

DEAR PRIMETIMERS,

I have just returned from our annual trip, which included Louisville (Churchill Downs), Nashville, and Memphis. I personally had a wonderful time. Fred and Carol had a lot planned for us, and all the activities were very interesting and informative. The weather was wonderful, warm, and balmy - no jackets required. If you have not been to Graceland in Memphis, try and get there as it is quite the national treasure, especially if you were any kind of Elvis fan. Vince Gill made a surprise appearance at the Grand Ole Opry to inform Rascal Flatts that they are to become part of the Opry family. This was a special treat for our group. I was told that the next bus, which leaves on October 16th, will have performances by Carrie Underwood, Brad Paisley, and Alabama. All three of these have been named country music performer of the year at one time or another. While you are at the Opry, remember this is a radio broadcast going live over the airwaves.

At the suggestion of a member, we have scheduled a Craft, Crocheting, Knitting, and Hobby Day on Tuesday, October 11th. This is the kickoff meeting with hopes that we can make it evolve into an exciting experience. There are talents abounding and people willing to share their knowledge. We are going to let those attending set the criteria for this event; for example, should we meet once a month or more, what day, etc. Senior Expo is scheduled for October 19th at the Eagle River derby grounds. This is a good time for you to get your flu shot. There are many booths, all with valuable information and handouts. Karen Waggoner and I will be tending the PrimeTimers booth, so stop by, say, "Hi!" and have a piece of candy.

We have a load of things scheduled for the rest of the year so check the calendar and make note of those that you are interested in. We make every effort to meet your needs. If you have any suggestions you would like to share, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other board member. All of the input we receive is taken under serious consideration.

Till the next time,

Judie Berard, President

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser

printers have in common? A. All were invented by women.

RAFFLE COMPLETED

We tried something new this year being that we had two bicycles donated to us (for which we thank Dick Allred). We thought we would have a raffle. To have a successful raffle you need people willing to believe this can make money, people willing to sell tickets, and people willing to buy tickets. We had one component of three: a Board of Directors who thought we could make money. We had few buyers or sellers. Fortunately, we did have enough of both to almost break even. We ended the raffle being short \$13.00. We thank everyone who did buy tickets or sell tickets. The person who sold the most was Verdelle Mauthe. Congratulations! The raffle winners were: 26" Raleigh Venture Bicycle worth \$390 - Helen Grewe, 20" Trek Jet Bicycle worth \$190 - Karen Waggoner, \$150 – Heather Trapp of D J Restaurant, \$100 – Fred Radtke, and \$50 – David Ross of Hazelhurst. Thanks to Helen Grewe who donated the bike she won back to the PrimeTimers who will do a one-day raffle/drawing at the 2012 Car Show.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400.

PAST ACTIVITIES

Speakers this month spoke about plans for a new library in Eagle River and changes for the Commission on Aging. Jeanne Leurquin showed some fantastic quiltings – if you missed them, there is no describing them!

The bike riders finished off the year with a nice ride on the new St. Germain trail and lunch at Knockers. The summer plays ended with a surprise actor – Tommy O, a local Minocqua man we saw performing in Branson on one of our trips. The sixth grade lunch to 370+ went very well thanks to the many volunteers we had.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. Percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

THE BIG TRIP

The first fall trip is completed. Another trip will occur on the 16th through the 22nd. I have to say, we saw Elvis on the Monday evening and then his eternal resting place on Thursday. He is still very popular. It makes me wonder who

will ever make memories this great in the future. While many places seen were memorable, it seems the Grand Ole Opry has something special about it that is just different. It seems the awe along with the Ryman Theater has had such a big impact on starting so many great singers. Did you know Elvis only sang once in the Ryman Theater? That once was not well received.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

BUSY SEASON – NO SLOW DOWN

We mentioned in the last newsletter that a new PrimeTimers adventure was starting - a craft day to encourage fellowship and many interesting craft hobbies that people do. We hope this can be expanded to get many enthused with making, building, or just trying something new. Do you have a craft or idea that can help us get this started? Amongst our membership there is a vast array of things that you all do. We hope you will share your ideas and crafts. October 11 is the first date; watch for a second November date that you can attend.

We put up our Christmas lights on this Wednesday, the 12th. Please come out to [help](#). This project takes many hands but is greatly appreciated by the community and tourists who pass by.

Again, the radio station and Commission on Aging will have a Senior Expo on October 19 from 9 to 3. This is for us to obtain information and literature on items useful for our age group. Public health will also be giving flu shots. Bring your medical cards. We would appreciate everyone who attends wearing the PrimeTimers shirt. I hear every year, "The PrimeTimers are everywhere!" With 342 members, we should have a lot of shirts there again this year.

There are several events that require tickets to attend. These are being ordered [now](#) so if interested, call [today](#). We are planning a Volunteer Party on November 7 at Clearview. If you worked on any volunteer activity (including serving as meeting hosts), you are eligible. We do need you to call to make reservations (and notice if cancelling). Get on the phone and do your signups for all activities today - 715-479-6310.

The Christmas party is as usual being planned for the second Thursday of December, December 8. Plans are yet

being determined. This is always a fun event and kind of a climax for the year's events and a kick off for the holiday season. Lastly, we begin our new year with the Snowflake Dance the second Saturday in January - January 14. We would like to see this better attended.

If participating in Senior Meals, ask about changes when you call in - 715-542-2951. Watch out! The newspaper is full of warnings to keep an eye out for deer this time of year. Get planning on your Medicare Part D plans for next year. Deadline is earlier. (COA is 715-479-3625 if you want information.) Also watch out for sales literature and salespersons with high pressure sales. With fall cleanup in full swing, remember it does not have to be done in one day. Do not over exert yourself.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.

REWARDS OF YOUR HARD WORK

A month ago the membership voted \$250 for the paint for the gym of the

FOR THE PRIME TIME IN YOUR LIFE!

THOSE 50 & OVER - REMEMBER THAT THIS IS YOUR CLUB and any suggestions are welcome. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center in the southwest room. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings or board meetings (call President for date, time, and location). If transportation is needed, contact 715-479-3596. All of our meetings are as friendly as we can make them, so put away your rocking chair, and come join the group ***"THAT'S IN THE KNOW AND ON THE GO!"***

Community Center. At this month's meeting, the following donations were authorized:

Vilas County Food Pantry - \$1,000
St. Germain Town - Fireworks \$1,000
Northwoods Children's Museum - \$500
Vilas Historical Museum Building Fund - \$500
Olson Memorial Library Building Fund - \$500
Plum Lake Library - \$500
Big Brothers - Big Sisters - \$100
Angel on My Shoulder \$100
St. Germain Youth Baseball - \$100
St. Germain Youth Soccer - \$100
St. Germain Bike and Hike Trail - \$100

This is \$4,750. You can see your work all year did a lot of good. We thank you for all your help on the many projects throughout the year. This was not done by just a few, but all of you. If you are part of the few who did not help, hopefully you will be able to in the coming projects.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

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Get well/thinking of you cards went to Mary Griswold, Moe Milz, Rosalie O'Neill, and Bob Schuppe. Sympathy card went to Brenda Weber (husband Wilmer).

If you know of someone who is ill, hospitalized, or should otherwise be sent special thoughts, notify Toni Newton (715-477-6280). We know many people are being missed, and we would like to send them a little cheer.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David; Hearts - Charlemagne; Clubs - Alexander, the Great; Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, he person died of natural causes.