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

Medical Equipment  
Availability  
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9am-Noon

CLOSED DEC 31<sup>st</sup>  
& JAN 1st



# January 2025 Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

## Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2024

**Present:** President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Connie Hyde, Dennis Dahl, Marla Loken, Carol Vercoe, Carol Hess, LeRoy Lanphear, Executive Director Stephanie Crago, and guest Doug Schmit. Treasurer Alyce Harich was absent. 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.

**Ways and Means:** Building rental income for November was \$100. December income is projected to be \$160.

**Director's Report:** Stephanie reported that 22 new members joined in the month of November. We hosted "Souper Stars" on November 12th and raised \$2800. The Holiday Craft and Bake sale on November 16th was very well attended and our Senior Center made a profit of \$3,807.85. Approximately 170 people were served at our annual Turkey Dinner and income was \$1722. The December birthday luncheon was attended by 70 people. Our next monthly breakfast will be January 25th. Our upcoming Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, Dember 21st. We received a \$400 grant from Pioneer Bank and Trust. A member donated \$75,000 towards our building fund. A Donation Committee was formed to recognize members in appreciation of their donations. Marla, Taffy, and Carol Hess agreed to sit on the committee.

**Old Business:** Dennis Dahl gave an update on our roofing issue. Roger contacted a roofer regarding ice and water drainage problems on the roof and gutters. We are currently waiting to receive several estimates on repairing/replacing gutters and flashing to prevent freezing.

**New Business:** Ginger Childers and Taffy Tucker (re-elected), and Doug Schmit were installed as new Board Members. For the upcoming year, and by consensus of the Board, Ginger Childers will remain President, Taffy Tucker will remain Vice President and Jane Rutherford will remain Secretary. The Board also thanked outgoing board member Connie Hyde for her commitment and dedication to the Board for the past 6 years.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane Rutherford, *Secretary*



BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Holiday**

*Open to the public! Invite your friends!*

## MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30am-10am

# Breakfast

*FREE to members who paid their dues BEFORE Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>!*

MENU: Pancakes, sausage patty, scrambled eggs OR Biscuits with sausage gravy, scrambled eggs served with coffee & orange juice. \$8 donation.

Our breakfasts are open to the public, please bring your friends, family, & neighbors to this great fundraiser! Monthly breakfasts are a great opportunity to volunteer here at the center. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Buchholz or Stephanie!



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## Make plans to attend the Fundraising Birthday Luncheon!

**JAN 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30AM**

MENU: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll, & dessert. \$8 donation for meal includes coffee!

- ❖ Guest Speaker: Artemis House
- ❖ 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!

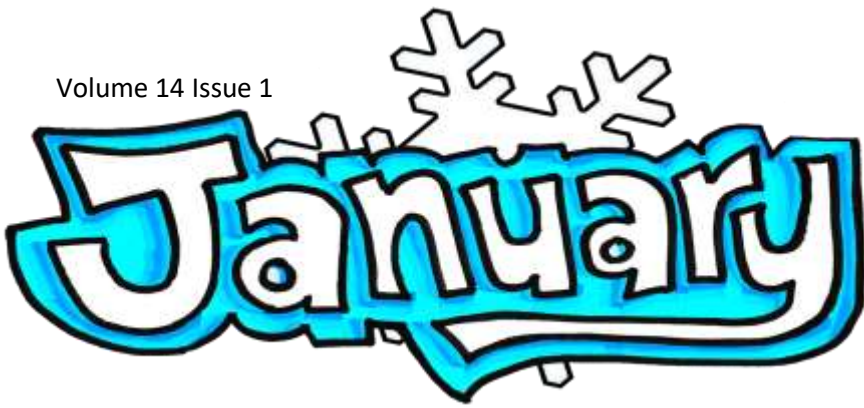
## Thank you to all our Cookie Walk volunteers!

Thank you for the bakers, shoppers, and helpers who made this fundraiser possible. The weather was on our side this year - it was our BIGGEST one yet!! Total was \$.

**THANK YOU!**

Would you like the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you? If so, e-mail us at

[srcenternewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:srcenternewsletter@gmail.com)



# January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Senior Center Hours:</b>                      Mon-Fri                      8:30am-4:00pm                      CLOSED Sat &amp; Sun                      (Unless special event is scheduled)</p>			<p><b>1</b>                      CLOSED                      New Years Day</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      *NO ROLLS*                      12:30pm Duplicate Bridge                      1pm Cribbage</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      1pm Pinochle                      1pm Mahjong</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      12:30pm Duplicate Bridge</p>
	<p><b>6</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      Tech Help w/ Bennett                      1pm-3pm                      *must be signed up                      1pm Whist</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      9am Hand &amp; Foot                      9am-11am Tech Help                      12:30pm Bridge                      12pm 10 Point Pitch                      1pm Chess Club</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      9am BUNCO                      1pm Pinochle                      1pm Mahjong                      5:30pm Mahjong</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      8:30-10:30am Caramel Rolls/Coffee                      12:30pm Duplicate Bridge                      1pm Cribbage</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      8:30am Snooker                      1pm Pinochle                      1pm Mahjong</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      12:30pm Duplicate Bridge</p>
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## Fundraising BINGO

**Friday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1PM**

FREE for current members of the Senior Center, open to the public for a donation.  
Limit 1 card per person.



Join us for a fun afternoon of excitement & the thrill of the win at BINGO! Sponsored by Nicole McCourt with Mutual of Omaha Reverse Mortgage




**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!*

## Alchemy Crystal Bowl Sound Bath

**Friday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 2PM**

Hosted by: Carol Morgan certified Sound Practitioner. Carol’s in-person practice has been experienced in Crete, Norway, England, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Costa Rica, Bermuda, Sedona (AZ), Texas, California, South Carolina, North Dakota, and the Black Hills (SD). Take advantage of this opportunity to experience what a Sound Bath is right here at our Senior Center!



“My sound baths are a meditative experience where I use alchemy crystal bowls in conjunction with chant to bathe you in specific frequencies. My intention comes together with yours to create mental refreshment and the necessary space to heal and replenish.”

Find more info at: <http://www.xinaallen.com/>

*Memory* IN LOVING ♥ We are saddened to hear of the loss of Guy Virkula, Cecelia Keller, Myria Warren, Barbara Howe . Our deepest condolences are sent out to their family and friends during this time of loss.



# JANUARY



## Senior Center Hours:

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

(Unless special event is scheduled)



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5	6 8:30AM Exercise Group 1pm Quilters/Crafters	7 9:30-11AM Chorus 12:30-1:30pm Advanced Line Dancing 1:45-2:45pm Beginning Line Dancing	8 10am Beginner/Improver Line Dancing 11am-11:45am Challenge Routines 1pm Texas Holdem QH Private Rental	9 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes	10 <b>Poetry on the Road</b> 1PM 7pm Square Dance	11
12	13 8:30AM Exercise Group <b>9:30am Board Meeting</b> <b>AARP Smart DriverTEK Class</b> 1PM *must be signed up	14 9:30-11AM Chorus 12:30-1:30pm Advanced Line Dancing 1:45-2:45pm Beginning Line Dancing <b>Souper Starz 6pm- 7pm</b>	15 10am Beginner/Improver Line Dancing 11am-11:45am Challenge Routines 1pm Texas Holdem	16 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes	17 <b>BINGO</b> with Nicole McCourt 1PM	18
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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Happy Birthday to ALL our DECEMBER members!



Beautiful Roses donated by ZONTA Club of Spearfish for all our December Birthday honorees.



Arne Koski showing us his face on a Wheaties cereal box 😊. He says he has a bowl of Wheaties every day!



Our Senior Center Chorus performing at the December Birthday Luncheon.

Happy Winter!

## Poetry on the Road Friday, Jan 10th 1PM

The South Dakota State Poetry Society is taking poetry on the road for Year 2! South Dakota's State Poet Laureate, Bruce Roseland, along with other SDSPS member poets and special guests, will be visiting towns across South Dakota throughout 2024-2025. Poetry on the Road will be stopping right here at our Senior Center on Friday 1/10/25. SDSPS will give readings and host an open mic style event, where YOU can read your own original poems! Please bring your writings to share, or just come to listen. This is open to the public – invite your friends!



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

[www.sdpoetry.org](http://www.sdpoetry.org)

If you would like to use the Prairie Hills Transit bus to attend one of our events, please let Stephanie know. We have vouchers you can use to pay for your bus fee to get to and from the Senior Center. We thank Pioneer Bank & Trust for making this free transportation opportunity available to our members!

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!



## 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.

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RENEWED 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 \$35 for 2025. Annual Membership is from Jan-Dec 2025.

## Welcome New Members:

Dan King, Linda & David Taylor, Frank & Charlotte Ward, Norine Franke, Willie Koch, Pat Robinson, Karen Hjelseth, Julie Bertsch, Suzanne Campbell, Debra & Dean Parsons.

### 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

Doug Schmit Carol Hess  
Dennis Dahl Marla Loken  
Carol Vercoe LeRoy Lanphear

Alyce Harich, Treasurer  
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director



**WHEN: Tuesday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 6-7PM**

**WHERE: Spearfish Senior Center**

A community crowdfunding dinner! -Open to the Public!

**How it works:**

1. \$10 gets you soup and a vote. \$5 for students and children! Come eat dinner & support the dreamers in our community.
2. Listen to local people present about their dreams that need funding.
3. Each presenter has up to five minutes to share their ideas, nonprofit, business, etc.
4. The presenter with the most votes wins all of the money collected at the door!

**President's Message:**

I wanted to remind everyone that our building is available for rent at a very reasonable rate. Our cost is lower than most other venues in the area. We have tables, chairs, lots of space, and a full kitchen. Please keep this in mind for your next reception, reunion, birthday or anniversary celebration, business meeting, shower, etc. Bookings for events are made through Executive Director Stephanie Crago at 605-642-2827. Tell your friends and spread the news.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

-Ginger Childers



**FREE VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY JAN. 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM-2:30PM**

Technology is changing the driving experience. The **Smart DriverTEK<sup>SM</sup> workshop**, developed jointly by **AARP Driver Safety** and The Hartford, will keep you in the know about the latest high-tech safety features in your current or future car. Learn all about blind-spot warning systems, forward collision warnings, smart headlights and more. This **FREE**, 90-minute workshop will take place at Spearfish Senior Center on Mon Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Space is limited, so register now by calling Stephanie at 605-642-2827.



Keep using your Safeway cards! Last month we made \$180 just from people using their cards!! **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.





# Member Spotlight

*Darlene Aker-Hoon*

**Family Members:** I have 4 children, Deb Schmidt, Cindy Ladner, Alan Aker, & Scott Aker.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in Westport, SD, 12 miles North of Aberdeen, SD. I have a twin brother Donald Brick. My family had 8 boys, and 2 girls.

**Past Highlights:** I got married to Merlyn Aker in 1956 and I moved to Rapid City. Most of my life we had a logging business, which I did all the paperwork, run parts, and helped in the woods from time to time. We moved to Whitewood in 2012 and continued in the logging business.

**Hobbies/Interests:** My hobbies are sewing. I made 400+ masks for the school. I love to bake and play cards.

**Current involvement in the Center:** I used to drive from Whitewood to play cards at the Senior Center. Sometimes I play 4 days a week.

**What do you love most about the Senior Center:** We have a great bunch of people at our Senior Center, and they are so helpful. God bless all of you.

Darlene Hoon has been a member for many years, and we appreciate her involvement in our activities. She is also known as the lady who makes the best divinity candy you will ever eat!

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with the Medicare Swing Band! More details to come in the February Newsletter.



## Scoreboard NOVEMBER 2024

Whist	Marla Loken	43
Hand & Foot	Chris Bittner	11,250
10 Point Pitch	Pat Bundy	193
Bridge	Connie Hyde	5,420
BUNCO	Bonnie Engebretsen	841
Wed Pinochle	Ginny Isom	8,360
Wed Mahjong	Sheila Kenny	400
Wed Mahjong PM	Mary Wilson	850
Texas Holdem	Becky Loll	275
Dominoes	Jan Thoresen	162
Cribbage	Jean Dirk	90
Thur Dup Bridge	Mike & Betty Weiss	67.41
Fri Pinochle	Betty Weyrauch	7,160
Fri Mahjong	Mary Wilson	550
Sat Dup Bridge	Mike & Betty Weiss	73.81

### TECH HELP FOR SENIORS AVAILABLE:

- ✓ Every Tues in Jan 9AM-11AM with Lindsay
- ✓ Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM with Bennett – must be signed up for this session (605-642-2827)

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January



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