

ROADRUNNER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR ~ DANIELLE WEINTRAUB

As someone new to this wonderful community, I want to begin by expressing how truly honored I am to be here. The kindness and warmth I've received from residents and team members alike have made this transition incredibly welcoming, and I'm excited to officially join you.

While I may be new, I can already sense the unique spirit that makes Blue Skies so special. There's a strong foundation here—one built on connection, care, and a shared commitment to growth—and I'm eager to contribute to it in every way I can. I'm looking forward to learning from you, working alongside you, and supporting you as we move forward together. Thank you for your patience and partnership as I get to know the people and places that make this community thrive.

Here's to new beginnings, shared progress, and all the joy that August brings!

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, August 5 – Rotary Club Presentation, RR Lounge, 12pm

Thursday, August 7– Coffee with Chef, RR Lounge, 9:30am

Thursday, August 14 – DRAC Meeting, RR lounge, 1:30pm

Sunday, August 17 – Residents Concert Series: Anthony Bazzani Trio + 1, Main Lobby, 3pm

Tuesday, August 19 – Rotary Club Presentation by Col Robert Certain, RR Lounge, 12pm

Thursday, August 21 – Alzheimer's' Presentation by Dr. Patel, RR Lounge, 1:30pm

Tuesday, August 26 – Uniguest Q&A with Jan Olsen, Sunroom, 10am



New Residents

Please give the following new residents a warm Blue Skies West "Welcome" in your respective neighborhoods.

Russ Bixby, #411

Paul & Mardena Campbell, #527

Walter & Nancy Harrington, #638

Leigh Spencer, #646

Bill & Susan Bushman, #829

Robert & Nancy McNamara, #1411

Deadline to submit articles for the next Roadrunner is Friday, **August 22.**

Send all articles to
roadrunner@blueskiestx.org
Next Publication Date:
Friday, **August 29.**

Resident Services Announcements

Hot Asphalt and Dog Paws: What You Need to Know During Warm Months

Asphalt can heat up quickly and pose a serious risk to your dog's paws — even if the air temperature feels comfortable to you.

How Hot Is Too Hot?

If the air temperature is 85°F, asphalt can reach 130°F or more in direct sunlight.

At 125°F, skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds.

At 135°F, it's painful on contact.

Tip: If it's too hot for your bare feet it's too hot for theirs!

Resident Volunteer Driver Program Update

The Resident Volunteer Driver Program has long been a valuable service within our community—originally created and coordinated by one of our own residents. Over the years, it has provided essential transportation support to fellow neighbors, and we are sincerely grateful to all the volunteers who have contributed their time and effort. To help sustain the program during a transition period, the front desk team temporarily stepped in to assist with coordination. However, please note that moving forward, the front desk will no longer be managing or overseeing this program. If there is interest in continuing the Resident Volunteer Driver Program, it will need to be organized and maintained entirely by residents from within the community. We thank you for your understanding and continued support of initiatives that foster connection and care among neighbors. If you would like the current list of volunteers stop by the front desk and it will be made available to you.

Dryers in the Towers - Why Cleaning the Lint Trap Matters

Proper dryer maintenance starts with one simple but crucial step: cleaning the lint trap. This small action plays a big role in your dryer's performance and safety. Failing to clean it—or not inserting it properly—can lead to serious issues:

Fire Hazard: Lint is highly flammable. A buildup in the lint trap or dryer vents significantly increases the risk of fire.

Machine Malfunction: Operating the dryer without the lint trap in place can cause small items (like socks or undergarments) to be pulled into the internal blower, damaging components and potentially leading to system failure or fire.

Overheating & Inefficiency: A clogged lint trap restricts airflow, causing the dryer to overheat and run inefficiently leading to longer drying times and higher energy use.

Quick Tips

Clean the lint trap before or after every load. Ensure the lint trap is securely in place before starting the dryer.

By keeping the lint trap clean and properly inserted, you help ensure that:

Your clothes dry thoroughly.

The machine operates efficiently.

You reduce the risk of costly repairs or dangerous fire hazards.

Taking a few seconds to clean the lint trap each time you use the dryer can prevent costly repairs and improve safety for everyone in the Towers. Thank you for doing your part to keep our shared spaces safe and efficient!

Resident Services Announcements

Sighting of a Snake on Campus or in a Resident's Home:

- Leave the snake alone!
- Calmly take a few steps backward
- Observe the snake's markings and direction the snake goes and then calmly walk away
- Vacate the area if able
- Call the Front Desk or Maintenance (if there is a sighting)

Safety

It's HOT in Texas! The Texas heat wave isn't going anywhere for a while so please be sure to drink plenty of water and avoid the heat as much as possible. To avoid the heat, consider going out before 9am or after 7pm, exercise with a friend for safety, avoid the outdoors in the early afternoon (about noon to 3pm) when the sun is the strongest, dress in lightweight light-colored clothing and wear a hat and sunglasses.

Uniguest Profile Updates

Please take a moment to review your profile in Uniguest and make any necessary updates. It's important that we have the most current information on file. If you haven't uploaded a profile picture yet, snap a quick selfie and upload it—we'd love to put a face to the name! 😊

BST Finance

During a recent review, we discovered an error within the Full Count system that led to incorrect sales tax being applied to guest room stays. We've since resolved the issue to ensure everything aligns with current tax regulations. Starting August 1, the corrected sales tax will be properly applied to all guest room transactions. We truly appreciate your understanding as we work to keep our processes transparent and accurate. Thank you for your continued support.

Here a Flyer, There a Flyer, everywhere a Flyer, Flyer

Have a special event coming up? Want to get the word out as well as possible? Everyone wants to publicize that upcoming special event that's right around the corner, and we want to help you to do just that. However, we've been running into an overwhelming number of flyers. Keep in mind that events can be posted on the in-house channel as well as the Roadrunner. Our goal is to post flyers that identify events that are quickly approaching. Please contact resident services with any questions.

BSTW Towers Emergency Fire Instructions

What do I do? Where do I go? Some of you were present for the 2024 annual Tower Safety Checks and know what to do in the event of a fire but for those of you who were not present or are new to Blue Skies stop by the front desk and obtain instructions on what to do and where to go so you are aware of what to do in such a situation. Teresa Santana of Resident Services can be contacted to meet with you one on one to discuss the instructions and the process upon request.

Recycling & Trash Receptacle Reminder

Please remember that the recycling and trash receptacles located in the lower level of the Towers and the internal mail area are for everyday waste and recyclables only. Recently, these areas have been filling up with large items, creating safety hazards and an unsightly environment. If you need to dispose of furniture that is not suitable for donation, non-working appliances, or an excessive number of boxes, please contact Larissa at (210) 568-3241. She will coordinate a time for one of her team members to assist with proper removal.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and clean!

Resident Services Announcements

Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation

Did you know the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation's bylaws state: "No Air Force Officer's widow/widower shall ever be refused admission and no resident who is an Air Force Officer's widow/widower shall ever be denied needed goods and services by reason of financial inability."

AFVCF also supports other residents and employees through:

Employee Emergency Fund

The Employee Emergency Fund provides Blue Skies of Texas employees with much-needed financial support during unforeseen crucial situations which arise through no fault of their own. This vital support can make an enormous impact when it matters most.

Charity Care

Gifts from this fund provide charitable assistance to qualified continuing care residents who are not widows or widowers and who are in need of charitable assistance through no fault of their own.

If you would like to support these programs or have any questions, please call 210-568-3211. All donations to AFVCF are tax deductible.



Summer is coming to an end, but these scams will never end – Ashlie Maltos

Have you received a text message from "Texas Vehicle Administration" (DMV) for a final notice or enforcement begins on a certain date? The message then states that their records show that as of today, you still have an outstanding traffic ticket. According to Texas car traffic regulations 560-10-22, if you do not pay by a certain date, they will take the following actions:

1. Report to the DMV violation database
2. Suspend your vehicle registration effective a certain month
3. Suspend driving privileges for 30 days
4. Impose a 35% service fee if paid at toll location
5. You may be prosecuted, and your credit score will be affected

The message then asks you to reply with "Y" and to reopen the message to click the link or paste it in your browser. DO NOT fall for this! Immediately, delete this message and do not respond to it. This is a way for the scammers to get into your cell phone or computer to obtain all your personal information.



Resident Services Announcements

HAPPY WORKIVERSARY

NAME	LOCATION	HIRE DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
ALEJO, LARISSA	Environmental Services	Aug-25	9
ALLEN, EVELYN	Personal Care Center	Aug-24	1
BLUMEYER, DEYSI	Personal Care Center	Aug-01	24
BROCK, PATRICIA	Mission-Healthcare	Aug-22	3
CARRILLO, DOMINGO	Environmental Services	Aug-25	6
COOK, LOGAN	Capital Projects	Aug-19	6
CORERA, MARCELA	Mission-Healthcare	Aug-07	18
DIAZ, MARIA	Dining Services	Aug-18	7
FLORES, JULIET	Personal Care Center	Aug-23	2
GARCIA, MONICA	Environmental Services	Aug-15	10
GOMEZ, RAUL	Environmental Services	Aug-23	2
GONZALES, ALINA	Personal Care Center	Aug-20	5
GONZALES, OLIVIA	Personal Care Center	Aug-24	1
GONZALEZ, SANDRA	Administration	Aug-98	27
GURAY, DENNIS	Mission-Healthcare	Aug-21	4
ISAAC, AMY	Liberty House-Assisted Living	Aug-23	2
LEE, TRACY	Beauty Shop	Aug-18	7
LLOYD, MARSHA	Liberty House-Assisted Living	Aug-09	16
MARTINEZ, CHRISTOPHER	Resident Services	Aug-22	3
MONSIVAIZ, VERONICA	Environmental Services	Aug-23	2
MOORE, SHIRLEY	Mission-Healthcare	Aug-21	4
MORALES, ALMA	Arnold House-Assisted Living	Aug-23	2
OCHOA, ROSANNA	Resident Services	Aug-19	6
PRITCHETT, JADA	Personal Care Center	Aug-24	1
RANSOM, HEATHER	Executive	Aug-19	6
RIVERA, DEBBIE	Dining Services	Aug-21	4
SAN MIGUEL, CHAD	Maintenance	Aug-23	2
SANCHEZ, JO ANN	Mission-Healthcare	Aug-23	2
SANCHEZ, ALEXYS	Dining Services	Aug-24	1
SCOVILLE, MICHAEL	Resident Services	Aug-22	3
SIMPSON, TYANN	Environmental Services	Aug-20	5
ST JOHN, AMANDA	Environmental Services	Aug-23	2
TORRES, JOSHUA	Arnold House-Assisted Living	Aug-23	2
TREVINO, ANGELITA	Beauty Shop	Aug-23	2
VELA, SOFIA	Mission-Healthcare	Aug-08	17
WALKER, LEONARD	Resident Services	Aug-24	1
YANEZ, CYNTHIA	Administration	Aug-82	43

Maintenance Announcements

Pest Control Schedule

Blue Skies of Texas - West 2025				
August	Tower	Cottages	Specials	Ranch Homes
8/1/2025	106-108, 131-138, 141-148	1100-1200	Village Center, Kitchen, HCC Off. & A Wing	860, 862, 863, 864
8/8/2025	211-218, 221-228	1300-1400	Exterior Main Bldg. (Tower)	865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 871
8/15/2025	231-238, 241-248	1500	Liberty House, HCC - B & C Wing	803, 805, 807, 809, 903, 907
8/22/2025	311-318, 321-328	1600	Freedom House - Int./Ext.	804, 806, 808, Pavillion 3
8/29/2025	Work Orders			

Prestonwood Account Manager

Hello, my name is Adam McCafferty and I am an account manager with Prestonwood Landscape.

A little about me,

I am an A&M graduate in Turfgrass Science and have a huge passion for the outdoors! In my spare time, you can find me spending time with family, hunting, fishing, and working with my dog Rowdy.

I look forward to working with everyone and building a great working relationship with the staff and residents of Blue Skies!



Resident Updates

ACC Notice to Participating Members

The ACC has been able to obtain a mailbox behind the Front Desk in our main lobby. Please deliver your reimbursement requests and other ACC communication to any employee at the Front Desk and they will place it in our mailbox.

Distinguished Flying Cross Society

The Alamo Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society will not hold its monthly open meeting on **August 13**. We will resume our normal 2nd Wednesday schedule in September. Enjoy your Summer!



Jerry Garcia Tie & Scarf Brunch Society

The next gathering of the Jerry Garcia Tie & Scarf Sunday Brunch Society will be **August 3**, at 11:45 am in the Lakeview.

The sole requirement is to wear a Jerry Garcia (Grateful Dead) piece of apparel.

We are now at 24 members. Let's add a few more well-dressed, good-looking folks.



Rotary Corner ~ Debby Cox

All residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings of the San Antonio West Rotary Club, which meets right here at Blue Skies of Texas West, to hear one of our great speakers or to learn more about our service projects. We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Roadrunner Lounge from Noon until 1pm, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

You did not hear from me in July because our two programs in July were Rotary internally focused topics. We inducted our new officers for the Rotary 2025/26 year, and we heard from our District leader for Membership. We'd love to have anyone from here who has a heart for service visit one of our meetings and to consider joining the club. We have two very exciting speakers scheduled for August so please plan to visit us.

Our officers for the 2025/26 Rotary year are Dr. Dan Van Syoc, President; Jane Hill, Vice President and President-Elect; Debby Cox, Secretary and Membership Chair; Jerry Hardy, Director/Executive Secretary; John Wendt, Treasurer; John Paul Sullivan, Foundation Chair; Dwayne Hopkins, immediate Past President and Service Project Chair.

Our **August 5** speaker will be from the San Antonio Center for Refugee Services. This is one of the organizations that our Rotary Club helps directly with clothing, school supplies and household goods. Learn of the challenges of Afghan refugees in our community from former Afghan diplomat Naqib Ehsas.

On **August 19**, we will hear from (Col – ret) Robert Certain, a Blue Skies resident, who will share his experience as a POW in North Vietnam.

If you would like to learn more about our Rotary Club, please call Debby Cox (see Resident Roster), or you can visit our web site or Facebook page:

Web Site: <https://www.RotaryClubofSanAntonioWest.org>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RotarySAWest>

Resident Updates

Resident of the Month

Lu Schuster may be petite in stature, but her energetic, voluntary, and dedicated personality makes her a giant for our community's well-being. Watch out! Here comes the trolley down the hallway loaded with donated items, pushed by Lu, headed for the Thrift Shop where Lu helps to stage, price, and sell these objects. Lu offered her assistance at the Garden Club, and she accomplished much needed chores to include painting the benches, caring for unused garden plots, organizing and cleaning under the sink, turning the mulch pile, and spreading the wood chips. Her contributions enhanced the appearance of the garden area and freed our Resident gardeners to concentrate on their own plots. She is the photographer for the "Seasoned Souls", captures their participation, and assures Resident runners start and finish with cheers. Additionally, Lu assists with our Tax Preparation Team; monitors the pool's condition; she is the Kitchen Tour scheduler for DRAC; and is the Treasurer for the Bicycle Club. WOW! Thank you, Lu, for all you accomplish to enhance our Blue "Skies" lifestyle.

Nominated by Dottie Conner



Gadabouts Luncheon

On Friday, **August 8**, the Gadabouts will dine at the Golden Wok Restaurant at 1410 Southwest Loop 410. Singles, widows, widowers, and caregivers are eligible for the trip. If you wish to attend, sign up in CC3 on the list in the red Gadabouts folder. You can order either off the main menu or the lunch menu (a copy of the lunch menu is in the Gadabouts folder.) The Blue Skies bus will leave at 10:40 am, so please be in the Lobby about 10:25 am to check in.

Senior Wheels News ~ James Schuster

Last month the BSTW Bicycle Club held five on campus rides. These morning rides allowed the riders to avoid the seasonal temperatures and humidity.

This picture, taken by club member Lu Schuster, shows members gathered before one of the July rides. The club plans to hold four weekly August rides. The Wednesday ride dates are:

August 6th

August 13th (Photo Day)

August 20th

August 27th

Riders gather at the main building flagpole at 7:20am and the weekly Campus ride starts at 7:30am. The length of the ride and its duration depend on participants' capability. The club uses the buddy system, so no one rides alone. No experience is necessary, and the club has bikes for residents who want to join the ride but do not have a bike of their own.



Resident Updates

Furniture Thrift Store (FTS) Donations: Dos and Don'ts

We welcome donations to the BSTW Furniture Thrift Store. Residents are advised to follow these guidelines to ensure a smooth delivery of their donations to their destination. Comply with the following:

Contact or coordinate with an FTS Volunteer before making any donation to ensure only acceptable items are brought to the store and a volunteer is available to receive them. Refer to the bottom of this article for a list of FTS Volunteers (see resident directory for contact information) .

We will provide residents with a list of companies that can assist with the transportation of "Approved" items to the store at the time coordinated between you and the volunteer.

Unacceptable items can be removed by one of these companies at your expense; Goodwill, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, etc., or you can drop off at the nearest location.

Do not leave donated furniture or other donated items outside Rooms 110 and 112. Coordination with the volunteers is the best way to donate your not-needed household goods.

Donations are accepted only on the dates and at the times posted unless coordination is made with a volunteer.

The FTS is no longer able to accept electronics of any kind.

Payment is due upon purchase via cash, check, or credit card. Purchased items must be removed promptly unless an arrangement is made with an FTS volunteer. All items sold as is; all sales are final; no returns or refunds.

The FTS operates every other Friday for sales, unless otherwise noted. The operating dates are posted on calendars in Rooms 110 and 112.

The regular operating hours of the FTS are 8am-12pm

Contact a FTS volunteer between 2-4pm on either Tuesday or Wednesday, for assistance.

FTS Volunteers:

D. Parkhill

Peggy Adams

Susan Flood

Lu Schuster

Pat Perry

Magazine News ~ Carol Conkey

The organization of the magazines is a work in progress. As new titles are donated, they are shifted as needed.

Recent changes:

DAV/VFW were sharing a shelf. Each has its own.

Antique Autos and Jaguar were on the far right set of shelves and labeled Automobiles. Each is now in its own alphabetized slot.

If you are adding a new title, or are not sure where to refile an issue, please leave them on the table.

Comments and suggestions are appreciated. (Has anyone an idea about accessing the higher shelves for those of us with limited reach?)



August 13 B&A - Hot Days & Cool Nights ~ Corlea Plowman

All BST West residents and guests are invited to join friends and neighbors Wednesday, **August 13**, at the Birthday and Anniversary event (B&A). Doors open for the hosted Social Hour in CC1-3 Rooms at 5pm. Dinner service in the Lakeview Room is at 6pm. Next Level SA will entertain with music from 50s, 60s, 70s.

Al Johnson will be available to take Birthday & Anniversary pictures 4-5:30pm in the Helen LeMay Room. Please check in with Judy Howen.

The dinner includes:

Starter: Arugula & goat cheese salad with peaches, onions, tomatoes, walnut & lemon-lime vinaigrette.

Entrée: Seared Grouper served with roasted tomato-fingerling hash, corn succotash & orange saffron cream sauce.

Dessert: Limoncello Panna Cotta.

Bread: Mini Croissants

Water, Coffee or Iced Tea Included

\$42 Per Person

Alternative Entrée: 6 oz. Carved beef tenderloin

Dinner reservations are required. All those planning to attend, including guests, must sign up on the Sign-Up List in CC3. If you need to cancel after 11 am Monday, August 11, call the Dining Services Office (210-568-3232). If you wish to create a table of 6-8, call Bonnie Gardner or Donna Bowman. Seating will be assigned for all others. Reservations are not taken through the Dining Room for this event.

Hosts for the Happy Hour are Kathy and Jerry Griffin, Ginny Callanan, Joy Hough, Kathy Bader, Betty Overacker, Ron and Carol Conkey, Charlie and Judy Michel, Jane Radigan, Billie Rosencrans, Ken and Flo Wallace, Bob and Robbie Certain, Woody and Susan Woodrow, Tom and June Reedy, Al Buie, and Patricia McCarthy (chair).

DRAC Jerry Pierce Chair

The August DRAC meeting will be held on **August 14** at 1:30pm in the Roadrunner.

The dining experience at BSTW will be changing for the better over the next several months. As many of you know an RFP for food services. has been sent out and responses from six venders was received in early June. The list has been reduced to two firms for final consideration. I have had the opportunity to review both of the final submissions and they are outstanding. The firms have addressed a better dining experience, better quality and variety of food, and an improved overall value. As part of the selection process, Ten residents from each campus and both DRAC Chairs will have participated in the RFP luncheons on the 28 and 29 of July. The final selection will be made by management and may be know by the time the August Roadrunner is published. It is important to note that there will be a transition between the new vender and Morrisons. I hope everyone will be understanding during this turnover period.

Resident Updates

Red Hat Luncheon Hosted by Lynn Church

Friday, **August 15** at 11:15am at Acadiana Cafe, 11280 Castro Ave, Lacoste, TX 78039. Please be in the lobby by 10:30am. The bus leaves at 10:45am.

If you sign up, you need to ride the bus. If the bus fills up, you can then drive yourself. When you sign up on the sheet in CC3, INDICATE "W" if you are using a Walker or a Wheelchair because the bus only accommodates one wheelchair. If you sign up and can't go, you must remove your name from the sheet by the Wednesday morning before the luncheon otherwise you will be charged the transportation cost if you are a "no call, no show."

Residents' Concert Series

Music lovers prepare to be entertained! You will be pleased to know that we have scheduled the return of the Anthony Bazzani Trio + 1, along with a new vocalist, for the August concert. The concert is scheduled for **August 17** at 3pm in the BSTW main lobby. Anthony at the piano, accompanied by a very talented group of musicians, will bring a program of exciting music ranging from jazz, easy listening, contemporary and show tunes. Ensured to keep you entertained and humming along. Come join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Please help us continue such programs by contributing to the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation for the Resident' Concert Series.

Calling MARS ~ Betty Overacker

No! Not the Planet! Do you remember the era of no cell phones and no e-mail? How did you communicate with your loved one? The postal system took weeks! To hear the voice of your spouse or child was joyous, especially on those special occasions. MARS (now known as the Military Auxiliary Radio System) came to the rescue by conducting tens of thousands radio phone patches between service members worldwide and their families. MARS remains a reality today sponsored by the Army and Air Force. The backbone of today's two-service MARS programs are the over 3000 dedicated and skilled amateur radio operators providing essential communication to our nation such as our current Kerrville flooding disaster. At the next Amateur Radio Club Meeting on **August 19** at 11am in Room 11 in the Vista, the Woodrow's, Woody and Susan, will relate their hilarious MARS communication experience. All are welcome to join the "Hams" for this presentation. For further information, please contact Bob Stuckert.

73—Best Regards in Ham Language



Resident Updates

JOIN US FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION OF THE FORGET-ME-NOT SERIES

DR. NEELA PATEL

If you attended the presentations by Dr. Sudha Seshadri and the research scientists from the Glenn Biggs Institute at UT Health, you would not want to miss this presentation.

Dr. Neela Patel, MD, MPH, CMD is Chief, Division of Geriatrics and Supportive Care at UT Health San Antonio and is the new Chief Medical Officer for Blue Skies of Texas. Dr. Patel holds a joint appointment as Associate Professor, Geriatrician and Palliative Care Expert at the Glenn Biggs Institute for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases at UT Health SA. She was instrumental with the team at the Biggs Institute in starting comprehensive care for persons with dementia--a multidisciplinary clinic to include Neurology, Psychiatry, Social Work and Palliative Care. Dr. Patel will speak about the behavioral aspects of Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Included will be a discussion of the many significant financial and legal issues and decisions faced when a loved one is diagnosed with dementia. To close will be an inside look at Freedom House - insights into what life is like for residents.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Date: Thursday, **August 21**, 2025


Time: 1:30pm


Place: BSTW Roadrunner Lounge

You're Invited! Residents' Council Wine & Cheese Recruitment Event

Please join the Residents' Council for a friendly and informative gathering as we look ahead to 2026.

 Date: Friday, **August 22**, 2025

 Time: 2:30–3:30pm

 Location: Roadrunner Lounge

Come enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments, meet current Council members, and explore opportunities to serve your community. Whether you're curious or ready to get involved, we'd love to chat with you!

Let's raise a glass to great leadership and new beginnings. We hope to see you there!

Please register for this Activity event in Uniguest as this will help us plan for refreshments.

Ballot Deadlines:

- Executive Committee: September 15
- Area Representatives: October 31

MS Uniguest

Thank you to those who responded to the responses Communication Survey on Uniguest and SARA. The responses are being reviewed, and possible solutions are being evaluated.

To help make Uniguest have the information wanted by Residents a focus group is being formed. Please consider volunteering. The group will meet occasionally and mainly work through email. If interested, email Jan Olsen.

On **August 25** at 10 am in the Sunroom spend an hour asking questions and getting Uniguest help using your phone or tablet.



Tip – In Uniguest under the icon

13 Individual Training Documents to help you learn how to use Uniguest.

Information > Uniguest Training Info there are

Resident Updates

The Adventures of the Seasoned Soles by John and Pat MacIntyre

June and July have several things in common besides heat and humidity. Not as many races, and numerous Soles traveling. On June 1st, Cynthia and Tom Cochran ran the EDragon Summer Series 5K #2 at Pearsall Park. Cynthia won a first place in her age group and Tom won 2nd place in his age group.



The Y'all Means All 5K in Lady Bird Johnson Park was held on 14 June, resulting in Pat Perry receiving a 3d place age group award.

On the 21st of June in the Longest Day Race, Pat Perry completed the 10K, coming in 3rd with John Paul Sullivan finishing the 5K.



Ending the month, Pat Perry won a first place award in her age group during the EDragon Summer Series 5K #3 at Lady Bird Johnson Park.



Resident Updates

The Adventures of the Seasoned Soles by John and Pat MacIntyre Continued

Moving into July, Pat Perry won another first-place age group award on July 4th at the Leon Valley Historical Society Firecracker 5K and then Pat continued winning by bringing home another first-place award at the E-Dragon Summer Series 5K #4 in the South Side Lions Park. Likely, there were additional races we couldn't track down.



Additionally, throughout June and July we had a Soles couple on safari in South Africa, another couple visiting Alaska, two couples touring around New England, and another Seasoned Sole traveling to Calgary, Canada. Shortly, another of our Soles is heading to Alaska, and one couple is going to Hilton Head Island.

If there are other trips we haven't mentioned, we will tell you about them next month.

AARP Safety Driving Course ~ Paula Haley

The next AARP Driver Safety course will be conducted on **September 5**, at 12:30pm in the Roadrunner Room. You must take this course every three years to continue your automobile insurance Driver Safety Course discount. The course costs \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non- AARP members. AARP has dedicated considerable research and money into creating this driving safety course. The Blue Skies instructors will conduct this course and review current Texas laws. If you are taking this course for the first time or for renewing your automobile insurance discount, please sign up in CC3 or on Uniguest and let us know you will be attending. Besides getting certified, we have superb cookies and coffee available throughout the presentations.



Resident Updates

Meet The Newcomers ~ Layne Perelli

The BSTW Entertainment Committee will be hosting a “Getting to Know You” Party on **September 28** in the Roadrunner. All Newcomers arriving at Blue Skies after September 2024 are invited and will receive a special invitation. The Party will start promptly at 5pm!

But afterwards, from 6-8pm, all residents are encouraged to come by and schmooze with our newest inhabitants and enjoy a “Surprise Entertainment Program” starting at 6:30pm.

Bring your favorite dish to share with others. Adult beverages are also ok.

Your most gracious hostess for the Soirée is Paula Haley.



Thank You from Peggi & D. Parkhill

Thanks to all who supported the Parkhill family and came out to remember our beloved Buzz as we celebrated his life. Your cards, prayers, wishes, hugs, and smiles have been most appreciated. Special shout-out to the church crowd (especially Fr David, Bonnie, and Pat et al) for a lovely service, and to the staff (especially Larissa, Nikki, Alexyss & the kitchen crew) for a lively gathering. The Blue Skies family is a blessing!

Free Parking at San Antonio Airport

If your vehicle has Texas license plates with a Disabled Veteran (DV) or eligible Meritorious Military Honors designation that was issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, you can park up to 30 days for free at San Antonio airport.

The procedure is easy:

Drive In - Park - Drive Out (through a “Cashier Lane”)

Requirements:

- Vehicle owner must be present at time of exiting.
 - Vehicle must have a permanently affixed license plate with the specialty plate.
 - Driver must show a valid driver’s license or Military ID card.
 - Driver must show a copy of the current vehicle registration renewal receipt.
 - Driver must show a completed Parking Validation Form (see the form below).
- The Parking Validation Form is also available from the Cashier and can be filled out then, if you haven’t filled out one in advance.

San Antonio (SAT) Airport Parking Validation Form

Date: _____ Booth: _____

Cashier: _____

Plate #/State: _____ V-Type: _____

Placard #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Customer Name: _____

Phone # (____) _____

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Customer Signature Required



Resident Updates

Thank You for Supporting Our Back-to-School Shoe Drive

175 children will start school with a brand-new pair of shoes. We are incredibly grateful to our residents for your generous support of our Back-to-School Shoe Drive. Thanks to your kindness and contributions, we were able to provide children from one of the most underserved areas of our city with brand new socks and shoes to start the school year with confidence, comfort, and dignity. Your compassion has made a real difference—helping ensure these children step into their classrooms looking good, feeling seen, supported, and ready to learn. Thank you for showing what a caring community can do when we work together. Shown here are some of our volunteers examining some of the colorful “tennis” little girls are going to find exciting. We look forward to delivering these to Agora Ministries, saying a prayer over each child and sending them on their way to a fresh new year. This community continues to reach out to those less fortunate.



GRAZING IN SAN ANTONIO

By: The Clandestine Gourmet

Four of us went to Luigi's Italian Restaurant for dinner on a Tuesday evening in July. This is the same restaurant that used to be in Castroville, but has since moved into a nicer building in Lacoste - not all that far from Blue Skies.

Luigi's specializes in southern Italian cooking, so they use lots of tomatoes. On our outing, the food was quite good, and the price was quite reasonable given the cost of food today.

In addition to various pastas and pizzas, they also offer Hero sandwiches - your choice of sausage and peppers, eggplant parmesan, meatball parmesan, etc. The pastas are also good - including a Luigi's Special with three pastas - Lasagna, Manicotti and Beef Ravioli. Two of us had the Special, one of us had eggplant rollatini, and the other had sausage and peppers with rigatoni. Luigi's also offers various seafood entrees - salmon, shrimp fra diavolo, shrimp scampi, and shrimp alfredo. Overall, the food was very good, with a large number of dishes from which to choose, and they make their own cannoli dessert. It's definitely worth a visit if you want some good Italian food.

Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 11643 Castro Ave, Lacoste, TX 78039; Phone: (830) 762-4055 {Note: The "Clandestine Gourmet" searches high and low for food that delights, from a wide range of cuisines.}

Resident Updates

P.E.O. Chapter Awards Scholarship to Blue Skies Employee

Our local Chapter EU of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization) recently awarded Blue Skies employee, Ivonne Torres, a \$ 2,000 scholarship. Ivonne is the Patient Care Manager of our Blue Skies Hospice Organization. She is a busy Mom of two children, a military wife, an RN and still finds time to advance her education. Ivonne has worked for Blue Skies for three years. She is known for her compassionate spirit, leadership qualities, and as a trusted mentor for those she supervises. She touches countless lives through her work in hospice....for her it is not a job but a true calling.

We have recently nominated a High School Senior from Medina Valley High School for one of six various types of scholarships offered by the global P.E.O. organization. Pictured here are members Gail Gant and Joy Hough having lunch with one of our Peace Scholarship winners. The mission of this organization is to motivate, educate and celebrate women not only here but across the globe. They recently celebrated their 50th birthday as a P.E.O. Chapter. Thank you to all our Blue Skies residents who continue to support our fundraisers throughout the year. Your support makes these various scholarships possible.

We were honored to have Gen Darrell Jones and our new Chief Health Services Officer, Robert Evans, in attendance for the ceremony. Gen Jones thanked the organization for all they do to support the mission of encouraging and supporting women's education. For more information, contact Robbie Certain, President of chapter EU.



Resident Updates

Starting July with a bang! ~ Dottie Conner

Blue Skies residents got a double treat on July 3 with a pizza giveaway by American Home Roofing and an ice cream sundae social in the lobby, both happening at the same time. Lots of happy people enjoying the treats and chatting with their neighbors. A big thank you to Terry Elizondo and Katrina Cantu, who dished out bowls of ice cream with lots of toppings to long lines of residents; and the team at AHR construction for contracting with Brick Oven Pizza to bring their on-site truck to give out boxes of whole individual pizzas and cans of sodas for 2 hours to long lines of residents. We certainly had a good start to the holiday, thanks to the generosity of both teams! Give them a happy "thank you" if you see them around!



All Sea Services Dining Out

In honor of the 250th birthdays of the US Navy and the US Marine Corps, there will be a Dining Out celebration. The evening will include a social hour and dinner with live music from Take Two on **October 13** commencing at 4:30pm. This commemorative event is open to all residents. Dress code will be military dinner dress, or a suit/cocktail dress. Sign-up sheets will be available in mid-August in CC-3. Please join us in celebrating this 250th anniversary with our Sea Service brothers and sisters.

SPORTS, GAMES, & SCORES

BSTW Poker Club ~ Ron Rickard

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW REGULAR AND/OR SUBSTITUE PLAYERS-----

We have Monday night and Tuesday night Poker Clubs here at BSTW. Both Clubs meet in the Billiard Game Room adjacent to the Art Room. All qualified games are both high hand and low hand split pots. We gather to play from about 6:30 until 9pm on Mondays & from 6:30 until 9:30 on Tuesdays. Both Clubs play with a \$5.00-chip buy-in and have nickel/dime/quarter - 3 bet limits. Both Clubs play with a deck including a joker (which can be an ace or used as a wild card in straights and flushes). Games include OMAHA/5 Card Draw or Stud/7 Card Stud & 10 Card Stud. Texas Hold-em is not played because of betting limits. The Monday night Club also plays various wild card games which can be challenging. Stop by either night and check out the play to spur your interest.

SPORTS, GAMES, & SCORES

Why play cards? ~ Gaye True

Playing card games offers numerous cognitive and social advantages. They stimulate the brain, improve memory, enhance strategic thinking, and promote social interaction. Card games can also be a fun and engaging way to reduce stress and improve overall well-being. Yes, you can get benefits from playing card games on the computer or playing other card games by yourself. Computer games can enhance cognitive skills. But that benefit comes with playing social games as well. Bridge, Pinochle, Canasta, Five Crowns, Hearts, and other card games give you the opportunity to play with others.

With Blue Skies Hand, Elbow and Foot we stress the social benefits of playing card games and encourage players to develop teamwork and collaboration and get some emotional support by meeting new people and making new friends. We welcome new players: beginners and experienced, and encourage our experienced players to teach, encourage and support each other.

Card games should be fun and the social aspect of playing Hand Elbow and Foot is very important. We encourage communication between players. Table visiting is encouraged. Get to know each other and share life experiences. Table talk on how or what to play should be limited to instructional times.

Why have Rules?

Having everyone playing by the same rules eliminates confusion, frustration, and disputes. The rules to this game are easy to learn.

Blue Skies Hand Elbow and Foot is a fun and beneficial way to spend a couple of hours. Come join us on Monday Evening at 6:30 in CC3 for a learning and fun playing time. Also Thursday afternoon at 3:00 in CC3 for a less structured game time. We also have residents that play the HEF card game during Game Night at 6:30 on Friday Night, CC3. Other games are available on Friday Evening. You can choose what sounds like fun for that evening.

Reservations are not required for any of these game times, and no money or partners are required. We look forward to seeing you whenever you can join us. Let's play cards.

Bridge Winners

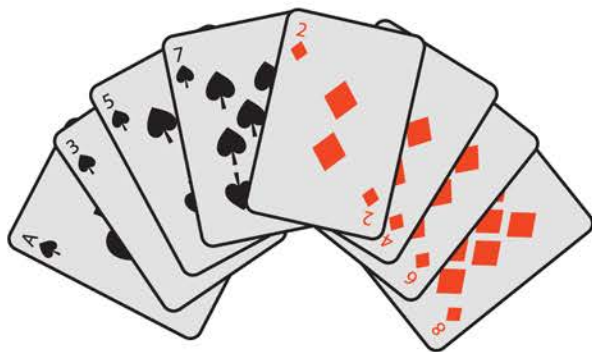
Duplicate Bridge was held in the Persimmon Room on July 15th.

The winners were:

1st place: Leigh Spencer & Peter Klein

2nd place: Pat Wagner & Al Wesson

August Duplicate Bridge will be on **August 19**. Sign up with your partner in the Duplicate Bridge notebook in CC3.



SPORTS, GAMES, & SCORES

The Party Bridge scores for the month of July are:

July 7 Monday Afternoon

1. Gail Gant & Joann Siefken
 2. Connie Germann & Winston Padgett
 3. Arlean Graves & Camille Sweigart
 4. Barbara Barusch & Lois Girton
- There were 4 slams bid and made.

July 10 Thursday Evening

1. Dottie Cowan & Mary Jane Caudill
2. Judy McKinney & Gail Gant
3. Al Wesson & Pat Wagner

July 14 Monday Afternoon

1. Dottie Cowan & Mary Jane Caudill
2. Peter Klein & Judy McKinney
3. Joan Epperson & Paul Higginbotham
4. Pat Wagner & Al Wesson

July 17 Thursday Evening

1. Pat Wagner & Al Wesson
- One slam was bid and made

July 21 Monday Afternoon

1. Joy Hough & Don Skucas
 2. Pat Wagner & Al Wesson
 3. Judy McKinney & Peter Klein
 4. Arlean Graves & Camille Sweigart
- There were 2 slams bid and made.

2nd Quarterly winners for Blackjack:

Mike Durack 7225 points

Lou Genco 7000 points

Jim Wakenell 5400 points

SPIRITUAL NEWS

Centering Prayer / Silent Meditation

We will meet in the Willow Chapel at 8:30am

Friday, **August 1**

Friday, **August 15**

Everyone is welcome to join us. We have a brief reflection followed by 20 minutes of silence.

Questions: Contact Jena Hatchett or Robert Ferre

Air Force Village II Protestant Church

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

High Flight Chapel – Sundays at 9:30am & 11am

• Fellowship Time: 10:30–11am

• Missed Sunday? Catch the rebroadcast Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (in-house channel 1890 or Towers lobby monitors), or watch it on YouTube via a link sent out weekly by email.

Not receiving our weekly email? Request to be added by contacting Kayla at the email below.

Freedom House – Sundays at 10:45am

Liberty House (3rd Level) – Thursdays at 10:30am

Pray for Our Nation – 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10am (Helen LeMay Room)

SPIRITUAL NEWS

Air Force Village II Protestant Church Continued

BIBLE STUDY – GALATIANS WITH PASTOR JIM SWEET

August 4 and August 18 at 1:30pm | Willow Chapel

Join us as we wrap up our study of Galatians, led by Pastor Jim. Each week we walk through a chapter of Paul's powerful letter, exploring the freedom we have in Christ. All are welcome—bring your Bible and join the conversation!

SECOND CUP – MIDWEEK REFLECTION WITH PASTOR CLIFT

Wednesdays at 9am | Vista Room 11

Bring your coffee and join Pastor Clift for Second Cup—a relaxed, thoughtful gathering as we reflect on Sunday's message and explore how scripture speaks into our daily lives. Everyone is welcome!

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION – LET'S STAY CONNECTED

We've updated our phone number and email addresses—please take a moment to update your records using the information below.

Whether you're interested in joining our congregation, looking for pastoral care, or simply have a question—we're here for you.

NEW! Pastor Care Request Email

✉ PastorCareRequest@afviipc.org

This shared email is a simple way to reach our ministry team with non-emergency care requests, updates, or appointments.

When emailing, please include:

- Your name (we may not recognize your email)
- A brief description of your request (e.g., hospital visit, prayer need, event request, or a desire to speak with a specific pastor)

Note: This email is monitored by the Church Administrator and all three pastors.

CONTACT US DIRECTLY

• Pastor Wayne (Molly) Knutson

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• Pastor Clift (Brenda) Perry

☎ 210-872-9059 | ✉ PastorPerry@afviipc.org

• Pastor Jim (Rebecca) Sweet

☎ 512-924-6030 | ✉ PastorSweet@afviipc.org

• Kayla Ramsey, Church Administrator

☎ 210-277-8133 | ✉ KaylaRamsey@afviipc.org

🕒 Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri | 10 AM – 2 PM

Thank you for helping us stay connected—we look forward to hearing from you!

STAY UP TO DATE

Weekly YouTube links, bulletins, and announcements are emailed to our members and friends.

Not receiving them? Let us know and we'll get you added!

SPIRITUAL NEWS

Catholic News ~ Annie Moore

Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - **Aug. 15**, Friday, at 11am in the High Flight Chapel.

Saturdays - 11am Mass (For Sunday by special dispensation of the San Antonio Archbishop) in the High Flight Chapel

First Saturday of the Month - Anointing of the Sick following Saturday Mass

Second Saturday of the Month - Birthdays and Anniversaries will be recognized with a special blessing at Saturday Mass

Saturdays/Sundays - Freedom House: Catholic residents will be visited, beginning about 1:30pm, with Holy Communion and prayers

Third Tuesday – 9am, Catholic Council meets in Vista Room #11. Guests are welcome.

Wednesdays - 9am, Communion Service in the Vista Willow Chapel

First Wednesday – 9:30am, Benediction and Adoration following Communion Service in the Vista Willow Chapel

Third Wednesday – 9:30am, Rosary following Communion Service in the Vista Willow Chapel

Fridays – 3-4pm, Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, and Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Vista Willow Chapel

Pastoral Care - To meet privately with a priest for Reconciliation or Anointing, please contact Fr. Richard Bendorf (see Resident Directory)

Homebound - If you are homebound and unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, you may contact John Siebert, Barbara Wilson, Mary Tucker, Lorrie Cappellino, or Gil Wolfe by phone, text, or email and they will arrange for a Lay Eucharistic Minister to bring the Holy Eucharist to your apartment,/cottage (see Resident Directory).

Hospital Visits - Most hospitals have a Catholic priest available; ask a staff member to contact a priest.