



# Senior Center of Boulder City

## Volunteers Priceless in so Many Ways

From the Editor Rose Ann Rabiola Miele



What is a volunteer? A volunteer is a helper, a partner, a collaborator, a colleague, someone who works and gives time and talent for no pay. A volunteer is priceless. You can't put a price tag on what volunteers give to any organization.

The volunteers who provide time and talent to the Senior Center of Boulder City are certainly priceless. During any given month, approximately 70 folks give a total of 1,000 hours or more to help SCBC run as smoothly as it does. If you put an \$8 an hour price tag on those hours, we're talking about \$8,000 per month, a figure SCBC could not afford.

While we can count the number of volunteer hours given to SCBC and put a dollar figure to their value, we can't factor into that the personal touch of being a volunteer. Folks become volunteers for many reasons, as different as each volunteer themselves. But what all of the volunteers have in common is that they help the SCBC perform services that couldn't be done without them. I can't begin to think of what the Center would be like if it didn't have all the volunteers it is fortunate to have!

Once a year the Center says a big "thank you" to all the volunteers by hosting a volunteer brunch. The entire SCBC staff wants you to know how much each and every one of you means to the Center. The Senior Center of Boulder City couldn't be what it is without you!

### *A Way To Help SCBC*

Several years ago we received four new computers from an anonymous source. We were grateful to get them at the time. Several years is a long time in the world of electronics, and due to upgrades in software and operating systems, many of our computers are in need of replacement. We recently had to replace two computers in the Administrative offices in order to be able to connect with our Grantor's system, thus staying in compliance. So, if you are looking for a way to support the Center, we will happily accept cash donations to offset the expense of the new computers we just purchased and the ones we still need to get.



*From the Assistant Executive Director, Tammy Copelan*

Spring is here and the winds are blowing!!! March and April are busy months here in the office at the Senior Center. It is grant time, and Lori and I have been working on grants and gearing up for a new Blue Shirt or Hat Promotion. Wear your SCBC blue shirt or hat every Wednesday and support the Senior Center.

On Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> we will have a \$25.00 cash drawing and drawings for five goodie bags. Be a member and wear your shirt or hat and you could win!!! We will have drawings every month, but each month it will be a different Wednesday, so be ready. If you have not yet purchased your shirt or hat, check with the front desk or any of the office staff who would be more than happy to help.

Farmers Market is back!!! We are so happy to have the ***Farmers Market every Friday from 8am - 12noon*** with the best in fresh produce and veggies. Diane Green is also here with her fresh herbs, so please take a moment and check out the market. Farmers Market coupons are also available to those who income qualify. Check with the office staff if you would like to see if you qualify for the coupon booklet.

I enjoy my work at the Senior Center and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work!! We could not do this without you.

Thank you to Melinda and Casie!!! The food here is great and the menu variety keeps me looking each month to see what is new. I love that we now have so many items that are “made from scratch”.

Future happenings here at the Center: We are working on getting a craft class together and I am excited about this happening in May or June. We are still in the planning phases but I would like to see a class with different craft items made every other week or so. We will let you know as dates are set.

Check out our gift shop!!! WOW!! It looks great and there are so many different items to choose from and easy to look around now. Thanks to Marjory and all the terrific volunteers who have worked to make the shop a rousing success!!

Bingo is still on Monday and Wednesdays. Just a reminder that we have some new volunteers calling bingo, so come and check it out.

Invite your friends to come to the Senior Center. We always love to see new faces and welcome each and every one!

This month was also moving month for me!! I am still in the office but just a longer walk between the desks! HA! HA! Please, still feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns and I am happy to help!

Till next time, STAY SAFE!



*There's always something going on at the Senior Center! Invite your friends to enjoy an activity or lunch.*

## From the Director's Desk

From Lori DeCreny, MSW

Wow, time sure flies when you're having fun and staying busy. We are doing both at the Senior Center. Each and every day brings new things, both challenges and rewards.

We have worked very hard to have a Senior Center of which the membership can be proud. I feel very good about all of the things we have accomplished, with a small paid staff and great group of volunteers. Each and every person plays an important role in the success of our Center.

Recently I have heard a few comments about Henderson and their Senior Center(s). I would like to expound a bit on the comparison and how it is really comparing apples to oranges.

The Henderson Senior Centers are great facilities. There is no question that they offer an array of activities and amenities. They run their facility differently than we do and they are not governed by the same set of rules. Now many would question this last sentence, but let me explain.

The Henderson Senior Centers are part of the City of Henderson. The individuals who work there are employees of Henderson and they have the full backing of the City for their expenses. Their staff members receive a full complement of benefits and City salaries. They have the purchasing power of an entire City organization (far exceeding Boulder City in both size and finances).

While they may have some grants, they do not take funding from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services. They don't need to, which is good for them. Because of this they are not bound by some of the rules that many of you grumble about.

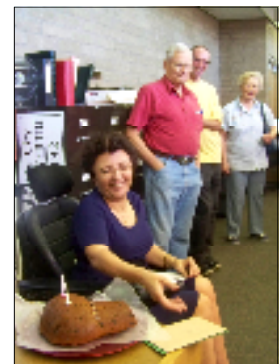
Our Senior Center, on the other hand, is a non-profit. This means that we are on our own for virtually everything. We (Tammy and I) are constantly working on finding new funding streams, writing grants, approaching various organizations for sponsorship of one sort or another. In addition, we have a huge responsibility of staying in compliance with **all** of the regulations and reporting requirements. Each different grant we are awarded has its' own set of requirements and rules.

Some require the yearly registration in October, others disallow taking food out of the building, another requires a certain list of menus and so on.

As a non-profit we are thrilled to be awarded grants, rules and all. It is how we are able to keep food on the table at the Center, how we are able to provide meals to homebound individuals, how we are able to provide individual assistance when one of our seniors needs help. We do receive some funding from the City of Boulder City, which we appreciate. They help us and we, in turn, help the City by acting as a safety net for the residents.

Overall, we have been fortunate to be awarded grants when many non-profits are being turned away. This is just one indication that we must be doing something right! So, the next time you go to the Henderson Senior Center enjoy it for what it is, but please don't compare us with them. It really is comparing apples to oranges.

### *Some things that make SCBC unique!*



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*Mission Statement:*

*The Senior Center of Boulder City*

*Advocates for the Senior population of Boulder City,*

*Providing services to enhance and empower Seniors*

*To live an independent, active lifestyle.*

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