



Ninilchik Senior Center

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Coming Up:

New Years 1st
(Closed)

Martin Luther King Jr.
Day 15th
(CLOSED)

Note From the President of the Board:

Happy New Year everybody!!!! I hope whatever New Year's resolutions you made, you have been able to keep so far. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are ready to get back to work, well those of you that are still working. Who am I kidding? We are all working, somehow, some way.

What's happening in January? Martin Luther King Jr. day is coming fast. That is one of the days of the year that the Center is closed. That holiday comes along on January 15 this year.

If you are considering making a contribution to the kitchen fund, you can still have it deducted from your taxes for 2023. The fund for the kitchen remodel is growing slowly. At last count it was up to just north of \$62,000. It's getting there but we could sure use your help. We will not know about the state capitol grant until sometime in June. It sure would be nice to have the funds in place so we can plan on getting the remodel done this time next year.

So far it seems like the winter has been fairly mild. Not an overabundance of snow and temperatures not too bad. It sure is nice to see the sun start to come back also. More daylight is a good thing.

I welcome the new members we have gotten over the past month. There have been several. If you have a chance to stop by the center, make sure you thank all the staff for helping to make the center a wonderful place to eat, socialize, and just hang out.

~Dick Hawkins

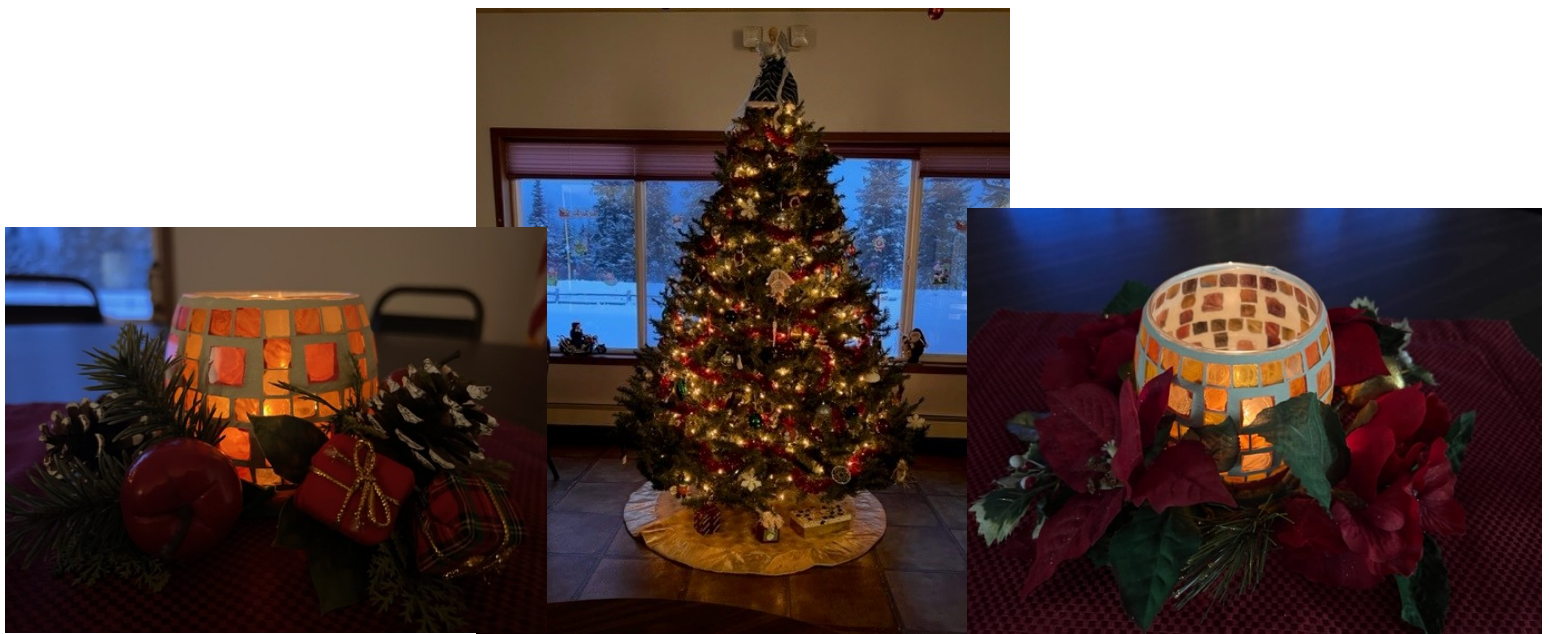


A Note from the Executive Director:

Happy New Year!! The holidays have come and gone and now all we're left with is lots of snow! Never fear – the days ARE getting longer, even if it is only by seconds each day. It all adds up and spring will be here before we know it!

As I reflect back on the year we've left behind, I am reminded of just how important the "little" things are. I am so thankful for the wonderful staff and Board Members I get to work with. Their thoughts and actions are heartfelt in all they do and their sparkle never dims! We are so blessed at the center to have so many people willing to lend a hand when needed. No matter the size of the job, someone is always willing to tackle it and get the job done – and always with a smile! I cannot express my thanks enough to all of you. Giving of your time and talents may seem like a "little" thing but rest assured, it is not! It's what keeps our center going and you are so very much appreciated! As we move into 2024, my wish for all is a year filled with much fun, laughter, and joy!

~ Julie Otto





What an end of the year, keeping this thought I decided to fill your minds with some facts. Things you don't have to spend a lot of time thinking about. Ok, so maybe I'll throw in a little Trivia to start the year off right!!

DID YOU KNOW?!

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backward. In fact, they are so impressive in the air that they have been referred to as the "flying ninja."

Until it actually blows against something, wind makes no sound!

Gold will never erode because it is chemically inert, meaning it doesn't react to oxygen in the atmosphere.

If you ever visit China, don't hug a tree! The act was forbidden after a mass tree hugging occurred outside of China's imperial garden and the Chinese government speculated that the tree huggers were part of a suspicious cult.

During the 12th century tennis was first played in France, but without rackets. Instead, players used the palms of their hands to lob the ball back to their opponents. (isn't this called handball??)

TRIVIA

What is Dorothy's last name in "The Wizard of Oz?"

Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?

Which TV dramedy was set on Wisteria Lane?

What is the fastest fish?

Where was the first compass invented?

How long does it take for the sun's light to reach Earth?

What is a common name for aphthous stomatitis?

Which state is the smallest in land size?

Answers:

Gale

California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas

Desperate Housewives

Sailfish

China

As always swing for the fence!

-Cheryl

Ninilchik Senior Center's Christmas Bazaar 2023





Thank you to all the vendors
that made it to this years
Christmas Bazaar. Thanks
to all who attended and sup-
ported our vendors. It was
a lot of fun!





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1. Who was the first woman to win the Iditarod Dog Sled Race?
2. What US Department had jurisdiction over Alaska from 1867 to 1877?
3. What was the first non-metallic mineral to be developed in Alaska?
4. What is another name for Octopus?
5. How much of Alaska is in the Artic Region? ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{3}$)
6. What was Cook's River renamed?
7. In the southeast harvest of fish, what species comprises the largest portion of the catch?
8. Name the most sure footed of all North American mammals?



8. Mountain Goats

1. Libby Riddles in 1985
2. War Department
3. Marble
4. Devil fish
5. $\frac{1}{3}$
6. Cook Inlet
7. Pink Salmon

Wood Working Tools

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MITRE

SPEED SQUARE

CATS PAW

HAMMER

PADDLE BIT

SQUARE

CHALK LINE

HAND SAW

PENCIL

STRAIGH EDGE

CIRCULAR SAW

JIGS

PRY BAR

TABLE SAW

CLAMPS

KEYHOLE SAW

RECIPROCATING SAW

TAPE MEASURE

DRILL

LASER LEVEL

ROUTER

WRENCHES

DRILL BITS

LATHE

SAWHORSE



Winter is here! Ice and snow is everywhere!
One of the primary goals when on ice and snow generally
is to stay on our feet.

Thanks to Jim Kenshalo and Skinny Raven Sports in An-
chorage for helping us to do that and for keeping our sen-
iors a little safer!

Jim Kenshalo arranged it, and Skinny Raven Sports came
through again with a donation of screws! Jim Kenshalo sat
at the senior center day after day and screwed the screws
into the bottoms of boots to keep our seniors safe!

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!



Begins with a "Z"

1. _____ This famous swordsman wore a black mask.
2. _____ She is one of the famous Gabor sisters.
3. _____ It has teeth but never bites.
4. _____ This African nation was once called the Belgian Congo.
5. _____ This company was among the first to manufacture radios and televisions.
6. _____ It is a city in Switzerland.
7. _____ Aries and Aquarius are two of its signs.
8. _____ Be sure each letter you address includes one of these 5-digit numbers.
9. _____ It was the married name of this famous athlete who gained fame as a golfer.
10. _____ He was the king of the Greek gods.
11. _____ This famous Russian physician was the hero of a novel and motion picture.
12. _____ This striped, horselike animal is at home on the African plains.
13. _____ He was a leader of the Mexican Revolution.
14. _____ It is a favorite in summer vegetable gardens.
15. _____ It is a favorite in summer flower gardens.
16. _____ Its chemical symbol is Zn.
17. _____ This was a famous brand of lighter used during World War II.



Join NSC's Legacy Club!

Leave a Legacy and make a donation (monthly or not) of any amount to the NSC Endowment Fund or NSC Operations and once your donations reach \$500, your name will be added to our donor tree. Endowment Fund Donations provide long-term investment income for the Senior Center.



Donor Tree Wall Levels of Giving:

- Tree Leaf: \$500. to \$999.
- Ptarmigan: \$1,000. to \$4,999.
- Crane: \$5,000. to \$9,999.
- Owl: \$10,000. to \$24,999.
- Eagle: \$25,000 +

Thank you to all who donate to the Ninilchik Senior Center!



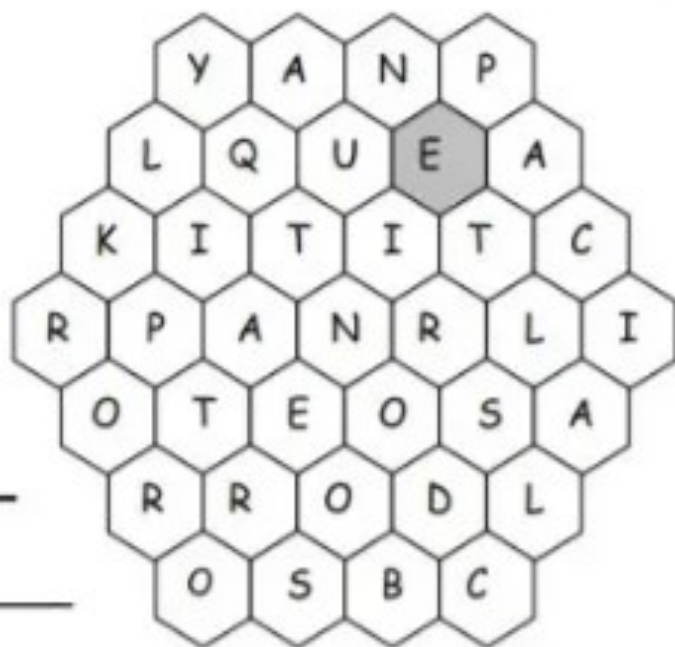
Buzzword!

TM

#1

by Ann Richmond Fisher

The shaded E and the six letters surrounding it spell PETUNIA, which matches one of the clues below. Find 7-letter words for the remaining clues. Shade the center letter of each word.



1. flowering plant petunia -E
2. a solo performance _____
3. excellence _____
4. person receiving medical care _____
5. adult male domestic fowl _____
6. old item _____
7. opening in nose _____

Now unscramble all 7 of the center letters to spell today's BUZZWORD.

A coin: _____



Kathryn Hale 1	Lorraine Reinhart 10	Richard Behnken 26
Johnny Hylen 2	Doug MacLean 12	Linda Hawkins 26
Rick Ferguson 2	David Martin 14	Janice Nofziger 29
Allen Minnihan 2	Char Moore 14	Ronn Lund 30
Birch Ann Allen 3	David Zuck 16	Larry Matson 30
Bill Richardson 6	Mark Syska 19	Patrick Sullivan 30
Bob Nathanson 7	Elaine Bramer 19	Bruce Randall 31
Elizabeth Spinasanto 7	Mirl Fowler 21	
JoJo Seitz 8	Tina Kenshalo 23	



Thank You

Vi Nordgren and Kaye Waldsmith for keeping our silent auction table full and organized

Mark and Kathy Syska, Moondog, and Vi Nordgren for helping set up the Bazaar

JoJo Seitz for sorting stuff for the gazebo

Dave Nordgren for the trash removal

Don't forget to log all of your time in the volunteer book

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers

Thank you to all the donors

Thank you to our cooks

\$5 A Month Club

Thank you to the following who contributed to the club:

David & Judy Clemenson	Bruce Randall
Delmer McCune	Debbie MacLean
Nora & Howard Appel	Cathy Perry
Char & Byron Moore	Josie Savoy
John & Janice Nofziger	Jim Beall
Ron Jorgensen	Vi Nordgren

We have a fund to provide items that are not in the budget.

If you would like to join the club, just bring or send a donation of \$5 any time you can.

THANK YOU!!!

New Progressive Split the Pot Raffle Starting January 2nd, 2024!

Ninilchik Senior Center (NSC) Progressive Split the Pot Raffle

Cost: \$1 per ticket. Members may purchase as many tickets as desired each week. Tickets purchased are valid only for that week's drawing. Tickets must be purchased each week until 11am Friday if the member wishes to participate in that week's drawing.

Drawing Time: Every Friday at 12:00 pm

Location: Ninilchik Senior Center 66265 Aspen Ave Ninilchik, AK

Progressive Split the Pot Raffle Rules:

One winner every week.

Winner does not need to be present to win.

Open to NSC members only. Membership must be current.

The Current Raffle will last up to 16 weeks or until someone draws the Eagle. Future raffle duration may change without notice but will be announced at the beginning of each new raffle.

16 cards

(1) Eagle: grand prize winner: 50% of the pot

(1) Owl: 10% of the pot

(14) Ptarmigan: \$5





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Operating Budget and Endowment Fund

Donations to the Operating Budget are used to keep the doors of Center open, while the purpose of the Endowment Fund is to invest for a stable income that will allow the Senior Center to become more self-sufficient.

Your Support is Valuable!

(All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law)

I am enclosing \$ _____ Donation for: ☐ Operating Budget
☐ Endowment Growth

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gift will be a memorial in honor of: _____

You may also make a secure- online donation at: www.ninilchikseniors.org

About The Ninilchik Senior Center

Our Mission

We are dedicated to making life easier, more interesting, and providing assistance to others in need among our members, as well as the surrounding community, in ways which lift the spirit and give a feeling of love to each other. We are dedicated to assisting one another through cooperation, respect, and strength of spirit, so that everyone feels welcome and their contributions valued.

Board of Directors

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Trustee: Steve Vanek
Trustee: Cheryl Doyle
Trustee: Lynn Harding

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Trustee: David Clemenson

Staff

Executive Director: Julie Otto
Adm. Assist/Bookkeeper:
Tandy Wallace
Assistant: Casey Campbell
Cook: Marti Sue Chapman
Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson
Trans. Driver: Mark Brees
NSC Homemaker: Darla Evans-
Egbert

Join us for lunch!

Lunch is served at 12:00 pm Mon-Fri.

Suggested donation:

\$8 or members, \$12 for non-members

Lunch includes: soup,
salad, entrée and dessert

Events and Activities

Weekly

Mondays:

Quilting/Sewing 1-4 pm

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Bingo (after lunch 1:15 pm)

Thursdays: Game Day 1-4 pm

Fridays:

Knitting 1:30-4:00

Billiards 1-4 pm





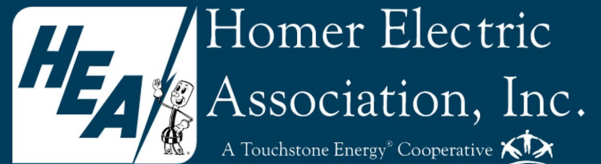
So far this Fiscal year the center received **\$84.18** from Fred Meyer through their community rewards program. Thank you to those who participate and make this possible.

If you shop at Fred Meyer, please consider linking your Rewards Card to donate to the center. Fred Meyer will donate money to the center whenever you make purchases; this will not affect the personal rewards associated with your account. Sign up online at: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

The center's Organization Identification Number is **GP013**.

Thank you!!!

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January 2024 Menu

Meals will still be available as take-out (\$7 suggested donation, add \$2 for salad).

Please note: menu is subject to change based on product availability. 907-567-3988 Please call in advance to order a meal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Birthdays						<i>Information 6</i>
Kathryn Hale 1/1 Johnny Hylen 1/2 Rick Ferguson 1/2 Allen Minnihan 1/2 Birch Ann Allen 1/3 Bill Richardson 1/6	Center Closed For New Year's Day	Crispy Chicken Potatoes Vegetable	Creamy Pasta Casserole Vegetable Garlic Bread	Liver & Onions Scalloped Potatoes Vegetable	Croissants Chicken Cashew Salad Pasta Toss Jell-O	<i>Soup served daily with pick up meals</i>
7	8	9	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 10	11	12	13
Bob Nathanson 1/7 Elizabeth Spinasto 1/7 JoJo Seitz 1/8 Lorraine Reinhart 1/10 Doug MacLean 1/12	Cranberry Pork Dressing Vegetable	Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole Vegetable	Lil' Cheddar Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Vegetable	Fiesta Burrito Refried Beans Spanish Rice	BBQ Pork w/buns Pasta Salad Coleslaw Corn	<i>Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests To-Go Soup \$1.00 per cup</i>
14	15	16	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 17	<i>Board Meeting</i> 18	19	20
David Martin 1/14 Char Moore 1/14 David Zuck 1/16 Mark Syska 1/19 Elaine Bramer 1/19	Center Closed	Baked Chicken Breasts Rice Casserole Vegetable	Baked Ham Potatoes Vegetable	Meatballs in Sauce Noodles Vegetables	Breakfast Frittata Link Sausage Potatoes Blueberry Bread Pudding	
21	22	23	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 24	25	26	27
Mirl Fowler 1/21 Tina Kenshalo 1/23 Richard Behnken 1/26 Linda Hawkins 1/26	Monterey Chicken Breasts Rice Vegetables	Country Pork Ribs Corn on the Cob Bean Bake Coleslaw	Smoked Sausage Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Sauerbrout	Turkey Thursday	Cheese Enchiladas Refried Beans Rice	
28	29	30	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 31			
Janice Nofziger 1/29 Ronn Lund 1/30 Larry Matson 1/30 Patrick Sullivan 1/30 Bruce Randall 1/31	Asian Pork Fried Rice Vegetable	Baked Chicken Potatoes Vegetable	Spaghetti Bake Vegetable Garlic Bread			<i>Senior Center will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024</i>