

Maria Payne-JVCC Activities Coordinator Report

Mid Feb 2021 – March 10, 2021

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I am thrilled to see more JVCC members and guests returning to JVCC and getting back to participating in the activities that they enjoy. Seeing them reconnect and catch up with each other after this past challenging year, motivates me to continue creating social opportunities for them. April's Activities Calendar is full! April is National Poetry Month and for the Fine Arts Feature we will read Poems written by Local Poets. Other activities include an Easter Fun Activity, Wednesday Wellness-Home Instead Presentation, JVCC Dance and Bingo! I am looking ahead at June and July and I am optimistic that we will be able to gather for some larger group celebrations and community outreach events.

March Recap:

Wednesday Wellness- March was National Nutrition month.

Karen Klinkner MS RDN LN | Director, Nutrition Services Avera Queen of Peace Hospital & Avera Brady joined us live via **WebEx** and presented **"Eat for Your Health"**. We were challenged to eat a well-balanced diet and to make healthy food choices.

St Patrick Day Fun Activity How do we have fun at JVCC on St Patrick's Day? Launch Leprechauns of course! We also enjoyed other games, such as Gold Coin Toss & Bingo.



Welcome Back Dance- We were happy to see 53 people at our Welcome Back Afternoon Dance. Thank you to Shelly Simantel from AseraCare for sponsoring the dance and providing a door prize and refreshments. I had created a playlist of the dancers favorite dance song and played them through my computer. Having me play "DJ" saves us money as we currently don't have extra funds to hire a live band. **We will try this format again in April.**

Fine Arts Feature – JVCC Members enjoyed a presentation by MHS/DWU Dual credit Photography class students Laney Titze and Sydnie Liedtke.

Upcoming in April : April's Activities Calendar is full!

Easter Fun Activity Wed April 7 @10:30am

April 14th @ 10:30am Wednesday Wellness presentation from Home Instead. Erica Harvey-Client Care Coordinator & Brenda Bathke-Office Manager will share with us about the senior care services help aging adults stay engaged in everyday life with tailor-made support to stay safe and well at home.

Fine Arts Feature-April is National Poetry Month. Wed April 21 We will read poems written by local poets.

JVCC Afternoon Dance! Thursday April 29th @ 1:30-3:30 Dancing and favorite music. Members FREE / Guests \$3 **MASKS REQUIRED** if unable to physically distance.. Covid Safe Snack Individually packaged snacks, Bottled Water, Popcorn and Door Prizes!

Regularly scheduled activities such as, various Card games (Cribbage, Pinochle and Pitch) Billiards/pool Tables, Ping Pong, Walking, Exercise and Line Dancing!! We are seeing more people coming to these activities as they are feeling more comfortable.

FREE Blood Pressure Checks by Joy Schley, RN with Dakota Physical Therapy Home Care (4th Wednesdays of the month)

Looking Ahead: Planning to have a Mitchell Area / Local Bus Spring Bus Trip in early June. Utilizing Palace Transit and supporting our local attractions. We will be going to Reclamation Ranch and Farm Life Creamery in the morning and in the afternoon escape to Prehistoric Indian Village and Corn Palace w/ ice cream in the Corn Palace Plaza and coordinate it on a Mitchell Farmers Market day on the Plaza, so participants could also enjoy the market.

FUNDRAISERS:

- We hosted Turkey Bingo with the 40&8 in order to fundraise for MTC nursing students scholarship funds and our portion of proceeds to go towards JVCC programming. We had 45 people in attendance. We are grateful for the JVCC and 40&8 volunteers, our celebrity bingo callers, County Fair and Coborn's and Coca Cola! We raised \$900 for MTC Nursing Student scholarships and for JVCC programming.

- Annual May Day Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser will be held May 3-7. Details to be announced.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS and Future Events:

- **BINGO IS BACK!!** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 1pm and starting Thursdays at 7pm. Pre-packaged Fresh popcorn will be provided. No Outside Food to share, allowed. You may bring your own drinks. We ask participants while in the building that they please physically distance and wear a mask if they are unable to physically distance.

- Starting to plan a "Christmas in July" celebration, to include, live-music, dance, refreshments, door-prizes and sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Here is the status of JVCC Membership to-date.

253 Total Number of Members to date for 2021

Break Down

163 Renewed Members

21 New Members to date for 2021.

67 Life Time Members

2 Rental Discount Members – bi-Monthly rental to Miracle Ear

-weekly (weekend) rental for a Church group.

Total Number of Members in 2020 was 298. We are currently at a 15% decrease.

Our membership numbers are growing and we are seeing new members join weekly.