



Perris News

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Annual Holiday Lunch Honors Perris Senior Citizens

The City of Perris extended holiday greetings to more than 100 senior citizens Tuesday by hosting its annual luncheon, a celebration that included lunch, dancing, music and raffle prizes.

"We have a packed house," said Cindy Quintero, City Recreation Leader. "We want to give back to our seniors, especially during tough times like these. It's nice to be able to give them a nice hot meal so they can get out of the house and meet other people."

City Councilwoman Joanne Evans attended the luncheon with her husband, taking some time to chat and visit with other senior citizens. She also danced to a few holiday numbers played as part of the day's entertainment.

"This is super," Evans said. "I am glad the City cares so much about its seniors. Many of the people here today are from families who founded Perris. We have some of the Founding Fathers of Perris in attendance."

Grace Favre, 75, said she enjoys visiting the Perris Senior Center every Monday and Thursday so she can play bingo. She said the Senior Center provides a needed and valuable outlet for folks in their 60s and older to keep fit and enjoy activities that keep their minds sharp.

"Otherwise they will just stay at home and watch television while holding the dog or cat," Favre said. "This gets them out of the house. The staff here is just great. They know everyone by their first name. It's like your second home."

Katye Johnson, 80, said she likes to play cards at the Senior Center. She said she was glad to take part in the luncheon, which included turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and pumpkin pie.



Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans chats with senior citizens during the City's appreciation luncheon this week.



Perris resident Katye Johnson says she likes to play cards and mingle with friends at the Perris Senior Center.



Arthurlene Larry called the annual senior citizen appreciation luncheon "wonderful, beautiful."

"It makes me feel really good," she said.

Arthurlene Larry, 72, said she enjoys visiting the Senior Center because "I've met a lot of people I didn't know before and that's very important."

"I get to mingle with my new friends," she said. "I think that's wonderful, beautiful."