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Cathy's Column

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It has truly been an unusual year with no monthly meetings and luncheons. Joe and I are just beginning to make some plans to meet up with friends and possibly see family up north.

Even though we have been fully vaccinated, we are still cautious about "indoor dining" and going to large gatherings. We wear our masks and keep "social distance". Felicia Bruce, our new President of Retiree Council 43, has been hosting ZOOM meetings monthly with informative speakers on current issues which impact our lives as retired educators.

Please remember to email Miriam Hanan to participate.
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This Newsletter has a different format. Ellen Artale, our CUT ABOVE editor, is recuperating from a recently dislocated hip. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery!

Included in this issue is Joe Lanza's MEMBERSHIP REPORT and TREASURER'S REPORT.

Also included is an UPDATE FROM EGAN COTTAGE. Our membership and consequently, donations, have decreased for our youth project. However, we were able to provide special Christmas gifts for each resident and we will be donating \$500.00 for summer activities for the kids at Egan Cottage.

I will be communicating with you over the coming months in the hope of perhaps having an outdoor picnic with box lunches provided by our Unit.

In the meantime, please let me know how you are doing and any suggestions you might have regarding events that we might participate in keeping within acceptable safety guidelines to insure our wellbeing during this time.

EGAN COTTAGE UPDATE



I recently spoke with Scott Halbach from THE SHERIFFS' YOUTH RANCH and he related some of the recent "happenings" taking place there. There are now eight children in residence at Egan but all of them will be moving to Salls Cottage by the end of April.

The Oxfords are still the Cottage parents, but another couple, The Seados, will be the alternate parents. The Salls Family are the ones who donated the property in Safety Harbor for the Ranch-something I did not know!

Scott reminded me how Egan Cottage has evolved through the years that Fred and Betty got our Unit involved. When Egan began as our charitable project over a dozen years ago, there were only boys in residence.

A few years ago, siblings, males and females, came to live together at Egan. There are plans in the works for future changes for Egan. I am hopeful that Scott will be able to meet with us in September at our first meeting to give us an overview.

Scott also mentioned that the Memorial Bench which we donated several years ago in Fred's memory, has become the focal point of a beautiful BUTTERFLY GARDEN. Ava, one of the residents, has the full responsibility of caring for the plants and flowers!

Scott was very excited to share some memories of a recent camping trip that the kids took to Caruth, in the town of Inglis. The sense of FAMILY is an integral part of their lives at the ranch and during special outings.

The Ranch has had to rely more heavily on private donations since the federal government has reduced its funding to group housing facilities. Our spring donation will be used for special summer activities helping to continue and nourish the values that the Ranch has been fostering for many years.

CUT Financial Statement

This year our Membership has declined. We have 37 members. Of this number, 6 are Associate members and, I am happy to report, 6 are New members.

I am hopeful that when our new 2021-2022 Membership year kicks off, we will be able to gain back retirees who didn't join this year.

INCOME	2019-20			INCOME	2020-21
39 at \$30	\$1,170			31	960
5 at \$20	\$100			6	120
44	\$1,270			37	1050
DONATIONS	\$1,600			DONATIONS	935
TOTAL	\$2,870			TOTAL	1985
EXPENSES				EXPENSES	
DUE RC 43	(\$635)	ENCUMBERED		FEES RC 43	(\$525)
conferences	\$300		none	vote/cope	\$100
STAMPS	\$55		Ranch donations	short fall	\$65
BRUNCH	\$210			none	none
DONATIONS	\$1,600	collected	donations	\$935	gift summer \$500
GIFT TO RANCH	(\$700)	ENCUMBERED	gifts	Xmas \$500	gift summer \$500
TOTAL	\$2,800				\$1,690
FUND BALANCES					
9/19 BALANCE 49	\$4,987.69		30-Sep		\$4,773.74
2/20 BALANCE 6	6108.74		3/30/21		\$6,288.74
	\$1,335.00	ENCUMBERED			\$1,690
4/20 BALANCE	\$4,773.74	ANTICIPATED	balances 4/30/21		\$4,598.74
JOSEPH LANZA					
TREASURER	20-Mar				Mar-21

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020-2021

Because our membership declined by 7 this year, our revenue and donations were affected also. We did donate \$100.00 to VOTE/COPE on behalf of our Unit which was matched by RC43.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.
Respectfully submitted,

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