

Merry Elders

A Social Group for Senior Citizens



The Merry Elders were organized at Holy Rosary parish in the mid 1980's to serve the needs of the Senior Citizens of Holy Rosary. However, membership is open to members of any parish or faith. The only requirement is that members must be 50 years of age or older. Dues are 50 cents/month. The dues can be paid at an annual rate of \$6.00.

Meetings are held each third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM in Vandegaer Hall.

Members share a covered dish luncheon. A short meeting follows with reports and a guest speaker occasionally or some type of entertainment.

After the meetings, the members enjoy playing BINGO, (5 cents per card per game). The pot is the prize for each game. We would like to start including games of dominoes, cards, etc. for those who do not wish to play BINGO.

Originally, there was a Social Ministry that consisted of the following activities:

- Those who help the needy;
- Visit the ill;
- Provide transportation to doctor's appointments; and
- Provide transportation to the grocery store.

In the past few years, declining membership and the declining health of some members has diminished the amount of activity of this nature. We hope that with new members from St. Mary of the Pines and Sacred Heart joining with the Holy Rosary members, we will be able to become more active in our social ministry.

Members are asked to bring magazines to the meetings to share with each other, or take to nursing homes and hospitals.

In the past, Merry Elders has sponsored trips to Branson, Missouri; Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and a number of day trips to east Texas and Southern Arkansas. However, these trips have not occurred due to the declining membership and ill health of members. We are hoping, with new members and a renewed spirit, that we will once again be able to offer these trips to our new members.

The Current Merry Elders Officers are:

President	Barbara Hall
Vice President	Val Fusco
Treasurer	Hazel Truitt