues are going up to \$35 for 2025. If you pay your membership before Jan 1st 2025, the cost will be only \$30 **PLUS** you will receive a FREE Breakfast in January!



Would you like a phone call?

If you or someone you know would like a phone call to check in or just to say hello and visit let us know! We would love to connect to one another & see how each other is doing.

NO MONTHLY BREAKFAST UNTIL JAN 25th 2024. This Breakfast will be FREE to all who paid their membership by Dec 31st 2024!



Spearfish Senior Center Mission Statement:
The Spearfish Senior Center is a non-profit organization committed to providing recreational, social, and educational opportunities for adults over fifty years of age.

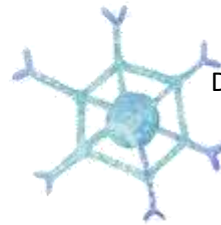
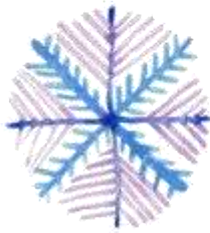
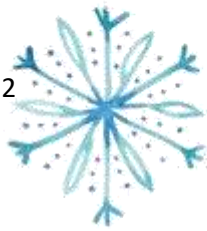
Board of Directors

Ginger Childers, President
Taffy Tucker, Vice President
Jane Rutherford, Secretary

Board Members

Connie Hyde Carol Hess
Dennis Dahl Marla Loken
Carol Vercoe LeRoy Lanphear

Alyce Harich, Treasurer
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director



"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own".

— Albert Schweitzer

President's Message:

Calling all volunteers!

As the year comes to an end, we start thinking in terms of the New Year and what we could do that would be different and exciting. What would cause us to enjoy more fulfilling days?

Consider volunteering here at the Center. There are many benefits to volunteering such as improving mental and physical health. Productive activities can help you feel happier and more satisfied. It is a great way to meet new friends and strengthen relationships. Physical activity is highly important when it comes to staying healthy.

We have many opportunities to get more involved in all areas of the Senior Center. The kitchen always needs help with breakfasts, luncheons, etc. Stephanie is also looking for volunteers to set up and take down tables and chairs for events. And the list goes on and on. Take a little step outside of your comfort zone and I think you will be pleasantly surprised with the amount of satisfaction it can bring.

Merry Christmas to you all. I hope your holidays are blessed and filled with cheer!

Ginger



Medicare Part D Plan Enrollment Assistance

SHIINE volunteers will assist Medicare beneficiaries with prescription drug plan comparisons, FREE of charge, and information needed to make informed decisions and/or enroll in a new plan.

SHIINE also assists with:

- Medicare Parts A & B
- Medicare Part D Plans
- Medicare Savings Plans
- Choosing a Medigap Policy
- Medicare Advantage Plans
- Protecting your Medicare benefits
- Medicare fraud, waste & abuse
- Extra Help, Low income subsidy for Part D

Open Enrollment Period:

October 15 - December 7

Help is Available:

Available most Monday mornings
Monday, October 14
Through Monday, December 2,
2024

To schedule an appointment,
please call

Ida Marie Snorteland 605-642-5123

SHIINE is not affiliated with any company that sells or distributes a product or service.

www.SHIINE.net



Keep using your Safeway cards! Last month we made \$185.00 just from people using their cards. Every purchase helps!

THANK YOU!

Safeway Community Giving Cards are FREE! Cards can be loaded with any amount up to \$500 & refill when needed. The card can be used to buy groceries AND gas. 5% of purchases made at ANY Safeway or Albertsons using the Community Giving Card is then returned to the Senior Center. This is a great fundraiser for our Center.

Welcome New Members:

Don & Darlene Evans, Steve Sessums, Gary & Ardie Richards, Linda Rutherford, Andrea Surwill, Soonie Makaena, Cindy Viergets, Dan Seaman, Christina Singer, & Shari Singer, Theresa Lynn Lee, Linda Rausch, Leo Nelson, Johnnie Daum, Carleen Greslin, Valerie Mahaffy, Patricia Pummel, Barbara Green, Jody Hollenbeck, & Dayle Niblack.



Member Spotlight

Diane Lee Bryan

Family Members: I had a brother (deceased at 55) & his family of 8. I have a sister Donna & her family living in ND, & TX. I have one son, Bill, who lives in Portland, OR, & 10 stepchildren.

Where did you grow up? I was born in Minot, ND, raised on a farm near Granville, ND, went to Rose Hill Country School, Granville High School, & Minot State University graduating with a teaching degree majoring in mathematics.

Past work highlights: I was a teacher of mathematics in ND public schools, an instructor of GED & English as a Second Language, salesman & broker for Century 21, sold insurance annuities, worked in a bakery, a security officer, an assistant activities director at a nursing home, & a Mary Kay consultant.

Current involvement in the Center: I am just finishing a good 10-12 years as head of specialty department for the rummage sales. I also fold the monthly newsletter. I have also helped in many other areas such as Rally Breakfasts, monthly Saturday Breakfasts, Fall Craft Fair, & decorated for few years.

Something we may not know about you: I love to play the piano, read some, & play cards. I used to do many crafts, crocheting, & recently knitting. I have played the organ for churches for over 60 years. Still play occasionally. I like the piano better than the organ. I also played an alto saxophone.

How long have you been involved with the Senior Center: My husband & I moved to Spearfish in the fall of 2011 & immediately became a member here & played cards 4-5 times a week & then started helping where needed. My husband loved to play cards & loved being a board member.

Favorite activity at the Senior Center: My favorite activities are playing cards, line dancing, & rummage sales.

What do you love most about the Senior Center: I love the people & the fellowship.

Diane Bryan has been a huge help to our Senior Center in so many ways. She has led our organization during so many of our important fundraisers. She has put in many hours, and many long days. We so appreciate her commitment to keeping our Senior Center successful. Thank you Diane!

We have LOTS of NEW
Holiday greeting cards! All
different sizes, wording, etc!
For a fraction of the price in
the stores. Take a look!

Scoreboard SEPTEMBER 2024

Whist	Lucy Harvey	60
Hand & Foot	LeRoy Lanphear	16,210
10 Point Pitch	Betty Weyrauch	199
Bridge	Lucy Harvey	5,220
BUNCO	LeRoy Lanphear	726
Wed Pinochle	Barb Dumas	7,690
Wed Mahjong	Mary Brucker	650
Wed Mahjong PM	Mary Wilson	900
Texas Holdem	Becky Loll/Darline Tinnell	225
Dominoes	Ping Ho	161
Cribbage	Jean Dirk	73
Thur Dup Bridge	Karen & Larry Patterson	65.50
Fri Pinochle	LeRoy Lanphear	6,500
Fri Mahjong	Mary Wilson	550
Sat Dup Bridge	Mike & Betty Weiss	68.94

Scoreboard OCTOBER 2024

Whist	Darlene Hoon	66
Hand & Foot	Penney Williams	13,710
10 Point Pitch	Geney Holly	177
Bridge	Judy Woodworth	4,420
BUNCO	Cindy Hadden	695
Wed Pinochle	Cyndi Rankin	8,140
Wed Mahjong		
Wed Mahjong PM	Shelly Lechner	550
Texas Holdem	Darline Tinnell	200
Dominoes	Cindy Hadden	153
Cribbage	Marilyn Halse	67
Thur Dup Bridge	Mike & Betty Weiss	68.75
Fri Pinochle	Pingo Ho	7,300
Fri Mahjong		
Sat Dup Bridge	Bill & Dianne Craig	65.08

Spearfish Senior Service Center
1306 N 10th St
Spearfish, SD 57783-1530
605-642-2827

Address Service Requested

Nonprofit Org
US Postage Paid
Spearfish, SD
Permit #10



Save the Date!

COOKIE WALK DEC. 21st 8AM-11AM



Check out our Facebook page & give us a 'Like'. Search for us under 'Spearfish Senior Center'. Lots of pictures & updates posted!

www.spearfishseniorcenter.com

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

Sponsored By:

Spearfish Insurance Brokerage