



K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Sentinel

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THE LODGE AT BEAUMONT

Christmas Holiday Hours, Christmas Eve, the Lodge closes at 3 p.m. On Christmas Day, the Lodge is closed all day. On the Day after Christmas the Lodge opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m.

On New Year's Eve the Lodge will be closed at 3 p.m. and will reopen at 6:30 for those attending the New Year's Eve Party. Jan 1 the Lodge will be closed all day.

67 Percent Rule beats CC&R Amendment. Board votes to seek court action

By Leighton McLaughlin

Despite overwhelming approval by Four Seasons voters, efforts to amend the CC&Rs failed because a "supermajority" requirement was not met.

At its November meeting, the Homeowners Association Board voted unanimously to petition Riverside Superior Court to have the supermajority provision set aside and allow the majority vote to prevail.

Homeowners who voted approved the measure by a better than two-to-one margin: 436 to 200. Further, an absolute 52 percent majority of all homeowners -- 436 of 835 -- approved.

But, said Rules and Regulations Committee Chairperson Louise Lyon, "The will of the majority was frustrated," by the 67 percent supermajority rule -- the very rule the amendment aimed to eliminate. "It put us at the mercy of the minority," she said.

Board Member Loren DuChesne said the vote is a clear demonstration that the 67 percent rule makes amending the CC&Rs "very nearly impossible," and needs to be changed to allow proper governance of the community. "It shows there are some people who just won't vote no matter what you do."

The election came after a 15-month campaign to get out the vote. The Rules and Regulations Committee held two community-wide town hall meetings in the Lodge and 14 neighborhood "mini town halls" to explain the need for the change. Fourteen articles, nine of them on page one, were run in the Sentinel presenting both sides of the issue. Ballots were mailed in mid-July, giving residents three months to vote.



Waste Management Company pick-ups will not be delayed this year, because both holidays fall on Saturday.

Owners who did not respond were sent a post card by the HOA reminding them to vote, said General Manager Lisa Lynn. Resident voters who failed to sign their ballot envelopes were phoned to come in to the Lodge to sign them. Signs displaying the latest vote total were posted at the main Potrero Gate and in the Lodge Lobby for some six weeks. Finally, remaining non-voters were called in October with a request to mail their ballots and an offer to replace any that had been lost or misplaced.

Despite these efforts, 193 households -- nearly one quarter of the community -- failed to vote.

Board President Jacque Sneddon said, "We did everything possible to get the interest of the community. Unfortunately, the people who don't care get to rule."

During the campaign, Sneddon said, some residents objected to proponents of the measure saying voter "apathy" was why the 67 percent rule should be changed. "It can be said now. The vote shows that 23 percent of the community is apathetic."

DuChesne said the Board felt that as elected representatives of the homeowners, "We are duty bound to move forward to reflect the wishes of the majority. They have spoken. No matter how you figure it, a majority -- 52 percent of all homeowners and more than two-thirds of those who voted -- want the change made."

Lyon said she was pleased at the effort put forth by the members

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CC&R Vote Tally

	Number	Percent of total residents	Percent of votes cast
Ballots mailed	835	100	NA
Valid Ballots			
Received	642	77	100
Yes Votes	436	52	68
No Votes	200	24	31
Ballots not voted	193	23	NA

Note: Percentages do not total 100 because of rounding and six ballots that were invalid.

**Scheduled
Maintenance
All Vehicles**



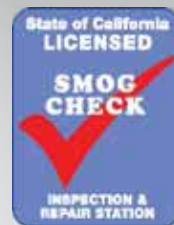
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- ✓ **Singers** (even if you only sing in the shower!)
- ✓ **Actors** (even if you've always wanted to but haven't!)

Please add your name now to the interest list at the
front desk. We promise an amazing experience!

Also needed:

- ✓ **Stage Hands** (We need muscle!)
- ✓ **Wardrobe** (Dust off those sewing machines!)
- ✓ **Set** (Check your garage for set items now!)

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The Events System Committee presents
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THE MIGHTY ECHOES
in our own
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Mark your calendar for
Saturday, March 19, 2011
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The concert of the year!

Tickets for this ESC benefit concert
will go on sale February 16th.
\$25 each (theater seating)
There will be one show only.
This event will be **SOLD OUT!**

**Taste d'Vine Wine Club
Holiday Party**

Our Next Meeting is:
December 16, 2010
6:00pm

We meet in the Ballroom

Monthly Member Dues: \$5
for members and \$8 for
guests.
Please R.S.V.P. by
December 8th.
contact Anita Worthen
(951) 769-9858

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!




Karaoke Night

Performing Arts "Karaoke Night" in the Ballroom.
Come out & join the fun! If you love to sing or even
just to enjoy great company this is the night for YOU!
Just drive on over to the Lodge, order a delicious meal
from SMITTY'S or bring your own picnic, and enjoy the
amazing atmosphere all around.

**Saturday,
December 11, 2010**

5:00pm-8:30pm



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LET THE CROWS GET YOU.

SO DON'T The skin around the eye area is more delicate and fragile than the tissue on the rest of the body, and even parts of the face, which explains why it is the first area to exhibit the signs of aging! In this treatment the focus is on the effect of retinol, also known as vitamin A. Retinol, and tissue regenerating peptides plus vitamin C to fortify skin to help reduce fine lines. Licorice, soy, and rice bran extract help to reduce pigmentation and lighten dark circles while bisabolol and caffeine reduce puffiness. So this treatment does it all! Great for dehydrated and sensitive skin too! Come in and talk to me about how we can fight off the crows! **LET THE REVERSAL BEGIN!**



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Winter Wonderland New Year's Eve Party



**Friday, December 31st, 2010
7 p.m.-1 a.m.**

\$50 per person
(No one under 21 will be permitted)

Entertainment by Global Affair

- Remember 8 to a table; **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- To reserve a table you must purchase all 8 seats.
- Dressy attire suggested.
- As always bring your own beverage of choice and glasses.
- Please know all menu choices at time of purchase:

***Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Cordon Bleu or
Vegetarian choice.**

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, THIS EVENT WILL
SELL OUT! BEST PRICE IN TOWN & CLOSE TO HOME!**

**Last day to purchase
your tickets for this event:
December 21st, 2010**



Bingo Buzz! 2010



December 2010

December 1 st	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm
December 15 th	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm

January 2011:

January 5 th	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm
January 19 th	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm

February 2011:

February 2 nd	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm
February 16 th	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm

BINGO ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Doors will close at the start of the Early Game.*

**Wednesday Nights, doors open at 5 p.m.*

- Early-Bird Game starts at 5:50 p.m.
- Regular Games start at 6:00 p.m.



Four Seasons Bistro

**Get all your Bingo Snacks
& Beverages at the Bistro.**



Happy Holidays From Euclid Management



Everyone Is Invited

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING



**Friday, December 10, 2010
At 10:00 a.m.**

**Highway Patrol Guest Speaker
Coffee & Refreshments
will be served.**

For more information contact
Anita Worthen at: 951-769-9858



Smitty's It's a Deli

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Friday	9 am-7pm
Saturday	8 am-7pm
Sunday	8 am-4 pm

BURGERS

All Burgers come with your choice of reg. fries, sweet potato fries onion rings and a drink for \$8.00 +tax

- **Smitty Burger**
Special sauce , lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, American cheese, mayo, onion roll
- **Steak House Burger**
BBQ sauce, cheddar cheese, bacon, our own onion pedal on bun.
- **Classic Cheeseburger**
Thousand Island, lettuce, tomato, American cheese on a bun.
- **Guacamole Bacon Burger**
Lettuce, tomato, guacamole, chipotle mayo, American cheese, on grilled sour dough bread
- **Spinach Burger**
Spinach, tomato, warm bacon dressing
- **Patty Melt**
Classic with grilled onion, Swiss cheese
- **Chili Size**
Our homemade chili, cheese, & onion

SMITTY'S DAILY SPECIALS

- **New York Steak**
with jumbo shrimp, dinner salad & garlic toast. . . **\$10.00**
- **Salmon BLT**
With your choice of green salad or sweet potato fries. . . . **\$8.00**
- **Glazed Salmon**
with choice of garlic mashed potatoes or sweet potato fries & green beans...**\$9.00**
- Mahi Mahi Tacos...\$6.00
- Mahi Mahi Salad...\$8.00
- **Oriental Crispy Chicken Salad**
with sweet & sour dressing.. **.\$8.00**
- **Spinach Salad**
with grilled chicken breast & warm bacon dressing...\$8.00

OTHER FAVORITES

- **Shrimp Basket**
Jumbo shrimp, salad, & Drink \$ 8
- **Fish & Chips**
3 beer battered Cod, fries & drink \$ 8
- **Cobo Fish Tacos**
2 tacos, fries & drink \$ 8
- **Fish Sandwich**
Beer Battered Cod, Tarter sauce, fries & a Drink \$ 8



K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Fitness Club Announces:

PRO-FIT SCHEDULE~DECEMBER 2010

Monday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Monday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30am	Aerobics Room
Friday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Friday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room

Pricing:

\$50.00 a month - Unlimited Classes
\$40.00 a month- 16 Classes (4 per week)
\$30.00 a month - Any 12 Classes
\$5.00 - Class

*Happy Holidays!!!

*Make sure to check out the Pro-fit calendar in January

*All classes are subject to change due to lack of class attendance. A minimum of 10 students is needed to continue any of the above classes.

No classes will be offered on the following days:

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve
Jan. 01: New Year's Day

Conditioning: Weighted workout to music that will help improve overall strength and endurance.

H2O Fit: Water aerobic workout that helps increase muscular endurance, stamina and circulation without the land based impact. Offered during the months of Apr. - Nov.

Zumba Gold: This fun, easy, safe and effective workout is done to the rhythms of the cha - cha, mambo, merengue, salsa and more. It's great for the body and soul!

Beginners Conditioning: Introduction to a light weighted workout done to music, designed for the individual working out for the first time or returning to exercise.

Gentle Yoga: Gentle Yoga encourages the mind-body connection and helps to develop focus, balance, strength and flexibility. A non-competitive environment allows each individual to move at a comfortable pace.

Mat Pilates: A total body workout that restores muscular balance to the core muscles of the lower back and abdominals. Enjoy the benefit of strengthening and stretching the body.

For more information contact Program Coordinator,
Carmen Lopez @ (951) 892-5141.

"NIGHT CLUB" at the Lodge

**Friday, December 17, 2010
5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Put on your dancing shoes, buy dinner or dessert from Smitty's or just bring your favorite beverage and enjoy an evening of dancing to "records" and great company.

Bring your neighbors along too!

This is a no charge event.

Holiday Extravaganza!! Saturday, December 4th, 2010

- 10:00 am The Annual Holiday Craft Fair:**
*Crafters, if you're interested in selling any of your arts & crafts, be sure to sign-up at the Lodge front desk for table space. Sign up sheet will be available November 2nd.
- 10:00 am "Nosey Neighbor Holiday Home Tour"**
* \$5.00 per ticket to the Event Systems Committee
* This is a great opportunity to see the best decorated homes (inside & out) in the community!
- 5:00 pm "Four Seasons Golf Cart Parade"**
* 'Tis the season to show off your creative golf cart decorating skills, sign-up at the Lodge front desk to show your holiday spirit.
* This event will take place in front of the Lodge.
- 5:45 pm "Sing-a-long & Tree Lighting Ceremony"**
* Warm up those voices and let's sing!!
- 6:30 pm The Grand Finale Performing Arts Club "Holiday Show"**
* If you missed it last year, you don't want to miss it this year! It was quite a show!!

Smitty will also be offering a holiday meal special throughout the day!!

*This is a day you won't want to miss!!!



2010 has been good for the FSBTC. Our Club has grown in Numbers at 55 and is gaining momentum. We have added monthly "Play Days" with professional instructions for our Newbies, Re-Learners & Intermediates. "Play Days" will pick up and resume at the beginning of the New Year.

Please visit and comment on our new Tennis Website
www.integratedgraphics.net/BeaumontTennis.html

Manager's Update

By Lisa Lynn, General Manager

At the Open Session Board meeting held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, the Board of Directors approved committee recommendations; including the Bingo recommendation for distribution of charity funds, the Communications Advisory proposal for links on the Four Seasons website for clubs, the Landscape proposal to have invasive horsetail plants removed from a Springdale planter area, the Landscape proposal to have some vines growing in planters in the front yard cost center areas removed, the Landscape proposal to create an Ad Hoc Water Management Committee made up of members from the Landscape, Finance, Safety and Facilities and Architectural Review committees to evaluate the water usage, methods to control costs and possible water reduction solutions. The Board denied a request from a vendor to use the facilities for a seminar.

The Board voted to petition Riverside Superior Court to set aside the CC&Rs' supermajority requirement and allow the majority vote to amend them to stand. Overall, 21 action items were requested of management by the Board of Directors.

Management reported to the Board the completion of items including the repairs to the gate exit spike strips, the preventive maintenance performed on the gates, the Bistro dishwasher drain line changed, the annual water heater service, the plumbing line locations for access to the Ballroom storage area, and the tree trimming for various areas. Fitness Center service and repairs were completed on Nov. 10 (one treadmill is pending repair of the heart rate monitor and the missing dumbbells are being shipped separately). Installation of the "speed calming" sign on Four Seasons Circle was completed on Nov. 11. Management reported to the Board that 16 violation letters had been sent out during October. Of those, three were for landscape or lot maintenance, ten were for trash containers, one for signs and two for not properly storing a garden hose. The Board of Directors suspended facility privileges for two members for delinquent dues, bringing the total for suspended privileges to 29 current members. There were 42 accounts with balances over 90 days past due.

The Board approved the October 2010 meeting minutes and the September 2010 Financials. The Board meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month, with the Executive Session at 9 a.m. in the Lodge Conference room and the Open Session at 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9.

District Delegate elections will be coming up after the first of the year and members are encouraged to run for these positions. A delegate and alternate delegate will be elected for each district area. Applications are available from the Lodge front desk. The District Delegate's responsibilities are to carry the votes of the members from their district for the Director elections in April.

In the event that quorum is not met for a district, then the delegate is responsible for casting the votes of the members of their district, for the Board elections. Other than casting the votes for the director elections, the delegates act at the direction of the Board. From time to time, the Board may request the delegates to carry out a task such as polling their district for a specific HOA issue. The chart on page 11 will help you locate your district, or you can contact the Lodge staff for assistance.

All Association residents who operate registered motor vehicles, golf carts and motorcycles within the Association must

register their vehicles with the Association and secure a current vehicle identification decal which must be displayed on each vehicle. The decals are obtained at the Lodge Office for no charge.

It was recently reported that when the Beaumont Post Office delivers a package to the street box, they do not properly inform the resident of the package delivery. They generally just leave a key for the larger post box in the resident's box without any directions. So if you receive a key in your mailbox it is for one of the larger boxes where you can retrieve your package.

A special open session Board meeting was held on Oct. 26 to count the votes for the proposed CC&R amendment to repeal the 67 percent supermajority requirement to amend the CC&Rs. The supermajority was not met. An overwhelming, two-to-one majority of those who voted approved, and an absolute majority of 52 percent of all homeowners approved. The Board of Directors has petitioned Riverside Superior Court to approve the majority vote.

The petition must include the HOA governing documents, the complete text of the requested change, the balloting results, the efforts taken to obtain ballots from the members of the Association, an explanation of the reason for the amendment and any other documentation relevant to the court's determination.

When the court sets a hearing date all owners will be notified. The petition may be challenged by members in opposition of the amendment. No attorney fees will be awarded to members in opposition of the petition. The court may grant the petition upon verifying several factors, some of which include, determining the amendment is reasonable, the balloting was conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of the governing documents, a reasonable diligent effort was made to permit all eligible members to vote on the proposed amendment and more than 50 percent of the voters were in favor of the proposed amendment. After approval by the court, the court order and amendment are filed with the County Recorder's office and the members of the Association will be notified of the adopted amendment.

GATE UPDATE

Please be aware that the gate arms will go back into use starting Monday, Dec. 6. Only one vehicle will be allowed through the gate at a time. Trying to "beat" the gate arm and follow another vehicle through the gate may result in damage to the vehicle and the Association assumes no liability for these damages. Please be courteous and wait for your turn to enter the gates. If a vehicle damages the gates or gate arms, the Association will identify the owner of the vehicle by use of the video surveillance and seek reimbursement for damages.

As a reminder, residents should replace the battery in their transponder occasionally or if they are experiencing difficulty in getting a signal at the receiver. Slide open the transponder back, remove the existing battery in the metal clip and replace with a new 3volt CR2032 lithium style battery. You may need to use a pointed object to push the battery out of the clip to remove it. Do not touch or damage any of the other component parts. The new battery should be inserted with the positive side up. Keep in mind that the transponder is an electronic device and should damages occur or component parts go bad, a new transponder may be needed. Replacement transponders are sold at the lodge for \$50 each.

Architectural Review Committee

By Willis Fagan, Chairperson

The Architectural Review Committee tries to anticipate all possible conditions for every property, and tries to consider all property owners' requests equally and fairly. Most of the time the regulations and guidelines are quite clear and concise, and they provide a very good basis upon which the ARC makes decisions. However, now and then a unique situation arises that requires the committee to do more study and come to a more precise understanding before a good decision can be made.

During the past several months the ARC has been using the recently adopted Architectural Guidelines and accompanying forms. To process your application more quickly and avoid possible confusion, we strongly recommend that you use these same guidelines and forms when submitting your proposed property improvements for review.

By the time you read this article the sample patch of artificial grass will have been installed by the pond at the entry circle. You may walk on it, touch it, get a close look at it, and see if it's something you'd like in your yard.

As you may already know, water supplies are dwindling in our area, and it is possible that our water will be rationed in the future. Artificial grass is one of several ways we can effectively reduce water use, which is why the Architectural Review Committee has made the sample patch available for your review -- and the ARC welcomes your comments on this matter.

The Architectural Review Committee does not recommend any specific artificial grass source or installer and each proposed artificial grass installation will be judged on its own merits.

The ARC will meet only twice in December, so please be sure to submit your proposed work early so it will be processed in a timely manner. Otherwise we look forward to business as usual starting in January of next year.

You are always welcome to visit our meetings -- to see what takes place or to ask questions or make suggestions.

Bistro Committee

The Bistro Committee met Tuesday, Nov. 2. The Committee welcomed our newest member, Cathy Kolodge.

We discussed the results of the "Meet and Greet" for new homeowners and the Halloween Party. Both events went very well.

The next meeting is Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. -- **William Taylor, Chairperson**

Finance Committee

By Bob Melville, Chairperson

The Finance Committee held its regular meeting on Oct. 19. The financial statements for September were reviewed and reflected the following significant elements: The net income for the year-to-date was \$248,738 and total reserves increased to \$1,935,510.

The front yard expenses for September were over the monthly budget by \$11,412, but under the YTD budget by \$20,943. The accounts receivable (delinquencies) were \$146,710. Our total HOA expenses through September (excluding reserve allocations) were \$1,288,489; this was under budget by \$178,056. With respect to investment actions, the committee recommended that the HOA

reinvest funds in a certificate of deposit maturing in December at the best prevailing rate and duration (two to three years).

The committee then reviewed two landscape proposals: 1. Removal of 305 vines and installation of 1 gallon shrubs where necessary in HOA maintained front yard landscape areas; 2. Removal of invasive horsetail plants in Beaver Creek planter areas. The committee made its recommendations and requested that Euclid Management carry them forward to the Board of Directors.

The committee then had an extensive discussion regarding the increasing water costs and their impact on our budgets. This included a commitment to support the Landscape Committee's evaluation of landscape meters, irrigation and water usage. A Water Management Subcommittee has been formed and the Finance Committee's participation will enable financial evaluation on a continuing basis. The cost of water rate increases was significantly greater than anticipated and increased our expected deficit in the front yard expense budget for 2010 and expectations for 2011.

Subsequent to the above, the Finance Committee began the initial review of the HOA Reserve Study and recommended a number of changes to the HOA Reserve Study Draft. Overall, the reserves look good in terms of our financial allocations for the future.

NOTE: The Finance Committee has still has one opening and applicants are encouraged to obtain an application at the Lodge Reception Desk.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 pm and HOA members are always welcome.

Event Systems Committee

By Teri DiMarino-Davidson

Saturday, Dec. 4, will be a busy day here at Four Seasons at Beaumont. Hopefully, you have received the Sentinel, read of the activities and plan on attending many of them.

The Event Systems Committee is hosting its first Holiday Home Tour where \$5 will enable you to sneak a peek at the homes of some of our residents to see how they have personalized their models and decorated their homes for the holidays.

Tour times are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the homes is by wristband only, which may be purchased at the Lodge on the day of the tour. Tour admission will include maps, directions and profiles of the participating homes. Just a note - - no pets or children are permitted on the tours. All proceeds will go toward the upgrading of the sound and lighting systems in the Ballroom. If you attend the Holiday Show in the Ballroom on that evening, you will be able to witness what the ESC has already accomplished.

Speaking of the Ballroom, as you enter for the show (or any other activity, for that matter) please take note of the new "Premier Patron" recognition board in the hallway. This is a formal, public "Thank You" to the generous contributors who have, so far, made many of the audio/visual advancements possible. If you would like to become one of the Four Seasons Premier Patrons, please take one of the brochures that you will find next to the board or ask for one at the Lodge desk. We would love to see your name on a plaque!

You may have already heard that *The Mighty Echoes*, the a cappella doo wop quartet, is coming back, by popular demand, to Four Seasons next year on March 19. The show was an outstanding success earlier this year and people have been asking when we will

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be seeing an encore performance. Tickets will be going on sale after the beginning of the year for this concert-seating event, so mark your calendar!

Landscape Committee

By Phyllis Beede, Chairperson

After passage of a California State law mandating state-wide water reduction, the Landscape Committee formed a group to look at water use in Four Seasons Beaumont.

Ed Whalen and Len Tavernetti undertook this daunting task and after many hours spent trailing the water, found it to be too far reaching an issue to remain a sub-committee under the Landscape Committee. The committee recommended formation of an ad hoc committee which would report directly to the HOA Board.

In May 2010 the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District published new water rates that became effective on July 1. The rates will escalate again this coming Jan. 1 and again on January 1, 2012. Our rates will more than double. Managing our water consumption will require changes and investments.

Four Seasons was designed with a “lush landscape” concept that is not supported by the Beaumont environment. To make up for this shortfall large amounts of water must be brought into the community. With the doubling of water costs the affordability of a lush landscape becomes problematic. Many plants cannot be supported with a reduction in water and must be replaced or reduced in population. Better management of our water can also be made with the acquisition of upgraded or new irrigation equipment.

In addition to reducing our water consumption we must apportion these costs properly between common areas and front yard maintenance. Our landscape water is measured by 22 meters billed to the HOA. These meters do not discriminate between common areas and front yards, making it difficult to properly assign the costs to the rightful account with a high degree of precision. Currently this apportionment is based on area size which does not reflect actual water demand by plant type and local environment.

Establishment of an ad hoc committee for Water Management will enable members from the Landscape, Architectural Review, Safety and Facilities and Finance Committees to address these problems and identify actions and investments to lower our water consumption, ensure each budget is assessed fairly and retain the landscaped appearance of Four Seasons

Establishment of the ad hoc committee will enable members from both the Landscape and Finance Committees to address these problems and identify actions and investments to both lower our water consumption and ensure each budget is assessed fairly.

The Board of Directors enacted this proposal at the November meeting. We are very fortunate to have volunteers willing to tackle this huge problem.

The Landscape Committee is currently doing battle with Horsetail – *Equisetum hyemale*, a rush like survivor of the Carboniferous Age that is highly invasive and resistant to chemical eradication. The roots are extremely strong and aggressive, able to break through most barriers over time. This plant, an ancient relative of the fern, is also reproduced through spores contained in the capsule like tip of the stalk. Horsetail has been planted mistakenly in some areas and has escaped from containers in back yards in others and is now an invasive nuisance in the community.

The expense of trying to eradicate horsetail is considerable and success is not assured. PLEASE DO NOT PLANT HORSETAIL IN YOUR YARDS!!!

As residents of this community, our future is in our hands. Take an active roll in insuring the future of our community, fill out an application to work on the Landscape Committee or get information from any member.

Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in the Lodge.

Safety and Facilities Committee

By Jerry Thompson, Chairperson

The Safety and Facilities Committee needs your help. We need a volunteer to attend our meetings and record the minutes. Accurate minutes are important to the Board of Directors and the Committee. This help will allow committee members to concentrate on the many issues that effect our community. This month we would like to spotlight our investigation into utility conservation.

The Landscape Committee is forming an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reducing water consumption. Safety and Facilities will be represented on this committee. Our mutual efforts should reduce consumption.

The Safety and Facilities Committee is holding meetings with Southern California Edison to identify ways to reduce energy consumption. We are targeting all lighting and plug-in appliances to make sure they are Energy Star compliant. We will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to our light bulbs to reduce energy use. In addition, we are reviewing alternate electrical generation sources for additional savings.

We invite our residents to attend our regular monthly meetings, held the third Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Lodge.

Rules and Regulations Committee

By Louise Lyon, Chairperson

The CC&R amendment ballots were counted on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Despite overwhelming approval by those who voted and an absolute majority of all homeowners in favor, the amendment did not achieve the supermajority of 67 percent and failed to pass.

Of the 835 ballots which were mailed to the residents, 654 were returned, an encouraging 78 percent. However, 23 percent did not vote, constituting a disappointingly large apathy vote.

There were 12 unsigned envelopes and one blank ballots that could not be counted but there were enough “Yes” votes to achieve a 52 percent majority of all homeowners. “Yes” votes were more than two-to-one over the “no” votes, 436 to 200. At its meeting Nov. 10, the Board of Directors voted to petition Riverside Superior Court to allow the majority vote to stand and allow the amendment to be made.

At its October meeting The Rules and Regulations Committee was updated on the community auto registration progress and the K. Hovnanian fencing for the community. Also, the committee is reviewing changes and language for the Code of Conduct and Qualifications for prospective Board of Directors candidates.

The Committee covered a variety of topics under new business. There was discussion about allowing different, small flotation devices in the pool and what to do about key fobs and

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transponders for residents no longer living in the community. It was recommended that Euclid disable those devices no longer in use by a resident. The committee started a review of the "Common Rules for All Committees" and the Rules and Regulations Committee Charter to see if there should be any changes or revisions. There was also dialogue about contractor selection review that will be continued.

The Rules and Regulations Committee meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. Guests are welcome.

Social Committee

By Melody Seewoster

As those of you who attended the Halloween party know, we had a ball.

Mary Primack, the event chairperson, did a wonderful job putting the affair together. The decorations were great and the food was wonderful. As usual Smitty's did a great job. As always when a lot of people gather there are some kinks and we had them Halloween. However with a little effort -- and a lot of understanding -- everything worked out for the best.

Our next party is going to be the annual New Year's Eve gala. This is our premier event for the year and has always been a sell-out. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, I would suggest you do so ASAP. We tend to sell out early but as always we will have a waiting list if necessary.

We only allow eight people per table due to the more formal setting so please take that into consideration when making reservations. You can also buy an entire table if you pay for all eight seats at the same time. It is also helpful if you have the names of all people at the table or if you don't know for sure who will be sitting with you at the time you make the reservations, please come up later and fill those names in. This makes it a lot easier if there is a problem at check-in.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. with appetizers being served at that time; a sit-down dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The band will start at 8:45 p.m. and we will be celebrating New Year's from around the USA.

We will also be having a 50/50 at the request of several people and of course there will be plenty of door prizes.

The cost for this tasteful event is \$50 per person

Neighborhood Watch Program

By Jerry Whitfield

The Neighborhood Watch program here at Four Seasons is very active and we have good participation. Our monthly meetings are well attended and the interest level remains high.

What we must remember, however, is that Neighborhood Watch is a community based program and in order for the program to be most effective we would like at least a 90 to 95 percent participation rate. The Four Seasons program is a long way from achieving that rate, but realizing that the safety of

our community is of paramount importance, the Neighborhood Watch Task Force, Anita Worthen, Mary Primack and me along with all of the Block Captains, will make a large effort in 2011 to get as many residents as possible in the program.

The Neighborhood Watch Program does not cost anything and it does not take up a lot of your time. As a participant in the program all you have to do is to get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood and to watch out for them. If you observe any suspicious activity or persons, you are asked to call the police!

That is the program, "Neighbors watching out for neighbors." Please join us in our efforts to have a safe and secure community. For more information please call Anita Worthen at (951) 769-9858, Mary Primack at (951) 572-5291 or me, Jerry Whitfield at (951) 845-0560. Please come to our monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings on the second Friday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Ballroom.

Mary, Anita and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

DISTRICT AREA BY STREET NAME

<u>ARBORS DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>LANDMARK DISTRICT 2</u>
BIG BEND	BOISE ROCK
CANARY CREEK	BULOW CREEK PARK
KINGS CANYON	GOODRICH ROCK
TABOR CREEK	MESA VERDE PARK
TIJERAS CREEK	PLYMOUTH ROCK
	TABLE ROCK
<u>ARBORS DISTRICT 2</u>	
ARCHES PARK	<u>LAUREL DISTRICT 1</u>
BLOWING ROCK	CLARK CREEK
ROCK MOUNTAIN PARK	LEWIS CREEK
SHINING ROCK	PIPER CREEK
	POTTER CREEK
<u>HERITAGE DISTRICT 1</u>	SALT CREEK
BLACKBERRY CREEK	
CRANE CREEK	<u>LAUREL DISTRICT 2</u>
DEWEY CREEK	GLACIER PARK
GRANITE CREEK	YELLOWSTONE PARK
KETTLE CREEK	
OWL CREEK	<u>MONARCH DISTRICT 1</u>
TROUT RUN	South of Quiet Creek
TURTLE CREEK	FOUR SEASONS CIRCLE
	LEWIS CREEK
	QUIET CREEK
<u>HERITAGE DISTRICT 2</u>	
BLOOMINGTON PARK	<u>MONARCH DISTRICT 2</u>
BRIDLE TRAIL	North of Quiet Creek
CALVERT PARK	CASCADE CREEK
GREEN CREEK TRAIL	FERN CREEK
PIPE SPRINGS	PAINT CREEK
SPANOS PARK	QUIET CREEK
	THISTLE CREEK
<u>LANDMARK DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>MONARCH DISTRICT 1</u>
BARTRAM TRAIL	FOUR SEASONS CIRCLE (PHASE B)
BRUSH CREEK	BOX SPRINGS TRAIL
CHIMNEY ROCK	WHITE SANDS
DEWEY CREEK	
GREEN CREEK TRAIL	<u>SPRINGDALE DISTRICT 1</u>
WHISPER CREEK	BEAVER CREEK

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The Board of Directors for the K. Hovnanian's
Four Seasons at Beaumont Community
Association met on Wednesday, November 10,
2010 in the Lodge Ballroom.
Executive Session was held at 8 a.m. and the
General Session was held at 1 p.m..

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be
held on Thursday December 9, 2010
At 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

Executive Session – 9 a.m.
General Session – 1 p.m.

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8-Ball Club

The 8-Ball Club wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season! -- **Dot Hurst**



Ballroom Dance Club

By **Willis Fagan**

We are now in the third month with our new dance instructors. Things are going very well, and we're learning great new steps and routines.

We just finished our introduction to the Fox Trot, and are now working on the Cha Cha and the Tango. These two dances are Latin in nature, but quite different in practice, and we're having lots of fun with both of them. Dancing in the Real World: Last month you read about two couples who enjoyed good dancing experiences while on cruises. Another couple recently attended a wedding where guests were evenly divided between young and old. The DJ catered to the younger generation – a crowd who had lots of energy but didn't know any dance steps or routines. They spent the entire evening hopping up and down in one place, doing the same few uninspiring steps over and over.

Even though there was no ballroom dance music at all, this couple decided to try some steps and routines they learned in the Ballroom Dance Club. To their great satisfaction and surprise, people took notice of them dancing, and complimented them on how smooth they looked and how well they danced.

We learn to dance not for others but for ourselves: Forget about being self conscious or embarrassed or intimidated. Take a new approach and see dancing for your own enjoyment and satisfaction, and don't worry about what others think.

What's the secret to dancing? If there is a secret it is that many steps and moves used for one dance can also be used in other dances. Therefore, the more we learn to dance the easier it gets and the more fun we have.

What we do on Monday evenings? Starting at 6:30, we have a half hour workshop. We dance, and our three instructors provide practical help to each of us. This is a very important part of the learning process because we can concentrate on the elements of a dance we are still struggling with.

During the next hour, the instructors go over what we learned the week before and add new steps and routines. We work on where to put our feet, how to hold our dance partner, how to get from one routine to another, and how to smoothly move about the dance floor.... without bumping into other dancers.

Our dance instructors are very professional. And they are patient. They really understand that we are still learning, and they take the time to help us get it right. It is not unusual for them to stop and explain something, and demonstrate how it should be done. Then we give it a try, and if we need more coaching we get it. Little by little we understand the steps and moves, gain confidence, and enjoy the dance much more.

You are invited. We're just a friendly bunch of amateurs, all learning to dance, so it doesn't matter what your dance abilities are. The cost is only \$10 per person, and club membership is not required. Come and give it a try – maybe you'll like it. --



Book Club

By **Nancy Morgan**

Our October meeting was full of discussions of two very good books, *Presumed Innocent* and *The Help*.



Scott Turow has written numerous books, but his first novel was *Presumed Innocent*, published in 1987. Rusty Sabich is the protagonist in the novel. He is a Deputy in the District Attorney's office. An investigation is taking place into the gruesome murder of a beautiful woman, Carolyn Polhemus, also a prosecuting attorney in the D.A.'s office. Rusty had had an affair with Carolyn (one of many she had), but she had broken it off. Rusty is married to Barbara, a teacher who is working on her Ph.D. in mathematics. They have a young son, Nat. Rusty is arrested and tried for the murder, but the case is eventually dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence. Barbara has taken Nat and moved to Detroit. That's not the end of the story though, as readers are in for an O' Henry type surprise ending.

Our second book, *The Help*, elicited many comments from readers. *The Help* is the first novel by Kathryn Stockett, published in 2009. It is set in Mississippi in 1962. The title, *The Help*, refers to black maids/cooks/caregivers with white employers. Readers learn how these maids were treated as second class citizens by their employers. One example is building an outside bathroom for the maids so that they don't have to use the family's bathroom. Miss Hilly, one of the maids' employers remarked, "Everybody knows they carry different diseases than we do."

We meet Aibileen and Minny, two wonderful, hard working women and Miss Skeeter (Eugenia Phelan) who has just returned to her hometown after graduating from Ole Miss and isn't comfortable going along with what some of the white women want to do.

We become engrossed in the black women's lives as we learn the struggles they endure just to help provide for their families. Readers discussed some of our own experiences regarding racial issues as we grew up in different parts of the country. Everyone agreed that *The Help* shows how humanity can triumph over hate and fear.

Thanks to Bev McLaughlin and Nancy Morgan for leading our discussions. November reads are *Heaven's Witnesses* and *Friday's Child*. We will not meet in December. Our January book is *The Haj* by Leon Uris.

Happy Holidays!

African American Cultural Club

To all residents: "Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!-- **Betty and James**

All Seasons RV Club

Members enjoyed a super week at Emerald Cove, Parker, California in October. Bill and Tanya Guy were the Wagonmasters and did an awesome job by supplying all the toys for the members to enjoy. The weather was great and members went boating, tubing, and rode Sea-Doos. They cooked



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together and also ate out and enjoyed dinner at the Blue Water Resort and Casino.

Nov. 1 through 5 was a beautiful week for the club at Sunset Vista RV Park, Huntington City Beach. We had seven RVs there and we all enjoyed sitting out watching the surfers riding the waves. Dinners were enjoyed together at Duke's and the Alessa restaurants. Some of the men played golf while other members toured the shops on Balboa Island and had lunch at Newport Landing.

Bicycle riding and walking on the boardwalk were favorite pastimes for many of the members. The highlight of the week was a wonderful Hawaiian-style dinner with appetizers, shish kebobs, rice, fruit salad and dessert. Jane and Tim Jacobson really outdid themselves as Wagonmasters. All of us wished we could have stayed longer.

We will be visiting Quartzsite, Arizona, Jan. 23 to 28 next year. Jamie and Rick Brower will be the Wagonmasters.

Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p. m. in the Arts and Crafts room at the Lodge. All are welcome. -- **Nancy Morgan**

Asian Club

The Asian Club is taking a vacation break during November and December. Meetings will resume in the New Year. Please watch the Sentinel for start-up dates in 2011. -- **Tom Yee**



Bridge

Bridge interest is on the rise here at Four Seasons Beaumont. Most of our Bridge players are back from their summer vacations. Our beginning Bridge class is gaining more interest. We meet every Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Card Room.

On Nov. 1, at our regular Bridge game that starts at noon, we enjoyed three tables of players. That was the most for quite a while.

If you like playing Bridge, join us Mondays at noon. See you there. -- **Carl Carson**

Bunco

In November we met just once due to Thanksgiving, and in December we will meet just once due to Christmas. We will meet on Friday, Dec. 10 in the Card Room at the Lodge at 1 p.m. Please bring a friend or a new neighbor and enjoy a couple of hours of fun. The last time we had six tables.

Happy Holidays to everyone. -- **Anni Smith and Suzanne Roldan**

Discovery Club By Willis Fagan

Genealogy: The study or investigation of ancestry and family histories; a record or account of the ancestry and descent of a person, family, or group; a family tree.

In most cases, our parents and grandparents, and their generations are gone. We have our memories, photographs and written records, but not much more. And time makes their



memory dimmer. As well-meaning as we are, we sometimes fill in our family's less-known history with our own "facts," thus we often wind up with a partially fictitious past.

Past Generations: After making much effort to discover the real story of our ancestors, we sometimes hit a blank wall and can't seem to get further. It's frustrating, and we ask: "Why didn't they write things down for us and leave us more information?"

Well, they simply didn't think it was that important to write down their own history. After all, who in the world would want to know about them? They thought of themselves as very ordinary people doing ordinary things. And they considered it vain to write their own history. Besides, they were far too busy with life to waste time doing something so nonessential!

Present Generation: So here we are, trying to piece together the history of our family. The happy news is, we have lots of help in the form of good computer programs and with good Internet services such as Ancestry.com.

But we inadvertently continue the cycle of non-information. We seldom, if ever, take time to write our own history and experience. Most of us are retired, and we can spend time on anything we want. But we are much like our ancestors – so full of our daily lives that we don't stop to write anything down.

Future Generations: So what can we do for future generations? As well as discovering our family's past, it's quite simple: Write your own history... and start now. You are the centerpiece of this work. You know all about yourself, so put it together while you can, while you have the energy and mental capacity, and while you have the time. Start with snippets, bits and pieces – anything that comes to mind. You can add dates and places later, but for now, just get started.

Include things like: tying your shoe laces. Kindergarten. Baby teeth. Memories of your parents, uncles, aunts and cousins. Special trips or vacations. High school and college experiences. When and where you met your spouse. Hobbies. Childhood dreams. Driving with your own license. Favorite foods. Wedding and honeymoon. Birth of your children. Anything and everything you can remember, no matter how insignificant... Write it down! Although it won't mean much to you while you write, you can be very sure that future generations of your family will really enjoy reading it, and it will be a treasure to them.

The Discovery Club will be meeting from time to time, and we will let you know when and where.

Questions: You may contact Willis Fagan, club captain, at wefbev@verizon.net, if you have questions about doing your family tree or writing your own history.

Four Seasons at Beaumont Golf Club

In the October and November, we played Yucaipa Valley Golf Club, Diamond Valley Golf Club (twice), the PGA Course (of course), and Hemet Golf Club (Landmark).

We had some good and v-e-r-y good shots... and a lot of fun, including carpooling and lunch after each golf outing. Our "Turn the Clock Back Special" was held at Hemet Golf Club on Monday, Nov. 8. We had a good time, the course was in good condition, greens well kept; and lunch was very good,



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as always. Some of our players played at The PGA Course on the following Tuesday and had good scores, fun and lunch.

If you are a golfer who desires to join our traveling SCGA affiliated Club, the Southern California Players Club (SCPC), we are in the process of renewing current members and signing up new members for 2011.

If you join this club, you will establish and maintain your own personal SCGA-authorized index and handicap and you will be ready for competition with our other members. If you are interested in becoming a card-carrying member of the SCPC / SCGA for only \$30, please contact Ed McBratney at em91765@yahoo.com or phone (951) 572-5447. Note: If you choose to contact me by e-mail, please type "Golf Club Sign-up" in the 'Subject' field of your e-mail. -- **Ed McBratney, President**

Canasta

Please join us on Thursdays from 1:15 to 4 p.m. in the Card Room for the card game Canasta. We play "Hand and Foot" -- and if you don't know how to play, we will be happy to teach you. We usually have from four to nine tables of players. It is a good way to get to know your neighbors.

Hope to see you there. -- **Melody Seewoster**

Karaoke

The November Karaoke was a lot of fun and we look forward to having another great year at Four Seasons. The system we are using is part of John Horning's equipment and we have over 5,000 tunes, but if there is a tune you wish to sing and you don't see it on the listing, please bring your own CD's.

We appreciate the sponsorship that John has taken and appreciate his willingness to participate in Karaoke every month. We are a fledgling community and in the beginning a lot of people have to step up and participate to get events going. John has been that person for Karaoke and we thank him very much.

Come sing along with us on Saturday, Dec. 11. -- **Zelyne Rudolph**

Knitting and Crocheting

The Knitting and Crocheting Group continues their creative work each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

We have planned another lunch out prior to Thanksgiving, and are planning a Christmas potluck for Dec. 14 in the Craft Room after our weekly meeting. We did that last year and it was a lot of fun.

Our baby blankets are ready and will be delivered to Redlands Hospital by mid-December.

The rest of this year will be busy with preparations for holidays -- making gifts and exploring new techniques.

We have a new member in our group who is just learning to crochet -- and doing quite well. All interested residents are invited to join us. -- **Dorothy Payne**



Life Guide Bible Study Club



The Life Guide Bible Study Club in November completed an eight-week series, "*A Life Built on Love*," a study of the Love Chapter of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom we will have a Christmas party to celebrate the joyous birth of our Savior. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome to come for a festive evening of food, fellowship, and the singing of traditional Christmas Carols. The Club will take a break during the holidays and begin the Bible Study again in the middle of January.

The Club meets in the Ballroom of the Lodge on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. This club provides an opportunity for us to meet people in the Four Seasons community, and also a chance to encourage and strengthen one another in our walk of faith. By the way, each lesson is self-contained, so you will benefit from the discussion even if you have missed previous lessons. This study time will give you an opportunity to share your faith and gain encouragement and help from others in the group. For more information, call Don Cummings at (951) 572-5329. -- **Don Cummings**

Old School Dance Club

Happy holidays to all Four Season residents. A New Year is approaching. Soon it will be time to spend with family and friends.

Old School Dance Club will be open on the first and third Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will continue to dance at your own pace while staying stress free.

Next year the club will focus on more creative dance workouts and using water to help the cardio muscles. We will be dancing to stay fit and to do something positive for ourselves.

We all know that the medical findings say that dancing is a good form of aerobic workout for better living. By the way, I would like to give a shout out to all the Old School Dance Club Four Seasons residents who always come out to support our club.

Thank you for being there for me. Until next time -- and next year... **Willa Harris, Club Captain (951) 845-2636**



Painting Classes

Painting classes are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Craft Room. The classes are intended for artists at all levels from beginners to advanced.

We are going to begin spending more time (about four weeks) on each painting so that you will be able to complete a fully developed work of art suitable for hanging in your home or presenting as a gift.

The classes are taught by award winning local artist, Ian Kirkpatrick. Although most of the current students are painting with oils, you can also paint with acrylics if you wish. Acrylics have the advantage of drying faster and are therefore less "messy." If you've been itching to exercise your creativity, or just have a lot of fun, this is your chance. If you have any questions, call John Horning at (323) 253-3854. -- **John Horning**





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Committees, Clubs, Groups & Special Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: 10a - 2p 10a and throughout the day 5p 5:45 6:30 *AACC is the African American Culture Club. *MNFP is Monday Night Football Polluck. * PAC is the Performing Arts Club. Due to the holidays, some of the listed groups may not be meeting. Please check with the Lodge desk for updates. All Lodge facilities will close at 3 PM on Dec. 24th and 31st and will be closed on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st.	Holiday Extravaganza Schedule Holiday Craft Fair Holiday Home Tour Golf Cart Parade Tree Lighting Ceremony The Holiday Show					
5 12:00p 5 6 7	6 Bridge MNFP* AACC* 8-Ball Club	7 10a 11 6p	8 10a 1p 7	9 9a 10 11:30 1p 1:15	10 10a 1p 7	11 10a 5p All Day
12 12:00p 5 6 7	13 Bridge MNFP* AACC* 8-Ball Club	14 10a 1p 2p 6	15 10a 1p 5 7	16 9a 10 11:30 1:15p 6	17 10a 5p 7	18 10a 1p Billiards Party in the Ballroom
19 9:15a 12:00p 4 5 6 7	20 Landscp Com Mtg Bridge PAC* Mtg MNFP* AACC* 8-Ball Club	21 9a 10 6p	22 10a 1p 7	23 10a 11:30 1:15p	24 10a 3p	25
26 9a Lodge Facilities Open	27 12:00p 5 6 7	28 10a 4p 6	29 9a 1p 7	30 9a 10 11:30 1:15p	31 3p 7	



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Physical Exercise/Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: The only ProFit classes meeting in Dec. are Conditioning and Beginning Conditioning. Due to the holidays, some of the listed groups may not be meeting. Please check with the Lodge desk for updates. All Lodge facilities will close at 3 PM on Dec. 24th and 31st and will be closed all day on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st.			1 8:30 a Conditioning 9:30 Beg Conditioning 10:30 Ping Pong 5p Beg Tennis 6 Tennis Drills	2 1:30p Poms 4 Line Dancing 6 Ballroom Dance Party	3 8:30 a Conditioning 9:30 Beg Conditioning 10:30 Ping Pong 1:30p Poms 5p Old School Dance Club	4
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Clubs & Activities

Racquet Club

Thanks to our loyal members, we finished the "Official" 2010 Tennis Club year with a grand day of tennis drills, instruction and games followed by a pizza and salad lunch in the Lodge Card Room.

Even though we had the Beaumont "monsoon" season leading up to Oct. 23, the weather that day turned surprisingly sunny. More than half of our members participated and at this writing we have had nearly two thirds of our members re-up for another year of our brand of tennis fun and excitement.

Our story of the year belongs to the Tennis Club website which you can access at www.integratedgraphics.net/BeaumontTennis.html. It is always being updated and refreshed by our webmaster, Irve Sturner, who has done a sterling job incorporating all of our activities, instruction ideas and timely news.

Here's just a sample of what is being featured currently: "Tips and Quips from our Pro Cheryl Smith", tons of pictures from our photographers Howard Lyon and Jim Cochran, also pictures of the newly formed Paddleball group, schedules of Upcoming USTA events in our area, and a monthly Trivia contest with prizes! So check out your website today for quick, reliable, up-to-date Four Seasons Tennis Club information.

On Nov. 7, six Four Season members participated in a mixed doubles event hosted by the Sun Lakes Tennis Club. There were four senior communities participating: ourselves, Sun Lakes, Andulka Park (Riverside) and Canyon Crest Country Club. Each club will host quarterly with a lunch and social get-together following the tennis. The teams for the inaugural event were 4.0: Romy Villena and Sharon Cornwall; 3.5: Irve Sturner and Nancy Ford and 3.0: Victor Flores and Ledia Hunter. Club members, if you have an interest in playing in 2011 and are rated 3.0 or above, contact Romy Villena at romyvill@aol.com.

As Cheryl has suggested, also check out the website at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, especially for the Event calendar. Virtually every week tournaments are held for all manner of participants, USTA rated teams, Juniors, Seniors, even Wheelchair tennis. On most Saturdays, a free stadium tour is available and parking is free and easy. This is also where you go to access becoming a volunteer for the BNP Paribas tournament.

We will go into 2011 with changes in our Committee make-up: Irve Sturner will be the Captain, Howard Lyon, Associate Captain and Secretary, Marcia Olson, Treasurer, Howard Nelson, Member-at-Large and as always, Cheryl Smith, Developmental Coach. -- **Ken Elliott**

Seasoned Sassies

The Seasoned Sassies is our very own chapter of the Red Hat Society. If you are not aware of what the Red Hat Society is, it is a group of ladies over 50 years young who want to get together with other ladies for lunches, game playing and fun activities outside of Four Seasons.

There are no rules with the exception of wearing a red hat and purple outfits when we go out as a group. Last month we ventured to Palm Springs for lunch and miniature golf -- with a



lot of laughing. The dues are \$20 per year, payable in December. If you are interested, please give me a call at (951) 769-2774. If there is no answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you or you may email me at mseewoster@hotmail.com. -- **Melody Seewoster**

Seasoned Solos

On Friday, Nov. 14, we made a trip to Oak Glen for lunch. We met at the Lodge and carpooled from there.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, we carpooled to the Street Fair in Palm Desert

On Friday, Dec. 3, we will have our regular monthly meeting in the Craft Room of the Lodge at 6 p.m. All singles are invited and welcome to attend. We either bring something to eat, drink, etc, or we order from Smitty's.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, we are attending the play "Steel Magnolias" performed by Azusa Pacific's drama students. Tickets are \$10. We plan to have lunch prior to the play. Call Susan at (951) 769-5760 for tickets. We will carpool from the Lodge, leaving at 10:30 a.m.

On Monday, Dec. 13, a trip is planned to Victoria Gardens for lunch at Lucille's Bar-B-Q with some shopping afterwards. Call Mary at (951) 769-5444 so she will know how many reservations to make. We will carpool from the Lodge, leaving at 9:30 a.m.

On Dec. 17, the Solos Potluck Christmas party will be hosted by Toby Davis at her home. Call her at (951) 769-2380 to let her know what you will be bringing. We will have more information closer to the date or call Mary or Toby in early December for details.

Happy Holidays to all. -- **Mary Castle**

Taste d'Vine

**Wine Club Meeting Thursday Dec. 16
6 p.m. Lodge Ballroom**



It is a wonderful time of the year. A time to celebrate. A time for smiles, creating new memories and joyfully remembering old ones.



Have a glass of champagne, cava, moscato d'asti, a glass of chardonnay, a glass of merlot, malbec, cabernet, port sherry, or anything to warm your heart as you watch the holiday movies, converse with friends, share the table, decorate, or after a nice long walk. Dress up. Make a toast to 2010 and the coming 2011, Sing some songs and go to a party.

That is what we will have for our December meeting: a party! This year we have tasted many different wines, experienced various varietals, food and wine pairings, had presentations and stretched our senses and brains. Now, it is time to relax. The December meeting will be a celebration of the year's activities and accomplishments of the Taste d'Vine Wine Club.

Come join us as we toast, raise a glass to Santa, have some goodies, present and enjoy wines for the Holiday season. Mark your calendar for Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Lodge Ballroom at 6 p.m. Members \$5, guests \$8. Please R.S.V.P. by 12/8/10 to Anita Worthen at: (951)769-9858. Joy and Happiness to you and yours. -- **Anita Worthen, President, Taste d'Vine**



Clubs & Activities

Walkie Talkies

On Nov. 9, ten Walkie Talkie hikers traveled to the Barton Flats visitor center in the San Bernardino mountains and hiked up to Jenks Lake.



At this time of the year, the fall colors of nature make this little jewel of a lake a perfect hiking destination. We hiked around the lake and took another short scenic trail. Then, back down to the visitor center. After the hike we stopped at the Angelus Oaks restaurant for lunch.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, the last outing of the year will take us to the Whitewater Preserve on Whitewater Canyon road, off highway 10. We will be hiking the 3.5 miles Canyon Loop. This hike is rated moderate to strenuous.

Thank you to those who participated in this year's hikes and to those who have helped me. -- **Fred Hofer** (fred.hofer@verizon.net)

Winter Wish Project

Don't forget that we have a Winter Wish tree and food donation box in the Lodge. Remember that it is not only fun but very heart-warming to buy clothing and toys for the less fortunate children of Beaumont. Gifts will be distributed in December.

If you would rather donate money instead of buying a gift, you can do so by sending a check, payable to Winter Wish, to the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, 726 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223. With the money that is donated, Winter Wish also provides food and other family needs such as blankets, sheets and towels to our Winter Wish families. -- **Melody Seewoster**

Amphitheater Society Club

The Amphitheater Society Club wants to remind everyone who attended and enjoyed our Grand Finale in September that the Jack Poster Band will be performing in Palm Springs at the Annenberg Theater on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m.

Jack will have his entire 18-piece band along with two singers, male and female, performing his tribute to Harry James.

This a great chance to hear this wonderful trumpet player again, in a totally professional indoor setting. Those who were not able to attend the September Amphitheater event but heard how great the performer was might also want to mark your calendars and attend. The January performance promises to be an event to remember -- and a fun way to start the New Year!

For tickets and reservations, call (760) 325-4490. The cost is \$34 per ticket for the senior rate.

I had mentioned last month that I would talk about the results of the survey that was taken regarding next year's Amphitheater events, but I will hold off and publish those results in January -- giving me something to share with you during the Amphitheater's planning time. -- **Penny McDonell, Chairperson**

Line Dancing

Our dancing group is growing. We have some new people every few weeks and some that haven't been there over the summer are coming back for a great hour plus of exercise.

You can learn to line dance...one lesson at a



time. Most of the steps used in line dancing are used in many of the dances we do, therefore each lesson becomes easier as you learn the names of the steps and how to do them. We are very patient teachers and will work with you as we go.

We will be having classes only on Dec. 2 and 9 and going dark for the rest of the month (everyone will be baking, shopping or partying). We will resume regular weekly classes beginning Jan. 6.

Also, there is an interest list forming for a once a month Saturday class taught by an outside instructor. If there are enough students, she will be teaching couples dances as well as regular line dancing. If you have any interest in the Saturday class, please call Martha (951-769-3889) or email thefrancks@verizon.net and we will add your name.

Don't forget to join us in the Lodge Ballroom every Thursday at 4 p.m. We wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season. -- **Martha Franck, Eileen Gilbert, and Zelyne Rudolph**

"Get Around to It" – Crafters

Happy Holidays - We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year and all other familiar traditions you celebrate.

The crafters group was well attended in November. We are already looking ahead with great new plans for 2011. First, we hope to see you on Thursday, Dec. 2, for our "Sock it to Me" holiday potluck party. You had to be with us to know what that means. However, please know you are invited to join in on the fun. Just call Paulette Sims at (909) 967-5261 or Pat Dawson (909) 720-1514, so we have an RSVP and the details of our party can be shared with you.

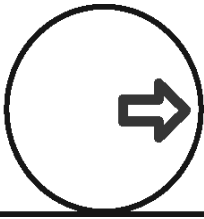


Crafters Rhea McLaughlin, Barbara Wasco, Pat Dawson, Paulette Sims and Martha Melendez show off there wares.

Gardening Tip

Keep your gardening tools in good condition by keeping a small pail filled with sharp contractors sand or silica sand, moistened with oil (vegetable or mineral oil are good choices). Plunging the blades of shovels and trowels into the sand will remove dirt and prevent rust. -- **Landscape Committee**

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Four Seasons Spotlight

His "Right People" have lots of work to do

By Leighton McLaughlin

Jerry Thompson has a straightforward management rule: "Get the right people and let them do their thing."

As chairperson of the Safety and Facilities Committee he is following his own rule and he's delighted that he has "the right people" on the committee. Each of his members has strengths that supplement those of other members, he said "and they have plenty to work on."

Regarding facilities, the Homeowners Association is in the process of taking ownership of the entry gates from builder K. Hovnanian Homes. To make the gates more efficient, surveillance cameras and transponder sensors have been moved, more cameras have been installed rumble strips and speed humps have been installed at entrances and exits and spike strips have been repaired. Soon the vertical gate arms will be re-activated to prevent tailgating. The GateWorks software program has been installed and should help control access to the community, he said

Thompson chairs an ad hoc committee which also has members from the Rules and Regulations and Finance committees to oversee the project. He complimented Board Member Loren DuChesne and HOA General Manager Lisa Lynn for their tireless efforts preparing for the takeover, which will provide owners and guests with a safer community. In an overlap of safety and facilities, new speed limit signs have been put up and one radar-activated "speed calming" sign that lets oncoming drivers see their speed is being installed on the downhill portion of Four Seasons Circle leading to Green Creek Trail.

A test of having Beaumont police patrol the community is under consideration. Only warning tickets would be issued during the test. Hopefully a permanent patrol will be unnecessary if drivers learn from the trial period. The committee is examining the possibility of installing low-level lighting at some Four Seasons' intersections. The lights must be low-level to comply with Beaumont's "Dark Sky" ordinance, and they are needed for safety in crosswalks at night, Thompson said.

Of ongoing concern is the general maintenance of all community facilities: "that's everything – all common facilities," Thompson said, "air conditioning, heating, furniture, energy, roads, walkways. The things with a five-year life are getting close. Are we going to need to replace them? The things with a ten-year life – are they going to last that long? Everything has an accounting number and we're watching them carefully."

Another facilities concern is water use. Water prices are going up because of high demand and the committee is looking at ways to minimize water use. Thompson said the Finance and Landscape committees are also involved in water cost and conservation activities.

A current project is the Ballroom storage room. Shelving is being added to help keep its contents organized and a sink, refrigerator and water heater are being installed to help with cleanup after events.

The Neighborhood Watch program is being overseen by committee vice-chair Anita Worthen. She is helping committee member Jerry Whitfield recruit block captains and organize an emergency preparedness plan that Thompson hopes to have in place by next June, when an area-wide test of preparedness will take place. The plan will coordinate Four Seasons actions in case of an earthquake, hazardous materials accident, wild fire, terrorist attack or other area-wide emergency with local police, fire and medical facilities.

Thompson got interested in making facilities function well quite early on. In high school, he helped put on school plays where he

was the stage manager behind the scenes making sure the lighting and sound and props all came together properly.

He is a third generation California native who "never lived out of the state," he said. After a tour in the Air Force during the Korean War he got a job as a heavy equipment operator for San Bernardino County, another job involving the use and maintenance of facilities and equipment. It was through that job that he met his future wife Joanne. His foreman was Joanne's brother, "and he decided to play match-maker," said Thompson. The foreman set up a blind date -- "you can't turn your foreman down," noted Thompson -- "and it worked out great. Four months later we were married.

Joanne is a great lady." They have two children, a son, Steve, and daughter, Sherrie, two granddaughters and two great grandsons. The Thompsons celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in October.

After a year operating heavy equipment, Thompson moved up to the County Surveyor's office and was soon hired away by Johnson Tractor Co., a Caterpillar Tractor distributor, to work in their maintenance department. It was with Johnson he began a sales career that lasted more than 40 years.

He worked for several companies, always involved with the sales of equipment like tractors, chain saws and paint spray equipment. His career focused on paint spray equipment and led him into sales management finally, becoming senior vice president and director of domestic and international sales and marketing. "At



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that level, you work with design, manufacturing and distribution ad agencies and graphic designers." He retired in 1998 and to avoid being idle, opened a manufacturer's representation agency that he operated until he and Joanne moved to Four Seasons in 2006.

His experience with graphic design led to an interest in lasers and got him started on one of the more exotic hobbies around, which turned into another retirement business: producing photo engravings, badges, plaques and other engravable products using a laser he installed in his garage. The plaque outside the Ballroom in the Lodge honoring donors to the Event Systems Committee, the badges of the Racquet Club and Bingo Committee are all his handiwork.

"I engraved glasses for the Wine Club, too," he said. "I enjoy the challenges laser engraving offers."

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of her committee, the members of the Board and the residents who opened their homes for the mini town hall meetings. "It was a good effort," she said. "I have a little pitty-pat in my heart for those people." The effort turned out 77 percent of the vote, an overwhelming vote in favor and an absolute majority of homeowners in favor. Those factors put the community in the position of being able to petition the court.

The appeal to Superior Court will be under the Davis-Stirling Act in the California Civil Code. Davis-Stirling is a collection of rules governing shared-interest communities like Four Seasons Beaumont. A shared-interest community is one in which private homeowners share an interest with other owners in common property like a lodge, swimming pool, tennis courts, green belts and the like.

DuChesne said the supermajority problem has afflicted a number of HOAs. He cited the Davis-Stirling website, which says, "Most older CC&Rs have very high approval requirements (from 60% to 75%) that makes it almost impossible to amend or restate the CC&Rs. The legislature recognized the problem and enacted Civil Code 1356 to alleviate the problem."

Provision 1356 says that when "owners having more than 50 percent of the votes ... vote in favor of the amendment, the association ... may petition the ... court ... for an order reducing the percentage of the affirmative votes necessary for such an amendment."

"It's the law," said DuChesne. Sneddon said, "We feel we need to use this part of the law to see that the wishes of the community are carried out."

The court must consider a number of matters, including whether a "reasonably diligent effort was made to permit all eligible members to vote," whether the amendment is reasonable, and whether the balloting was conducted properly. "We were way over reasonable," said DuChesne. He, Sneddon and Lyon all said they felt the HOA had more than met the requirements and others and the petition has a good chance of success.



The Paths to Health Convergence

By Zelyne Rudolph

This community is full of men and women who are on different paths yet we converge daily at the Lodge for a single purpose - to exercise.

We have a wonderful gym with a variety of equipment where the men and women converge to workout. We have tennis, Bocce and handball courts. We have a beautiful swimming pool where swimmers and sun seekers converge, and, we have the ultimate of convergences, an exercise room for classes.

Four Seasons at Beaumont has wondrous walking trails to walk solo or with our pets. Why do we exercise? There are a lot of reasons but the most important reason is that we want to maintain our health so we can live out our years as healthy as possible. Why do we need classes?

This is a story of a woman who is an integral part of the convergence. Why? Leticia L. Libao is a Pro-Fit instructor at Four Seasons. Letty (as we call her) is also having a full life and, every so often, she reinvents herself.

Letty obtained her primary group exercise instructor certificate from Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA) in the year 2000. She also started teaching group exercise that year at 24-Hour Fitness in Moreno Valley. In addition, she also obtained a Turbo Kickboxing certificate from Powder Blue Productions and is teaching kickboxing classes. For added experience, she also attended numerous fitness workshops for other formats like Step Tech, Body Sculpting, Yoga, Cycling, culminating in her certification as a Zumba Instructor. What in Letty's background adds to this convergence?

Letty lives in Moreno Valley with husband Max and Letty's mother, Maxie. She has two grown-up kids with families of their own. Leilani, Letty's older daughter, lives with her husband and two boys in Riverside. Leilani works at a pharmaceutical company as chemistry quality control supervisor. Max Jr. also works at a pharmaceutical company as laboratory systems senior analyst. Both are graduates of UC Riverside. Max Jr. and his wife live in Chino Hills and last September 15, they were blessed with a baby boy.

In 2005, Letty retired from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District after 29 years of service, where she worked as a laboratory analyst at the San Jose Creek Water Quality Laboratory. Max, Sr. still works as a civil-structural engineer with the Federal Aviation Administration. After a successful career as a laboratory analyst, what made Letty reinvent herself as a fitness instructor?

In the mid 1980s, Letty suffered from terrible migraine headaches, so severe she had to be taken to the emergency room.

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"Letty" Libao

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After months of treatment, Letty's neurologist advised her to join a health club to help control these headaches. On her first visit to the gym, she was immediately drawn to the aerobics room because of the music and the energy of the crowd. Since she loves music and dancing, she was hooked on aerobics from that moment and went to aerobic classes regularly. After several months she noticed that her migraine episodes became less frequent and less intense until the headaches were gone!

She met Carmen Lopez (owner of Pro Fit) at the gym. As their friendship grew, Carmen encouraged Letty to become an aerobics instructor. She said, "As a fitness instructor, I hope to touch other people's lives by leading them in exercise routines that will improve strength and stamina, cardiovascular fitness and overall health. By providing safe and effective exercise routines for all types of populations, I hope to help the participants attain their fitness goals. Great teaching is about motivating members and empowering them to set their goals and then guiding them in their efforts. The challenge for fitness instructors like me is to provide leadership and energize the exercise room by creating routines that have more opportunities for success rather than failure. As an instructor, I am committed to changing lives by making fitness fun for all levels of participants."

On the benefits of exercise for seniors, she said, "Exercise is an important factor in preventing or at least slowing down many age-related declines in physical performance and functions such as muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular and pulmonary functions. Regular exercise helps seniors maintain good health and keeps them strong and energetic. Exercise helps seniors maintain a healthy weight. Exercise improves flexibility, mobility and balance in seniors, reducing risks from falling. Exercise enhances self confidence, boosts morale and reduces stress. Other benefits of exercise include: improved immune function, better blood pressure and heart health, better digestive functioning, better bone density, and lowering the risk of chronic conditions like osteoporosis, diabetes, obesity, colon cancer and heart disease."

Well, Four Seasons men and women, why don't you come to the Lodge and meet Letty and see if your stars are right for a health convergence.

Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

Plan to start your holiday season off right. Mark Saturday, Dec. 4, with a big star on your calendar.

The Lodge will be bursting with seasonal events and activities. Start with a Craft Fair, enjoy the Nosey Neighbor Home Tour, cheer for your favorite golf cart in the parade, join the singers as we light the Lodge Christmas tree and then sit back for a great Holiday Performance in the Ballroom. Lots of fun and relaxation -- and that will put you in the right mood to tackle the "holidaze" ahead.

Hooray, we all have one less thing to have to remember this holiday season! Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year. Because the holiday falls on a weekend, there will be no delay in waste collection the following week.

The City of Beaumont Waste Management will collect and recycle Christmas trees for the first two weeks following

Christmas on your regular collection day. Trees taller than six feet must be cut in half. Please remove all decorations, including tinsel, ornaments, lights and tree stands. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled. If you have questions, call Waste Management Customer Service at (800) 423-9986.

And, for those who wind up with a lot of extra wrappings, boxes, wreaths, etc., which translates into additional bags of trash, Waste Management will accommodate you twice a year. Advance notice is required, however. Please call the Customer Service number above at least 24 hours in advance of your regular collection day. Any green waste trimmings must be bundled and tied in clusters no longer than four feet.

An experimental /demonstration patch of artificial grass has been installed at the trailhead near the Lodge. Residents are encouraged to check out the appearance, texture and durability of the materials over varying climate conditions. Given the decreased water supplies, artificial turf may be a viable alternative for future use or current replacement.

On your January calendars, be sure to mark the date of Saturday, Jan. 22. A Veterans' Workshop sponsored by the Pass Area Supporting Service members (PASS) will take place at the Beaumont City Hall, Civic Center Auditorium from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Representatives from Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, Riverside County Veterans Affairs, Mental Health Counseling and Military One Source will be present to explain benefits and answer questions.

Residents who are currently District Delegates and would like to continue in that position need to pick up an application at the Lodge Desk. Completed applications for new and returning District Delegates need to be submitted by Jan. 21. A list of delegate areas is included in this issue of the Sentinel. Start your New Year right by becoming more involved in our Four Seasons community. Happy Holidays to all!

Holiday Safety for our Four-Footed Friends

By Bobbie Eckel

Each holiday season there are extra hazards which we unknowingly inflict on our pets. In an effort to keep them safe during our celebrations, the American Animal Hospital Association offers the following suggestions:

1. Bones: The holiday turkey, chicken or steaks will leave a lot of tantalizing bones, but don't feed them to your pet. Small bones or bone chips can lodge in the throat, stomach and intestinal tract.
2. Holiday Plants: Holly and mistletoe are extremely poisonous

Gardening Tips

Be a Deadheader - Rose expert, Catherine Downes recommends cutting your roses as if they were "long-stemmed". This technique allows you to prune quicker and with more confidence that you'll always snip just above a 5-part leaf. Deadheading often and thoroughly will promote future blooms. If a plant is damaged by frost, resist the urge to prune the damaged parts. They may well protect the rest of the plant during the next frost. -- **Landscape Committee**

when eaten. Even the lovely poinsettia, although not truly poisonous, can cause severe gastric distress if the leaves or sap are ingested.

3. Electrical cords: Holiday lights are beautiful -- but the extra electrical cords are an attractive nuisance which puppies and kittens love to chew. Keep your cords secure and out of the way.

4. Pine needles: Be mindful of the fact that ingested pine needles can puncture your pet's intestines. Check the trees and boughs frequently.

5. Holiday tree: Secure your tree well. A tree-climbing cat or a large dog with a happy tail can create havoc. The preservatives used in the tree stand water can cause gastric distress. Avoid sugar and aspirin additives in the water also.

6. Ornaments: Sharp or fragile ornaments, dreidels, and even aluminum foil should be kept out of your pet's reach. String objects such as tinsel and ribbons need to be safeguarded; they are thin and sharp and can wrap around intestines or ball up in the stomach.

7. Stress and Company: With guests coming and going, watch out for open doors and sneaky pets. (Make sure that your pets have collars and tags in case of escape.) Remind guests in your home to keep an eye out for pets under foot. Be sure to provide a special quiet place where your pet can retreat to when the holiday festivities seem to be too stressful.

Let's make this holiday season a safe one for all of our family!

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For Sale: 28 inch Quasar (\$25) – 28 inch Sharp (\$25) – 32 inch Sony with stand (\$40). Also large Screen 62-inch Mitsubishi DLP TV (\$100) with remotes. Call (951) 845-5627

For Sale: M91 Pronto Power Wheelchair. 1-year old, lift for vehicle. Excellent condition. \$4,000 or best offer. Call (951) 692-2779 or (951) 845-1136.

For Sale: 4 pc. Entertainment Center. Needs a 9ft. ceiling. 11.5 ft. X 8.9 ft., \$2,900 firm. Custom, must see to appreciate. Call: (951) 769-3121 or (818) 481-2486.

For Sale: 2010 Liberty 319 Power Wheelchair. Over \$17,000 new. Used Twice. Ask for Mike: (951) 845-7530. \$1,000.

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Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

I can't believe that another year has come and gone. Time really does fly when you're having fun (and fun we've had)!

The Social Committee had some great events this year including Halloween, which ended up being a bit smaller and more intimate than in years past, but we found out that sometimes smaller can be better. Those who dressed up (which was practically everyone) out-did themselves with their funny, scary or elaborate costumes. The band was good and everyone had a rip-roaring time. This year the "groping gorilla" did not make an appearance, so party-goers did not have to ward off any unwanted monkey advances. It really was a great evening!

I can't wait for you to see the grand finale of the year: the New Year's Eve Winter Wonderland Gala! Months of preparation have been underway to ensure that this party will be one of the most unforgettable ever! If you don't have your tickets yet, rush to the Lodge and get them before we're all sold out. This event will be sold out; in fact we had people waiting at the Lodge door at 7 a.m. the day that tickets went on sale. Don't be crying on your New Year's Day parade because you missed the best party of the year! The Amphitheater Society did a fabulous job this past season putting together talent of various types. The events out in the open air always add a special magical ambiance, especially to the concerts. I'm really looking forward to the 2011 concert series; Penny and the rest of the club are already lining up the entertainment and you definitely won't want to miss one!

I want to thank the Performing Arts Club that collaborated with me on many of my events this year, including the Fourth of July Patriotic Show, Veteran's Day and the December Holiday Show (coming Dec. 4). I am so grateful for all the help these folks have lent us this entire year so that we can provide relatively cost free entertainment for you in this somewhat troublesome economy. The Performing Arts Club has been responsible for providing Karaoke Nights, Magic Nights, the Four Seasons Singers as well as the Variety Shows.

Speaking of Veteran's Day, I have to thank the incredible talent of Howard Swidler, who directed the Veteran's Day program this year. A giant thanks also goes out to Rochelle Scott and David Holt who were our filming crew for the Hometown Heroes Documentary that was played during the program. Thank you also for your hard work Four Seasons Singers! The veterans themselves who participated in this year's event were really what the event was about. Thank you for being so transparent and putting yourselves out there to honor your branch of the service as well as honoring your comrades in arms. It was such a privilege to work with all of you wonderful folks.

While I'm handing out thanks, I want to be sure that the Event Systems Committee feels especially thanked this year. This committee has done more to support all of our entertainment venues and events, including Board meetings, than we could ever say. They have become an integral and irreplaceable part of bringing increasingly higher end events your way. Thanks for consistently improving our sound, lighting and staging!

Thank you Euclid staff for also supporting all the great events we've had this year. Special big thanks to Nelly, who is my media master and who has done so much with respect to club and event advertisement. It's been a great year and I can't wait to see how many memories we'll make in 2011!

Have a happy holiday and I'll see you around the Lodge!



Chef's Corner
By Randy Balt

Seven Layer Cookies



The last food items served at our holiday gatherings are the desserts, and so we will also make it our last recipe of the year. I was first introduced to the 7 Layer Cookies back in the 70s by my wife, Sue's family. I had never experienced a cookie with such rich flavors as this, fell in love with it immediately, and have continued an ongoing affair after every holiday dinner.

Servings: 16 pieces

Prep: 20 min.

Bake: 30-40 min. + 60 min. cooling

Ingredients

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup graham crackers (about 7)
- 1 cup coconut flakes
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

Directions

1. Mix melted butter and graham crackers. Press into a greased 8 x 8 glass baking dish.
2. Layer other ingredients in this order: chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, coconut flakes, and walnuts
3. Pour condensed milk over top of crust.
- 4) Bake at 350° for 30-40 minutes. Cool, and then keep refrigerated. Cut into bars for serving



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