

BELLA VISTA TRAVELING SAMS
MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Bella Vista Traveling Sams held their annual Christmas dinner Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Table at the Hickory Inn in Bentonville.

President Jean Justice called the meeting to order and welcomed State Director Jack and Joy Godwin, prospective members Ron and Debbie Appel and the speaker Amber Smith.

Jean led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and then she led in a prayer before the meal.

After the meal, Jean presented a bill for the table decorations/door prizes. Dan Moran moved to pay Jean for the decorations.

Our speaker Amber Smith works for the Veterans Association. Our chapter is volunteering to fill the food pantry in the month of March. The box/pantry is located so any veteran can come in and pick up items without checking in and no one knows who is in need of extra food. Amber took some food items at this time, and for the next two meetings, we are asked to bring items for the food box.

Our Sunshine volunteer person is no longer a member of the chapter and Jean asked for a volunteer to send out cards when needed. Nancy Natividad volunteered to be the Sunshine person.

Jean said she is still collecting soda pop tabs.

Happy Birthday was wished to: Dec 4th Carol Halsell, 17th Gloria Taylor

Happy Anniversary: Dec 21st Cliff and Sharon Shelder

Jack Godwin installed the officers for 2024.

President	Jean Justice
V. President	Gloria Taylor
Secretary	Virginia Reynolds
Treasurer	Wendy Estep (not Present)
Wagon Master	Janie Robinson

Jean Justice thanked Laura Severson for arranging the meeting places for the next three month. The next meeting will be Thursday January 18th at Ziggy's in downtown Siloam Springs. The meeting adjourned.

Members present were: Judy Duncan, Bill & Carole Halsell, Bob and Margaret Hazzard, John and Jean Justice, Daniel & Linda Moran, Mike and Nancy Natividad, John Parsons, Gary and Virginia Reynolds, Mike and Janie Robinson, Laura Severson and Dave Pressley, Gloria Taylor, Andrea Miers, Cliff and Sharon Shelder, Joe & Bonni Galewski. Guests Jack and Joy Godwin, Ron and Debbie Appel and Amber Smith.



Jack, Jean, Gloria, Virginia and Janie



Thanks to Laura and Dave for the campfire and trailer cookies.

Thanks to Dan and Linda Moran who gave out BV Sams coasters to members, Virginia and Gary Reynolds for Chex mix and John and Jean Justice for the candy.

Items for the Veterans Food Box – bring to the January and February meetings

Whole grain items

Shelf stable milk

Dried/canned fruit

Powered eggs

Oils and vinegars

Whey protein powder

Canned tuna

Canned salmon/sardines

Canned spinach

Canned beans

Baking food items

Canned soups

Oatmeal

Pasta/ramen/rice

Peanut butter/jelly

Mixed nuts

Applesauce

Cookies/crackers

Spaghetti sauces

Granola bars