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## City Treats Seniors to Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch at Sizzler

More than 100 Perris senior citizens got an early Thanksgiving feast thanks to a collaboration between the City and Sizzler Restaurant, a treat that included music, camaraderie as well as a buffet luncheon in their honor.

The seniors who gathered Nov. 10 are among those who take part in a variety of activities at the Perris Senior Center, including bingo, crochet and “fit-and-fab” exercise classes. The luncheon was the City’s way of saying thank you to all those who support its programs.

“Our seniors mean a lot to us and it’s really great to be able to give them an early Thanksgiving treat,” said Sabrina Chavez, Assistant Director of the Community Services Department and Housing Authority. “They appreciate the opportunity to get dressed up, come out to a local restaurant and feel like they are honored and respected. And we appreciate all that they do and have done for our City.”



Sabrina Chavez, Assistant Director of the Community Services Department and the City’s Housing Authority, chats with senior citizens during a pre-Thanksgiving lunch at the Sizzler Restaurant.

Barbara Shearer, 79, took part in the festivities and praised the City and Sizzler for sponsoring and hosting the luncheon.

“The food is great and it’s nice that the City has this lunch for us,” she said.

Paul Munoz, Yolanda Tovar and Tommie Baca shared conversation and a table during the luncheon, which took place in a banquet room reserved for Perris seniors. The day’s activities also included music and raffle giveaways.

Munoz, 63, was so impressed he personally thanked Chavez and Recreation Coordinator Cynthia Mendez for organizing the festivities.

“From the bottom of my heart, I want to commend the City for making this happen,” he said. “This is heavenly. It’s helping bring the community together.”

Baca, 69, teaches crochet classes at the Senior Center. She summed up her thoughts on the outing in a single word: “Wonderful.”



Recreation Coordinator Cynthia Mendez gets a handshake from resident Phil Munoz for helping organizing the luncheon, which was attended by 100 Perris seniors.

Les and Darlene Steele, both 63, enjoyed lunch with Sandra Fleming. The Steeles take part in weekly workouts at City parks aimed at keeping the community fit, part of the ongoing Live Well Perris healthy-eating active-living campaign.

“We love Perris,” Les Steele said. “It’s a great community and this is a great event.”

Fleming, 68, said the combined food, fun and fellowship.

“It’s really great to be here dining with friends,” Fleming said.

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