



Point Aquarius Newsletter

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PAWC MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 3
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Community Center
PROGRAM: The Danville Community by Eva Aguirre

Please remember your donations:

- Items for recycling such as aluminum cans and Christmas tree lights
- Loose change to contribute to PAWC operating fund

Save The Date

Thursday, May 2, 9:30 AM annual fundraiser.

This event has been postponed until May.

Clean out your jewelry box and closet for accessories, purses, hats, scarves, etc.

We'll gather your treasure in March or you can drop them off anytime at Irene's home-12765 Antares.

PAWC GIFTING

Jingle Bells & Fa! La! La! La!...the sound of music was in the air putting everyone in the Christmas spirit at the PAWC Holiday Luncheon at Walden. Members brought beautifully wrapped gifts for the Montgomery County Women's Center.

Keeping in the Christmas spirit, PAWC donated \$300 to each of the following charities:

- Montgomery County Women's Center
- The Fairway Home
- The Gathering Place
- Children's Safe Harbor



NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS

Many New Year's traditions date back to ancient times. Making a lot of noise from fireworks to gun shots were to frighten off demons. Eating 12 grapes at midnight comes from Spain. Eating black-eyed peas and pork foretell good fortune is a Southern thing.

The Irish enjoy pastries called bannocks. In India and Pakistan, rice promises prosperity. Apples dipped in honey are a Rosh Hashanah tradition. In Swiss homes, dollops of whipped cream, symbolizing the richness of the year to come, are dropped on the floors and allowed to remain there.

Although the pop of a champagne cork signals the arrival of the New Year around the world, some countries have their own beverage based traditions. Wassail, is for good health and is served in some parts of England.

In Scotland, the custom of first-footing is an important part of the celebration of Hogmanay, or New Year's Eve day. After midnight, family and friends visit each other's home. The "first Foot" to cross a threshold after midnight will predict the next year's fortune.

"Auld Lang Syne", a Scottish poem was recorded on paper officially in 1788 by Robert Burns.

Dropping the ball comes from "time balls" dropped by sailors.

In Brazil some avoid eating chicken in the first few minutes of the new year. Because chickens scratch the earth backwards. Consuming poultry would mean going backwards in life, rather than forward.

The Turks wear red underwear, run the faucet and sprinkle salt on their doorsteps to ensure prosperity. Filipinos wear polka dots because the round shape symbolize prosperity.

POA NEWS

Pay 2019 Assessments this month to receive a \$120 discount.

Susan Hamlin

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WILD ANIMALS

Do not place food on the ground at night such as seed, fruit, peanuts for feeding wild animals such as raccoons and opossums. This increases chances of animal damage to properties not to mention fleas and disease.

My husband and I are having tough time keeping a raccoon from nesting in the attic. It has torn aluminum panels of house eaves on three separate occasions. We have hired a trapper to place traps in the attic for a second time in less than six months and then hire a contractor to repair house damage. This is costly.

Opossums can do the same damage to a house so let's not encourage night visitors.

Candice Meyer, Resident

In the south, eating black eyed peas, collard greens and cornbread was because they resemble coins, dollar bills and shiny gold.

The English have a tradition of leaving money on their porch to be purified, taking the cleaned, new money into their house of the new year.

New Year's resolutions dates back to ancient Babylonia. Citizens made spoken resolutions in March.

Maybe our New Year's resolution should be to learn to be kinder to everyone and to believe in something bigger than ourselves.

PALS

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

James Powell & Leah Hamlin
Terry & Rhonda Devine
David Grinnell

12867 Aries Loop
12249 Arcturus Drive
12485 Point Aquarius Blvd.

PALS welcomes all new residents with a Resident Directory. If we show no Phone listing for you or your number has changed, send an e-mail to effie.wheeler@yahoo.com with the new information.

Point Aquarius Women's Club Recycle Project

SAVE:

- Aluminum cans (packed separately pie pans, aluminum foil, etc.) **NO tin cans such as cat food, veggie or soup cans**
- Christmas Tree lights
- Copper wiring

MONIES COLLECTED SUPPORT:

- Newsletter
- PAWC Scholarships
- Montgomery County Women's Center & other charities

Deliver recycle items to 12765 Antares or call Irene for pick up 936-890-6819.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

To receive the Newsletter via e-mail in PDF format, call 936-890-5070 or e-mail the editor at effie.wheeler@yahoo.com.

This helps save money on ink and paper. Then you'll be able to enlarge the print to any size you need to make it easier for you to read.



BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is January 8, 10 AM at the Community Center. The book is "Where The Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Bring a dish to share.

Mary Ellen Saltsman
832-764-0303

MARQUEE POSTINGS

We request that birthday & anniversary postings be only for significant years.

To post messages on the marquee, send your requests two weeks in advance to avoid posting conflicts. Send to:

pamarquee@gmail.com

Heavy Trash Pick Up January 23

Every fourth **Wednesday** of the month. Tree trimmings and/or fallen limbs must be cut in 4' lengths. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 lbs. Items must be on your property, not on vacant lots.

Thanks For Your
Directory Ad

Montgomery Cooling & Heating
936-582-6008

JANUARY EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT	NUMBER
Book Club	January 8	10 AM	Community Center	Mary Ellen Saltsman	832-764-0303
Bridge (Beginners)	Every Monday	9:30 AM	Community Center	Karen Ward	936-856-0530
Bridge (Partners)	3rd Thursday	1 PM	Community Center	Valarie Collins	936-856-3092
Bridge (Singles)	2nd Thursday	1:00 PM	Community Center	Valarie Collins	936-856-3092
Crafts	Every Wednesday	10 AM	Community Center	Carol Lorch	936-890-6508
Exercise	Every Mon,Tu,Th,Fr	7:30 AM	Community Center	Lyn Shah	281-250-6775
Heavy Trash	January 23				
MUD Meeting	3rd Tuesday	5 PM	MUD Building	Marvin Knoll	936-856-6775
PAWC Bunco	January 21	2 PM	Community Center	Irene Mayen	936-890-6819
PAWC Meeting	January 3	9:30 AM	Community Center	Irene Mayen	936-890-6819
POA Board	January 10	6:30 PM	Community Center	Susan Hamelin	936-856-4927

NEWSLETTER ADS

Business card size ads are

\$40 for one month

\$200 for 6 months

\$400 for 1 year

Contact Effie Wheeler for placing an ads.

NEXT POA MEETING

Thursday, January 10
6:30 PM
Community Center

All property owners are welcome to attend.



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