

# Updates

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## Alvin Gathering Schedules Tentative July Reopening

Plans are still tentative, but First Christian Church may be the first Gathering Place to reopen July 15. Team Leader Peggy Krampota is polling volunteers now. Alvin Lutheran's Team Leader Cathy Hoard said that volunteers, all in the high-risk COVID19 group, would continue to shelter at home for a while.

Size of the Alvin groups will be limited and Gatherings shortened to 3 hours.

South County ministries have cautiously refrained from making announcements.

Advisory Council Chair Eva King, who is a nurse, said "We are being very careful because of the age of our volunteers and our participants."

#### **NOTES FROM DALE LIBBY**

Our May and June socials are canceled due to COVID-19. As noted in this newsletter, we are working on a plan to reopen socials in Alvin in July.

We have been "Zooming" like crazy this month! The most recent "Virtual Coffee Break" on May 20<sup>th</sup> was attended by 12 volunteers and 1 caregiver! You can call into these sessions by phone even if you can't Zoom. Send me an email and I'll get the information to you.

We canceled the June 27<sup>th</sup> Brain Fair. It is now scheduled for March 27, 2021. I pray the pandemic is under control by then. Our support groups will continue to meet via conference call for the foreseeable future. Speaking of the future, we are moving into the virtual world with many of our programs, both existing and new. Stay tuned! Until next month...



## Mother's Day Food Gift Boxes Hit with Caregivers

On May 5 the Gathering Place distributed Honeybaked Ham food boxes at drive-throughs at the Angleton office and at First Christian Church in Alvin. Eva King and Dale Libby handed out South County gifts. Peggy Krampota and Cathy Hoard, Alvin Advisory Board chairs, called in cheerleaders to greet families.

Photographer Krampota captured Melodi Meshek, Clara Meshek, Cathy Hoard, Barbara Bennett, Janet De Leon, Susan Vaughn, and Audrey Hatley lined up to welcome families.

#### **ADDENDA**

Chapelwood volunteer and Gathering Place bookkeeper Kim Reber has accepted the post of Records Clerk part-time. She will be at her posts M-T-TH.

Education Coordinator and Trainer Dennis Hastings are finalizing plans to offer Brain Camp and Meta Camp in Zoom classes.

## CompU.Talk kicks off July 2

The Gathering Place's newest program for people with memory disorders is a Zoom School that will start Thurs., July 2. "We will be living in a virtual world for the

"We will be living in a virtual world for the foreseeable future. Although we are starting this because of the virus crisis, we expect it will be a permanent program, "Dale Libby explained.

Twelve classes will be offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am until noon— 4 30-minute classes each day. Cheryl Tiertowidjojo will lead Qi Gong twice a week. Other volunteer teachers include Melodi Meshek, Barbara Bennett, Eloy Hinojosa, Sherry Cavallo, and Janice Bell. Subjects will include music, arts and crafts, Bible study, current events, and Trivia. Volunteers are still needed! Call Brenda Maust at 979-849-5051.

## Milestones June Birthdays

- 1 Helen Escobedo
- 4 Dona Menefee
- 5 Bud Witt
- 6 Chuck Fau
- 7 Jeannie Chiapowski
- 11 Bob Rolingson
- 15 Eva King
- 17 Mariann Robertson
- 17 Melanie Hollenshead
- 21 Mary Ellen Ellis
- 21 Alton Davidson
- 21 Linda Burnett
- 23 Julie Garza
- 25 Juanita Robisheaux
- 26 Danny Krieg
- 29 Suzi Brandt
- 29 Lois Turner
- 30 Bob Spaw

### Congratulations Alvin Lutheran 5 Year Anniversary

#### Passed Away in May:

Former participants Pearl McDaniel on the 13th and Christie Watson on the 19th. May they rest in peace. Our sincere condolences to their families.

What we know about Alzheimer's in 2020

WEBINAR
June 30 5 pm
Save the date!



Your Host: Dale Libby, GP CEO