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THE LODGE AT BEAUMONT

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Nominating Committee A Success!

By Lisa Linn, General Manager

The Nominating Committee for the Association was able to find candidates for each district to run for positions in the upcoming District Delegate election. Candidate applications have been received for all eleven districts. The Board of Directors appointed a Nominating Committee this year due to the lack of participation in last year's election, in which two districts had to have Delegates appointed. A huge "thank you" from the HOA to Don Fant, Sonya Tamplin and Jerry Whitfield.

The Nominating Committee did a fine job of finding applicants for this important community position. Of the eleven districts, eight had multiple candidates running to fill the seat for the Delegate position and the other three districts had one candidate application turned in. Candidates for each district receiving the most votes are elected as the Delegate and the candidate with the second highest number of votes is elected as the Alternate Delegate. Write in nominations are also eligible.

The District Delegate ballots were sent out the end of January. Ballots must be returned by the closing of the polls on Thursday, Feb. 23. Ballots may be mailed or turned into the Lodge office. Please remember to sign the outside of the green envelope so your ballot may be counted. A quorum (over 50%) is required; otherwise, an adjourned meeting must be held. Please turn in your ballot so an adjourned meeting can be avoided.

The Delegate or Alternate is responsible for casting the vote at the annual meeting for the election of the homeowner members on

the Board of Directors. There are three seats filled by homeowner Directors and this year two seats are up for election. The other four seats are filled by builder (Declarant) board members. Those seats are appointed by the Declarant.

As an additional incentive to vote for the Board positions this year, the Board of Directors approved a proposal from the Rules and Regulations Committee to fund cash prizes for the three districts with the highest percentage of voters over the quorum requirement. Voters of the three districts that have the highest percentage of votes cast over the quorum requirement will be eligible for the cash prize drawing. The cash prizes will be awarded at \$150, \$100, and \$50. So make sure you vote in the upcoming Board of Directors election.

Those ballots will be going out the middle of March and the election will be held on April 19. The prize drawing will be held during the Annual Meeting. You do not have to be present to win but you must cast a vote to be eligible.



Don Fant, Sonya Tamplin, and Jerry Whitfield

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February - March

Winter month's do not bring joy and happiness to the Tennis Player. We do not have scheduled events at Home for February, but are looking forward to visiting the Professional BNP Championships at Indian Wells in March. Outings are being planned, and open to all members & friends. Look for information in the Club article.

visit our website at the FS HOA and surf to Clubs/ Tennis

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Four Seasons Beaumont
GARDEN CLUB
Thursday, February 2, 2012
9:30 A.M.
In the Ballroom
 "Correcting your garden's soil"
Guest Speaker from
The Cherry Valley Nursery
Everyone is welcome!
 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT
 PHYLLIS BEEDE (951) 769-4721

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Four Seasons at Beaumont

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Friday, February 10, 2012
at 10:00 a.m.
In the Ballroom

For more information contact:

Jerry Whitfield (951) 845-0680 or
 Anita Worthen (951) 769-9858

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM MEETING (EPP)



Next Meeting:
THURSDAY, February 2, 2012
10:30 a.m., in the Lodge Ballroom

Everyone is invited to attend.

Come to find out more about our program.

**For information regarding the Emergency
 Preparedness Program Contact**
Anita Worthen (951) 769-9858



Creative Drawing & Sketching class Schedule 2012

1 st Term	2 nd Term	3 rd Term	On going Class
Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Wednesday Nights from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
<u>Starting</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Starting</u>	
February 13-April 2	June 4-July 30	October 22-December 10	

**Dates are subject to change without notice*

- Supplies are discussed at the first class of new terms
- Hope to see you there!

For Questions about the class call
Rob Kelman at (951) 922-9156



Smitty's Bistro

1518 Four Seasons Circle (Inside the Lodge)
(951) 769-0717

<p>HOURS OF OPERATION</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday-Friday</td> <td>9 am-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>8 am-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>8 am-3 pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>A BIG THANK YOU!!</p> <p>A big thank YOU to everyone who helped to organize Kelly's Baby Shower and to all who attended. THANK YOU!!</p> <p><i>Looking for a Thursday night dinner solution?</i></p> <p><i>Try Italian Night at Smittys!</i></p> <p><i>Friday nights?</i></p> <p><i>It's Steak House night at Smittys!</i></p> <p><i>Check out our daily Salads & Wraps choices.</i></p> <p><small>Note: Sorry, we will no longer be offering <u>thin crust</u> pizzas!</small></p>	Monday	Closed	Tuesday-Friday	9 am-7pm	Saturday	8 am-7pm	Sunday	8 am-3 pm	<p>BISTRO T-SHIRTS NOW ON SALE</p>   <p>AVAILABLE SIZES & PRICES:</p> <p>XXL: \$12.00</p> <p>XL: \$11.00</p> <p>L: \$10.00</p>
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The Lodge at K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Community Association Holiday Hours 2012

Easter Sunday:	Sunday, April 8	Reduced Hours 12pm-9pm
Memorial Day:	Monday, May 28	Reduced Hours 7am-6pm
4 th of July:	Wednesday, July 4	Reduced Hours 7am-6pm
Labor Day:	Monday, September 3	Reduced Hours 7am-6pm
Thanksgiving:	Wednesday, November 21 Thursday, November 22 Friday, November 23	Facility Closes at 3:00 pm Facility Closed All Day Facility Opens at 9:00 am
Christmas:	Monday, December 24 Tuesday, December 25 Wednesday, December 26	Facility Closes at 3:00 pm Facility Closed All Day Facility Opens at 9:00 am
New Year's Eve:	Monday, December 31 Tuesday, January 1, 2013 Wednesday, January 2, 2013	Facility Closes at 3:00 p.m. (If New Year's Event is scheduled, then facility reopens prior to event time) Facility Closed All Day Normal hours – 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Taste d'Vine Wine Club



Thursday, February 16, 2012
6:00 p.m.
We meet in the Ballroom

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

Please remember to
bring two (2) glasses
and an appetizer.



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

"NIGHT OUT" at the Lodge

Friday, February 24, 2012
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.



Karaoke NIGHT

Saturday,
February 11, 2012
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Performing Arts "Karaoke Night" in the Ballroom. Come out &
join the fun! If you love to sing or just 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.



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



PRO-FIT SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 2012

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

(See corresponding Asterisks (*) for additional information)

Monday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Monday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
** Monday	Gentle Yoga	6:00 pm	Aerobics Room
** Tuesday	Zumba Gold	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
** Wednesday	Gentle Yoga	6:00 pm	Aerobics Room
Thursday	Pilates	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Thursday	Zumba Gold Toning	9:45 am	Aerobics Room
Friday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Friday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Saturday	Gentle Yoga	9:00 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 - Per (1) Single day 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.

**Zumba Gold & Gentle Yoga must have
at least 10 participants for the class to
continue.

***Aqua Fitness: Seasonal

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.

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, meringue, salsa
and more. It's great for the body and soul!

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

HOA News

Manager's Update

By Lisa Lynn, General Manager

At the Open Session Board meeting held on Thursday, Jan. 12, the Board of Directors approved committee recommendations; including the Event Systems notification of the purchase from committee funds of microphones and headsets for the Ballroom sound system and hearing impaired system, the Landscape proposal for a landscape photo exhibition to be held in March, the Rules and Regulations proposal for new towing rules to go out for 30 day member review and the Rules and Regulations proposal for an election prize incentive which would distribute up to \$300 in prize money for the three districts that have the highest percentage of votes cast over quorum in the Board of Directors election.

The Board of Directors approved the renewal of the Springdale Earthquake insurance policy, reviewed the Springdale roof inspection report and requested to have the builder review any items found that may be under warranty, approved the 2012 Lodge Holiday Hours, approved the 2012 annual calendars, approved of the disposal or donation of the artificial Christmas tree and requested Management to start researching replacement options, and tabled a proposal regarding the annual craft fair until additional information is presented that better outlines the details of the proposal. Overall, 25 action items were requested of Management by the Board of Directors.

Management reported to the Board the completion of items including the revised Architectural Guidelines mailed out, the completion of the landscape mulching, the library ladders installed, renewal of the Springdale insurance policy, voting and election rule revisions sent out, new theater rules sent out, the Bistro and hallway carpet installation and the new drinking fountain installed in the spa building.

Management reported that 20 violation letters were sent out during December. Of those, seven were for landscape or lot maintenance, seven were for trash containers, four for not properly storing a garden hose and two for parking. The Board of Directors suspended facility privileges for one member for delinquent dues, bringing the total for suspended privileges to 19 current members. There were 35 accounts with balances over 90 days past due.

The Board approved the December 2011 meeting minutes and the November 2011 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.

Remember to check the calendar for upcoming District Delegate election dates. Ballots for the District Delegate election 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 approved the renewal of earthquake insurance for the Springdale homes. The coverage was obtained by using excess Springdale cost center funds. The plan includes a 20% deductible. In the event of damages to any of the Springdale

buildings from an earthquake, all of the Springdale homeowners would be responsible for paying the deductible costs, regardless of if there were damages to their particular unit. This coverage ensures that if there were damages from an earthquake, the buildings could be restored. Springdale homeowners should still obtain their own coverage for personal possessions. Springdale homeowners may also look into a policy for earthquake loss assessment which would help cover a special assessment in the event of damages to the Springdale buildings.

As a reminder, please do not park in the handicap parking spaces at the Lodge unless you display the appropriate handicap placard or possess a designated license plate. This applies to all vehicles, including golf carts.

To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln...you can satisfy all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can never satisfy all of the people all of the time. Even though Management strives to satisfy all of the people, we are realistic to have an expectation to satisfy most of the people most of the time. I continually task the staff with "going the extra mile" in our customer service business; however, this is sometimes difficult when a person resorts to yelling, stating demeaning remarks, and using inappropriate language in addressing the staff members with a concern. Please remember that the on-site staff is here to assist the members but if there is a specific problem that you are upset about come and discuss the concern with me directly. On the other side of that coin, I would also like to thank all of our gracious residents who take the time to comment on a staff member's "good job" or recognize that we are diligently doing our duties. You make our day go a lot easier.

Architectural Review Committee

Here we grow! The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is pleased to introduce our three new homeowner members, Ron Burke, George Soeten and Colleen Langston. The ARC is now comprised of Chairman John Papazian, the three homeowners, and the BOD Liaison Wayne Staples. We are still looking for three more homeowner members.

The ARC is responsible for reviewing and approving any exterior improvements or modifications to homeowner property. This ensures that all improvements adhere to the established guidelines. If you are interested in becoming a member please see one of the Homeowner Board Members. Applications for ARC membership may be obtained at the front desk of the Lodge. Become an asset to your community by applying for one of the vacant positions. It is a very interesting and important Committee for your community.

Meetings are currently scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. Come and see how the process works. Everyone is welcome. -- **Wayne Staples, Board Liaison**

Bistro Committee

The Bistro Committee met on Tuesday Jan. 3. We discussed several items in detail: New Years' Eve dinner, the new carpeting in the Bistro area, a new door for the Bistro kitchen and having the upholstery on the chairs cleaned.

HOA News

As a reminder to all Homeowners, the Bistro is continuing this year to have Taco Nights on Tuesdays and Italian Nights on Thursdays.

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

Emergency Preparedness Program

The Emergency Preparedness Program at Four Seasons Beaumont meets at 10:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month. At our January meeting Fred Porter set up separate team stations in the Lodge Ballroom to provide detailed information to EPP members. Volunteers manned each table and handed out printouts explaining the responsibilities of each team and the expertise that might be required from a volunteer. Before breaking into task teams, Fred handed out a publication from the Volunteer Categories Community Action EPP, which we received from the Four Seasons Palm Springs EPP coordinator. Once we have a person in charge of each team, those teams can meet separately to better organize their task in detail.

Partnership of Riverside County lists Cool Centers throughout the county and gives tips on how to stay cool in the summer months. Fred found out about this program at the Chatigny Center on Oak Valley Parkway in Beaumont which is one of the designated Cool Centers for the County.

Pet Rescue: Bernadette Chance spoke to the group. Bernadette emphasized the need for our community to be prepared to take care of pets in case of emergency. She would like to see a program developed through our HOA where we would register our pets so that responders would know where pets would need to be rescued.

Please join us at our next meeting Thursday, Feb. 2, 10:30 a.m. in the Lodge Ballroom as we continue to grow our Emergency Preparedness Program for Four Seasons Beaumont.-- **Anita Worthen EPP Chairperson**

Event Systems Committee

The Event Systems Committee is in for some big changes this year. The additional Ballroom and the Amphitheater projects will be underway soon. Permanently installed sound wiring and lighting will be a huge step toward making these venues a lot more user-friendly for our techie staff and the improvements will certainly be noticed and appreciated by those on stage and in the audience.

Speaking of our techie staff, the increase in the resident population has brought in quite a number of talented people who have backgrounds in "the industry", meaning film, stage, music or other performing arts. The *ESC*, as well as the *Performing Arts Club*, would welcome some retired "pros" to help out during performances or other affairs. We welcome your input and any help is appreciated. The more people we have who are familiar with the new equipment, the better we can plan schedules, so it's not the same people who have to do it time and time again. If you would like to volunteer some time as a member of our "Event Systems Technical Team," we can always use the help! Contact Roland Harrah at 951-845-1734.

The *Second Annual Home & Garden* fundraiser is planned for the beginning of June. Our flowers and plants should all be looking nice and it will be a terrific time to show off all the fruits of your labor. Last year's Home & Garden Tour was a huge success and we would love to repeat that. If you are interested in having your home considered, please contact tour director, Teri DiMarino-Davidson at (951) 769-4345 or k9styler@aol.com for more information. -- **Teri DiMarino-Davidson**

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee held its regular meeting on Dec. 20. The Financial Statements for November 2011 were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: Net Income Year-to-Date was \$296,941 and total reserves were \$2,584,913. The Accounts Receivable (delinquencies) were \$110,515. Our total HOA expenses for November (excluding reserve allocations) were \$161,606. This was under budget by \$18,986.

There were no CD renewals to be reviewed. The Finance Committee did recommend taking \$200,000 from the checking account and purchasing a CD not to exceed 2 years at the best prevailing rate.

The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for November 2011 were under the monthly budget by \$2,507. Water expense was under budget this month by \$1,082, however, year-to-date expenses are now over budget by \$7,785.

There were two Vendor Proposals presented for approval.

Wayne Staples, HOA Treasurer, was not in attendance, thus there was no account receivable delinquency report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

A special meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Dec. 5, for the sole purpose of reviewing seven (7) vendor proposals to be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting on Dec. 8. This meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Our regular Finance Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. -- **Noel Myers, Chairperson**

Even Mother Nature Needs Help Sometimes

Our past year was dominated by replacement of frost-damaged gazania throughout the community. But other activities captured our attention as well:

Trees that grew too close to walls, were crooked or crowded one another were removed. We continued to work with the architect for a new landscape design in the Springdale area. Action to upgrade available seating area in the amphitheater was launched. The Highland Springs trail in Phase C was added to our Association. We conducted joint inspections of the original model homes, Four Seasons Circle Drive and the basin in Phase C for acquisition in 2012.

The Landscape Committee started the Water Management Ad hoc committee and began water saving projects including developing a business case for artificial turf and executing a test on the merits of changing plant life along our streets. Irrigation drawings are being color-coded manually to assist landscapers in quickly isolating watering problems.

HOA News

We replaced turf eaten by our friendly rabbits and replanted the Potrero median. A plant replacement guide was developed as well as a photo book on trimming of shrubs and bushes. A policy for homeowners who desire to maintain their own front yard planter area was developed and a plan to expand the seating space in the pool area by removing some plant life was approved.

We are always in need of homeowners who would like to help develop our community to reach its full potential as the most desirable place for seniors to live in southern California. So if you would like to help, please apply at the front desk to join our committee. -- **Len Tavernetti, Chairperson Landscape Committee**

Rules and Regulations Committee

It was decided that the nominating committee for the District Delegates would remain at three people. Also, Lisa advised us that there would be 11 Districts instead of 14 due to low numbers in two of the other Districts. We discussed an incentive program for those homeowners who voted and were in a District that reached quorum. There was also discussion about other community involvement to get the vote out for the Board of Directors' election.

The Rules and Regulations Committee is working on the two CC&R amendments that will be presented to the homeowners and the timeline for those presentations. Lisa Lynn has devised two charts to help understand the two CC&R amendments: the "Qualified Resident" and the "Arbitration/Mediation" amendments. A working group was formed to discuss the details of the presentations to the community.

We had a new business discussion about adding towing rules to the Community Guidelines. The proposal of the new rules were submitted to the Board of Directors and sent out for 30 day review.

You are invited anytime to attend the Rules and Regulations Committee meetings. They are held on the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. --

Louise Lyon, Chairperson (951) 797-3257

Safety and Facilities Committee

The recent power outage in the Los Angeles basin is a reminder of the importance of being prepared for emergencies. We never know when we could be faced with a local crisis that could affect our safety, comfort and health. Your Emergency Preparedness (EPP) and Neighborhood Watch programs are fast becoming organized and trained by many attendees at local CERTS training classes. We urge all members of our community to learn more about EPP and Neighborhood Watch by attending monthly meetings. (Check your Sentinel calendar for meeting dates and time).

We have a new look in the Lodge with our new tile addition in front of the reception counter and new Bistro and hallway carpets. New library ladders are now installed to assist those who need to reach the upper book shelves.

As of February, the Safety and Facilities Committee will be meeting at a new date. Instead of gathering on the fourth Tuesday, the Committee will meet each month on the first Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Our February meeting, therefore, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Residents are welcome to attend. -- **Jerry Thompson, Chairperson Safety and Facilities Committee**

Social Committee News

What a party! The New Years' Gala was a huge success. There were a couple of problems but once those were taken care of, a good time was had by all.

Teri Meyers-Kelman did an outstanding job planning the decorations and, with the help of the social committee and some non-committee members, we got the job done. I think the balloon drop was a lot of fun and even blowing up those 500 balloons was entertainment in itself. The center pieces were original and the feathers certainly added a nice touch. Everyone had party hats, noise makers and streamers to throw at midnight. Boy, did it make a mess but what fun it was!

The DJ was really professional and brought a lot to the party. The tower lights on the dance floor and the colored up-lights around the outer walls really added to the circus theme. Also his choice of music was a good mix for everyone there -- and his interaction games and dances got everyone on the floor.

The food was good and soup was a nice change. There was a mix-up in serving the dinners in one section of the Ballroom and some guests received their meals late, for that I am truly sorry. I would like to thank everyone for being so understanding about it. We hope that it doesn't happen again but with 210 people, things happen.

I would like to ask our guests to help us out in the future. Please do not change tables before dinner is served, as this does present problems for the servers. After dinner you are welcome to move wherever you like and have a good time with your friends.

One last thing, thank you to all the people who came to help both before the party and after. We, as a committee, did appreciate it. When the party was over we had to get the Ballroom cleaned up that night since the Lodge was closed New Years' day. As you can imagine, it takes a while to do that and, with the help we received from the Bistro Committee and others, it made the job go a lot faster. So again thank you, thank you, thank you.

-- **Melody Seewoster, Chairperson Social Committee**

We Are Treading Water

Our water consumption is holding steady. In 2011 we reduced our water consumption 1,283 ccf. This represents only a 1% reduction in what proved to be a fairly normal year for rainfall and temperature. While the summer heat did not arrive till late in the season, the December dry spell created an abnormal demand for irrigation. The increase in water and power rates meant a 17% increase in our water costs (\$141,821 total for the year). In January 2012 our water rates increased again 13%. Repair bills for our irrigation system increased only \$871 last year and remain slightly under \$33,000.

There is a concern with rainfall for the season. Although our December 2011 amount was only 1.01" (half the normal amount), it is the January-April rainfall that sustains our plant life during the summer. In December 2010 we received almost 10" of rain but a dry spell in March erased those gains. Historically we get 4"/month for Jan-Mar and 1" in April. If Mother Nature does her job in early 2011, we will be okay. -- **Len Tavernetti, Chairperson Water Management Ad Hoc Committee**

Contact Information

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The Board of Directors for the K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Community Association met on Thursday January 12, 2012 in the Lodge Ballroom. Executive Session was held at 9 a.m. and the General Session was held at 1 p.m..

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on February 9, 2012 At 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

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

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All Seasons RV Club



Our trip to Quartzsite, Arizona, January 20 -26, will be over by the time you read this. We are looking forward to our first trip in three months.

Pechanga RV Resort is a busy place and our trip originally scheduled for February has been changed to March 5-9. There is always plenty to do while there with the Temecula wineries, good restaurants, and, of course, the casino. Connie and George Johnson are our wagonmasters.

Beautiful San Clemente Beach is beckoning us and we will be there April 15-20. Tanya and Bill Guy are our wagonmasters.

May 20- 25 we will be at the Chula Vista Marina Resort. Nancy and Ron Morgan are the wagonmasters.

If you like to RV, come join us! Our next meeting is Feb. 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Lodge.--**Nancy Morgan**

Amphitheater Production Group

The Amphitheater Production Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Lodge. We have Cindy Graves as our wonderful and always helpful Activities Director. She assists in so many ways, from helping to locate talent, presenting items to the board and solving any problems we come up against.

However, we are always looking for additional residents to get in on the fun of organizing our monthly summer events. If you like planning and promoting wonderful talent entertaining us under the summer stars, we are the group for you. Contact Cindy or myself or just come to a meeting.

Looking forward to another great summer of talent. --
Penny McDonell, Chairperson (951) 649-5535

Ballroom Dance

Our 2012 season of Ballroom Dance is fully underway. We continue to learn new steps while improving on the old. We've discovered that quite a few steps and routines, once learned, can be incorporated in many different dances. This means we don't need to start from scratch every time we begin something new!



So it's quite true: ***The more we learn the easier it gets.***

Our professional instructors are very adept at first teaching us the basics, then building upon them to broaden our dance knowledge and experience. And we learn which dances go with which music, so we can dance at parties, weddings or other events.

Best of all, dancing is for us every day folk who enjoy having fun together, getting some good exercise and accomplishing something worth while.

Dance instructions are given every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. The cost is \$5.00 for a 1/2 hour lesson, or \$10.00 for a 1-1/2 hour lesson. There are no other dues or fees, and you are always welcome to visit a dance session just to watch what happens.

If you have questions, or if you want to be on our email

list so you can receive notices of dance lessons, practices or special events and outings, please contact Puring or Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333, or at purings@verizon.net. -- **Willis Fagan, for the Ballroom Dance Club**

Book Club



Imagine yourself as a beautiful 21 year old living in Shanghai in 1937, having the time of your life with your younger sister in the Paris of Asia. Your financial security and material comforts are taken care of, thanks to the prosperous business of your father. Then your father announces to you that he has gambled away his wealth and has sold you and your sister to suitors who have traveled from Los Angeles to find Chinese brides. Add the horrors of the Second Sino-Japanese War, the Battle of Shanghai, internment at Angeles Island and the cultural shocks of Los Angeles Chinatown -- and you have the February Book Club selection *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See.

Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ballroom to discuss this riveting book.

The Book Club meets at 9:30am on the second Tuesday of each month in the Lodge.

In addition to our regular meeting on March 13, however, the Book Club is hosting a very special event. The book selection for March is *Shattered Dreams* by Ken Williams, brother of our own Georgia Coleman. Mr. Williams is joining us at 11am on Saturday, March 24 in the Card Room for a lively discussion of his thought provoking book.

In April members will be focusing on *Tunnel Vision* by Gary Braver. -- **Bobbie Eckel**

Bridge

A Happy and Prosperous new year to all! The Bridge Club is on leave for a couple of more weeks. -- **Roar Senstad**

Bunko



It is time for Bunko. If you are new to the community and are trying to find something to do, come and join us for Bunko. We are a really good group of people having fun. It is an easy dice game that anyone can learn.

We meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month. This month will be Friday, Feb. 10, and again on Feb. 24. We start playing at 1:00 p.m. in the Card Room at the Lodge. If you have any questions, you can call either Anni Smith at (951) 769-7371 or Suzanne Roldan at (951) 849-8540. --
Anni Smith

Canasta News

Start the New Year off right by joining a club. Meet new friends and renew old friendships by coming out and playing Canasta with us. It is an easy game to learn and you won't be sorry that you did.

We play every Thursday from 1:15 to 4:00 p.m. in the Card Room at the Lodge. If you need to learn the game or just refresh your memory of the game, come on down we will be more than happy to teach you. -- **Melody Seewoster**

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Crafters



This last year was quite interesting. We have made a few items that are very creative. We made a soldier out of pots. We made snowmen out of cans. We made decorative jars. Some of us created hand-made stockings, hand-made wreaths to hang on doors -- just to mention a few things.

We had a Pot-Luck for the holiday and a cookie exchange.

There were some projects that need a little more sewing to complete. When I can't think of any other things to do, we get together with a general goal in mind and let it grow. All of us have input about what we like to do.

Please make this the year that you come and join us. We are very flexible. If 5:30 p.m. doesn't work for you, come a little later. You can bring your dinner or a snack. We don't mind. We meet the first and third Thursday in the Craft Room.

Last Month the winner of the "how many in the jar" was Pam Kelley. I wonder who will win this month. It could be you.

If you have any questions, call Pam Kelley, (951) 769-7967, or Rita Partida (951) 845-7193. -- **Pam Kelley**

Writing Your Family History



We'd like to help you write your family history, so over the next few months we'll provide some basic guidance for doing this. It's already 2012, so don't put it off any longer - do it now!

Step One: *Doing something, discovery, organization and storage.*

Doing Something: You can pass on all your family "stuff" to your children and grandchildren, and let them try to figure it out. Or you can toss it away right now and be done with it once and for all. Or you can do something meaningful with it, and use it to write your family history so that future generations will know about their past.

Discovery: Get all those boxes of family stuff out and actually look in them to see what you have, (and don't have). You might be pleasantly surprised.

Organization: Start with the easiest, most known, then work toward the hardest, least known, and organize it all, as follows:

By Surname, (keep family groups together). If you don't know the Surnames, put the documents and photos in an "unknown" group until later.

By approximate date, to mark their place in history, such as "1800s," "1900 - 1950," "1950 - 2000," and so forth.

By place. Such as "Italy," "Germany," "USA," "Chicago," etc. You can be more specific later.

Storage: After the basic organization, put everything into containers, (envelopes, folders, boxes, etc.), and carefully label it all. Labels can be general, such as "Smith family," but it's much better to be specific, such as, "Smith family, early 1800s," or "Smiths, Georgia," or "Smith correspondence, 1940s), etc.

Congratulations! You've taken the first and most important steps, and getting this much done is a great accomplishment. What to do next will be outlined in future Sentinel issues.

If you're interested in more information and some practical help, please visit us at our Discovery Club meetings, or send us an email with your questions. Meetings are usually held in the Crafts Room at the Lodge, and the date and time is posted on our email notices. -- **Willis Fagan, Club Captain,** wefbev@verizon.net

Four Season Singers



The Four Season Singers took the month of January off to finish the holidays with our families and have a little rest.

The Singers are now thinking of what we can do next and have set our sights on doing a comic rendition for the 55+ Variety Show in March. It should be a hoot!

We hope to learn some new patriotic music for the upcoming year and I've already ordered some new music that will challenge and strengthen us for the Holiday Show next December.

This group of singers has already surprised themselves by learning difficult music and are pleased at how well we sound together -- even though not all of us can actually read music. We plan on building on our skills and having fun practicing and learning through 2012.

Remember, if you want to join, just call me at (951) 797-3466 or email me at bawasco@dc.rr.com. -- **Barbara Wasco**

It's A Dirty Job



The new Garden Club held their third meeting on Jan. 5 with 27 members in attendance. Club president, Phyllis Beede, gave the club-to-be lessons on how to analyze their soil. This is in preparation for our Ground Hog Day (Feb. 2) meeting when we will have a guest speaker from Cherry Valley Nursery on how to improve the soil for our flowers and vegetables.

Looking ahead, we are planning a spring luncheon on April 28 to commemorate our founding and discuss which plants each of us will be nursing through the summer here in Beaumont. As any gardener knows, spring planting fever hits with a flourish and avid small-plot farmers rush out to fill all available pots with fledgling plants well before the soil warms up enough to spur growth. We are all optimists who eagerly await our gardens resembling the Home and Garden magazines. But, like most new parents, once the baby's bedroom is furnished and the walls painted the appropriate colors, all we can do is wait and hope.

Please join us in February at 9:30 a.m. in the Lodge. -- **Len Tavernetti**

Golfing for Fun



We, now going by the Distinguished Duffers, are again looking for K.Hovnanian residents interested in pursuing their game of golf. If you would like to interface with others attempting the

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same, please join in. We are not here to teach lessons for someone just taking up the game, but to encourage any one who wishes to do so, to take a few lessons, hit balls at the practice range and join in when ready.

We play on Friday mornings at local courses with the intention of improving our skills, getting some exercise and gaining friends. We play informally, meaning we don't always comply with PGA rules, nor do we criticize one another for not always doing so. Our purpose is "To Have Fun." If you are interested, please contact Tim Jacobson at (951) 797-3563, tjacobson@dc.rr.com, or Phil Harris at (951) 922-6676, phillipharris54@yahoo.com. -- **Tim Jacobson**

Ham Radio

Ever had an interest in learning about Amateur radio? We now have an active group of seven members who meet regularly to share ideas and plan our support of the community's Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP).

We still need both licensed and unlicensed radio operators throughout the community to help communicate their neighborhood status to an Incident Command Center after a major disaster strikes, be it an earthquake, fire, storm, or whatever comes along. We can help you get an FCC license quickly and painlessly, but many walkie-talkie type radios that we will be using do not even require a license.

Want to learn more, without any obligation or expense? Contact Pete Hersey at (951) 845-1363. -- **Pete Hersey**

Knitting and Crocheting

In December we treated ourselves to a special lunch at Melvyn's in Palm Springs. This was our Christmas party instead of the potluck we have had in past years. It was very nice -- a lovely restaurant with excellent food and service.

We received a very nice thank you card from the Beaumont Senior Center for our efforts and donations. They were delivered to some of their homebound seniors and were very much appreciated.

We have not decided on a project for this year as of yet, but will start discussing it before long.

Happy New Year to all! -- **Dorothy Payne**

Life Guide Bible Study Club

In February the Life Guide Bible Study Club will continue its study in the series called "Breaking Free." We're asking the question of how you let go of the hang ups, the hurts, and the habits that hold you back, and mess up your life. We all struggle with things that keep us from being the person that we want to be. During February we will look at topics like "How do you break free from destructive habits," "Avoiding fatal attractions," "Defusing your anger," "Putting an end to procrastination." Come and join in the discussion. Everybody is welcome.

The Bible Study club meets in the Ballroom of the Lodge

on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The 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

Our first beginners' class had about 20 participants and almost all of them could do the Electric Slide by the end of the hour. There was great enthusiasm to have someone show them step by step how to do this dance. We moved on to a second dance and will continue to review each dance every week so that by the end of February this group should have learned five to eight dances. If you want to join us for this beginners' class, you only have four more weeks on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.

The advanced class is also working on new dances and still meets on Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. We are taking this class up a notch by learning one new dance a month. In January it was "Beer for my Horses". As of this writing I have not decided what the February dance will be. There are hundreds of line dances to choose from. Come see what we will work on next.

Dancing is joyful, good exercise, stimulates the mind, increases coordination and gets you out of the house around other people just having a good time. Give it a try!

If you have any questions, call: (951) 769-3889. -- **Martha Franck, Club Captain**

New Camera? Now What?

Did you get a new digital camera and wonder what all those "things" are? Got an old one you put away because it was too complicated? What is the meaning of RAW vs JPEG, ISO, white balance, manual vs automatic, bracketing, shutter speed and aperture, media card size (Hint: less is more), metering (centered weighted vs spot), depth of field and a whole lot more?

All will be explained by George Johnson in simple to understand language, including what is important and what you can ignore.

We will also discuss the fundamentals of taking pleasing photographs, the rule of thirds, room for action, post production (Photoshop and Adobe Elements, Light room, etc.) and getting the print. You will also learn what else you need beside the camera!

Class will be held Monday, March 19. There is no charge. -- **George Johnson**

Ping Pong

Hopefully by now everyone has been able to return to normalcy, or at least semi-normalcy, after the



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hectic holiday season. And now that you might find yourself with some spare time, why not put it to good use by coming down to the aerobics room any morning, Monday through Saturday, to play some ping pong? Whether it will be the first time for you to pick up a paddle or you are a ping pong pro, everyone is welcome. The emphasis is on fun, exercise, and socialization.

This month a few of the more serious players on our ping pong club will be going to the Palm Desert International Sports Festival and Senior Games to compete against some of the best players in and outside of our area. Hopefully, we will come home with some medals. Look for an update on this event in the April issue of the Sentinel. – **Niles Sundstrom**

Four Seasons Racquet Ball Club

Just thirty-five days 'til Larry Ellison's big bash at Indian Wells and you're invited! Watch for details later this month as the FSBRC sponsors a free day at the BNP Paribas Tennis Tournament either March 5 or 6 when men's and women's qualifying trumpets the start of this world class event. Virtually all of the planet's very best players will be on hand, and almost always under warm and sunny skies, so circle the days and get ready to watch spectacular tennis at this gorgeous Tennis Garden just 45 miles from where you live! Wozniacki and Djokovic were the Champions last year, so who are you rooting for in 2012 --- Nadal, Federer or Murray on the men's or Stosur, Zvonareva or Sharapova on the women's?

And we have our own Four Season's tennis stars. Cheryl Smith has been collecting trophies through the fall and early winter and possibly will come home with more following the Babolat tourney in late January at Mission Hills. She will also be competing at Surprise, Arizona, in April in the Super Senior 9.0 Nationals! Meanwhile, Mickey and Howard Nelson will be playing in the International Sports Festival in Palm Desert this month and then in March will head up to Stanford to compete in the CAL State Senior 80 Mixed Doubles! Should they win, it will be their third State title.

And right here at home it has been exciting to watch the strong and continued progress of our regular doubles groups who turnout mornings Monday through Friday. The integration of Cheryl's drills, both in stroke production and doubles strategy, plus the consistent repetitious play are paying off big in the rapid improvement of overall court play. It's really been fun to watch.

Happy Valentine's Day! -- **Ken Elliott for the FSRBC**

Seasoned Solos

The Seasoned Solos held their first meeting of 2012 on Friday, Jan. 6. Many new ideas were presented and it was a very good meeting.

January was a busy month. On Jan. 12 we treated ourselves to lunch at Hawks Head Restaurant in Oak Glen. On Jan. 17, we journeyed to the Living Desert in Palm Desert. Jan. 24 found us enjoying Cuca's Mexican Restaurant at

Yucaipa. We also enjoyed the Fashion District in Los Angeles on Friday, Jan. 27.

Our February meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 3, in the Craft Room at 6 p.m. So far, our February plans include : Thursday, Feb. 16, Cardiff bus trip to Santa Anita. This is Seniors Day at the track so admission is free. The cost of the bus trip is \$40.00 per person. We also have a special event planned for Thursday, Feb. 23 , "The Working Whitehouse, 200 Years of Tradition and Memories". This is at the Museum of History and Art in Ontario. We will have lunch while we are in Ontario.

At the February meeting we will plan more activities for that month.

I would like to extend an invitation to any "Solos" in Four Seasons to join us. If you have any questions please call Mary Castle at (951) 769-5444. – **Mary Castle**

Seasoned Sassies

We will not be meeting for the next several months. Please watch the Sentinel for information about resuming our activities. – **Melody Seewoster**

Shutter Bugs to Capture Four Seasons Landscape

Camera enthusiasts in Four Seasons have spent the last several months photographing landscapes in our community. An exhibit of their work will be on display in the Lodge in March. Many of the photos will be by members of the Photography Club but other members of the Association are welcome to submit their pictures.

Photographs must be of landscapes in the common areas or front yards, highlighting plant life here in Beaumont. Structures, mountains or skyscapes may be used as backgrounds. All photographs must include the photographer's name, season photo taken, title and address if it is a close-up to identify the location. More than one submittal is acceptable and must be in landscape / horizontal format and sized to 8"x10". Photographs must be submitted to the front office no later than Feb. 29, 2012, for the exhibit.

A subsequent exhibit will be held in the summer for additional photographs. The Event Systems Committee is exploring the financial viability of making a calendar of Four Seasons landscapes for 2013 that highlights the scenery of our environment. – **Len Tavernetti**



Taste d'Vine



February is such a lovely month. It has so many holidays, and continued reasons for celebrations: National Smile Day, Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Love your Pet and of course it is American Heart Month.

And you know where this is going: Wine- it Is good for the heart. Come join us Thursday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m. in the Ballroom, as we talk about wine's beneficial properties and

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continue to celebrate with some sparkling, red and white and dessert wines. Members \$5.00 Guest \$8.00. Bring a glass or two, an appetizer. -- **Anita Worthen, President Taste d'Vine**

Travel News

Please join us on Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Card Room at the Lodge for a meeting on our up-coming cruise to the Mediterranean.



This cruise will be departing from Barcelona, Spain, on Sept. 20 for 12 nights on the ship Celerity Soltice. The ports we will be visiting are as follows: Monte Carlo, Florence, Rome, Naples/Capri, Kotor, Montenegro, overnight in Venice, Split, Croatia and back to Barcelona. The cabins range in price from \$2272.33 to \$2722.33 and includes all taxes. The price does not include airfare, however. A deposit of \$450 per person must be made by April 13. After that date the price will increase. -- **Melody Seewoster**

Weight Watchers

Just to let you know we do not have Weight Watchers coming to our facility at this time. We did not get enough people to sign up when we had to renew.

The ones who still want to do Weight Watchers can now go to the Hampton Inn for meetings. If you are interested, you can go on the Weight Watchers website to find a meeting place that suits you.

Be looking for a special informational meeting that will be held in the Ballroom at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13. This will be for those that may want to join Weight Watchers on site at the Lodge. -- **Anni Smith**

Happy Valentine's Day



& President's Day



Travel News Day Trips

February Day Trips

Feb. 4	Quartzsite Hobby, Craft & Gem Show/no host lunch.....	44.00 p/p
Feb. 4"Come Fly Away" at the Segerstrom/no host lunch	85.00 p/p
Feb. 11	"La Ballet de Monte-Carlo" at the Segerstrom/no host lunch.....	84.00 p/p
Feb. 16"Warriors, Tombs and Temples" at the Bowers	72.00 p/p
Feb. 19	"Fiddler on the Roof" at the Candlelight/lunch included	99.00 p/p
Feb. 22	Mystery Tour/lunch included	95.00 p/p
Feb. 23	Nethercutt Museum & Collection/lunch included.....	59.00 p/p
Feb. 25	Universal Studios/no host lunch & admission not included	39.00 p/p
Feb 29	Reagan Library/no host lunch	54.00 p/p

To make reservations call Gadabout Vacations at 1-800-952-5068 or 760-325-5556. Make checks payable to Gadabout Tours and mail to 1801 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 100, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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Timing Is Everything

What a difference a year makes. In December 2010 we had 10" of rain and in December 2011 we had 1". Hiking up the creek bed at Whitewater along a bubbling brook would not have been possible last January but this year it was literally "a walk in the park."

A trail, marked and cleared along the creek bed, rose gently 250' from the ranger station up to red rock, approximately 5.6 miles. Twelve Hearty Hikers navigated several stream crossings at the lower end of the canyon before reaching high ground on the side of the San Bernardino Mountains.



Along the trail the inevitable "fork" appeared. We halted for a discussion. One could imagine our ancestors pioneering across the western territories in the mid-eighteenth century in wagon trains stumbling on a fork in their path, unmarked on the \$2.00 guaranteed accurate

map they bought in St. Joseph and holding a council that could mean life or death for their group. Fortunately we had guides who knew the route and made the right choice.

The day was perfect for hiking with high clouds and a warming trend from the 50s to the 60s as we ascended the path. Wildlife was scarce but mountain sheep are reported to come down to the stream and drink in the early morning hours.



Our usual group photo was taken at coat rack rock where hikers familiar with the trail shed their outerwear and later recover it on the return trip. Our next hike will be on February 8 at Mount Rubidoux. Please contact Lynette Simonson at (951) 377-0392 for details. – **Len Tavernetti**





February

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
**Four Seasons
Beaumont**

**Committees,
Clubs,
Groups,
And
Special
Events**

Notes:

- * February 8 - Meet the Delegates, 6p in the Ballroom
 - * February 23 - District Delegate Elections. Remember to vote!!!
 - *EPP - Emergency Preparedness Program
 - *AACC - African American Culture Club
 - *All dates, times and activities are subject to change.
- Please check with the Lodge desk for updated information.

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10 Drawing Class
12:30p Bridge
3:30 4 Seasons Singers
6 AACC*
7 8-Ball Club

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9a Safety & Fac Com Mtg
10 Knit & Crochet
Poker
11 Bistro Com Mtg
6 Hearts
All Season RVers
7 Life Guide Bible Study

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3p Scrabble

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9a Landscape Com Mtg
10 Drawing Class
12:30p Bridge
3:30 4 Seasons Singers
7 8-Ball Club

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9:30a Book Club
10 Knit & Crochet
Poker
2p ESC Mtg
6 Hearts
7 Life Guide Bible Study

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10a Drawing Class
12:30p Bridge
3:30 4 Seasons Singers
7 8-Ball Club

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10a Knit & Crochet
Poker
1p Finance Com Mtg
6 Hearts
6:30 Camera Club
7 Life Guide Bible Study

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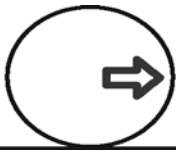
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10 Knit & Crochet
Poker
4p Performing Arts Club
6 Hearts
7 Life Guide Bible Study

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Four Seasons Spotlight

Personal Planning Does Pay

By Bobbie Eckel

Residents of Four Seasons have been busy focusing on Neighborhood Watch, Emergency Preparedness and ways to keep our community safe and secure. We have made great strides in the development of plans and programs and the future looks promising for even more and better organization of our community.

Yet each week we hear about neighbors who recently were blind-sided by personal tragedies – the death of a spouse, the discovery of a terminal illness or the shock of having a stroke and needing to undergo months of rehabilitation. While we have blossoming community plans, some of us are discovering that we have neglected “personal planning.”

Riverside County Office on Aging states the need clearly, “Your family is a small business unit, and it deserves to be operated just as efficiently as any other business.”

It's time to start planning for things that may affect us as families, too. Topics such as trusts, developing a list of assets and ways you want them distributed, pre-planning for final funeral arrangements, deciding who has power of attorney for you / your loved ones if one of you becomes incapacitated, letting your family members know where important documents are, and even deciding what you want done with beloved pets need to be brought up and your wishes communicated. The tax season also reminds us that it is important for all parties in a household to understand where tax information is maintained and what the process entails.

The establishment of a trust is a good start. This legal document allows you to list family members you prefer to have as “attorney in fact”, select someone who has durable power of attorney for health care and / or property management, specify successor trustees, list all assets and any special items bequeathed to various family and friends. A trust can also contain directives regarding health care choices. You may choose a lawyer to help write the trust or you may prefer to go online and investigate less expensive means. Whatever route you choose, a trust is a good instrument to have working for you.

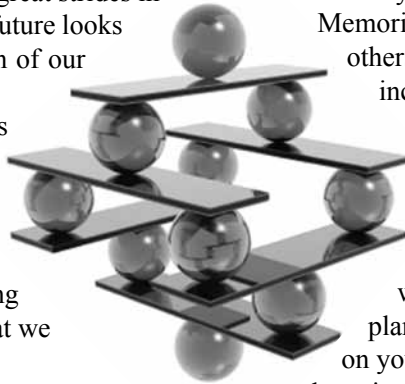
Explore Advanced Health Care Directives available to members of various medical insurance programs. Kaiser, for example, requests that patients with Congestive Heart Failure maintain a current directive. Whatever your insurance program, ask Membership Services what forms they provide for you and your family to make plans. Update the directives periodically – and be sure that other family members know where the directives are located. Better yet, provide close family members with copies of your wishes.

Pre-planning for funerals is another important step. It is

not “if we die” that we plan for, it is “when we die.” Planning guides are available from most funeral homes. One source for a very complete guide is Dignity Memorial (Dignity Memorial.com or 1-800-344-6489). There are many others available online, also. Be sure that the guide includes data about the type of service requested, individuals to be contacted, and as many specifics as you think are necessary. Many Funeral Service Counselors can also help you with travel protection (TPP) so that transportation is covered if you are traveling when death occurs. The more you have pre-planned, the less stressful the entire event will be on your family. Going through bereavement is not the best time to also make prudent decisions.

The whole process of personal planning can seem overwhelming – but if you start personal planning with simple steps, you will discover that it does all come together. Prioritize what you need to do and get started. Organizations such as the County of Riverside Office on Aging Network of Care provide assistance in many areas. You can research their facilities online at www.riverside.networkofcare or call them Monday through Thursday at 1-800-510-2020. Another outstanding source of checklists and personal records is the National Caregivers Library, also accessed through the Office of Aging. The City of Beaumont frequently offers information on various aspects of Personal Planning in their monthly Lunch and Learn program. Watch for information regarding areas you need in the Beaumont Senior Newsletter.

We do have many resources for personal planning and the need is obvious. If there is sufficient interest within our community, we will request a workshop with representatives from various organizations who can provide additional information to us. Feel free to pick up a small planning guide at the Lodge front desk at no cost to you.



Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

During 2011, the California State Legislature approved a number of new laws which may impact residents of our community. Watch the California section of your daily newspaper for specifics of each law.

The Vehicle License Fee was reduced as of July 1, 2011, from 1.15 percent of a vehicle's assessed value to 0.65 percent. An extension of the 2009 VLF increase was not included in the state's 2011-2012 fiscal year budget. However, Senate Bill 89 increased the registration fee for vehicles to \$43 per year, up from \$31, as of

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July 1, 2012. This increase, which will raise approximately \$360 million per year for the state, will be used to fund DMV operations. A number of additional state and local registration fees assessed will bring the overall fee total to about \$100.

For those residents who transport young grandchildren, be aware that SB 949 now requires children under the age of 8 (unless they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall) to be properly restrained in a booster seat in a vehicle's backseat. Previously only children up to the age of 6, or weighing less than 60 pounds, were required to use booster seats.

The new year also brings additional scams over the telephone or internet. An insidious one involves a caller claiming to be a jury duty coordinator inquiring about your failure to respond to a jury duty summons. The caller attempts to intimidate you into giving him your social security number and date of birth so he can cancel an arrest warrant for you. The FBI and the federal court system have apparently issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

The Beaumont Senior Newsletter published an item regarding "self CPR." If you are alone and have a heart attack, experiencing severe pain in your arm up to your jaw, they recommend that you call 911, take a deep breath and cough repeatedly and vigorously every 2 seconds until help arrives or your heart beat becomes normal.

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Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

The New Year is in full swing now and with it lots of activities! Don't forget to check out the club and class sections of this newsletter, so that you might find a new and interesting involvement this year.

The Creative Drawing and Sketching Class by Rob Kelman was certainly well received last year and this year there will be two options for our artistically inclined residents: one will be a drawing class that will be given in "Terms" on Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. These classes will have a definite beginning so that new students can have the opportunity to learn the basics during various periods throughout the year. These Class Terms will be approximately 8 weeks in length, so it isn't a very long commitment. The next Term begins on Monday, Feb. 13 and goes until April 2.

There will also be a Wednesday "On-going" Creative Drawing and Sketching Class which will be full of instruction and encouragement, but as the title states will be on-going for those who are having so much fun with their new-found skills that they really don't want to take a break. The class will continue to be on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Craft room. Amazingly enough, there is no charge for this fabulous instruction!

Don't miss another Magic Show on Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Lodge Theater. There will be 2 shows to choose from, one at 6:30 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. The guest Magicians are all friends of the world renowned "Masters of Magic", John Horning and Colin Taylor. This group is always coming up with new amazements, so don't miss a single new trick! Be sure to sign up for your show preference at the Lodge desk because these shows are packed to the brim (They are also at no charge, so feel free to invite the Grandkids).

K. Hovnanian will be holding a Casino Royal event in our Ballroom on Saturday, February 25. The doors open at 11 a.m. and the event goes until 2 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend at no cost.

Happy Valentines Day (You folks are the joy of my heart!) and Happy Mardi Gras!



Chefs Corner

By Randy Balt

Hearty Turkey Chili

I was originally introduced to this recipe through Weight Watchers. It boasts kidney beans, lean turkey, lots of vegetables, and flavorful seasonings. This dish tastes great and is easy to make, while promising to become flavorful left-overs. Now, imagine serving it with fresh, warm cornbread on a cold winter day. Mmmmmm, good!

Course: Main meal

PointsPlus™ Value: 6 (1 cup)

Servings: 6

Serving size: 1 cup

Preparation Time: 25 min

Cooking Time: 60 min

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

Cooking spray

1 tsp. canola oil

1 large onion, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced (medium)

1 pound Turkey, ground (93% lean/7% fat)

3 medium carrots, thinly sliced into rounds

2 Tbsp. chili powder

1 Tbsp. paprika

1½ tsp. red pepper flakes

1 tsp. Ground Cumin Seed

3 medium tomatoes, chopped

15 oz. can tomato sauce

15 oz. can chicken broth

1 1/2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

15 oz. can kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1 medium green pepper, chopped

½ tsp. table salt, or to taste

⅛ tsp. black pepper, or to taste

1/4 cups scallions, chopped



Directions

Coat a large pot with cooking spray; place over medium heat. Add oil and onion; sauté onion until soft, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add garlic and carrots; cook until garlic is softened, about 1 minute. Add turkey; brown meat, breaking it up with a wooden spoon as it cooks, about 5 minutes. Stir to break up lumps.

Add chili powder, paprika, red pepper flakes, cumin, tomatoes, tomato sauce, broth, vinegar, beans and green pepper; bring mixture to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until meat and vegetables are tender, about 30 to 45 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper; garnish with scallions.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: February 20-Presidents Day - Pro-Fit classes will not meet. **Zumba Gold and Gentle Yoga must have at least 10 participants for the class to continue. All dates, times and activities are subject to change. Please check with the Lodge desk for updated information.						
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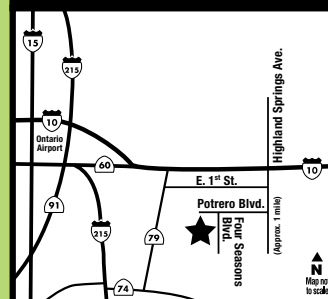
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