



# K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons Sentinel

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## THE LODGE AT BEAUMONT

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## Feb is a Real Celeb

By Bobbie Eckel

There are a lot of reasons to celebrate in February -- and you have to do them all fast because we have only 28 days in February this year. February is not only the shortest month of the calendar, it is the only one with less than 30 days. One day is added in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. Interestingly enough, in years that are divisible by 100 and not by 400 in the Gregorian calendar, the month stays at 28 days.

As a total month, February is labeled Parent Leadership Month, Black History Month and National Bird-Feeding Month.

Notable single-day celebrations include: Groundhog Day (Feb. 2), National Wear Red Day (first Friday of the month), Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12), Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), Presidents Day (the third Monday), George Washington's Birthday (Feb. 22), and Leap Day (Feb. 29 -- every four years, with some exceptions).

The holiday which gets the most media attention is Valentine's Day. Hallmark promotes cards, stores attempt to lure customers by suggesting elaborate gifts for your favorite person, restaurants offer special menus for sweethearts and dentists wait to clean up the after-effects of consuming too much chocolate candy.

Interest groups in Four Seasons also present Valentine's Day projects. The "Get Around to it" -- Crafters Club is featuring a demonstration by Barbara Wasco on how to put together a Valentine's Day card using rubberstamps, inks, cardstock and paper. Their meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Craft Room at the Lodge.



Barbara Wasco with a handmade Valentine's Card

The Taste d'Vine Wine Club is recognizing the Love holiday by enjoying a "Loving Value Wines" theme at their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

Our own Bistro will be open on Monday, Feb. 14, for a special Valentine's Day Dinner treat. There will



be two seatings, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and you must come to the Bistro by Feb. 10 to make pre-paid reservations as seating is limited. (See the ad in this issue giving more specifics of this special opportunity!)

The origins of Valentine's Day are obscure although there are hundreds of sources on the internet to browse through which purport to describe the history of the holiday. As a matter of fact, spending time researching the origin is a great way to spend a cloudy, drizzly afternoon!

The most common "facts" given are that the holiday was associated with Lupercalia, a Roman fertility festival, held on Feb. 15 each year. In 469 C.E., Pope Gelasius I, wanting to turn Lupercalia into a Christian rather than a pagan holiday, declared that the celebration was to honor St. Valentine who died on Feb. 14, 270 E.C. Small problem, however, when historians revealed that there were actually three St. Valentines, all of whom died on Feb. 14. Eventually, though, one St. Valentine was selected by Pope Gelasius.

The Pope and his advisors then turned to the question about why St. Valentine was executed. One version declared that St. Valentine was a kindly bishop who defied the king's decree that young men in his army should not be married (because it detracted from their devotion to the king's army). He was martyred for not following the ban on marriage and supposedly left a note for the jail

Please see **Celebrate** on page 20



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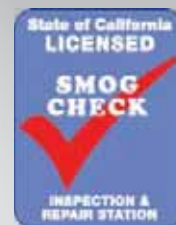
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Join us for an open house on Saturday, February 12, 2-4 pm.  
RSVP to 845-2220.*

**MEMORY CARE NOW OPEN:** The Lakes Memory Care Community offers a warm and nurturing environment with safety and security provided by our specially trained staff to assist residents in their activities of daily living while maintaining their dignity and independence. For information, please call us to arrange a FREE tour and lunch. We are now accepting reservations and deposits.

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We are well into the New Year & waiting patiently for warmer days to play. We are making plans to attend the Indian Wells PNB Paribas tournament in March. Call any Committee person and request information about joining us. We are looking to expand our membership. "Newbies", "Re-Learners" & All level Players"

Check out our website on the HOA website  
[www.integratedgraphics.net/BeaumontTennis.html](http://www.integratedgraphics.net/BeaumontTennis.html)



**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

Two performances will be available to choose from:

6:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

\*REMEMBER {Limited Seating} the theater can only hold an audience of (lucky number) 23.

**You MUST sign-up to attend.**

**Seating is first come, first served based on sign-up sheet.**

**NO FOOD ALLOWED IN THEATER DURING PERFORMANCE! THANK YOU!**

For this special performance the 3:30 pm. & 6:00 pm. movie showing will be cancelled.



*Admittance for the show is free!*

Smitty will be offering a dinner special.



## Taste d'Vine Wine Club

*Taste d'Vine Wine Club  
 "Loving Value Wines"*

**Our Next Meeting is:  
 February 11, 2011  
 6:00 pm**

We meet in the Ballroom.  
 Please remember to bring two (2)  
 glasses & an appetizer.

Monthly Member Dues: \$5 for  
 members and \$8 for guests.

For more information contact  
 Anita Worthen  
 (951) 769-9858




# 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,  
 February 12, 2011  
 5:00pm-8:30pm**





# *The Salon Luxury Spa*

1520 Four Seasons Circle, Spa Building ~ Tel: (951) 769-6997

*To our valued customers,  
Thank You for your patronage  
during the last year.*

*~The Staff at the Salon*



## **Happy Valentines Day!**

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radiate beauty to all those around  
you! Enjoy a Skin Revitalization  
Facial in 30 minutes. You'll  
receive a deep cleansing, an  
exfoliation and a customized  
mask.

Valentines Day Special: \$35





# "NIGHT" at the Lodge

**Friday, February 18, 2011  
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.**






# Bingo Buzz! 2011

**February 2011:**  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Starting @ 5pm  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Starting @ 5pm

**March 2011:**  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Starting @ 5pm  
March 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Starting @ 5pm

**April 2011:**  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Starting @ 5pm  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**PLEASE NO POPCORN IN THE BALLROOM!**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**



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



# EVERYONE IS INVITED

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING




"See Something, Say Something"

**Friday, February 11, 2011  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Join us at the neighborhood watch meeting.  
If you have any questions, concerns or comments  
we want to know.**

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

# Discovery Club

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011  
6:30PM**  
**In the Craft room.**  
**Learn about your Family Tree!**

**Contact Willis Fagan to  
discover more information  
on the club.**



## *Valentine's Day Dinner Menu*

*Dinner includes: Coffee, Tea or Fountain Beverage or Bring Your Beverage Of Choice.*

### *Choose one Appetizer to share:*

- Hot Wings with Cool Blue Cheese
- Southwest Egg Rolls with Avocado Ranch
- Zucchini Sticks with Ranch
- Calamari Rings with Marinara

### *Choose your Entrée:*

*Entrée comes with your choice of soup or salad!*

- **Prime Rib:** Smitty's famous Herb Crusted Prime Rib Roast with Au jus, Baked Potato & Green Beans
- **Chicken Marsala:** Smitty's own version of Chicken Marsala served over Fettuccini Noodles
- **New York Steak:** A thick cut New York Steak cook to order with Baked Potato & Green Beans

### *Choose your Dessert:*

- **Brownie Overload:** Our Famous Brownie served warm with Hot Fudge, Ice Cream, Nuts & Whipped cream
- **Turtle Cheesecake:** New York Style cheesecake with Chocolate & Carmel
- **Chocolate Lava Cake:** Served hot with Vanilla Ice Cream

*Valentine's Day Dinner for Two!!*

*Smitty's Bistro will be open*

*Monday, February 14, 2011*

*(For a special Valentine's Day Dinner)*

*~\$40 Per Couple~*

*Limited Space Available:  
-Must come to the Bistro to  
pre-paid your Reservations:*

*Two Dinner Time Seating Available:  
\*4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Or  
\*6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

**Smittys It's A Deli**

**1518 Four Seasons Circle ~ (Inside Lodge)**

**(951) 769-0717**

**Last day to purchase**

**Your pre-paid reservation:**

**February 10, 2011**



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



## PRO-FIT SCHEDULE~ February 2011

Monday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Monday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Tuesday	Gentle Yoga	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Tuesday	Ballet	9:30 am	Aerobics room
Wednesday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Thursday	Pilates	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Thursday	Zumba Gold	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Saturday	Gentle Yoga	9:00 am	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

\*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.

**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 April - November.

**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

**Ballet:** We will work on balance, cord strength, flexibility, mind & body connection.

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

Mark Your Calendar On  
Saturday, February, 26, 2011  
For The Incredibly Fun...

# "MARDI GRAS PARTY!!!"

Tickets will be \$20 each  
and will go on sale  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011

Stay tuned  
for more information!!!

**Back by  
Overwhelmingly  
Popular Demand!!!**

**Mark your Calendar for  
Saturday, March 19th  
and get ready for  
The concert of the year!**



**The Events System Committee presents  
the fabulous A cappella Doo Wop group**

# THE MIGHTY ECHOES

**in our own  
Four Seasons Ballroom!**

**Opening for the  
Mighty Echoes  
will be**

**Nathan Gibson,  
Magician  
Extraordinaire**



**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!**



# HOA News

## Manager's Update

By Lisa Lynn, General Manager

At the Open Session Board meeting held on Thursday, Jan. 13, the Board of Directors approved committee recommendations; including the Landscape proposal for removal of cottonwood trees close to the tennis courts, the Ad hoc Water Management proposal to install a test area along Crooked Creek to review the cost effectiveness of a different plant material for water and maintenance purposes, the Ad hoc Access Control and Safety and Facilities proposal to make the Crooked Creek entrance access by transponder only and requiring guests and vendors to use the Potrero entrance and the Social Committee proposal for the Mardi Gras event. The Board approved the vendor proposal for the replacement cost of the headphone jack insert for 14 televisions in the fitness center, approved the 2011 Lodge Holiday hours, accepted the turnover of the Phase C upper and lower trails contingent on the completion of the punch list items and accepted the landscape maintenance bid for that area, approved the cost of purchasing backflow covers for the Phase B area, approved the Racquet Club request to store their tennis ball machine at the Lodge and to purchase new tennis balls for the club member use, approved the revised Communications Advisory Committee charter and requested the tabled Qualifications for Election to the Board of Directors be referred back to the Rules and Regulations Committee with the notes from legal council regarding changes. Overall, 34 action items were requested of Management by the Board of Directors.

Management reported to the Board the completion of items including the security cameras installation, the installation of the Craft Room ledge, the CC&R petition items submitted to legal, the Springdale insurance policy renewal (including the general policy and earthquake policy), removal of horsetail at a Springdale unit planter area, renewal of the music license for the facilities and completion of the gatehouse repairs. Management reported to the Board that 53 violation letters had been sent out during December. Of those, 7 were for landscape or lot maintenance, 9 were for trash containers, 5 for not properly storing a garden hose, and 32 for not registering a vehicle. The Board of Directors suspended facility privileges for 7 members for delinquent dues, bringing the total for suspended privileges to 33 current members. There were 46 accounts with balances over 90 days past due.

The Board approved the December 2010 meeting minutes and the November 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, February 10.

Remember to check the calendar for upcoming District Delegate election dates. Ballots for District Delegate candidates need to be returned in the envelopes received and please sign the outside of the green envelope. It is necessary to receive more than 50% of the ballots from each district to meet the quorum requirements; otherwise, an adjourned meeting must be held. Your participation is appreciated.

The Board of Directors approved the proposal from the Ad Hoc Access Control and Safety/Facilities Committees to make the access at the Crooked Creek entrance by transponder use only. Guests and vendors will be required to use the Potrero entrance. This new procedure will be in effect starting March 1. Making that gate accessible only to residents with a transponder will help to increase the community safety and security, as well as to help eliminate damages to the gates.

The Safety and Facilities Committee is in need of sub-committee members to provide inspections of the common areas and facilities. They are also looking for a member who would be willing to sit in on committee meetings to record the minutes of the meeting. Please contact Jerry Thompson, Committee Chairperson, at (951) 572-5394 or Lisa Lynn, Euclid Management representative at (951) 769-6358.

The Board of Directors for K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Community Association, during an action taken on Sept. 9, 2010, has approved the Beaumont Police Department to provide vehicle code enforcement within the Association. This approval is in compliance with the Association's Declaration of Conditions, Covenants, Restrictions, Reservations, and Easements (CC&Rs), Section 2.2 (vi) which states, "The right of the Association to regulate the use of any private streets, roadways, and paved areas located upon or across the Association Property, including the right to regulate the kind of vehicles traveling thereon, the speed thereof, and the parking of vehicles upon such private streets and roadways. However, traffic upon such private streets and roadways shall be subject to and governed by all applicable provisions of the California State Vehicle Code and traffic regulations of the City and/or County. Declarant and/or the Association is authorized to delegate to a municipality or other governmental entity or to contract with any private security patrol company to exercise its rights in connection with such private streets, roadways, and parking areas."

Pursuant to the California Vehicle Code 21107.7, the City of Beaumont may act upon this enforcement by resolution of the City Council taken at a duly noticed meeting. The Board of Directors has presented a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining a pilot program between the Beaumont Police Department and the Association in order to improve traffic and safety issues in the Association. The Beaumont City Council has placed this item on their agenda.

Notice of Public Hearing

March 1, 2011

6 p.m.

Beaumont Civic Center

550 E. 6th Street, Room 5

Beaumont CA 92223



# HOA News

## Architectural Review Committee

By Willis Fagan, Chairperson

Please take note of the display area of artificial grass, located to the left of the trail head across the parking lot from the Lodge. Notice how it looks during stormy, wet weather, how it looks in the sunshine, and compare its appearance to the natural grass in the area. It would be helpful if you let us know your reaction – if you like or dislike what you see. You can send a short email to Willis Fagan, ARC chairman, at wefbev@verizon.net.

The ARC works diligently on behalf of our community – to be fair in our judgments, to be sensitive to homeowner needs and requests, and to give careful consideration to unusual or unique situations. Sometimes this takes more effort and research than is possible at one meeting, so there are occasions when responses take longer. Sometimes issues require clarification and discussion with the Board of Directors or with other committees. In any case, this committee tries to accommodate every homeowner in a timely manner.

The Architectural Review Committee meets regularly each month, and meeting times are posted in the Sentinel calendar. You are most welcome to attend any meeting – just to observe, or to ask questions or make comments.

## Bingo Committee

I am Sandy Dwyer, Chairperson of Bingo. We are always looking for volunteers to help with staffing and calling. All callers need to be finger printed at the Beaumont Police Department. If you are interested, please come to a Bingo Night and talk with me or Judee Wood.

The Four Seasons Bingo donated to Carol's Kitchen, who feed over 4000 people per month, the sum of \$1,996.09 and to the City of Beaumont Foundation for Police and Fire, \$3,992.16. These donations came from Bingo profits.

Our next Bingo will be on Wednesday, Feb. 2, and Wednesday, Feb. 16. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games start with the Early Bird at 5:50 p.m. All sales close at 5:45 p.m. with no exceptions.

If you have not played before, come and have some fun and win some money.

Pots are between \$60 and \$100. Double action is \$200 - \$250. Early Bird is \$150 - \$250. Black Out pays \$150 - \$200. The 50/50 runs from \$100 - \$150. -- **Sandy Dwyer, Chairperson**

## Bistro Committee

The Bistro Committee met Tuesday Jan. 4. The committee reviewed the accomplishments for 2010 such as grandchild menus, take out menus, special dinner nights and clips to hold dinner order numbers at tables.

The subject of reserved tables was discussed. As a courtesy to your fellow homeowners, please do not occupy tables with Reserved signs on them or remove any items from them. If you have a group of fifteen or more, you may call the Bistro before noon on the day you need a set up, and ask to have tables set up and reserved for your group.

The next meeting is Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. --**William Taylor, Chairperson**

## Finance Committee

By Noel Myers, Chairperson

The Finance Committee held its regular meeting on Dec. 14, 2010. The financial statements for November 2010 were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: Net Income Year-to-date was \$263,250 and total reserves were \$2,036,281.

The Front Yard expenses for November 2010 were under the monthly budget by \$399 and under the year-to-date budget by \$17,939. The accounts receivable (delinquencies) were \$143,830. Our total HOA expenses through November 2010 (excluding reserve allocations) were \$1,615,257; this was under budget by \$189,330.

With respect to investments, the committee recommended to the BOD to reinvest certificates of deposit maturing in February 2011 at the best prevailing rate for a term not to exceed two years.

Wayne Staples presented a report that details the status of delinquent accounts, segregated by current homeowners and former homeowners. Wayne stated that he would distribute this report on a monthly basis to the Finance Committee.

Noel Myers, Finance Committee representative to the newly formed Ad Hoc Water Management Committee, reported on the Committee's first meeting held Dec. 1, 2010.

The Committee then addressed the selection/need to choose a new FC Chairperson for 2011 since Bob Melville is stepping down as Chairperson as of December 31, 2010. Bob will remain as a member of the Finance Committee in 2011. After much discussion, Noel Myers volunteered to be the Committee Chairperson beginning Jan. 1, 2011.

Bob Melville reported that only one application had been received to date for the opening on the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. and HOA members are always welcomed.

## Event Systems Committee

By Teri DiMarino-Davidson

We may still be in the midst of winter but the Event Systems Committee is already making plans for some spring changes. The committee has several new "techie volunteers" who are learning the ropes to help at future events. Anyone attending the Holiday Show in the Ballroom, sponsored by the Performing Arts Club, enjoyed the versatility of the sound system and appreciated the talents of the technical crew who kept everything running smoothly. If you have some spare time and want to lend a hand in this area, you can contact Roland Harrah and he will be happy to add your name to our list of invaluable volunteers.

And, speaking of new additions, keep an eye out for some future additions to be made to our Ballroom's permanent sound system. All this is possible through the generosity of our residents. These thoughtful contributors are recognized on the Premier Patron Board at the entrance to the Ballroom. If you would like to participate, please take one of the brochures in the holder next to the Patron Board. All contributions go toward the upgrading of our community's audio and visual equipment, making our concerts, meetings and gatherings that much more enjoyable.

Speaking of concerts, did you know that The Mighty Echoes



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are returning to Four Seasons at Beaumont? Mark your calendars for Mar. 19 for the event of the season! This Los Angeles based A Cappella Doo Wop quartet absolutely brought down the house last April and is returning by overwhelming popular demand. Tickets for this concert-seating event are \$25 each and will be going on sale in the Lodge this month. The popularity of this event last year tells us that this concert will sell out, so make plans to get your tickets early. Like all ESC sponsored events, all proceeds will go toward the audio/visual upgrading goals of the Event Systems Committee.

We are pleased to report that our first Holiday Home Tour was a huge success! It even made the front page of the Sentinel last month. This never would have happened without the participation of our volunteer homes. Holiday Home Tour 2011 is on the drawing board with other tours in the talking stage (perhaps a Summer Garden Tour). If you would like to have your home considered for a tour, please contact Teri DiMarino-Davidson at k9styler@aol.com or call at (951) 769-4345.

## Landscape Committee

By Phyllis Beede, Chairperson

In spite of the rains we have had these past months, water is still an important issue for Southern California. The next workshop hosted by the Landscape Committee on April 30 at 10 a.m., will be on Drought Tolerant Landscaping by Landscape Designer, Taryne Hoeny. Please note this on your calendars. It is a topic that will benefit both the environment and our wallets.

Unseasonably cold temperatures have caused some freeze damage throughout the community. The initial thought is to get right out there and cut away those black dead looking branches but this is not good practice because those areas may protect the remainder of the plant from further frost damage. Landscapers will be trimming or removing plants when the danger of further frost is past. Note will also be made of the plants that are proving to be too tender for our increasingly cold temperatures. Your patience is appreciated.

Gazanias are so pretty when in bloom but so messy when in seed and so ugly when they grow woody, sparse and block sprinklers. Being a short lived plant, about three years, this cycle is too fast for a plant to be successfully used as a common ground cover. As a result, we are gradually removing gazanias from front yards and common areas. As the gazanias are removed, they are being replaced with other more appropriate plants. The areas changed so far have been received very positively.

Some goals for 2011 include the further development of our Five Year Plan, markers to identify the plants in the Laurel Paseo, community workshops, continued working with the Water Management ad hoc committee to see our community using water in the most efficient and cost effective way possible and an annual Town Hall meeting. If you think of a project that might be of benefit, come to a meeting. The committee can look at ways of working with you to carry out agreed upon projects.

Recent cold weather and frost have resulted in considerable damage to the gazania ground cover planted in many front yard planter areas. The HOA is aware of this and has started a program to replace the frost damaged gazania with more frost tolerant myoporum ground cover. However, due to the large scope of the problem, it may be some time before all areas that suffered

frost damage are addressed. Your patience is appreciated on this issue, also.

Our meeting date has changed to 9:15 a.m. on the second Monday of each month. Come to a meeting to see what we do.

## Safety and Facilities Committee

By Jerry Thompson, Chairperson

Your Safety and Facilities Committee wants to continue our spotlight on resident safety. There are many conditions that affect our safety. Among those are; Vehicles, Pedestrians, Intrusions, and Emergencies. Each of these areas is being addressed to make sure we are doing all we can to make living in Four Seasons-Beaumont an enjoyable and safe experience.

Our gate system helps to slow down vehicles when entering the complex. Speed limit signage reminds us that 25 MPH is the legal speed. Our new speed calming sign is helping to slow downhill traffic on Four Seasons Circle as it approaches Green Creek Trail.

Four Seasons Circle trail crossings are being reviewed for ways to insure vehicle and pedestrians have visibility to insure safe crossings.

Drivers approaching traffic circles are reminded of posted signs to alert them that vehicle in circles have the right-of-way.

Our Gate Works program allows residents to control access of their visitors. All visitors, without a transponder, entering through the main gate, must register with the guard on duty to gain access. After hours entry allows use of the key pad.



Officers Christine Thoms and Jeremy Dorrough explain Neighborhood Watch.

Our Neighborhood Watch program is actively building a network of block captains to make sure each street is monitored to keep watch for intruders who intend to steal or cause harm. This team is our new core group to help us build a Four Seasons-Beaumont "Emergency Preparedness Program." Seven members of our EPP teams recently attended a special Federal Emergency Management Certification course: Vivian and Bill Samuel, Dennis Gray, Fred and Sandy Porter, Amparo Sanchez and Anita Worthen. We now have our core members certified and they will become trainers for all residents who would like to participate in our EPP program. Watch for announcements of meeting times and dates.

Our local Beaumont Senior Newsletter, January - February 2011, had a great article with a Red Cross recommended list of



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articles needed to save lives in the event of an emergency. The following is the list:

- 1 Water, one gallon per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation.
- 2 Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food.
- 3 Battery-powered or hand cranked radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with Tone Alert and extra batteries.
- 4 Flashlight and extra batteries.
- 5 First Aid Kit.
- 6 Whistle to signal for help.
- 7 Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting with duct tape to make a protected area.
- 8 Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- 9 Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- 10 Local maps.
- 11 Cell phone with charger, inverter or solar charger.

Additional items to consider adding to an emergency supply kit:

- 1 Prescription medications and glasses.
- 2 Infant formula and diapers, if applicable.
- 3 Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof portable containers.

Make sure to replace food, water and medications approximately every three months.

## Rules and Regulations Committee

The Garage/Yard Sale sub-committee met in the beginning of January to review the survey that has been on the website. The survey gave the sub-committee a track to move on regarding the parameters for the garage/yard sales that will be implemented in our community. The results of the sub-committee findings will be sent to the Board of Directors as a recommendation for the garage/yard sales in Four Seasons.

The Rules and Regulations Committee is getting closer to finalizing the revisions on the committee's charter. In our last meeting we made a few minor changes to the revisions that Mack McLaughlin and Bill Rusche had been working on.

Lisa Lynn updated the Rules and Regulations Committee on the progress of the parking stickers for the community. The process is slow and this is something that needs to be addressed. If you have not registered your vehicles with Euclid Management, please do so as quickly as possible. All you need to show is the vehicle registration. The management company needs to know that the homeowner is the registered owner of the vehicle. You do **NOT** need to give a copy of your registration. Please register your vehicles.

The rule for floatation devices in the pool has been changed and is ready to go to the Board of Directors for review. The revision provides for floatation devices for adults as an alternative to swim noodles. This adjustment is only applicable during "quiet time" and not during the time that children are able to swim (1:00—4:00 p.m.).

On-going projects include a contractor selection review and the distinction between clubs, interest groups and classes.

The Rules and Regulations Committee meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. Guests are welcome. -- **Louise Lyon, Chairperson, (951) 797-3257**

## Social Committee

By Melody Seewoster, Chairperson

It always seems strange writing about an event after it happens but with the deadlines we have it is the only way we can do it.

For those of you who did not attend the New Year's Eve party, we are sorry you missed this truly magical evening. The decorations were over the top; Bev and Willis Fagan and their crew did a wonderful job. We had snow castles, huge trees, winter animals and icicles hanging from the chandeliers and orchids in lighted vases. It really was a winter wonderland.

The band, Global Affair, also made magic with their music. They played all the songs we love and some that we didn't, but the dance floor was always full. As usual they played some ballroom, some rock and roll, some country and even a polka or two. We welcomed in the New Year from the east coast to the west coast at 9, 10, 11 and 12 o'clock, as we didn't want to leave anyone out.

For those who did attend we first enjoyed appetizers served to us by four young girls from our local Interact club. This was followed by a great meal of either pork tenderloin or chicken Cordon Bleu presented to us by, who else but our own, Smitty.

I want to thank everyone who helped put together an evening of fun and friendship. I can't begin to list all of the people who assisted in putting this together. It took months of planning and preparation to give to the residents of our community an evening they will not forget.

We hope that you will look forward to all of our upcoming events. Our first one in the New Year will be our Mardi Gras which is going to be held on Feb. 26. We are still working out the details of this event so be sure to watch the newsletter for more information.

We are short one committee member due to Bev having to resign. If you are interested in joining this committee, please fill out an application which you can pick up at the Lodge desk.

## Gardening Tips

Fertilizers -- Fertilize roses and fertilize perennials at the end of the month and keep them watered. You can use chemical fertilizers (follow package directions on amount and frequency) or organic fertilizers, such as compost, fish emulsion, and others. -- **Landscape Committee**

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The Board of Directors for the K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Community Association met on Thursday January 13, 2011 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 February 10, 2011 At 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

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

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# Clubs & Activities

## 8-Ball Club

Del Lyles and the 8-Ball Club would like to invite all of you to join us. We have a great bunch of team members and are always looking for new players.

If you are experienced or just a beginner, come and shoot some pool. Practice is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., but you can usually find someone in the Billiards Room any evening.

If you have any questions, just stop in or give us a call: President Del Lyles, (951) 845-5114; Vice President, Roland Harrah, (951) 845-1734; Secretary, Dot Hurst, (951) 769-5850. See you in the Billiards Room. -- **Dot Hurst**



## Ballroom Dance Club by Willis Fagan

### Ballroom Dance Club:

When we say "ballroom" dancing, we mean dancing that is historically associated with a ballroom. But we are not in any competition, nor are we expected to perform physically demanding and choreographed moves like they do on TV's Dancing With The Stars. Our dancing is for our own enjoyment, and we are there to move to the music and have fun.

Actually, ballroom dance encompasses many types and styles of dance and music. In the past three years we've been taught twelve different dances! There's simply no time to get bored because the experience is always interesting and challenging.

Also, the more you learn the easier it is to learn. You'll find that many basic steps and routines of a certain dance can be modified and used in other dances, so you can fall back on what you already know. And even more fun, you'll be able to put various steps together to make your own routines, on the spot, right out there on the dance floor.

Although we cover many styles of dance during the year, at present we're doing the waltz and the triple time swing.

Ballroom dance instructions are from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. every Monday night in our Ballroom. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

### Social Dancing for Beginners:

While the Ballroom Dance Club sponsors these lessons, you are not required to become a member of the Ballroom Dance Club, nor must you take "ballroom" dance lessons.

These instructions are especially designed for those who have never danced, or have very limited dance experience. No dance skill or prior experience is required. The only thing you'll need is a willingness to get started and to learn. You will be taught basic steps to use for various types of music – so you can dance at weddings, receptions, parties, etc.

One of the things we often hear is: "I don't know how to dance, and I'd feel stupid out there on the dance floor with everyone watching." That's a very legitimate concern for almost all beginners, but here's the real truth – everyone must start somewhere at sometime. Those who have more dance experience will encourage and support you, and will never criticize, belittle, judge or ridicule you. And best of all, you can learn to dance



right here at home, in one of the most welcome and friendly environments you'll ever know.

Social dance instructions are from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. every Monday night in our Ballroom. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Important Note: We want you to have your full half hour of instruction, so please be there a few minutes *early* so you can start *promptly* at 6 p.m..

## Amphitheater Society Club

More Survey Information: As I mentioned in last month's article, we had 86 participants return the first Amphitheater Society Survey and at the top of the list was a request for a Jazz Night. We will be working diligently to make that happen sometime during this coming summer season.

After that request, the "Wish List" fell into general categories of: Singers, Magic, Dance Exhibits, Instrumental Entertainment, with plays and skits finishing the list.

Under the Singers category, most requests were for performers who would sing songs from the 60s, followed by Folk Singer Music, New Western style, Elvis Music and Impersonators, a return of Frank Lopez and his guitar and ending with Soul, Gospel and Rhythm and Blues.

The surveys returned had all types of Magic next on the list, followed by Dance Exhibits, interest in Folklorico/Spanish Dance, Hawaiian Dance and Music, Chippendale Dancers and Tap/Ballet.

The Instrumental Music/Bands category brought Classical, Big Band, Military, Polka, Spanish Guitar, Piano and Latin Beat as favorites, in that order.

The Plays and Skits was a request for anything funny/comedic. So now we have our work cut out for us and hopefully we will be able to fulfill some of your requests, plus maybe have a surprise or two thrown in to keep it interesting. As usual, if you know performers we can talk to about coming to our Amphitheater please get in touch with any of us on the committee.

We are also looking for new members, pass the word to any new residents that this committee is open and fun to work on. Our next meeting is from 10:30-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb.2, at the Lodge. -- **Penny McDonell, Chairperson**

## Asian Club

First, let me wish you all a Happy New Year.

Let me inform you of the results of the Asian Club restructuring meeting:

(1) We elected officers, Captain Thomas Yee and Co-Captain Bill Deng. (2) We formed an activities committee composed of the following members: Sheldon Ho, Allan Chan, Diana Tu, and Bill Deng. (3) Our meeting schedule is changed from the second Tuesday and the third Friday to the second Wednesday and the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:00 p.m. until 2 p.m..

I am proud to have an opportunity to work with Bill Deng and the members of the committee. Let us welcome them aboard. They are very dedicated and talented. With everyone's effort I have no doubt that we will take the Asian club to the next level.

-- **Thomas Yee, Captain**

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### Book Club

The report on our January meeting will be in next month's article.

Our meeting this month will be on Feb. 22 from 9:30-1100 a. m. in the Banquet Room at the Lodge. Doreen Sanders will lead our discussion of *The Dollmaker* by Harriet Arnow.

Happy Reading! -- **Nancy Morgan**



### Bridge Club

The Bridge Club continues to be a source of pleasure for our members as we enter 2011. We average two or three tables of players as we try to improve our Bridge skills. For anyone wanting to join our fine group, we play every Monday at noon in the Card Room.

At this time, we will discontinue our beginning Bridge Class until more students are interested in learning this fascinating game. -- **Carl Carson, (951) 769-8912**

### Bunco

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

We will meet for Bunco this month on Fridays, Feb. 11 and on Feb. 25, in the Card Room at the Lodge at 1:00 p.m.

If you haven't been to Bunco for a while or you are a new homeowner, come and join us. If you have never played, it is very easy. If you can throw dice, you can play Bunco. Hope to see you soon! -- **Anni Smith and Suzanne Roldan**



### Canasta

Canasta is fun! If you haven't tried it yet you should think about giving it a try in the New Year. It's a great way to make friends and meet new people. If you don't know how to play we will be glad to teach you since the more people that play the more fun we seem to have.

We play every Thursday from 1:15 to 4:00 p.m. in the Card Room at the Lodge. Come on down and see what fun you can have. -- **Melody Seewoster**

### Free Computer Classes

Please sign up at the front desk in the Stop Look & Sign Up book. The class is limited to only nine students per class and a class will be scheduled when the enrollment reaches nine students. Each class is three weeks long and meets each Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. You will be notified the week before a class is to begin.

Classes are scheduled in the following order based on enrollment numbers: Basic Skills, Windows XP, and then Internet. The current students have priority for the next class unless it's a Basic Skill Course; then only new students will be enrolled. Priority is based on Homeowners sign up date.

**Basic Skills** - This is a class designed for a beginner and those who need review of basic computer skills. The class



includes mouse and keyboard practice, creating Microsoft Word documents and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

**Windows XP** - This class will allow you to become skilled at customizing your windows system and desktop. You will learn to create shortcuts for the items you often use. You will gain knowledge using WordPad, Paint, and other basic programs included with every Windows Computer. Basic Skills 103 or equivalent experience is necessary.

**Internet** - Learn how to search and find material of interest to you on the World Wide Web. Find out about newsgroups and how to read the ones you select. Discover how to send and receive e-mail, send pictures via e-mail, mailing list and conventions for joining and leaving them. Internet Explorer will be demonstrated and used. Basic Skills or previous computer experience is recommended. -- **Bill Rusche, Instructor**

### "Get Around to It" - Crafters

Well.....all you crafty ladies, it's February. Oh my, here we go again! Time flying by. And, if you get this prior to our "Around To It" night, the first Thursday of the month, on Feb. 3, come and join us in the Craft Room up at the Lodge.

Our own member and great crafter, Barbara Wasco, will be giving us a demonstration on Rubber Stamping to produce a Valentine card. She will explain basic stamping techniques, the differences in inks and paints, and how to emboss. She will also have a display of other items that can be made using rubber stamps. Come on down. We'd love to have you!

And, if you can't come this month plan on coming in March, again the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for April and keep reading the Sentinel, because we have another demonstration planned by Rhea who will be walking us through how to make quilted baby booties. Another must see! Have you seen her quilts? Oh my gosh! She's also one talented lady!

And, there's more coming! We want to meet you and learn about your talents. And even if you're a little bit interested and don't know how to do any crafty thing, that's o.k. Come and learn or just watch and make friends. Bring your mending, photo books to complete, sew a long over-due patch on, knit a scarf (baby it's cold outside) or make a necklace or ? You decide!

**"WANTED"** all those who need therapy! Remember it's a lot cheaper and a whole lot more fun. Give either Pat Dawson (909) 720-1514 or Paulette Sims (909) 967-5261 a call.

P.S.: I think we're ready for an outing. Let's get out of Dodge. Where or what do you want to do with a group of crazy crafty ladies? Let us know. Bring your ideas! -- **Paulette Sims**

### Discovery Club

Sandoval, (Old Man Buffalo Grass), a Navajo chief, spoke to ethnologist Aileen O'Brien in November of 1928, and said this: "You look at me, and you see only an ugly old man, but within I am filled with great beauty. I sit as on a mountain top and I look into the future. I see my people and your people living together. In time to come my people will have forgotten their





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early way of life unless they learn it from white men's books. So you must write down what I tell you; and you must have it made into a book (so) that coming generations may know this truth."

The wise old chief's concern is relevant to us today. We must write down our own history so future generations will know the truth...about us. But real history is more than just the cold, hard facts of physical events; it also includes mental, emotional, religious, economical, political, ethnical and spiritual events. To know what happened is only part of the story. To know why it happened, the reasons behind it, tells the complete story.

Let's say your great grandmother "Maud" lived in six different places in just a few years. As curious as that is, it's not the whole story. Why did she move about so much? What was going on? Was she married to a migrant laborer? Was there a pandemic illness? Or was she just a restless person who liked to explore? We'll never know, because none of her generation is alive to tell us and nothing was written down. We've forever lost the truth (why), behind the truth (what), which was exactly Sandoval's concern.

Today we have such great and easy tools with which to document our own history, thus we should take every opportunity to do so – while we still can. Whenever a memory flashes through your head, write it down – if not at that very moment, make a note of it and write the rest at a later time. Little by little, and quite painlessly, your history will be written.

Join us for the *discovery of a lifetime*... of our forebears and of our own lives. We are most capable and genuinely qualified to do what old Sandoval asked for, to provide a written account so that "coming generations may know this truth."

This year the Discovery Club will concentrate on doing your family tree and journaling your own history. Our guests will share their experiences, their methods and their results – to the benefit of us all. Please let me know if you want to be added to our email list so you can receive notices of coming meetings and subjects. The next meeting of the Discovery Club will be on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Craft room. -- **Willis Fagan, Club Captain**, [wefbev@verizon.net](mailto:wefbev@verizon.net)

## Life Guide Bible Study Club

During the month of February the Life Guide Bible Study Club will continue their study of one of the greatest chapters of the Bible, Romans 12. On the first Tuesday in February we will consider what it means to be part of the body of Christ. Then for the next several Tuesdays we will look at the "marks of a true Christian," as we continue studying this marvelous chapter on Christian Living. Come and join us. Everybody is welcome!

The Life Guide Bible Study Club meets in the Ballroom of the Lodge on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 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**

## Line Dancing

Did we have fun New Year's Eve or what?! I was so happy to see so many people line dance, although all the dancing was great. Many of you came close to just watch and some tried to follow our steps, so I know you are interested in trying.

A simple dance like the Electric Slide, you can learn by watching because it only has about eighteen steps. Harder ones like New York New York or Boot Scootin' Boogie take more time to learn because they have many more steps which aren't repeated as often.

Many people don't know that there are hundreds of line dances. Our group has learned or is working on about fifteen. Here's your chance and it is free -- every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. Come join us. Everyone is friendly and helpful. All of us were new at one time and had to learn one step at a time. Come on, learn your one step.

Please give me a call if you have any questions: (951) 769-3889. -- **Martha Franck, Club Captain**



## Night Out at the Lodge

(Formerly Nightclub at the Lodge)

This event was renamed because many thought it was only for dancing -- and it is not. The Ballroom is a great place that we pay for, so why not come and enjoy it.

Everyone needs a night out, so on the last Friday of the month, come enjoy the company of friends, neighbors or even family members at the Ballroom. Grab a meal at Smitty's (delivered to the Ballroom) and bring a bottle of wine or whatever, listen to music, dance, or just enjoy the company of friends or meet other neighbors.

The Ballroom is a place where you can practice your dance moves -- line dancing, Ballroom or any type of dance. We will play any music that is requested and if we don't have it, bring your own CDs or MP3 device.

We are here to have a good time and after seeing the New Year's Eve party, I know many love to dance and visit. So why not come down and party here each month. See you on Feb. 18. -- **Bill Guy**

## Painting Class

"This is so relaxing." "I feel like I'm meditating." Those are some of the comments I heard from new students at our first painting class of 2011. While these comments are true, we are also learning how to use our creativity to produce works of art. There are no Rembrandts here (except for maybe Ian Kirpatrick, our instructor), just a bunch of active adults having loads of fun.

Join us for painting classes on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Craft Room. No skill is required and we supply the materials for your first class. Just be ready to have lots of fun. -- **John Horning**


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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Four Seasons Beaumont</b>  <b>Committees, Clubs, Groups, And Special Events</b>	<b>Notes:</b> * African American Culture Club *Feb. 9: 2 - 4p: "Meet the Candidates for District Elections" *Feb. 14: Special Valentines Day Dinner at Smit-ty's (Reservations Required)		<b>1</b> 10a Knit & Crochet Poker <b>11</b> 6p <b>Bistro Com Mtg</b> Hearts 7 Life Guide Bible Study
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12p Bridge 6 AACC* 7 8-Ball Club	<b>8</b> 10a Knit & Crochet Poker <b>2p</b> <b>Event Sys Com Mtg</b> 6 All Seasons RV Club Hearts 7 Life Guide Bible Study
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>9:15a Landscape Com Mtg</b> 12p Bridge 6 AACC* 7 8-Ball Club	<b>15</b> <b>9a Safety &amp; Fac Com Mtg</b> 10a Knit & Crochet Poker <b>1p Finance Com Mtg</b> 6 Hearts 6:30 Camera Club
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12p Bridge 4 Performing Arts Club 6 AACC* 7 8-Ball Club	<b>22</b> 9:30a Book Club 10 Knit & Crochet Poker 6p Hearts 7 Life Guide Bible Study
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12p Bridge 6 AACC* 7 8-Ball Club	



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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>10a ARC Meeting</b> 10:30 Amphitheater Soc Mtg 1p Canasta #2 5 Bingo Dominoes 7 8-Ball Club	<b>3</b> 10a Poker 11:30 Pan 1:15p Canasta #1 <b>5 Social Com Mtg</b> <b>5:30 Crafters</b>	<b>4</b> 10a Open Art Studio 5p Dominoes 6 Seasoned Solos 7 8-Ball Club	<b>5</b> 10a Painting Class 1p Poker
<b>9</b> <b>10a Newsletter Com Mtg</b> 12p Asian Club 1 Canasta #2 2 Meet the Candidates * Dominoes 5 8-Ball Club	<b>10</b> <b>8a HOA BOD Exec Mtg</b> Poker Pan <b>10 HOA BOD Mtg</b> 11:30 Canasta #1	<b>11</b> 10a Neighborhood Watch Open Art Studio 1p Bunco 5 Dominoes 7 8-Ball Club	<b>12</b> 10a Painting Class 5p Karaoke
<b>16</b> <b>8:30a G S Ad Hoc Com Mtg</b> <b>10 ARC Mtg</b> <b>Newsletter Com Mtg</b> 1p Canasta #2 5 Bingo Dominoes 6 Travel Club Cruise Info 6:30 Discovery Club	<b>17</b> <b>9a Rules &amp; Regs Com Mtg</b> 10 Poker 11:30 Pan 1:15p Canasta #1 6 Taste d'Vine Wine Club	<b>18</b> 10a Open Art Studio 5p Night Out At The Lodge Dominoes 7 8-Ball Club	<b>19</b> 10a Poker 1p Painting Class 6 & 7 Magic Night
<b>23</b> <b>10a-4p District Delegate Elections</b> 12p Asian Club 1 Canasta #2 Dominoes 5 8-Ball Club	<b>24</b> 10a Poker 11:30 Pan 1:15p Canasta #1	<b>25</b> 10a Open Art Studio 1p Bunco 5 Dominoes 7 8-Ball Club	<b>26</b> 10a Painting Class 5:30p Mardi Gras Party
			





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## Physical Exercise/Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Notes:</b> All schedules are subject to change  <b>6</b>		<b>1</b> 8:30a Gentle Yoga 9:30 Ballet 3p Beg Tennis	<b>2</b> 8:30a Conditioning 9:30 Beg Conditioning 10:30 Ping Pong	<b>3</b> 8:30a Pilates 9:30 Zumba Gold 4p Line Dancing 6 Ballroom Dance Practice	<b>4</b> 8:30a Conditioning 9:30 Beg Conditioning 10:30 Ping Pong	<b>5</b> 9a Gentle Yoga
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# Clubs & Activities

## The Racquet Club

Brrrr... It has been COLD!

Between the cold weather and the busy holiday season activities, tennis play has slowed down. Lyle Cameron assures me that there are a stalwart few who have been braving the cold for their regularly scheduled play. I have taken a few weeks off -- but intend to be back out on the courts as soon as this weather breaks...



The beginner group, for the time being, will be meeting at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays in the exercise room to work on their sponge ball game. When the weather is decent, they jump out on the courts to try and get a game or two in to record for the Sponge Ball League. Any beginners or re-learners interested in joining in with the group should check with the Lodge on Tuesdays to be sure the group will be meeting and then just show up.

Until the weather becomes reasonable, the regular outdoor drill groups will be on hold. Consider visiting your friends in the desert and working up a game there.

It seems hard to believe but we are now just five weeks away from the opening of the 2011 BNP Paribas Indian Wells Tennis Open. Women's qualifying play starts on Monday, Mar. 7, followed by the Men's Qualifications on Mar. 8. Both of these event days are free. Four Seasons at Beaumont Racquet Club will likely organize two trips to this world class competition so watch the website for specifics. Last year we hosted a day during qualifications and, later in the tournament, an evening outing with discounted senior ticket pricing. By March, the weather will have warmed considerably, often reaching the high 70's during the day affording very pleasant viewing conditions. Also, many non-playing residents joined our regular playing members providing an opportunity for new friendships. We had some lively discussions last year while car-pooling and socializing over lunch in the food court area. So check your March schedule and consider visiting the Indian Wells Tennis Gardens for a great day of sun and fun!

The Senior Olympics Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 4-6 in La Quinta. Interested players should check the website for information and signup sheet.

Our end of the month "Play Days" will resume in the Spring. Check the message board in the Lodge or the website for more information: [www.integratedgraphics.net/BeaumontTennis.html](http://www.integratedgraphics.net/BeaumontTennis.html). -- **Howard Lyon, FSBRC Secretary**

## Ping Pong Club

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to lose weight, or to improve your health, or to get more fun out of life, or maybe all three, the Ping Pong Club might just be the answer for you. Ping pong (table tennis) is fun for everyone and here are 10 great reasons to play table tennis:



1. It gets your heart pumping. A fast moving, high-spirited game burns about 300 calories an hour. That's the equivalent of a 27-minute power walk or 32 minutes of light gymnastics.
2. The quick hand and eye movements sharpen reflexes.
3. It's a gentle, non-impact sport that's easy on on your body.
4. Almost anyone can play, so families can enjoy it together.
5. You can play it all your life, and you can pick it up at any age.

6. Games won't be canceled because of the weather, since it's usually played indoors.
7. It keeps your brain mentally sharp as you age, because it requires thinking, planning, and strategizing.
8. The cost of a table is relatively low if you want to put one in your home and have the space.
9. It's a workout for your upper and lower body.
10. Table tennis clubs give you a way to socialize and meet new people. To find one in your area, go no farther than the Lodge here at Four Seasons and play as much or as little as you want. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Make that New Year's resolution work for you! -- **Niles Sundstrom**

## Seasoned Sassies

I know it's been said many times, many ways, but "Happy New Year" from the Seasoned Sassies, our own Red Hat Society chapter.



We had a busy year going to lunches, playing games, miniature golfing and just enjoying each other's company.

We are eighteen members strong with new ladies joining us all the time and sometimes ladies, for one reason or another, needing to drop out. This January was our planning session for the first six months of 2011. A list of outings includes: 1) Feb. 9, Movie Star Home Tours. Judy G. to get the information and make reservations. 2) Mar. 8, A Green Party Luncheon at Melody's house at noon. Everyone is to bring something green to eat! 3) April 13, Traveling by train to Chinatown. Mary Ellen will be in charge. 4) May 11, Brunch/Lunch at Spencer's in Palm Springs. We meet at the Lodge at 11:00 a.m., leave at 11:15 for reservations at noon. 5) June 8, Lunch at the Lodge -- Buy at Smitty's or bring your own at 11:30. Plans to be made for the rest of the year.

This is a great group of ladies and it is also a wonderful way to meet and make friends with the ladies of our community. If you are interested in becoming one of the Seasoned Sassies, please call me (Melody) at (951) 769-2774. Remember there is only one "rule" for this group and that is you are supposed to wear a red hat and purple outfit when we go out on the town as a group. -- **Melody Seewoster**

## Seasoned Solos

We have no specific date set for February yet, but we are planning a trip to the Museum of Tolerance. If anyone is interested in going with us, give Mary Castle a call at (951) 769-5444 for more information early in February -- or even better, come to the Solos meeting the first Friday in February to learn more about this trip.

In the planning stages is a trip to Huntington Library and Gardens sometime in March with a date to be set at our February meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Friday, Feb. 4, meeting. All singles are welcome to join our group and participate in our events.

Hope you all had a great holiday season. -- **Toby Davis**



# Clubs & Activities



## Taste d'Vine Wine Club



February is known as the Love Month. With that thought, the theme this month is Loving Value Wines.

There are many value wines. Of course, the store brands names such as Oak Leaf, Douglas Hill, Vintner Partners and others -- and the most widely know Charles Shaw, better known as Two Buck Chuck.

It is also fun to try some other wines that are second and third labels of the higher end wineries. Ask the manager or the person who orders wines in stores to name some different wines to try for value pricing.

Try wines from other countries. Many are reasonably priced. Chile, Argentina, France, Germany -- try other countries as well. Sample different varietals. You will be amazed at what gems are out there. It also makes for a good opportunity to expand your wine experience.

Come join us on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. Members \$5.00, guests \$8.00. Bring a glass, or two if you want to share, and an appetizer. See you there and tell us what you have found. -- **Anita Worthen, President**

## Travel News



As the New Year has started with cold and windy days, we need to turn our thoughts to summer and look forward to warm weather and vacations.

I haven't had any information on day trips, so I cannot help you there, but I am always getting information on extended travel.

Are you interested in Alaska, the Caribbean, Europe, or other places? If so let me know and I will be glad to share some of the trips I hear about.

Our trip for this Fall, November to be exact, is now standing at 42 people, mostly from Four Seasons, but a few from other places. At this time there is only one inside cabin left at the group rate. There is interest in it, however, so if this trip is something you might like to do, you should call Barbara Strona at (951) 769-7895 ASAP. There are other cabins available but at a greater cost. This is a 13 day trip, starting on November 6 on the new Celebrity ship, the Silhouette. I toured the Silhouette's sister ship in November of 2010 and was very impressed. Having seen all of the cabins while I was aboard I have decided that the penthouse suite is for me, however my pocketbook says otherwise. For anyone who is interested in this suite it is about 1300 sq. feet and has a baby grand piano in it. For those of us who can't afford the hefty price on the suite, all the other cabins are really nice. One thing, ladies, there is plenty of storage space in all of the cabins.

There will also be a Canasta tournament if enough people sign up for it. We will only be playing two hours a day for the days we are at open sea, which still gives us plenty of time to enjoy all the things this ship has to offer.

We are working on a cruise to Europe for next year, hopefully something around Spain, France, Italy and Croatia. However this has not been decided for sure as yet. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further information. -- **Melody Seewoster**

## Walkie Talkies



On Dec. 14, we hiked the 3.5 miles Canyon Loop in the Whitewater preserve, off highway 10. We could not have picked a better day for this outing. The weather was great and the scenery spectacular. The trees and shrubs near the visitor center displayed the best of fall colors.

Whitewater is not only a hiking destination. It has a very nice picnic area, some very easy strolling trails, and a few ponds with hundreds of trout. If you are lucky, you may even see some big horn sheep. Frieda and I saw several of them on the Sunday before the hike. Take your grandchildren there for a visit or for a picnic.

The Jan. 11 hike to the Santa Rosa Plateau near Murrieta was cancelled. The recent rains have damaged some of the main trails. It may be a while until we can hike there again. We decided to do a local hike instead, on one of the fire trails off South Highland Springs Avenue. Read about it in the March issue.

On Tuesday Feb. 8, Walt and Bev Webster will lead us on a hike near Crafton Hills College in Redlands.

As always, we hike on the second Tuesday of every month and meet at the Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. We car pool to our destination..

For more information, please call me. -- **Fred Hofer (951) 922-6119**

## All Seasons RV Club

The report on our trip to Quartzsite will be in next month's article.



Our meeting this month is on Feb. 8, 6:00 p.m., at the Lodge in the Arts and Crafts room. We will finalize our plans for our Lake Havasu trip scheduled for Feb. 17-22.

Happy 2011 to all of you!--**Nancy Morgan**

## Old School Dance Club



Once again the Holidays have passed and a New Year is well at hand. I wish you all a Happy New Year to come.

The Old School Dance Club will re-open on Mar. 4 with some new and old dance sessions.

To all the Four Seasons residents who supported me during the time off from the Old School Dance Club, "Stay well." Until next time ... -- **Willa Harris, Captain**

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## Travel Club

### MARCH

I just received some information on day trips and thought our residents might be interested.

March 1	Mystery Tour, includes lunch .....	\$ 89.00	p/p
March 5	Getty Villa, no host lunch on site .....	35.00	p/p
March 8	Sherman Library, Rogers Gardens and South Coast Plaza .....	79.00	p/p
March 10	Madam Tussaud's \$ Hollywood Museum, no host Lunch .....	76.00	p/p
March 12	Temecula Wine Country .....	89.00	p/p
March 15	Museum of Art, lunch included .....	79.00	p/p
March 17	Joshua Tree Wild Flowers, lunch included .....	\$64.00	p/p
March 19	"Phantom" at the Candlelight .....	97.00	p/p
March 22	Griffith Observatory, with lunch .....	49.00	p/p
March 24	Santa Anita Races, includes lunch .....	62.00	p/p
March 26	"The Fantasticks" at the Welk w/lunch .....	94.00	p/p

To make reservations, please call Gadabout Vacations at (800) 952-5066 and send payment to Gadabout Vacations, 1801 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. -- **Melody Seewoster**

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"from your Valentine."

Another version was that the bishop Valentine tried to convert the emperor Claudius II to Christianity, while Claudius II had intended to convert St. Valentine back to Roman paganism. For his religious convictions Valentine was then executed. The signed message "From your Valentine" to the jail keeper's daughter was also part of this second version.

In medieval France and England a scholar, Henry Ansgar Kelley, author of *Chaucer and the Cult of St. Valentine*, linked the holiday to romance and love by declaring that birds, which he likened to symbols of love, chose their mates on St. Valentine's Day.

The holiday gradually evolved from drawing names to choose your sweetheart, through sending paper cards and handwritten notes. Great Britain is generally credited for starting the printing of greeting cards expressing loving emotions.

The Puritans brought Valentine's Day celebrations with them in 1629 but the first Valentine cards did not appear in the United States for another 100 years.

Fun facts about Valentines: Although Catholic countries tried to discourage the valentines, some of the most beautiful cards were made by nuns. Germany created expensive paper and elaborate borders for valentines in the 18th century, but did not use these materials exclusively for Valentine's Day. The English imported the paper and borders and then eventually began to make their own. According to the U.S. Greeting Card Association, approximately 190 million valentines are sent each year. Teachers receive more valentines than any other profession. The internet has created a new twist for valentines -- adding ecards, love coupons, or printable greeting cards. It is estimated that 15 million e-valentines were sent in 2010.

And did you know that not all valentines are romantic? The website [www.brownielocks.com](http://www.brownielocks.com) has an interesting, tongue-in-cheek, description of the emergence of "penny dreadfuls" which were insulting and cruel, valentines printed to look like money (the 5 pound note was quickly recalled because it was too realistic), and Vinegar Valentines (not loving and the recipient

had to pay the postage!).

Research does give a different slant to the holiday which most of us remember from our childhood. Little did we know that the Valentine box which the class / teacher decorated and the valentine bags which each of us made had such an interesting historical, albeit confusing, background.

Enjoy Valentine's Day -- however you choose to express it.

Enjoy the whole month of February's holidays. Remember -- the month goes by quickly.

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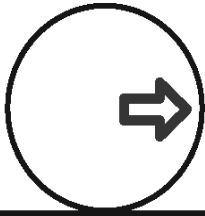
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# Four Season's Community Info



## Four Seasons Spotlight

### Willis, the Multi-Multitasker

By Leighton McLaughlin

Willis Fagan is used to doing a lot of things at the same time.

When he was a missionary child growing up in French West Africa he learned to speak English, French, the local language of Gouro and could get by in some eight other native dialects. "Kids just pick up all that stuff," he said

While he was studying to be an architect, he got married, helped raise two sons, designed and built his own house and worked full-time at an architectural firm.

He has carried this unrestrained multitasking to Four Seasons where he is chair of the Architectural Review Committee, a member of both Rules and Regulations and Event Systems committees, the founder and captain of the Discovery Club, and a member and spokesman for the Ballroom Dance Club. He also designed and helped put up the "Winter Wonderland" decorations for the New Year's Eve party in the Lodge, staged by the Social Committee, of which his wife, Bev, is a member.

His parents first met in London while training to be missionaries and were independently sent to the jungles of the Ivory Coast, then known as French West Africa, where they met a second time and married. They lived a difficult life. "Everything bad was there," said Fagan, "yellow fever, malaria, sleeping sickness, amoebic dysentery – and every kind of stinging, poisonous, insect and reptile, and every man-eating animal, including army ants, scorpions, spiders, snakes, tape worms, panthers, gorillas, baboons, rogue elephants – you name it."

There was little material support from Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, the organization that sponsored them. The family lived off crops the father grew and "parcels from home. "There was no salary, no health insurance, no return ticket, no nothing. They were lucky if they got medical supplies. It was very pioneering. It was a different time," said Fagan. "They lived by faith."

His parents helped translate the Bible into Gouro – a language they had to learn after they got to Africa. But the harmful environment finally undermined his father's health to the point the family had to leave after six years.

Fagan remembers staying with his father's family in Canada where a whole new world opened to him. "For the first time I had maple syrup and homemade butter and blueberries ... I didn't know what snow was. I brought a big chunk of snow in the house

once and put it on the stove because I wanted it to warm up."

His parents went back to Africa a second time while he and his two younger brothers stayed with a family in Scotland who provided a home for the children of missionaries on hardship assignments. But, again, his father's health forced a return shortly after the end of World War II.

In 1948 the family landed in El Monte, Cal. "and we've been here ever since," said Fagan.

After the primitive, subsistence living in Africa and the wartime austerity of Scotland, sunny, bountiful California was another new world. Fagan remembers that the English form of long division was done upside down, with the answer on the bottom instead of the top and that football was played "with a round ball you kick, not an oblong thing that you mostly throw."

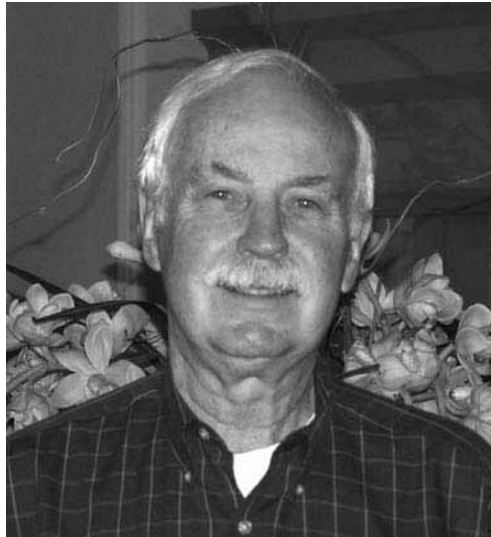
But he adjusted. In Rosemead High School he was involved with drama and music, and typically, he did it all. He acted and sang, ("I think I was in every production the school put on," he said.) played the piano, guitar, French horn, violin and cornet. He sang tenor in duets, and was in the a cappella choir, mixed quartets and solo competitions.

After high school he went to his father's alma mater, Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada, but soon decided he wanted to be an architect.

After a year he returned to California and took classes at Pasadena City College and then University of Southern California. He and Bev married in 1958 and the responsibilities of family life and a full-time job slowed his education. He was 20 when he began his studies and 30 when he got his architect's license. His jobs were all with builders and architects, so that he gained valuable on-the-job experience as a draftsman, project designer and project manager while still in school.

In 1970, he and a partner opened an architectural firm in Pasadena. They worked on all manner of projects: retail, residential, commercial, medical and industrial. One of their most notable projects is the George C. Page Museum at La Brea Tar Pits. Fagan said they designed the museum to show not just the regular exhibits, but the scientific work that went into paleontological research – a concept that gained international attention and imitation.

Later Fagan disbanded the partnership and became a sole practitioner. He designed private schools, churches, up-scale



Willis Fagan



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residences, the Covina Center for Performing Arts and buildings to house technical and management facilities for IBM, among other clients. The Covina Center is a state-of-the-art legitimate theater and has "a sound system that will knock your socks off" – a precursor of his membership in the Events Systems Committee.

He's mostly retired now, but maintains his license and does occasional design projects.

When the Fagans decided to retire, they spent a lot of time and effort searching for good place to live. "We looked at the entire Southwest," said Fagan, "from New Mexico to Nevada, Utah, Arizona, California – the coastal areas and the deserts. We reserved our opinion until we looked at everything. Four Seasons Beaumont came out first."

"When we moved here we knew nobody. That was one of our biggest concerns – what if we leave our long-time friends and we don't know anybody? We decided we were going to do everything we could to make new friends."

They were pleased to find Four Seasons to "be a friendly place, if you allow it to be." By way of making friends, he said one of his and Bev's greatest enjoyments is "to do something we have wanted to do all our adult lives -- learn how to dance," through membership in the Ballroom Dance Club. He somehow failed to learn to dance despite all the musical activity in his high school years.

His background as an architect led naturally to his interest in the Four Seasons Architectural Review Committee. With his help, the committee rewrote the architectural guidelines so that they are less contradictory and more understandable. "It was full of inconsistencies and ambiguities. You could interpret it to say one thing here, and the opposite there," he said. The rewrite was an 18-month effort, but it has made administering the guidelines a lot easier, Fagan said. The committee is limited to five members by the CC&Rs so there is plenty of work for the members to do. "It is a very good committee," he said, "hard working and dedicated." "We work with homeowners as much as we can and the guidelines are now applied uniformly."

He pointed out the ARC has jurisdiction only over private property. The common area landscaping is under the Landscape Committee and the HOA

One of the objectives of the new guidelines is "to anticipate and minimize as much as possible future conflicts between neighbors." The role of ARC, he said, is to be "unbiased, to continue to be sensitive to homeowners needs and to judge fairly."

## Traffic Alert! Signage Change Again...

By Bobbie Eckel

Drivers who use exit the eastbound I-10 at the Beaumont Avenue ramp need to be especially watchful. The "powers that be" have altered the signage again! New signs have appeared which allow drivers to make a right hand turn from either the right or left lane again. Large painted arrows on the road indicate the same information. However, a few of the "interim" road signs are still up which show traffic turning in only one direction from either lane.

Apparently the traffic patterns are creating problems and the decision makers are responding with changes. At any rate, until

road signage is unified and all drivers using the exit are familiar with the finalized traffic patterns, please be extra alert. At this point, it could be classified as a dangerous intersection!

## The Importance of Black History

By Betty Ann James

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was born to parents who were former slaves. He spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a PhD from Harvard. He was disturbed to find in his studies that the Black American population was ignored.

In 1926 he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of Black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February because of two men who greatly influenced the Black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

As time passes and technology advances, we are becoming increasingly detached from this part of American history. It is important for all of us to realize that Black History month is full of many accomplishments, such as those in science and math. Even though America celebrates February as Black History Month, it is important to know that Black (African) American history takes place every day of the year and will continue.

The articles we will be writing for the Sentinel each month will be a way to highlight some of the contributions by Black Americans to American History.

We start this month with a tribute to **John Henry Thompson:**

John Henry Thompson was very involved in computer programming and software inventions. Even as a high school student, he was interested in computer programming languages.

He taught himself the computer languages FORTRAN, PLI, COBOL, and JCL while he worked in a New York research facility. His intention was to absorb as much knowledge as possible so that he could invent his own computer language.

Thompson attended MIT after his graduation from high school. He obtained a degree in Computer Science with a minor in Visual Arts. He chose these two apparently disparate disciplines because he believed that it was possible to bridge the gap between art and technology.

Thompson became chief scientist at Macromedia where he continued to create many products. His most famous invention was Lingo programming, a scripting language that helps render visuals in computer programs.

Lingo is now used with many programs having interactive simulations with graphics, animation, sound and video. It is also used to create flash and shockwave programs now appearing in video games, web design, animation and graphics.

John Henry Thompson created many more multimedia tools while he was also teaching at New York University's graduate Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP). He wrote and published Macromedia Director Lingo Workshop, a guide to Lingo programming language. His book has been published in two editions and translated into Japanese, German and Italian.



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## Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

You should have recently received a notice from Southern California Edison letting residents know that new Edison SmartConnect electric meters are being installed in our community. Either Southern California Edison personnel or Corix Utilities, their authorized contractor, will be doing the installations. According to SCE data, the new meters will enable new programs and services that will help us reduce our electricity usage and save on electric costs. Meter installations will take place between Monday and Saturday, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Your electric service will be briefly interrupted during the meter exchange process. You will need to reset digital clocks on appliances or electronics. **If you operate life support medical equipment at your home, please call SCE at 1-800-973-2356.**

Don't forget the District Delegate voting dates this month. Come to the Ballroom on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the time appointed for your district to meet your candidates for Delegate -- or to gather with your neighbors to convince someone to volunteer. Voting for the District Delegates will be held, also by district, in the Ballroom on Feb. 23. Please be sure that your district is represented. The District Delegate job is not overwhelming -- but it is important in our governing process! Don't hesitate to take the job.

Be sure to get your tickets this month for The Mighty Echoes ESC benefit concert. The fantastic A cappella Doo Wop group is back by overwhelming popular demand on Saturday, Mar. 19. Tickets go on sale Feb. 16. We know this will be a sell-out! Don't be left without a ticket.

Beaumont's Senior Newsletter had an interesting alert for Seniors. Apparently postcards are being sent stating to seniors stating that proposed cuts to existing programs include significant reduction in the Federal Medicare Program which may result in additional premiums and fees and a decrease in benefits. Seniors are asked to complete and return the paid card immediately. The Senior Newsletter warns seniors not to send in the card. This is apparently a scam to give insurance firms an invitation to call or come to your house to sell you insurance that you do not need.

If you or a loved one are visually impaired, you might want to attend the Lunch and Learn Program sponsored by the City of Beaumont on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 11:00 a.m. in the Albert A. Chatigny Community Center, 1310 Oak Valley Parkway, Beaumont. The topic concerns the "Miracle of Independence" and explains the use of Guide Dogs and their function in your lives. Please call (951) 769-8539 to make reservations.

## CC&R Amendment Update

As noted in the December newsletter, the Board of Directors has requested to have the CC&R amendment to lower the percentage requirement submitted to the Riverside Superior Court.

- 1 The petition process requires the Association to submit a petition to the superior court of Riverside County. The Association's legal counsel is in the process of preparing the petition.
- 2 The petition must include the 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.

- 3 Upon filing, the court will set a hearing date and all owners of the Association will be notified of the hearing procedure.
- 4 The petition may be challenged by members who may be in opposition of the amendment. No attorney fees will be awarded to members in opposition of the petition.
- 5 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% of the voters were in favor of the proposed amendment.
- 6 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.

## Look for Punxutawney Phil, Staten Island

Chuck, General Beauregard Lee,

Shubenacadie Sam or Wharton Willie...

By Bobbie Eckel

Their special day is coming up soon. You need to be on the alert!

What do all of these creatures have in common? A special holiday on Feb. 2 each year. As many as 40,000 people have gathered to celebrate the holiday, according to some researchers, since at least 1886. What holiday, you may justifiably ask? Groundhog Day!

The original celebration came to the Northern United States with Pennsylvania German communities in the 18th and 19th centuries. The animals involved were badgers, muskrats or gophers, -- all of which were able to predict weather patterns. Lacking these animals, however, the early Pennsylvania residents opted for a groundhog.

As early as 1841, a Berks County, Pennsylvania, storekeeper, James Morris, wrote in his diary about ... "the day the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

The most famous, and best media-covered, groundhog is Punxsutawney Phil. Large crowds gather annually to keep an early morning vigil for Phil's appearance. The day-long festivals feature plenty of food, plays, and speeches. In some communities the Pennsylvania German dialect is the only allowable language spoken at the event; penalties may be exacted from those who speak English!

Not to be outdone, enthusiasts from Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Georgia, Alabama, Ohio, Illinois, West Virginia, Connecticut, Nova Scotia and various provinces



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in Canada have created their own versions of the prognosticating rodent. Each groundhog has a unique name and each claims to forecast the coming of Spring accurately 75% to 90% of the time. The National Climatic Data Center, however, reports that the overall prediction accuracy rate is only around 39%.

So -- just in case you are wondering what kind of weather to expect for the next six weeks, keep a sharp eye out on Wednesday morning, Feb. 2. If you can't spot a groundhog, you might opt for a Beaumont Bunny. Then our community, too, can be credited with a weather predicting furry meteorologist.

## Investing in Water Savings

By Leonard Tavernetti, Chairperson Ad hoc Water Management Committee

The increase in water rates that took effect on July 1 last year eliminated the savings our HOA made in reduced water consumption. While we consumed 11.2% less water in 2010 than in 2009, our bill was only 1% less. Water rates increased again on January 1, making it even more difficult to stay at our 2010 cost of \$121,051 for landscape water.

The HOA is looking at several ways to reduce our water consumption. Some of these ideas will require an investment. The question before decision makers is, "What will the rate of return be for these investments?" The Ad hoc committee has proposed a method of identifying the savings with a water consumption test.

The test will measure water flow over a nine-month period (Feb.-Oct.) for two similar areas. One area will have turf and the second area a drought tolerant ground cover called *myoporum parvifolium*. *Myoporum* is currently planted in the HOA areas and can be found on the northeast side of the Lodge parking lot near the model homes.

The test will be conducted on the south side of Crooked Creek in between the sidewalk and the street. This area is currently watered by two controller stations. One station waters

the section near Highland Springs Ave. and the other the section toward the gate. The section near Highland Springs Ave. will have the turf removed and planted with *myoporum*. Meters will be placed on the water lines leading from the stations to the sprinklers to measure how much water each section consumes during the test period. The test will also capture data on all maintenance requirements for each section such as fertilizing, mowing, trimming and the cost to remove and replant the *myoporum* section.

If the test shows that the reduction in water consumption and consequent savings make a sound business case, other sections of turf within the HOA areas may become candidates for this type of change.



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## Gardening Tip

February is the time to: Mulch your garden with 2-3 inches of mulch. Control snails with an organic or chemical bait. Start planting warm season annuals, once the soil has warmed to 60 degrees F. A kitchen probe thermometer works well to determine soil temperature. -- **Landscape Committee**

# Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

February's big upcoming event is of course Mardi Gras! You still have time to purchase your tickets, so don't miss out! The last day for ticket sales is Feb.19. Feel free to dress up in themed attire (or dress down) but keep in mind this is not a clothing optional event.

As indicated on the cover of this newsletter, our own Barbara Wasco, the Card Queen of Four Seasons Beaumont, will be giving a demonstration of how to make a unique, beautiful and heirloom quality card. I put that part in, because I keep all of her cards. This demonstration will be happening at the regular

Crafters Club meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, in the Craft Room.

Don't miss out on the new camera group that will be getting together to inspire, train, and swap tips with each other! They will be meeting in the Craft room on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

My article this month is short and sweet -- and, speaking of sweet things, I want to wish you all a happy Valentine's Day! You are all like family to me and I love you dearly. Stop into the Lodge and collect your Valentine's hug when you get a chance.

See ya' around the Lodge!





## Chefs Corner

By Randy Balt

### Peppered Filet Mignon

This recipe was from the December 2010 issue of the Wiens Family Cellars newsletter. Volker Lutz, the head chef at Wiens, was kind enough to review the recipe with me, and offered these pointers: choose a prime grade of meat (with this much work why settle for a lower grade?) and make sure to hold the steaks in the oven for the full 10 minutes.

Anyway, I prepared it last month and decided a couple things from this test. First, I loved the flavor, although Sue would less pepper next time. Secondly, using a prime cut of beef makes a world of difference with the taste. This steak came out great.

Try it with sides of grilled asparagus and garlic mashed potatoes for a superb gourmet meal.

Servings: 4

Prep Time: 30 min.

Cook Time: 20 min.

#### Ingredients

4 6-oz. center cut filet mignon (Prime)

½ cup mixed peppercorns (red, green, black, white)

2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

Salt to taste (optional)

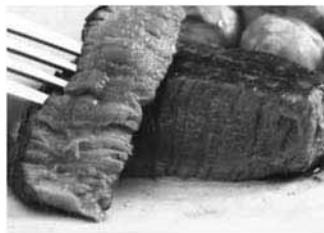
4 Tbsp. unsalted butter

1 onion, finely chopped

½ cup red wine

¼ cup demi glace\*

Thyme sprigs for garnish



#### Directions for cooking steaks

1. Wipe steak clean with damp cloth. Coarsely crush peppercorns using mortar and pestle, then spread out peppercorns on a plate. Rub steaks with Dijon mustard and salt (or no salt), then press steaks firmly on both sides into the peppercorns. Reserve any peppercorns that were not picked up by steaks. Cover steaks with plastic wrap and let marinate for 1 hour at room temperature.

2. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.

3. Melt 3 Tbsp. butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Brown steaks 4-5 minutes on each side. Remove and keep warm in oven, holding for 10 minutes for rare and 15 minutes for medium. This is part of the cooking process, which will allow steaks to reabsorb all the moisture evenly throughout the steak.

#### Directions for making the wine reduction sauce

4. Melt the remaining butter in the same skillet, add onion and cook until "wilted." Deglaze pan with the wine, and reduce by half, then add demi-glace and stir continuously with a whisk, about 2 minutes. Add the reserved peppercorns and simmer for one more minute.

#### Presentation

5. Place peppered filet mignons on a plate and surround with sauce, garnish with thyme.

\* Note: Demi-glace is a rich concentrated brown stock that is carefully reduced until it forms a deep meaty flavored glaze. I used the premade Williams-Sonoma brand instead of making my own.

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