

May 2020

Primetimers' Gazette (the condensed version)

Greetings: from The PrimeTimer Board

We hope that this update finds you all well, if not a bit bored and stir-crazy. Covid-19 has challenged all of us to redefine what "Normal" means. Your Board members gathered for a meeting on May 13th at the St. Germain Pavilion. We distanced ourselves at the numerous picnic tables there. Then we put our heads together to determine how best to proceed with our club's activities and events, as the state begins to reopen. Our number one concern is the health and safety of our members. By virtue of our age alone, we all fall into the higher risk category.

The Frankenmuth Trip is cancelled. Virtually all of those signed up said they preferred to wait until next year - only a few expressed that they MIGHT consider going this year. But that was not enough for the trip to be a go. Nationwide will be refunding all of our money, including the deposit we sent in.

These events have already been cancelled or delayed for this year by the sponsoring entity:

•Dragonboat Festival •All Independence Day Activities Flea Market will begin June 22nd

These Events are still pending:

•Monday Night Bingo •Sunday Fun Day

The board has approved canceling all of our other May and June activities as we watch how reopening the state affects our northwoods community. The decision was arrived at with these considerations:

- * We are all senior citizens and therefore at a higher risk level if we become infected with Covid-19.
- * There is no safe way to social distance in room 6 for meetings,
- * If any of the community activities were to proceed as usual, the ice cream wagon volunteers would be in close contact with people, not just from the northwoods, but from all over (bingo also falls in this category)
- * Shopping in Wausau has many unanswered questions at this time: what stores would be open? how many people would be allowed in? will any restaurants be safely open for dining? Can we safely use the van to transport people ...

So to summarize, the PrimeTimers will not be having the following activities in May or June: Our Spring Fling, Wausau Shopping Trips, June Meeting, Timbers' Rattler's Game, nor the St Germain July 4th Celebration. We will keep you posted in regards to events for July and August as decisions are made. You can always check the status of our activities on the PrimeTimer website (listed below) which Milt keeps up-to-date.

Annual Meeting: update

July is always our annual meeting including elections. During April, May and June we will not have had our monthly meetings. Because of this we will not be doing the regular preparations for the voting in July. (This includes the candidate nominations, and processing of membership forms and payments. Only those who have paid their yearly dues for 2020-2021 can vote.) This means that we can't hold our annual meeting and voting in July. Therefore the board has deferred the annual meeting and elections until we have a regular meeting at the community center. The present board would continue until after the elections have taken place.

Membership Applications and Dues: update (PLEASE help!!)

We need your help!!! In order that elections can take place as quickly as possible, once we again begin meetings at the community center, please pay your dues NOW. We need you to send in your application form, completely filled out, and pay your dues. You received a form with the March newsletter or you can find one on the website under the membership info tab. Please take care of this before we meet again. Margie will only process membership applications on the day of elections from 12:45 to 1:10 pm. Send all payments to our PO Box listed below.

Sunshine Report: from Karen Grills-Engel, our Sunshine Lady

This month, Get-Well Cards were sent to: Judie Berard, Kris Main, Art Leppi; Thinking-of-You Cards were sent to: Jim Grace, Richard Leurquin; and a Sympathy Card was sent to: the Family of Lilly Meyers.

Karen Grills-Engel is our Sunshine Lady. If you know of any member in need of cheering up for any reason please call Karen at 715-479-5322 or email her at karengrillengels@gmail.com

Kudos Korner: from Margie, PrimeTimers' Vice-President

This month I would like to send my KUDOS to Jim & Sue Aschenbrenner for all of the work they have done in overseeing the Frankenmuth trip. Covid-19 has caused us to cancel the plans for this year. However, Jim and Sue have not given up on the trip. They have agreed to continue with this endeavor for the next calendar year. KUDOS also go to Dave Zielinski who will be processing all of the refund checks once we have received the funds from Nationwide Travel. Clap your hands for Jim, Sue & Dave. Great Job!!

Conquering the Covid-19 Blues: Try one of these:

- * Pick up the phone and talk with someone you know, especially someone who lives alone
- * Write a letter to your grandchildren. Let them experience the "good old days" and encourage them to send one back to you.
- * Start a hobby. IE: origami Google it and learn how to make a flower to give to your postal carrier, the cashier at the grocery store, or leave on your next door neighbor's porch ... All it takes is a square piece of paper and something for a stem.
- * Take a walk. There are a number of handicap or easy walking trails near us. Crystal Lake has a .5 mile handicap trail just behind their nature center, North Trout Lake has a .8 mile easy trail on County M on the way to Boulder Junction. Both require a state park sticker which can easily be obtained by calling 1-888-305-0398 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days per week and paying \$13 for seniors. (A small cost to hike the wonderful trails, picnic in the parks or support our state park system.) Also Holy Family Catholic Church has a St Francis prayer, walking trail behind their church, accessed off the lower parking lot.
- * Arrange with a friend or two to have a picnic lunch at a park. Bring your lawn chair, sunscreen, and enjoy!! Take a camera and find a beautiful setting where you can click some pictures. Share them with your family and friends.

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