

Young at Heart is a ministry for seniors who gather monthly to provide spiritual growth, fellowship, recreation, and support to each other.

Christmas Stories Luncheon

Peg Stewart 303-882-5636

Dashing through the snow, bells on bobtails ring...get the picture? It's time for our annual Christmas Stories Luncheon! This wonderful event with ham and scalloped potatoes will be held on **Tuesday, December 17th**, in the **John XXIII Center at Noon** with Happy Hour beginning at 11:30. Please bring a side dish to share (salad, vegetable, or dessert) to feed eight people and ready to serve.

We are so lucky to have an extraordinary guest and, of course, you guessed right—it's Santa! This remarkable Santa (Roy McGirl) has been busy on his sleigh for 22 years and is a member of the International Brotherhood of Real Bearded Santas (IBRBS). He has brought joy to children's events at daycares, community centers, the Down Syndrome Children's Association, the Denver Police Orphans' Organization, Firefighters, HOAs, businesses, and numerous homes over the years. To our delight, he has a special treat planned for our group. He is bringing his big Santa bag full of mysterious gifts that some of us will be fortunate to win. You don't want to miss this opportunity for joy, laughter, and good ol' Christmas spirit. Be sure to wear your best holiday outfit if you'd like to take a photo with Santa! **(You supply the camera!)**



The Board Sez



This column will be used for a few months to introduce the Young At Heart Board members. A few committees will be listed monthly for your information so that you can get to know the groups within YAH and be moved to join one.

Caring Hearts: Susan Hay has replaced Helen Felski and leads the group that visits those confined in their homes or in assisted living facilities. The 10 persons on the committee go out in twos to bring cheer, gifts, chats, and friendship to those who can no longer get out or drive. If you know of someone who would like to have a visit please let Susan know.

Decorations: Suzanne Barker and her group are responsible for decorating the tables and room according to the theme for the month. Walking into the room on the day of our meal gives everyone a good feeling as they see the beautifully decorated tables. She needs more people to help on the day of the meal.

Event Coordinators: Michael, Betty and Mike Passarelli ensure there is wine and pop at scheduled meals. They are responsible for purchasing the drinks and setting them out for "happy hour" one-half hour before the dinner begins.

First Friday Breakfast: Two sisters, Wanda Ford and Mary Cesar, provide a delicious breakfast every 1st Friday of the month. They are assisted by 8 volunteers and after morning Mass around 9:30, breakfast is ready for those attending. A basket for donations, and long tables with a variety of egg casseroles, fruit, biscuits/gravy, juice, and coffee are ready to enjoy. Mary and Wanda will retire from this duty in May of 2025, and a volunteer (s) is needed to take care of the Friday breakfast. Contact either sister and they will fill you in on what is involved.

President - Marsha Edwards 620-874-0670

Vice President - Erlinda Moscoso - 303-422-2065

Secretary - Kathy Lutwack - 303-422-2128

Treasurer - Bonnie McAninch - 303-428-6422

First Friday
Breakfast

Mary 720-289-1954
Wanda 303-421-9010

Breakfasts begin on Friday,
Dec. 6th, after the 9 AM Mass
in the **John XXIII Center**.
Donations are appreciated.
We will retire at the end of May
2025. Think about replacing us.



Judy Matthews 303-489-1469

We will **not meet** in December.
See you in January 2025!



Helen Contreraz 303-424-2876

Our group, "Crafts for a Cause", **will not meet in December** Our group will resume again, beginning in January 2025.
Merry Christmas to all and a BIG thanks to everyone throughout the year who participated in creating crafts for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. You made a difference in their lives with your creativity, time, and talent.
Thank you again.



Suzanne Barker 720-366-2231

We will meet on **Tuesday, Dec. 3**, at **9:30 AM** in the **John XXIII Center**, to make decorations for our Christmas Stories Luncheon. Come and join us.



Marsha 620-874-0670
Grace 303-425-1157

Thanks for your continued support. Looking forward to 2025!!



Betsy Schuster 360-813-5143

We will meet on **Tuesday, December 10th** at **1:00 PM** in the Holy Family room at SOC.
The book is "Bright Lights, Big Christmas" by Mary Kay Andrews. Kerry Tolliver from the mountains of North Carolina agrees to help sell Christmas trees from their family farm in New York City.



Lwana Elder 303-420-0195

Thanks to the callers for informing us of upcoming meals! Please promptly respond to their calls OR voicemails. We need an accurate count of those planning to attend the events.



Susan Hay 303-423-8023

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, Dec.2, at 10 AM**. If you know a member, who is shut-in or sick and would like a monthly visit, please let Susan know. We would like new people to join us with the visits.



Erlinda Moscoso 303-422-2065



Those interested in traveling to Albuquerque, NM, (May 20 -24, 2025) please get your \$100 deposit in ASAP. The price of \$800 covers round-trip travel by bus, most meals, lodging, most tips, and attractions we will visit. There will be a meeting on Dec 12. Once your deposit is made, your seat on the bus is guaranteed. And there are only 32 seats available. The remainder of \$700 is due in March. If you wish to purchase insurance that is \$72 extra. Checks are to be made out to Erlinda Moscoso. For more information, see the church bulletin, YAH internet announcements, or flyers in the gathering space. Call me if you have questions regarding the trip.

Our gambling trip to **Blackhawk** to celebrate **New Year's Eve Day** will be on **December 31**. \$10 per person and you can place the money in an envelope with your name, phone number, and my name, and leave it at the front desk at the SOC office. Thank you.



December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Caring Hearts 10 AM, Holy Family Room	3 Decorating Committee 9:30 AM John XXIII Center	4	5 Board Meeting 10 AM Spirit Center West	6 1st Friday Breakfast 9:30 AM John XXIII Center	7
8	9	10 Book Club 1 PM Holy Family Room	11	12 Albuquerque Trip Meeting 1:30 PM Spirit Center East	13	14
15 Once Upon a Mattress 2 PM Arvada Center	16	17 Christmas Stories Luncheon 12:00 PM John XXIII Center	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28
29	30	31 Blackhawk Trip 10 AM-4 PM	Happy New Year 2025			

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

1 Louise Gutierrez
2 Beverly Tafoya Dominguez
2 Nancy Martinez
9 Cathe Valdez
9 Linda Richardson
10 Juan Garcia

13 Corine O'Donnell
13 Delores Kingsley
14 Duane Knight
15 Carol Annibella
15 Ed Fernandes
16 Deb Dewhirst
16 Jerry Robertson

17 Julianna Whitfield
18 Elaine Lyons
18 Jeanne Breay
19 Emilio Casica
19 Marilyn Lambert
20 Maureen Stanley

24 Rich Fernandz
27 Donna Fehringer
28 Carol Sanders
29 Charlotte Lucero
29 Gary Worth
31 Deacon A.J. Misiti
31 Margie Mauser



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Young At Heart would like to thank Helen Felski, Barb Bretz and Mary and Del Stansbery for their many years of service to our group.



Get-well cards were sent to:

Alice Sweet
Joyce Antonucci
Helen Felski
Suki Waybright

A sympathy card was sent to:

George & Irene Green

If you know of one of our members who is ill or has lost a loved one, please contact Aggie.