

# Ridgeview Christian Center Seniors Group 2016



Well here it is 2016, and already it's ~~March~~, April, as you can see that's how my spring is running (out of control). I am completely amazed at how time is just flying by now that I'm retired. I'm sure this is not news to those of you who have been watching time far longer than I have, but having so recently come from the grind of working where every day seems to drag on endlessly until vacation rolls around, this is just unbelievable to me.

I've been studying revelations this year and it talks about the coming end times, and how near it is. How we need to be ready, as the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night (1 Thess 5:2) Time seems to evaporate like water, things change, but the plan of the Lord is clearly outlined ahead of time so we can be ready.

Last year I had proposed trying to reach the lost seniors by going out to a retirement home for visits, knowing that Jesus would come up in our conversations allowing us to share the gospel of salvation. Since I only had 3 people who expressed any interest in reaching out, I abandoned this outreach idea.

As most of you know I will be traveling most of 2016 and unable to continue to be actively involved with the group, but it doesn't mean I am leaving you high and dry, Rozanne is going to be my interim organizer. So if you have ideas for lunch or outings please let her know so she can work on getting the idea off the ground. I will be in and out all summer and will continue to put my finger in the pie as time allows. I've come to the realization that if you don't move, grow, and reach out you become stagnant, and I don't want to grow mold like my back patio. So I'm running while I have the energy, and resources to do so. I hope along the way I can show and share God's love to others as God commissioned all of us (Matt 28:16)

The one constant in life is change, which seems like an oxymoron but really nothing stands still, so here's an idea. What do you think about a new name for our group? I'm proposing Ridgeview Christian Center Adults. It seems to me that this past year we have seen a decline in event attendance. I don't know if its illness, event selection, weather, or just same old same old that gets old. Maybe we just need an infusion of other adults with new thoughts and ideas? Please give this some consideration and let Rozanne know who we should start inviting to our lunches, and outings. Or maybe we just need to focus on monthly luncheons and leave off events? Anyway just something to ponder, and again please let Rozanne know your thoughts and desires.

I have outlined a tentative 2016 calendar. Nothing here is cast in stone, but I wanted to help Rozanne with ideas while change happens and I'm flitting around the USA.

Please know you are and have been often in my thoughts and prayers, and I will be thinking of you. Take care my dear friends and God bless you, Marisa

## Tentative Lunches and Events

(Reminder to always look for a sign up sheet in the foyer)

**May 1** Luncheon at the Academy Retirement Center 1216 N Superior, \$11

**May 21** Lunch/Activity Cat Tales zoo 17020 Newport Hwy. Bring a sack lunch, picnic area available. Sunday seniors free, adults 10.00, students 8.00, child 12 under 5.00. all church event suggested

**June 5** Luncheon, Harvard Park Retirement Center 1616 E 30<sup>th</sup>, cost-free,

**July 10** Luncheon/Activity Manito Park bench café, 1976 S Tekoa, walk the gardens at your leisure

**August 7** Potluck at church after service, or local park. Volunteers for set up, clean up needed

**Sept 4** Lunch Silver Café, Hillyard Senior Center 4001 N Cook

**October ?** Malden Thanksgiving Dinner, 1<sup>st</sup> assembly bus

**November 6** Red Robin 9904 N Newport Hwy

**Dec 4** Potluck/Old Time Hymns/Gift exchange under 10.00 (**not** white elephant)