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Board of Directors Update

MEMBERSHIP / DUES: It is time to renew your membership for 2025. Pay before 31 January and save \$5.00. Only \$15.00 until the end of January 2025.

WATERCOLOR: Aline & Tanna continue to do a great job with this popular activity.

PRESCHOOL: There were approximately 20 children who came and delivered an excellent Christmas program. Thank you to Santa & Mama Claus for being there and listening to Christmas wishes.

PHOTO CONTEST: Congratulations to Jackie Wood – 1st Place; Christine Michelle – 2nd Place; and Eva Mattedi – 3rd Place

UGLY SWEATER: It was obvious that Anna May Hoffman put a lot of effort into the construction of her winning sweater.

QUILT DRAWING: Carol Steen was the lucky winner of the quilt. I told y'all to quit buying tickets so I could win. We sold \$425.00 worth of tickets.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR: This was another success even with having to close the restrooms due to a problem with the sewer line. Thank you to everyone for decorating the Senior Center, making baked goods and working during the tour.

MONTHLY OUTINGS: There was a full bus for both the Butte Theater and the Christmas Lights. Thank you to Mark for driving for the Christmas lights. He always knows where the best lights are located.

GINGER BREAD WORKSHOP: Had some really delicious and attractive cookies. If you did not attend, you missed an enjoyable time.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CELEBRATION: Another delicious meal. Thank you to Nancy, Patti, Brenda, Rose, Beth, Lydia & Sheree. The White Elephant gift exchange was enjoyed by those who participated. Next year we need to be a little more aggressive with stealing each other's gifts.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Years. May the coming year be both healthy and prosperous.

If you have suggestions for trips, please tell Debbie Martin or Mac. They work very diligently to provide trips of interest to the members.

Please record your volunteer time in the book at the front desk. This includes time you spend at home preparing for activities. Volunteer time is very useful when we apply for grants.





A big thank-you to Faith Lutheran pre-school for bringing their kiddos to present a fun holiday program. And thanks to Mr. & Mrs Santa for being with us to give the little ones a last minute chance to get their wishes known.

Thank you to Teller Senior Coalition for providing transportation for our December trips. Both the Butte and Colorado Springs holiday lights trips were enjoyed by all who were fortunate to secure a spot on the bus.

Thanks to the ladies who cooked and served our December 19 holiday meal. The food was excellent and the entire day was fun and enjoyed by over 60 members.

Thanks to Patti for organizing our Gingerbread Cookie baking/decorating party. Thanks also to Hildred for her expert help with decorating the cookies. Folks were able to take home cookies to share with family and friends.

2025 Dues

It is time to renew your membership. Annual dues are \$15 from now through January 31, 2024. New membership cards are ready and the front desk folks are ready to help! Ask for your coasters when you pay your dues!

Woodland Park Senior Organization (aka Club) was formed July 12, 1973, to bring together seniors *age 50 and over*, in Teller and adjoining counties, to promote the well-being of senior citizens and adults with disabilities by providing social interaction, mental stimulation and healthful activities. Stop by any weekday between 9am and 1pm to check out activities we currently provide that might interest you and to suggest additional activities for our community!

Coming in February

- 2/7 Pioneers Museum Trip
- 2/11 Potluck Lunch
- 2/21 CC Ice Festival Trip
- 2/25 Catered Meal

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Irv	Johnson	1 - 2
Don	Jones	1 - 3
Dennis	Kost	1 - 3
Curtis	LeBlanc	1 - 3
Cindy	Meyer	1 - 5
Jane	Slenkovich	1 - 8
Frank	Young	1 - 8
Curtis	LeBlanc	1 - 3
Cindy	Meyer	1 - 5
Jane	Slenkovich	1 - 8

Jan Catered Meal is FREE for Jan Babies!

December Volunteer of the Month Santa & Mrs. Claus



Dave & Kathy Hogeboom

Dave and Kathy have been part of our holiday celebrations for several years. They come for the Holiday Home Tour as well as for our preschool holiday presentation day each year.

At the Holiday Home Tour this year many of our members enjoyed whispering their wishes in Santa's ear. Be sure to check out the photo pages to find out what Mrs. Claus thought about our ladies cuddling up on Santa's lap.

Dave and Kathy are members and come up from Colorado Springs to enjoy several of our events during the year. See if you can recognize them when out of Santa and Mrs. Claus outfits!



Friday January 3 10:30 am - 3:00pm



Lunch in Colorado Springs Teller Senior Coalition Bus Call 719-687-3877 or sign-up at the front desk



Leave the Senior Center at 10:30am and return by 3:00pm Lunch can be purchase at Peak Bowling

Bowling is Free for Club Members

Transportation provided by Teller Senior Coalition Limited to 14

Call 719-687-3877 or sign-up at the front desk to reserve your spot

Watercolor Class Monday, January 20 1:00 – 3:00pm

Join Aline as she guides us through the technics of watercolor painting.

All Supplies provided. Call 719-687-3877 or sign-up at the front desk.



Pierogi Baking Workshop



Friday, January 10 1 – 3 pm

Join in on the fun as we learn to make this traditional Polish filled dumpling. All supplies are included. Call 719-687-3877 or sign up at the front desk.

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2025 WOODLAND PARK SENIOR CENTER **CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY - DAYS AND DATES**

DAY	DATE	HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY	1-Jan	NEW YEARS DAY
MONDAY	26-May	MEMORIAL DAY
FRIDAY	4-Jul	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY	1-Sep	LABOR DAY
TUESDAY	11-Nov	VETERAN'S DAY
THURSDAY	27-Nov	THANKSGIVING
FRIDAY	28-Nov	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
THURSDAY	25-Dec	CHRISTMAS
FRIDAY	26-Dec	DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Our Local Food Pantries Our Need Help!

Our area food pantries need help providing shelf stable foods to the needy in Teller County. Our Board of Directors is asking our membership to help.

We will have a basket/box by the lunch counter for donations of shelf stable food items. Each month we will collect food for a different partner. Aspen Mine Center, Little Chapel in Divide, Community Cupboard,



Every Friday - 10:30 am

Are you working to improve your overall fitness? Join us for this beginner level workout.

Bridge at the Senior Center



Join us for friendly

Bridge games every Wednesday at 12:30.



Beginning line dancing right here at the Senior Center every Wednesday: ten to eleven in the morning

(Join in for physical and mental exercise and a lot of fun!)



Mahjongg

11:30am on some Tuesdays & Wednesdays 11:30am on most Thursdays

> Check the Activity Calendar for exact dates!



WINTER PHOTO CONTEST





Free Income Tax Prep Services

Tax Season is here!!!



Two free tax return preparation services are available here in Teller county.

Call one of these to make an appointment: VITA at 719-203-1265 AARP at 719-314-5686

All Colorado 2024 full year residents can receive a TABOR refund this year. However you **MUST** file a Colorado tax return to receive this refund.

Driver's License Renewal

Now available at the Senior Center

The Driver's License Renewal folks have arranged to come to the Senior Center on the fourth Tuesday of each month to enable Teller County drivers to renew their license without needing to go to Colorado Springs. The appointments will be about 15 minutes for each renewal.

Time: 1pm - 4pm

2025 Dates (4th Tuesday of each month)

January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24 July 22, August 26, September 2, October 28, November 25, December 23

> For an Appointment call 719-687-3877 or sign-up at the Senior Center front desk



AARP Smart Driver Course at the WP Senior Center

Wednesdays, 1:00pm – 5:00pm January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16

About the course The AARP Smart Driver™ course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught over 16 million drivers proven safety strat-egies so they can continue driving safety for as long as possible. AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. After completing the course you'll receive a certificate of completion that can be pre-sented to your insurance agent for a possible reduction in your auto insurance premi-ums.

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Snapshots of December

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December 7 & 8 Holiday Home Tour

Getting ready - December 6











HHT entertainment groups











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Holiday Home Tour fun with Santa and Mrs. Claus



























December 19 - Ugly Sweater Contest





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December 19 - Catered Meal - over 60 meals served







December 19 - White Elephant Gift Exchange

December 19 Candy Jar winner

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Fall Photo Contest winners

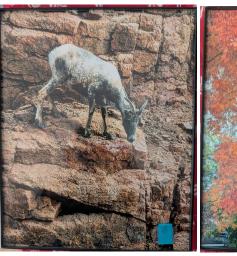




Ginger wondering which is her present



Jackie Wood 1st Place



Christine Michelle 2nd Place



Eva Mattedi 3rd Place



Beth bringing in Ginger's surprise!!



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December 10 - Potluck



Entertainment by the Lake George Chimers





December 12 - Faith Lutheran Pre School Holiday Program





December 14 - Butte Theater Trip



December 20 - Gingerbread Cookie Workshop





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WOODLAND PARK SENIOR CLUB TOP 10 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 1. SOCIAL ACTIVITY
- 2. CLUB HOUSE
- 3. INCREASE KNOWLEDGE
- 4. REGULAR ACTIVITY
- 5. FITNESS & WELLNESS
- 6. SPECIAL DISCOUNTS
- 7. SPECIAL EVENTS
- 8. NETWORKING
- 9. VOLUNTEERING
- 10. FUN, FUN, FUN



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Any individual, business, or organization helping to support the Senior Club with a cash donation or a gift in kind

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