MARCH IN REVIEW AT BAKERSFIELD SENIOR CENTER

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March Events
No special events during the month of March in the center.

APRIL EVENTS
BSC Friends of Seniors Day Car show will be Saturday, April 13, 2019.
April 5, 2019 - Friday Night Mixer, time: 6-8pm, come for some fun, food & socialization.

UPDATES
The 2018 Subaru Share the Love Event and Meals on Wheels America announced the results of the 2018 campaign. California Meals on Wheels earned $204,224.15 through this year’s event with 27 participating Members. BSC was included in that number. Officially, as of Wednesday, April 3rd, through the efforts of the staff, stakeholders, and some board members, BSC has earned $9,610.55 by participating in the campaign.
Congratulations BSC on behalf of Meals on Wheels America.

7TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF SENIORS DAY CAR SHOW SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
TIME: 9-3PM
FREE ADMISSION

Come out and enjoy a beautiful day looking at Stock, Custom and Special Interest cars, while having some fun, food and raffles! Large raffle items include 50” 4K Flat screen TV - 4 tickets for $20. Regular raffle tickets sales include 6 tickets for $5.00. Pre-order BBQ - available as a meal $20, Family Pak $45 or Family Platter Pak $65, for more information call the office 661-325-1113.

Bunco coming April 26, 2019
Time: 12-2pm  Free this time
$5 next time
PRIZES & LOTS OF FUN
**BSC MEMBERSHIP T-SHIRTS**

The BSC Membership T-shirts are almost here, for those members that paid their membership July 2018 through March 29, 2019. **We will distribute the new T-shirts beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2019, after 11am.** Thank you for your patience and support to Bakersfield Senior Center.

### Inglewood Senior Center

They also cautioned us to know the limitations of workers that would be trained to use any of the services or equipment being placed in the new facility. Communicate, communicate with stakeholders. Let the public in on what you’re doing within the community, and stay with your talking points or “case of support.” **USE CONSULTANTS!** When planning think of REVENUE SOURCES OR REVENUE STREAMS of making money come to your facility. For Inglewood Senior Center, they decided to allow public (that would be attending the sporting events near by) to use their parking lot, but the public would not have access to their building. So they placed parking...
paying stations in certain locations on their property that would generate revenue to the senior center. They used Section 108 for planning not for construction.

Section 108 offers state and local governments the ability to transform a small portion of their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects capable of revitalizing entire neighborhoods. Such public investment is often needed to inspire private economic activity, providing the initial resources or simply the confidence that private firms and individuals may need to invest in distressed areas. ***This may be an option for BSC since we receive CDBG HUD funding.***

March 26, 2019 - Executive Director met with Councilman Willie Rivera, Ward 1, to discuss property owned by the City of Bakersfield, and BSC’s vision of rebuilding or refurbishing our existing facility. I advised Councilman Rivera, that we have had discussions with our seniors, and that I had a town hall meeting to collect information from them on their current usage of our facility, and programs and services they would like to see incorporated into a future facility, as well as visited the Inglewood Senior Center on two occasions collecting additional information and data.

I did ask if we could meet with Supervisor Perez to discuss ways of collaborating in making BSC more 21st century and green, he said, he would reach out to her for a meeting. I even suggested BSC move to a new location, but then he stated, BSC has made an impact within the community and to the seniors that currently attend from the area. So why would you move? That was the end of that conversation.


Liberty High School - Student Volunteers

April 4, 2019, BSC Cardio and Tai Chi classes have been asked to dance at Liberty High School Senior Class Rally. Approximately 25 of the class members have signed up to attend along with some supporters.

April 12, 2019, the senior students will spend about 3 hours at BSC beautifying several areas of the center including the front flower beds, and the Fountain area at the entrance of the Dining Hall. I think this will look great for the Car Show.

Approximately 55 students before Spring arrived at the center to beautify our curb appeal, and it looks beautiful. Thank you
FINANCIALS
BSC will be coming to a close of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 on June 30, 2019. At the City of Bakersfield Action Planning meeting it was announced the funding for 2019/2020 would not be released until approximately December 2019. This means we will not receive July 2019 funds of **$7,500, until some time in December.** OUCH!

- The Financial Committee and the board should strategize before the next fiscal year to solicit funding that will continue to sustain BSC.
- Funders, Philanthropist, Large Corporations need to be approached by the board to partner with BSC as we maneuver through this season.

**BSC received $300 to assist with Strategic Planning Training.**

**Thank you Janet Ford-Shell** for your generous personal donation in support of Board training for ensuring the Center’s continuous growth. **Thank you Mr. Bernie Jennings** for your continuous monthly giving for the past 5 years while I’ve been Executive Director.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**
The 2018 Subaru Share the Love Funding award **$9,610.55** will arrive in approximately 3 weeks from now.