SOLOS Meeting Minutes 12/08/2021

Buddy Meeks opened with new attendees introducing themselves, Bob Hope jokes, and if there were any questions or ideas from attendees. None were received.

Buddy explained how he and Patricia Bolz came up with the idea and the purpose of the group.

I (Buddy) have to have cataract surgery in the near future and received an offer from a member to drive me. A neighbor helping a neighbor!

Charlene Jaranko talked about the "11th Lucas and Friends Christmas Variety Show" at the Palace Theater in Crossville on 12/18/21 @ 7:00 pm for \$12.00.

David ? mentioned that there is a free Christmas Concert at Stone Memorial High School on the 16th @ 7:00 pm for free; donations encouraged.

Charlene volunteered to head up the social portion (and later the health/help portion) of the group. Debbie McConnell volunteered to assist with the social portion. Much thanks to Charlene and Debbie again!

The Health/Help side of the group was discussed and the Fairfield Glade software was mentioned.

Buddy showed a UC-DD (Upper Cumberland - Development District) Resource Guide that he had and volunteered to talk about the services available at future meetings, such as the TN Housing & Development will provide free loans to repair your house if you qualify; and seniors can get a rebate from the state on property taxes if you meet the criteria. Many requested access to the booklet;

For those interested, information can be found at <u>www.ucdd.org</u> or contact Amanda Smith at 931-476-4148.

Marian Samuels volunteered to be a resource for new members; Buddy requested she put together a list of things for newcomers. Much thanks Marian!

Further discussion about people needing a handyman to do odd jobs around the house/yard, At the last meeting Casey ? mentioned that her son-in-law was a handyman and provided her daughter's (Mandy Williams) phone number 931-284-1314 as a contact. Larry Berg was recommended by John Shower for anyone needing painting done.

\$15/yr dues was proposed; majority of people at the meeting raised their hands that they would be willing to pay that much.

There was mention of different clubs - Book, Travel, etc

Other ideas included:

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Hiking Bridge **Billiard League** See Smoke Signals The Palace The Playhouse Hot Air Ballooning in Sparta Line Dancing (Fair Park Senior Center) **Craft Festivals** Crafting Day @ The Hiawatha once a month on Saturdays (Marian Samuels) Festivals Music Racquet Ball Pickle Ball Bowling Apple/Fall Festival Darts Spikes Sports Bar on Peavine Ax Throwing Biltmore House/Gardens The Ark in Kentucky Art Guild at Fair Field Glade is open to all Public Library in Crossville is excellent and has events; conference rooms, book store, etc. Granville (Little Mayberry) is a great place to visit at Christmas time **Classic Car Shows** 127 Longest Yard Sale Oak Ridge Tour Learn the history of places Exploring the Homestead houses and history Rugby (the town) **Civil War Walk** Stockyard Racing Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville, GA Radio Control Planes, Cars, Boats Shooting Range Wine Tasting Fishing

Boating/Renting a Pontoon for a day Kayaking Speakers come talk to group about items of interest such as MASA and Air MedCare

7 of us stayed for dinner and had a great time with great food.

We now have had 23 attendees and look forward to growing the club. Please feel free to offer ideas for the benefit of the group.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays. See ya at our next meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 3 PM at the Lake Tansi Restaurant and Bar,

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