

Club 55 Senior Center

By Carol Burrows, Correspondent

The winter solstice is not until December 21 but the light collection of snowflakes we had makes it seem pretty wintery. It reminded me that it was time to get my tree up and the house decorated for Christmas. I really love putting ornaments on the tree as almost all of them have been given to me over the years. Some of my favorites are from my children, homemade by grandchildren or engraved with names of former students that were gifts when I was teaching. I also continue to put red fringe pompom roping on that I bought more than 50 years ago, as it just makes the tree so festive and reminds me of having my children help with the decorating. The tree skirt that I use is far from spiffy, so I cover it with red sparkle netting. I made that tree skirt in Girl Scouts for my parents more than 65 years ago. It is an unhemmed piece of green corduroy with glitter shapes glued on and brings my Christmas memories full circle. Life goes quickly which is why I turn the tree lights on and sit in the quiet early morning darkness with my coffee. A perfect way to start my day.

On your next stop at LD Fargo Library ask for one of the free Holiday Fun Kits...yes... they are meant for adults too. One of the projects you can easily do is to create a homemade card to be delivered to an assisted living resident in our community. You could also use one of the cards you already have, write a Christmas message on it and return it to the library by December 13 for staff to deliver. Our library is one of the icons of our community and if you have not made a trip there recently you are missing out on a hidden jewel and the best bargain in town.

Club 55/LM Rec. Dept. follows the Lake Mills Area School District calendar which means that we will be closed for winter break on Thursday, December 23 and reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022. Your Bia meals will still be delivered on Wednesdays to Club 55 at 2:30 so we will see you then.

We continue to be vigilant as we participate in Club 55 activities, and use the disinfectant available, wash our hands, and respectful of those who choose to wear masks. Join us for Bingo on Wednesday, December 15, 1-2:30. Bring along

a gift, wrapped of what ever you want to donate as a prize for the Bingo winners. Last week we had so much fun opening the gifts to see what we one. Any gift you feel you want to donate and there is no dollar amount. We had one cash prize and many wonderful prizes.

The Bia meal for Wednesday, December 15 is Roast Pork Loin, rice pilaf, fresh fruit salad, dessert. I had to double check this menu date as I goofed last week but thank goodness Jane found it and was able to correct it for the emails, but I had already sent the newsletter to the paper. Good thing it is the year's end as I don't want to pile up more 2021 mistakes. Starting a new year gives me a whole new opportunity!

Thanks to all who supported the Tour of Homes last weekend by coming to the four homes participating. People were happy to have the TOH return and have an activity to cheer in the Holiday Season. Many thanks to the homeowners for offering their homes.

Rick Fronck will play Christmas music and some members of the Moravian Bell Choir will entertain us at 11:00 am in the gym at RLAC on Thursday, December 16, with cookies and Punch to follow in the Club 55 room. You are welcome to join us.

Good News: Jane has been working on getting some new projects for us to participate in. Archery, Cardio Drumming, and Pickleball are all on the calendar to start soon.

Archery for Seniors - Free, no registration, Starting Dec. 22nd at 1:00 pm. We will run Archery on the opposite Wednesday of Bingo.

Pickleball – Free, no registration, Starting on Mondays Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 at 10:00 am. Bring your paddle or borrow ours. We will have the nets setup and pickleballs for you. Bring a friend.

Cardio Drumming – So much fun to enjoy the music and get some exercise! Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Dec. 15th and Dec. 22.

Trip - \$18.00, Register by calling Club 55 @ 920-728-2176.

How about a trip to the Rotary Botanical Gardens light show in Janesville! Dec. 21 from 4:00-8:00 pm. The cost is \$18.00 per person. The van will leave from

Club 55 for the light show. This year's dazzling after-dark walk on the Gardens' paths features more than One Million lights, themed light displays and animations.