

# The Manorette

## September 2023



### Thank You!

Shirley Peters-*Bingo prizes*  
Susan Heiting-*Bingo Prizes*  
Bonnie Marrs Family- *Socks*  
Carol Krotz-*Books*  
Annette Langford-*Puzzles*  
Keith Reid- *Music*  
Loretta Roberts-*For visiting and making the residents smile, also the beautiful music.*  
Mystery Donor- *Bingo Prizes*

A big Thank You to all our volunteers and Musical Talent,

WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Please Send a Card to:**

**14-Melvin Woodden**

**29-Marilyn Kutschara**

**29-Marilyn Peabody**

### Something Borrowed

Since 1987, September has been celebrated as Library Card Sign-Up Month. While this is a time to remind children about the value of libraries, people of any age are encouraged to get a library card and explore the wonderful world of borrowing books for free. America's first lending library was founded in Franklin, Massachusetts, in 1778. When Founding Father Ben Franklin was asked to donate a bell to the town, he instead donated a set of books, which became the library's first collection. The oldest known library in the world dates back to the seventh century BC. Located in Nineveh, in modern-day Iraq, it was a private library built for the Assyrian ruler Ashurbanipal. It did not house books but rather 30,000 cuneiform tablets, including the 4,000-year-old *Epic of Gilgamesh*. It wasn't until the 19th century that public lending libraries became popular and the first library membership "card" systems were devised.



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## The Space Race



On September 12, 1962, President John F. Kennedy was at Rice University in Houston, Texas, and his mission was clear: deliver a speech that would get the nation excited about sending a man to the moon. This speech stands as a seminal moment in the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union struck first in the Space Race, launching the world's first satellite, Sputnik 1, in October 1957. Then, in April 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first person in space. By the time Kennedy became president, the United States' space efforts seemed woefully behind the Soviets. And after the Bay of Pigs disaster in April of 1961, America's reputation as a world power was severely tarnished.

Kennedy needed a win, an achievement that would demonstrate American superiority over the Soviets. Could the Americans beat the Russians in launching a space station? Orbiting a man around the moon? Landing a man on the moon? NASA administrator James E. Webb identified landing a man on the moon as the most feasible—but also the most expensive—option.

In May of 1961, Kennedy asked Congress for billions in funding for a space program called Apollo that would land a man on the moon. Not everyone was impressed. Polls showed that 58 percent of Americans were opposed to the idea. But Kennedy moved forward, spending billions to build a new Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas.

In September 1962, Kennedy toured the new facility. He met astronaut John Glenn and reviewed models of the Apollo spacecraft. Then, before a crowd of 40,000 at Rice University, he delivered his speech, famously saying: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard." The speech was a great success, and Kennedy finally had the public support he needed for his ambitious and history-making initiative.

We extend our love and sympathy to the  
Family and Friends of:

Shirley Metcalf

Shirley Heiting

It was an honor and privilege to know, love  
and care for these ladies.

*In loving  
memory*





## Activity News

Happy September! We are getting close to the end of the summer and fall is on the way. I am hoping for the brilliant colors again that we had last year. August was a fun month with many activities although we did not have as many outdoors as we would have liked with the temps and the humidity.... not to mention those pesky mosquitoes keeping us indoors. We had a lot of music and games, and of course parties and Friendly Festival! We did have a beach party planned but the weather fooled us, so we ended up just having a Pina Colada Social in the dining room...YUMMY! Saturday, we watched the festival parade, and the car show treated us to a drive by. In the afternoon we helped celebrate Marsha and David Lehman's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary. -Danelle Horton-Life Enrichment Coordinator

Activities Team- Teri Hunzeker, Char Pudelko, Nancy O'Brien

## Family Day 2023

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us for the Pioneer Manor Family Day on July 29, 2023. It was a great success. We were happy to be able to have lots of family members here visiting with their loved ones. We had a Bev Lee here doing photographs and they all turned out wonderful. Since Family Day was a success, we plan to do this annually. It will probably be on a Saturday in July, if you want to prepare for next year, please watch our newsletter for details in June of 2024. Thank you again to all that attended, we love to be able to share in the lives of you and your loved ones! If you did not get a chance to purchase the pictures that were taken, you can contact Bev Lee at 308-430-0657!





Special Guest

Loretta



Music By Keith Reid



Happy Birthday









