

Senior Speed Connect@Igo

Thursday, May 26, 2 – 4 PM

- I. **Introductory Remarks** – Irene (5 minutes)
 - a. Why celebrate Older Americans Month?
 - b. Significance of the Demographic Shift
 - i. (By 2030, it is estimated there will be more people over 65 than under 15!)
 - ii. San Antonio will be heavily impacted by the growth of the Senior population (many retirees, especially military)
 - c. Thus the importance of a Senior Speed Connect@ Igo event:
 - i. Get acquainted with other seniors
 - ii. Find others with similar interests
 - iii. Find some new interests
 - iv. Just have fun.
- II. **Welcome Special Guests** – Irene (5 minutes)
 - a. Ms. Hardin – Silver Haired Legislature Board Member
 - b. Judge Vivian – 91 years young, still serving as the Elections Judge at the Igo Library’s early voting site.
 - c. Kelly – Information about a Speed Dating event she is hosting at a local restaurant.
- III. **Explain the “Meet and Greet” Activity** – Bo (5 minutes)
- IV. **Lunch** - (30 minutes)
 - a. Attendees were encouraged to start the “meet & greet” activity during lunch by sitting at tables with people they did not know. Each table was numbered. When attendees checked-in at the sign-in table, they drew a table number where they were to sit.
- V. **“Meet & Greet” Activity** - (45 minutes)
 - a. After lunch attendees continued the activity by walking around and finding 10 new friends per Meet & Greet sheet. When they asked an attendee one of the 10 questions, they then put the name of their new friend in the berry beside the number of the question. They were to spend no more than 5 minutes with each individual, in order to facilitate meeting more people. Participants were allowed to complete as many activity sheets as desired. Every sheet allowed a drawing towards the door prizes.
- VI. **Award door prizes** - (15 minutes)

VII. Recap. (15 minutes)

Attendees were given time to share their favorite response(s) and their favorite questions. They were exchanging names and phone numbers to stay in touch. One attendee wanted to learn how to cook Indian food, and a woman from India who was in attendance said she would teach her. Another person found another bridge player for her bridge group. Several commented that they liked the Senior Speed Connect idea better than a Speed Dating event because they were not interested in “dating” a person; they only wanted to meet new friends for companionship and friendship. More than anything they discovered our monthly library senior programs and many are now regular patrons at the library.