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# Neighborly Notes

*By Bobbie Eckel*

Happy New Year to Four Seasons!

Hopefully, we will all get a chance to rest after the holiday activities although it looks as though January will be fairly busy, too.

Nominating District Delegates will be a priority for the month of January. A delegate and an alternate are needed for each district. The primary job of the delegates is to encourage each resident to vote and to ensure that the district has a quorum responding. If a quorum is not met, the delegate is responsible for casting the votes of the district as the delegate sees fit. There will be one director seat opening in the upcoming Board of Directors election. If you are interested in serving your community as a District Delegate, please pick up an application at the Lodge.

The General Session of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1 pm. This is a good way to find out what is happening now and what is planned for the community's future. Plan to attend.

Be sure to take advantage of the Emergency Preparation EXPO at the Lodge on Jan. 12, from 10 am to 2 pm. It promises to be an interesting and informative event. We all need to know that our community is as safe and prepared as we can be for any type of emergency. Find out what you need to do by attending the EXPO.

The Fourth Annual Veterans Expo will be held at the Beaumont Civic Center on Jan. 23, from 10 am to 1 pm. Veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam will be honored. Many representatives will be available who provide services for our veterans. Bring your questions; find out what you need to know.

Some residents have reported that all of our bobcat population is not as fearful of humans as previously thought. Take care when walking your pets on the trails.

January, February and March can be cold months in the Pass Area. We have experienced freezing weather and snow as late as April. (Remember the first Garage/Parking Lot Sale?) Take the time now to wrap the exposed water pipes around your house. The local hardware stores normally carry a good supply of foam wrapping for pipes. If you wait until the snow surrounds your house, you may have to wait for the stores to restock.

Remember, also, that the cold weather may leave patches of ice on the sidewalks in the early mornings. Areas which are in the shade most of the time may be particularly difficult to traverse. We may not have four-foot snow drifts or need to shovel our sidewalks, but the unaccustomed ice can still be a problem for Southern California residents. Be extra careful!

## FOUR SEASONS SPOTLIGHT

# Our New Assistant General Manager Stays On Task



*By Leighton McLaughlin*

When Laurie Owen starts on something, she keeps after it.

She began college in 1981 at Citrus J. C., but what with marriage, a family, kids and three jobs, there have been interruptions – but she's got determination and energy.

She is well started with credits from three colleges in organizational behavior. She plans to soon finish her general ed requirements at Mt. San Jacinto College where she's now enrolled, polish off a bachelor's at University of La Verne, then return to Northwestern for a master's in its on-line program.

And all the while working as the new assistant general manager of Four Seasons Beaumont. "It's a little roundabout way of getting there," she said, "but it's doable."

She showed multitasking ability early. In high school in Azusa, she was a quarter miler on the track team, played volleyball and softball was active in her church group – and when she wasn't competing, she was a cheerleader.

She was the middle sister of three girls. Her dad, Gerald was a machinist and her mother, Rebecca, an employee of the Social Security Administration.

She married her husband, Dave, the same year she started college. His business, general contracting with a specialty in commercial construction, caused them to move to Murrieta in 1995. They have two grown children, Amy, 27, a teacher and dance coach at Temescal Canyon High School and Nolan, 23, who is in the media business in the Chicago area and is married with two children, grandsons Lukas, 3, and Kaleb, 10 months.

Owen has a rich business background. She began her career in the development department of World Vision International, a relief organization that serves 97 countries with medical care, economic development, emergency relief and other services. Later she became an administrative assistant for the City of Hope, the cancer center in Duarte.

Then after some years off devoted to child-rearing (an as

always, some college) she went to work for Canyon Lake, a gated community in western Riverside County with many similarities to Four Seasons – except it is much larger, with 4,800 homes and over 10,000 residents.

She had multiple responsibilities at Canyon Lake. Among other jobs she ran the two restaurants, put out the newsletter, ran the web site, assisted the Architectural and Rules and Regulations Committees with enforcement, handled community elections and oversaw payroll and staffing. Overall, she supervised some 60 employees.

After nine years she and her husband – who had been injured at work and needed time to recover – took a year and a half off from their jobs. In a reversal of the typical college graduate moving home in a bad economy, they moved in with son Nolan in Illinois. Owen immediately enrolled in the Organizational Behavior Program at Northwestern to further her college education.

On return to California, she started looking for a new job and came across the assistant general manager's opening at Four Seasons. After three interviews, she was hired.

"It's a beautiful community - a very pretty community. People seem very friendly. So far it's been great."

She expects to handle many day-to-day tasks and serve as a buffer for General Manager Lisa Lynn. "If I see an area where I can be of some help, that's what I like to do," she said. "That's something I have a background in – streamlining and organizing procedures.

"I would like to see an expansion of the Bistro area," she said. "There's a lot of room there and they are very busy on certain days and times. They're doing a good job now, but if there's some way to provide better service, I'd like to look at that."

"Hopefully, I can take my background and experience and be of help here," she said.

And there is no doubt she'll keep after it.





# Manager's Update

By Lisa Lynn, General Manager

At the Open Session Board meeting held on December the Board of Directors approved the following committee recommendations:

- Architectural Review recommendation for variance approvals through the committee for patio cover setbacks
- Communications request to seek legal feedback on liability for unedited articles
- Finance request to have proposals submitted to committee prior to meeting date
- Landscape proposal for tree removal on Laurel Paseo (cost \$136)
- Landscape proposal for tree removal in Phase B areas between houses (no charge from Landscape Contractor)

The Board of Directors reviewed and acted upon the following business matters:

- November 2012 minutes – approved
- October 2012 Financial statement – approved
- Ratified members for Nominating Committee for District Delegate and Board Elections
- Send out ballots to members who have not voted on CC&R amendment (\$423) - approved

- Pool Area caulking and sealing (\$5,468) - approved
- Springdale Insurance renewal – General and Earthquake (\$45,611) - approved
- Rec Center North (Old Sales Office) Planning Committee Charter - approved
- Reviewed a member request for a variance for address placement – tabled for additional information
- Reviewed a member request for removal of a front yard tree – approved
- San Gorgonio Pass Rotary Club – Facility Use application – approved and waived commercial fee
- No car cover rule - approved
- Proposed turnover of Recreation Center North (Old Sales Office) – tabled
- Two rail vinyl fencing in various areas of community (\$18,197) - approved
- Class application for Women's Personal Diversion Safety Classes - approved
- Club application for 4-Wheeler Group - approved

Management reported to the Board the completion of the following items:

- New key fob access system installed
- Holiday lights for gatehouses

installed

- Motorized vehicle rule out for member review
- Tree/Community Decorations received
- Office upgrades completed

Management reported that 24 violation letters were sent out during November.

- 1 for signs
- 2 for hoses
- 1 for parking issues
- 2 for architectural items
- 1 for a Holiday décor
- 7 for maintenance
- 8 for trash cans
- 2 for pets off leash

The Board of Directors suspended facility privileges for two members for delinquent dues, bringing the total for suspended privileges to 12 current members. There were 27 accounts with balances over 90 days past due.

The Board meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month, with the Executive Session at 9 am in the Lodge Conference room and the Open Session at 1 pm in the Lodge Ballroom.

**\*\*\*Calling all District Delegate applicants... please turn in your application to the Lodge office by Jan. 18. We appreciate your service to the community!**

# Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

WOW! What a wonderful year we have planned for 2013 now that the world did not end as by the Mayan calendar.

Please take a look at the events that are listed to the right. Keep your eyes open as more events will be added as the year goes on. Some highlights you'll especially want to look out for include The Family Feud Game Show coming to the Lodge Ballroom on Jan. 26, and then a possible Film Making Workshop put on by an actual film production company to help in preparation of the Independent Film Festival. This will be very informative and will really help the budding film makers who have turned in film submissions in the past. This should give you a backstage view of everything involved in creating your own feature film. They will also review requirements for submitting your film into some of our local Palm Springs Film Festivals.

We are also hoping for a Formal Classical Piano Evening in March. This would be hosted by the HOA and will include appetizers and drinks and will showcase some of our own resident concert pianists. Be sure to mark down on your brand new 2013 calendar all the events that most appeal to you. I can't wait to see all the surprises this year will hold! May this year be the best year we've ever had! Happy New Year and see you around the Lodge.

# MARK YOUR 2013 CALENDAR

## January

- 12 Emergency Preparedness Expo
- 12 Karaoke Night
- 26 Family Feud Game Show

## February

- TBD District Delegate Elections
- 2 Mini Heart & Soul Boot Camp
- 9 Karaoke Night
- 16 PAC Show: R&B Meets Country
- 23 Film making workshop in preparation for the Independent Film Festival

## March

- 1 A Formal Classical Piano Evening
- 2 Magic Night
- 9 Mardi Gras
- 12 Landscape Photo Exhibit
- 23 Karaoke Night

## April

- TBD District Delegate Meeting
- TBD Annual Meeting
- 5 Reader's Theatre Show
- 13 HOA Garage Sale
- 13 Karaoke Night
- 18 Corks & Canvases
- 27 Tennis Party

## May

- 4 PAC Murder Mystery Dinner
- 11 Karaoke Night
- 18 ESC Spring Home Tour
- 19 Amphitheater Series

## June

- 1 Fashion Show & Tea
- 8 Karaoke Night
- 15 Magic Night
- 22 Juneteenth Party
- 23 Amphitheater Series

## July

- 4 Fourth of July Event
- 13 Karaoke Night
- 20 Travel Expo
- 21 Amphitheater Concert Series
- 28 Tennis Play Day

## August

- 2 National Night Out
- 10 Karaoke Night
- 17 Independent Film Festival
- 18 Amphitheater Concert Series
- 31 Tennis Play Day

## September

- 7 U.S. Open Party
- 10 Landscape Photo Exhibit
- 15 Amphitheater Grand Finale
- 21 Magic Night

## October

- 4 PAC Reader's Theater
- 5 HOA Garage Sale
- 15 Annual Tennis Banquet
- 19 Health Fair or Home & Garden Fair
- 27 Halloween Party

## November

- 1 Light Hearted Piano Evening
- 9 Karaoke Night
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 16 Holiday Craft Boutique

## December

- 1 Holiday Extravaganza
- 31 New Year's Eve Party







# Winter Wish a Success

By Melody Seewoster

The good people of Four Seasons have done it again. Winter Wish, a local program to help local families in need at Christmas time, put out Christmas tags representing children in need and Four Seasons took a total of 156 tags to buy gifts... and buy gifts they did.

I made four trips from Four Seasons to our Chamber of Commerce office with my car loaded with presents where the gifts are recorded.

If you are not familiar with this program, let me give you a brief description of how it works. Tags are put on a Christmas tree with the name of a local school child and a gift they would like to receive. Each child gets two wishes, one for a toy and one for an article of clothing. A member of the community may take one or more tags then buys the item on the back, wraps it, and returns it to the place where they picked it up, remembering to secure the tag on the package. The gifts are picked up by a Winter Wish volunteer and taken to the Chamber of Commerce office where a team of volunteers checks them in, makes sure that all tape and tags are secure, then places them in large boxes to be taken to the distribution center. The gifts are re-boxed and doubled checked to make sure that each family have at least two gifts for each child listed for that family.

Each family is given a family number and informed of the day

they are to pick up their gifts. On that date they start arriving at the distribution center at about 10 am to collect their gifts. They must show the family number and have identification to receive their gifts. Boxes of gifts are lined up with a large group of volunteers to help the people get the gifts to their cars. They also receive a bag of groceries, or two bags if it is a large family.

This process starts in September and it takes a lot of volunteers to keep this program going. This year we had over 200 families and over 600 children that were helped by the good people of Beaumont.

I have been involved with this program for 11 years and each year there are a couple of families who come in to take some child's name because they were helped the year before and want to "pay" back. It is a lot of work, time and by the end everyone is a little tired and a little crabby... but when it is all over and done we sit back, look at each other and say "a job well done." Thank you, Four Seasons.



Volunteers prepare gifts for "Winter Wish" program children and their families

Top center, bottom far left and far right photos by Steve Moore  
Two bottom center photos by Melody Seewoster



Chef's Corner By Randy Balt

## Cheater Gumbo

This easy to make gumbo recipe came from my sister-in-law, Janine. It produces a classic, dark brown, shrimp and chicken gumbo in true Louisiana fashion that warms the soul. After tasting it you would swear it came directly from a kitchen in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.



Course: Main meal • PointsPlus™ Value: 10 • Servings: 6 • Preparation Time: 20 min. • Total Time: 63 min. • Level of Difficulty: Easy

### INGREDIENTS

1 Tbsp. Olive Oil

1 Large Brown Onion, chopped

1 Red Bell Pepper, chopped

1 Tbsp. Gourmet Garden Garlic Paste

1 – 7 oz. Box Zatarains Gumbo Mix

2 Links Aidell's Cajun Style Andouille Sausage, diced

1 pkg. Boneless Chicken Breast, cut into bite sized pieces

1 lb. Medium Uncooked Shrimp, cleaned and deveined

Optional Ingredients: parsley, celery, okra, cayenne pepper

### DIRECTIONS

1. Do all the prep work before you start cooking. This allows for a smoother process when cooking. In addition, I removed the tails off the shrimp during the prep process because I hate messing with them when it's time to eat.
2. Sauté onion and bell pepper in olive oil until soft, about eight minutes; add garlic paste and cook for two more minutes.
3. Add sausage and cook for 3 minutes.
4. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes.
5. Add gumbo mix and water as specified on box (6 cups). Cover and cook stirring occasionally for 30 minutes.
6. Add shrimp and cook for 10 minutes without lid.
7. Serve with warm, crusty French or sourdough bread, and a nice Caesar salad. Add Louisiana Hot Sauce into gumbo as desired for personal taste.



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# COMMUNITY JOINS TO CREATE A *Woodland Wonderland*

By Cindy Graves

This Christmas saw our most spectacularly decorated Lodge yet, and much thanks goes out to the members of our community who helped make it happen.

It started last January when we realized that our original Christmas tree, donated by K. Hovnanian Homes, had worn out its last strand of pre-lit lights. The inside of the wired branches were also looking frayed, so we decided to see if there was an organization in Beaumont to which the HOA could donate the tree. The San Gorgonio Hospital was looking for such a donation and they had staff who knew how to fix the fray.

The Board of Directors then appointed Terry Fears, one of Four Seasons' most recognized holiday designers, to consult on the purchase of a new tree and the creation of a holiday theme for the Lodge facilities. Terry gladly got on board with the project and generously donated his time and creativity. He even donated stacks of wreaths to add pizzazz throughout the Lodge rooms and entrance as well as the Potrero and Crooked Creek gates.

Terry decided on a "Woodland Wonderland" theme, bringing some of our Four Seasons wildlife indoors, emphasizing a "lodge look" and giving a festive but holiday neutral ambiance. One of the first items Terry decided on was a large majestic grey owl. He found the owl at a Home Goods store and then went to all of the Home Goods stores in Riverside County to find enough owls to make the impact he wanted. I had the privilege of going with him to a design center in Orange County which specializes in holiday accoutrements. There, we loaded up cart after cart of natural items like the gorgeous and adorable squirrels and the myriad of sparkling baubles and floral pieces.

The week before the Holiday Extravaganza and Tree Lighting Ceremony, the decorating work began. We started our grand tree decorating project on that Wednesday at 8 pm, allowing Terry's

design to take shape without the well meaning direction from resident passers by. Helping to unwrap all of the decorations was the Social Committee's Chairman, Melody Seewoster. Anita Worthen stopped by to discuss some Wine Club issues and she stayed to help for an hour. Then came John Noonan who had been given approval by the BOD to donate a nativity scene to the Lodge decorations. He decided to drop it off around 8:15 pm that night. John also decided to stay well into the night to help. As the decorating proceeded, Willis Fagan, who was playing billiards, checked on us and determined that he needed to help steady the 15' ladder for Terry. Willis ended up staying until nearly midnight. Finally, around 2 am, the tree was completed.

The next night, the mantel and large pine arrangements were completed. Friday evening was the dress rehearsal for the Holiday Variety Show. While I was helping with the rehearsal and trying to get the Ballroom trees decorated, Janet McAdamis and several other decorating angels descended to help.

At this time, all 24 wreaths were under construction. Renee Watkins, our Facilities Coordinator, helped with those and Terry Fears helped with beautiful gold bows.

Early Saturday morning, the decorating finishing frenzy began. The stack of wreaths were ready to hang, but none of the command hooks were working. Claudette Harsney came to the rescue! Claudette is an amazing Four Seasons Designer in her own right, and a fast action, solution finding, public

servant besides. She saw the quandary, and immediately threw her expertise into high gear. She came up with the clever idea of hanging the wreaths over the wrought iron signs in the Lodge. She also directed wreath placement on the Crooked Creek pedestrian gates and over the light at the Lodge and Potrero Gate entrances (no command hooks necessary).

Claudette worked tirelessly with me from 9 am until 3 pm that Saturday... what an amazing woman! In the midst of the frenzy, Loren DuChesne saw that Claudette and I were in need of a bit of assistance with the garland outside the Ballroom, so he flew home to get much needed nails and hammers. Betty Ann James saw that she might also be of assistance, so she put the lights on the little potted pine trees by the Lodge doors. She

also came up with a solution for the strong Beaumont breeze threatening to knock over our newly purchased poinsettias. She zipped home and loaded her car with bricks to brace the poinsettia pots.

This Lodge decorating story is really more than just a lengthy rendition of how the Lodge was decorated. It's yet another telling of the character, the community spirit, and the self-sacrifice that makes this Four Seasons neighborhood the wonderful place that it is. These terrific people, giving of their time, talents and treasures, are just some of many who do much to make this place a little more beautiful. As usual, it's more than a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with folks of your caliber. As I've said before, you all are the true decorations of the Lodge.

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## Neighborhood Watch

Our next meeting will be Feb. 8. January's meeting will be replaced by the EXPO at Four Seasons for Four Seasons residents on Jan. 12, 10 am to 2 pm in the Ballroom, which will integrate both Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness (EPP is an integral part of Neighborhood Watch).

As our community expands we are always looking for people to join our Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are interested in becoming a block captain, please contact Dennis Gray or Susan Wilson for more information.

Thanks to our current Block Captains for all their efforts and support to continue to make this Program a success.  
~ Susan Wilson

## Event Systems



The Holiday Variety Show conducted by the Performing Arts Club went off without a hitch in early December and, once again, the ESC was there to attend to the technical needs of the evening. The PAC presentations were fun and the lighting, sound and stage performed well to the enjoyment of a "standing room only" crowd. It was also a lovely inauguration for the new Grand Piano now found in the Lodge. This beautiful instrument was purchased by the HOA for the listening pleasure of our residents during productions and performances and three people played it in different acts that evening. We also thank everybody who helped in front of and behind the scenes. There were several inquiries from residents on how they can get involved with the productions, as we can always use help in keeping things organized. If you want to get more involved, email Roland Harrah at rolandthanh@msn.com.

The 2012 Holiday Home Tour, sponsored by the ESC, was a huge success. What began as a whimsical fund raiser has turned into a well attended community event. This was the third Holiday tour and nearly 240 people toured the five beautiful homes that opened their doors this year. While the majority of visitors were residents and their friend or relatives, about twenty-five new or potential home buyers were invited to attend by the KHov sales office. While the model homes are beautiful, they are sterile and these visitors were thrilled to interact with actual homeowners, view homes that are "lived in" and experience the enthusiasm the residents feel about living in Four Seasons. Again, we thank Steve and Cheryl Bell, Steve and Martha Benoff, Terry and Betty Fears, Wayne and Cheryl Staples and Sal and Jane Valle for graciously opening their homes. The next event, the Outdoor Living Tour, in late May or early June, is in the works as well as next year's Holiday Home Tour and there is actually interest in a Fall Tour. If you are interested in showing off your beautiful home in any of these tours or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the tour coordinator, Teri DiMarino-Davidson at (951) 769-4345. ~ Teri DiMarino-Davidson

## Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP)



Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Lodge Ballroom. Our goal is to educate and train each individual in the community to be EPP prepared. Each month we focus on ways to plan and prepare. This is accomplished through speakers, group discussions, demonstrations, etc. Come to our Jan. 3, meeting. Larry Goodreau will present on the Riverside County Great Shake Out. This will surely get your mind to thinking about what to do when the shaking starts.

We are excited about the first Emergency Preparedness Program Expo. The committee has been working hard to bring to you the information and resources that help each of you be aware of the importance of being prepared. The EPP team leaders have put together great displays and are eager to talk with you about their areas. There will be something for everyone. Come out and bring your friends, family, grand kids, neighbors and anyone else that would enjoy a great expo on Saturday, Jan. 12, 10 am - 2 pm at the Lodge and the adjacent parking lot. ~ Anita Worthen

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### MEDICARE 101: ABC & Ds

**Come and Learn the Thursday, January 10 at 2 pm & Wednesday, January 23 @ 5 pm** – This class is for anyone soon-to-be or recently eligible for Medicare or for those who just want to know. Learn how Medicare works and the benefits you are entitled to.

### FIVE WISHES: An Alternative to the Advance Directive

**Wednesday, January 16 @ 10 am** – Provide peace of mind for you and your family. Make your health care wishes known before you are unable to speak for yourself. \*FREE legal document available.

### WORKSHOP: Create Your New Year's Vision

**Friday, January 18 @ 2 pm** – Ever dream of living an active life, moving abroad or publishing a book of short stories? Learn to harness the power of your imagination. The two hour class includes: short meditation exercise, group discussion, visions & goals, introduction to Pinterest (social media) and creating vision boards.

### BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, January 29 @ 2 pm

Barbara Pym's *Excellent Women* is a witty British comedy about everyday life told through the eyes of a self-declared spinster. Please read this romantic comedy and join our discussion.

The Vitality Series is open to everyone ages 55+, come learn how to keep your vitality and be healthy!

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# Landscape Committee

At our December meeting, we recommended two options for picnic table sites. One option would be for seven sites with two to four rectangular tables plus two sites with individual circular tables similar to the ones in the Lodge grounds near the tennis courts. A second option would be for three sites with three to four rectangular tables and one site with a circular table. Cement platforms would be built under the tables and trees planted to provide shade where needed.

A proposal was sent to the board for vinyl fencing along the Highland Springs trail below Four Seasons Circle to enhance

safety and a wire fence around the basin near the Edison Easement to preclude unauthorized entry. Vinyl fencing would also replace the wire fencing near the Lodge entrance. Upgrades to the plant life along Potrero Boulevard and Highland Springs will begin in January.

During December, the coyote bushes throughout the community are frosted with “Beaumont Snow” to give us a wintry white Christmas look.

For information, contact Chairman Len Tavernetti at (909) 744-2388 or ltavernetti@hotmail.com. ~ *Len Tavernetti*

# Finance Committee

At our November meeting, we reviewed the financial statements for October, which reflected the following significant items: Net income year-to-date was \$133,677 and total reserves were \$3,162,709. The accounts receivable (delinquencies) was \$92,443. Our total HOA expenses for October (excluding reserve allocations) were \$214,653. This

was over budget by \$8,757. There were two CD renewals to be reviewed. The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for October were over the monthly budget by \$4,796. Water expense and tree maintenance the major contributors. There were four vendor proposals presented for approval. Bob Melville, AD Hoc Water Management Committee

member, reported no new information. Chris VanRuiten with Comerica gave us an update on our investments with suggestions on future placements.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 29, at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. ~ *Noel Myers*

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# Architectural Review

It's a new year and we wish you a happy and prosperous year.

To all homeowners, we want to remind you exterior improvements and modifications to your home or landscaping must be submitted and approved by the ARC committee. It is our goal and duty to maintain the spirit and aesthetics of the community by reviewing the submitted plans for guideline requirements.

We would like to add it is in your best interest to not proceed with the work prior to approval. We have reviewed many submittals lately which the owner has elected to proceed prior to approval. Most of these submittals have required additional information or revisions to meet with the guidelines. Please be aware, you do this at your own risk. Additional costs may be incurred. Please wait until your submittal has been approved before proceeding.

The committee meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. Plans must be submitted no later than Monday noon prior to the Wednesday meeting day for review that week.

Homeowners are welcome to attend our meetings to see how the process works. ~ *Ron Burke*



# Safety & Facilities

The Safety and Facilities Committee met last month and discussed Bistro chairs and Card Room table projects, Aerobics Room flooring and air conditioning upgrades, outdoor shower at the Lodge pool, wreath storage, tennis lighting, and Paddle/Pickle court striping. Renee Watkins, Facility Coordinator, is addressing these issues and projects.

We were briefed on Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness. A special note is given to the upcoming Safety Fair on Jan. 12, to be held at the Lodge. This is an important event to the community and should be attended.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 9 am in the Lodge Conference Room and welcome ideas for facility projects. ~ *Dennis Gray*

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# Rules & Regulations

CC&R Amendment: You may have received a reminder in the mail if you have not voted. We encourage you to vote and help us reach a count of 750 ballots. Please cast your vote to help secure our community.

A “Golf Cart Rules” proposal has been approved by the Board of Directors and sent out for community comment.

The question of compost containers came before the committee and it was determined that they can be used as long as they are closed containers.

You are invited to attend our meetings. They are held on the third Thursday of every month at 9 am in the Lodge Conference Room. ~ **Ron Morgan**

# Social Committee

We were so excited about the New Years’ Event and I hope it turned out as well as we had hoped. Of course I can’t report on it as yet because at the time of writing this article it had not happened as yet. I will tell all about it in the next Breeze.

Another thing I am excited about (I get excited easily) is our upcoming Family Feud Game Show. This is our first attempt at an event of this type but I am sure it is going to be a sellout. This

event will be Jan. 26, with doors opening at 6 pm and the show starting at 6:30 pm. There will be no dinner but there will be snack, water and coffee available for your pleasure. Remember you can always bring your drink of choice and Smitty’s will be opened if you would care to have dinner before the show.

Tickets went on sale Dec. 22, at a cost of \$15 pp and the last day to buy them is Jan. 23.

As a reminder there will be 20 tables

of eight with each table being a team, so get your team together and sign up (you will need to pay for all eight people at the same time).

Last year I attended a show of this type and believe me there was a lot of laughing and carrying on. Who says we older people don’t have a lot of fun?

So get your team, get your tickets and prepare to have a really good time. ~ **Melody Seewoster**

# Ad Hoc Water Management

Our water bills for November show a higher consumption (.01 percent) for 2012 than last year although we still have to account for December usage. The cost is up 15 percent with the new rates adopted this year. The builder has turned over to the Association thirteen booster pumps. These pumps are a backup in the event water pressure unexpectedly decreases. Currently, this is not foreseen as a problem with the potable water in our irrigation pipes. When we eventually use recycled water, they may be needed. The Association is investigating a maintenance contract to ensure periodic inspection and service

of these pumps. The water fountain in the Lodge Courtyard is experiencing problems. The tiles are not designed for outdoor usage and the exposure plus heavy chlorine in the water is causing deterioration. Additionally, the flower pots lack drainage holes and the concrete is cracking. The plants suffer from exposure to chlorine spray when the wind blows and drowning from the additional wind blown water. For more information, call Chairman Len Tavernetti at (909) 744-2388, ltavernetti@hotmail.com. ~ **Len Tavernetti**

# Bistro Committee

We met on Nov. 27, and reviewed several items that are in the works for the Bistro; the refrigeration and kitchen design improvements and the chair and table rework.

The issue of putting little cards on the Bistro tables to discourage residents from bringing fast food and beverages was discussed. It was determined instead that Smitty will be supported in giving residents friendly reminders that tables in the Bistro are for Smitty’s paying customers.

The next meeting is Jan. 29, at 11 am in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. ~ **William Taylor**





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<b>The Lodge is open daily, 7 am - 9 pm</b>  AACC = African American Culture Club ARC = Architectural Review Committee BOD = Board of Directors EPP = Emergency Preparedness Program ESC = Event Systems Committee PAC = Performing Arts Club		<div>1</div> <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>The Lodge is closed for the holiday. It will reopen on Jan. 2, with normal hours.</i>	<div>2</div> Hearty Hikers 8a <b>Ad Hoc Water Mgt. ARC Communications C.</b> 8a Canasta #2 9:30 Ceramics Class 10a Dominoes 1p Motorcycle Club 1p Drawing Class 5p 8-Ball Club 6p 7p	<div>3</div> Garden Club 9a EPP 10a Poker 10a Pan 11:30a Canasta #1 1:15p Ballroom Dance Party 5p Crafters 5:30p	<div>4</div> Open Art Studio 10a Firearms Enthusiasts 4p Dominoes 5p Seasoned Solos 6p 8-Ball Club 7p	<div>5</div> Painting Class 10a Poker 10a  Private Party in Ballroom All Day
<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <b>Landscape Comm 9a</b> Drawing & Sketching 10a Bridge 12p Canasta #3 1p 8-Ball Club 7p	<div>8</div> Weight Watchers 8:30a Knitting & Crocheting 10a Poker 10a Spanish Lesson Group 12:30p <b>ESC Meeting 1p</b> Billiards for Fun 1p All Seasons RV Club 6p Hearts 6p	<div>9</div> Canasta #2 1p Ceramics Class 1p Dominoes 5p Drawing Class 6p 8-Ball Club 7p Murder Mystery Mtg. 6:30p	<div>10</div> <b>BOD Exec Session 9a</b> Poker 10a Pan 11:30a <b>BOD General Session 1p</b> Canasta #1 1:15p <b>Social Committee Mtg. 5p</b> Demo. Toastmasters 6:30p	<div>11</div> Neighborhood Watch 10a Open Art Studio 10a <b>Communications Mtg. 10a</b> Card Making Class 1p Bunco 1p Dominoes 5p 8-Ball Club 7p	<div>12</div> Emergency Preparedness  10a-3p Painting Class 10a Poker 10a Karaoke Night 6p
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## Physical Exercise Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIME
<b>EXERCISE</b>		
Conditioning	M/W/F	8:30a
Beginning Conditioning	M/W/F	9:30a
Zumba Gold	T/Th	9:30a
<b>PING PONG</b>		
Beg. & Int. Ping Pong	W	10:30a
Advanced Ping Pong	Th	11a
All Level Ping Pong	M/Sat.	10:30a
<b>DANCE</b>		
Soc. Dance for Beginners	M	6:30p
Ballroom Dancing	M	7p
Beginning Line Dance	Tues.	3p
Advanced Line Dance	Tues.	3:45
Heart & Soul Line Dance	W	4p
Ballroom Dance Practice	Th	6p
<b>TENNIS</b>		
Beginning Tennis	Tues.	4p
Tennis Drills	Tues.	5p
Tennis Meeting	3rd Tues.	4p
Play Day	Nov. 24	8:30a
Paddle Tennis	W/F/Sun.	2p
<b>PICKLEBALL</b>		
Morning Pickleball	T/Sat.	10a

*\*There will be no classes on Jan. 1 due to the holidays.*



## Sneak peek at next month

- 2 Mini Heart & Soul Boot Camp
- 9 Karaoke Night
- 16 PAC Show: R&B Meets Country
- 23 Film making workshop in preparation for the Independent Film Festival



# Ceramic Corner Blog

Happy New Year to everyone! Is your New Year's resolution to be more creative? Come join us in ceramics class, or come in and see what we are creating. Hand cast zucchini leaves are still very popular, and because of the still warm weather, my zucchini plant has not figured out it is winter yet. The final results are amazing as you can see by the leaves created by Patty Jordan, Sue Trostle and Penny McDonell.

We will be working on Valentine's gifts soon, so keep your eye out for samples in the Craft Room. Instructor: Pamela Mayoral (951) 897-1922. ~ **Pamela Mayoral**



# Camera Club

We meet the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm in the Craft Room at the Lodge. Our next meeting is Jan. 15. Our group is for all levels, beginners and pros alike, and members are always eager to help and teach. Each month, we have an assignment to take and bring in a photograph of a different

genre. We encourage you to attend even if you decide not to bring a picture. We have a lot of fun including photo outings, guest speakers, shows of work, and general sharing of ideas.

We are planning a photo trip to Death Valley in February. Come to our January meeting for details or call me. Also, look

for upcoming information for a beginners/new camera owners' class after the first of the year.

We will discuss other events and outings throughout the year and are looking forward to participating in the "Corks and Canvass" event in April.

Info., Lyle Cameron, (951) 849-6987. ~ **Lyle Cameron**

# Crafters

It's time for you to find out how much fun it would be if you came to join us for crafts!

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Craft Room at 5:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

~ **Pam Kelly & Rita Partida**

# Crocheting & Knitting

Our project for 2012 has been completed and turned in to Anita Worthen for delivery to the Veteran's Administration. We had a total of 19 lap blankets, and a couple of scarves and hats.

Anita took a group photo for the VA and for the Breeze. We are very proud of our hard work, our contributions, and know they will be appreciated. We will start discussing our project for 2013 in the next few meetings. By the time this is read the holidays will have passed, and our group will have had another wonderful holiday luncheon at Melvyn's in Palm Springs. We had a total of 14 from the group. I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Info., Dorothy, (951) 572-5436. ~ **Dorothy Payne**



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The Wednesday evening classes typically have the more advanced students, many who have begun to work with colored pencils in addition to graphite. A student may attend any of the classes or just one. It is strongly recommended that new students attend the first class of a new semester on a Monday morning before deciding which class day they prefer. It is there that you will get to learn the supplies that you will need and honestly, the first class is lots of fun!

The class is led by Rob Kelman, (951) 992-9156, email, rbkdesigns@verizon.net. Please call or email any questions that you have. The class is free! You provide supplies which



Work above by Drawing & Sketching Artist of the Month  
**Alice Wade**

will be discussed in the first class. Just bring a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil for taking notes.

It doesn't matter if you have never drawn before, you drew years ago, or you are an accomplished artist. The classes typically have a mix of all three. Each student works from a black and white photo of their choosing, at their own pace. This class is about individuality. Info., Rob Kelman, (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**

# African American Culture Club

We credit the success of our Christmas Dinner to many months of planning and organizing by Cookie Bonner and her committee consisting of Daisy Race, Roxie Elliott and Wanda Valentine. Every aspect of the evening was excellent from the dinner meal, decorations and entertainment. Les Mays along with Nu-Beginnings featuring Zelyne Rudolph provided the entertainment and there was never a dull moment. Also, many thanks to the hosts and hostess and everyone that worked with the committee to make the evening a success.

We wish the community very happy, safe and prosperous New Year. Our next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 7, in the Card Room at the Lodge at 6 pm. Info., Betty Ann James, Chairperson, (951) 572-5538 or Joyce Allen, Co-Chairperson, (951) 769-4354. ~ **Mabelene Dimmer**



(L-R) Cliff Race, Daisy Race, Roxie Elliott, Cookie Bonner, Ralph Bonner



(R-L) Betty Ann James, Chairperson and  
Joyce Allen, Co-Chair



Zelyne Rudolph and Les Mays





## Bunco

This month Bunco will be on the Jan. 11 and 25. Put away the wrapping paper and recipes and come and join us. I know this is a busy time of year but take a break and come and have some fun. You might even win which is an added bonus. I know there are a lot of new ladies and gentlemen in the community and this is a great way to get to know your neighbors. So grab a drink at Smitty's and we will see you in the Card Room at 1 pm sharp. ~ **Cheryl Burke & Suzanne Roldan**



## Canasta

Come join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun while playing a game of Hand and Foot Canasta. We meet in the Card Room every Thursday afternoon, 1:15 to 4 pm. Each week you may play with someone different which gives you an opportunity to meet your fellow Four Season residents and old friends who enjoy an afternoon of "cool" cards. It is also handy to have the Bistro just down the hall if you would like something to snack on or a cold drink. We supply the cards so all you have to bring is your body and the desire to have a little fun.

If you don't know how to play we are always happy to set up a teaching table and by the time the afternoon is over you have mastered the game. All you have to do is show up and leave the rest to us. ~ **Melody Seewoster**



## Weight Watchers

Did you gain weight during the holidays? You are not alone! If you need some help getting rid of those extra pounds, come join us at Weight Watchers.

We had three new enrollments last month. I am not sure when the series goes into effect but for a 17-week series we require 20 active members for a total cost of \$186 and this includes 19 weeks of E-tools. The 12-week series require 15 active members for a total cost of \$156 and includes 14 weeks of Etools, so it just depends on how many members we have weather we do the 17-week or the 15-week. If you have been thinking about joining come meet Dorothy and the members to see if it will be something you would enjoy to do, you can sit in on one meeting for free.

Weight Watchers meet every Tuesday morning in the Ballroom, weigh-in is at 8:30 am and the meeting is from 9 to 9:30 am.

I am the contact person for Weight Watchers so if you have any questions you can contact me by email at [adanishprincess@aol.com](mailto:adanishprincess@aol.com). ~ **Anni Smith**

## Bridge

Beginners, intermediates, experts are invited to join us at our Monday Social Bridge game at 12 pm in the Game Room. Meet old friends and make some new friends and have some fun. Just because it is a social game setting does not mean we don't have exciting hands. So join us for some fun and possible a bit of excitement, get the brain moving at max speed! See you there. ~ **Roar Senstad**

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## Book Club

*Gone Girl*, by Gillian Flynn: Marriage can be a real killer. One of the most critically acclaimed suspense writers of our time, New York Times best seller Gillian Flynn takes that statement to its darkest place in this "unputdownable" masterpiece about a marriage gone terribly, terribly wrong. The *Chicago Tribune* proclaimed that her work "draws you in and keeps you reading with the force of a pure but nasty addiction." *Gone Girl's* toxic mix of sharp-edged wit and deliciously chilling prose creates a nerve-fraying thriller that confounds you at every turn.



On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their rented McMansion on the Mississippi River. Husband-of-the-Year Nick isn't doing himself any favors with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's

head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media—as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents—the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceptions, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter—but is he really a killer? As the cops close in, every couple in town is soon wondering how well they know the one that they love. With his twin sister, Margo, at his side, Nick stands by his innocence. Trouble is, if Nick didn't do it, where is that beautiful wife? And what was in that silvery gift box hidden in the back of her bedroom closet? With her razor-sharp writing and trademark psychological insight, Gillian Flynn delivers a fast-paced, devilishly dark, and ingeniously plotted thriller that confirms her status as one of the hottest writers around.

Join us at our next Book Club meeting at the Lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 9:30 am for an in-depth discussion of this interesting book and author. Look forward to seeing you then. Also mark your calendar for Feb. 12, when we will be discussing a novel by a local author: *Marble Eyes* by Hildred L. Kennett. If you would like more information about the Book Club, please call Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Doreen Sanders**

## Taste d'Vine

Happy New Year. Taste d'Vine had a wonderful 2012 capping it off with our great Holiday Party, which keeps getting better each year, thanks to our Steering Committee and volunteers. A very special thanks to Gracy Luna for the caterer, and Teri Di Marino for all of her fantastic work on the membership and guest lists, to Jeff Davidson for our new Taste d'Vine glasses and to Patty Jordan and her crew for our beautiful centerpieces. Of course our biggest thank you is to the Taste d'Vine members who supported us throughout the year... 2013 will be even better. There will be great meetings, expanding our wine knowledge, and having some exciting and entertaining events.

It's January and parties and gatherings are still happening. Thinking about starting 2013 with the best of quality wines at a reasonable price at your party or get together? Now, you can find many quality wines at value pricing, impressive wines without paying twice the price. Just look or ask at the wine store for them. Of course, many know and get the Charles Shaw, Oak Leaf, Douglas Hill, or other wines that are bottled under the name of the store frequented. They are readily available and cute quick quaffs. However, in expanding your palate, you will find some very nice wines with great structure and taste at very reasonable prices from \$7 - \$12. There are so many wines. What to do? What to do?

Our club presents various wine styles, varietals, price points in a fun and entertaining setting. Join us Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 pm in the Ballroom. Bring a dish to share that serves eight people, your wine glass or two and a bottle of wine to share if you wish. Members \$5, guests \$8. ~ **Anita Worthen**





# Line Dancing

Well, hopefully we have all had our fill of cookies, fudge and heavy meals. This month brings new determination to possibly lose some weight. Line dancing is an easy workout.

If you haven't tried it, come join us. I teach one step at a time each Tuesday at 3 pm in the Lodge Ballroom. You will soon be able to dance to the easy songs.

The advanced class begins at 3:45 pm and is always working on a new dance. We also take the time to dance to old favorites. We sometimes dance so much we actually work up a sweat!

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! Info., Martha, (951) 769-3889. ~ **Martha Franck**

# Heart & Soul Line Dance

Happy New Year to all my Heart and Soul Line Dancers! I hope that your holiday was filled with great joy as you spent time with family and friends.

Thank you to those who participated this year. We had a great group of dancers, and enjoyed amazing times. Thank you for your friendship and support in 2012. It has been my pleasure bringing you the dances that we covered. If you were with me from the beginning, you learned more than 50 dances! And now a new year brings us more dances to discover.

We will be kicking off 2013 with a special night of dance called Heart and Soul Beaumont Welcomes 2013. Join us on Friday, Jan. 4, at 6 pm in the Ballroom. Bring your favorite dish to share and your dancing shoes. We are going to shed those extra pounds the holidays brought.

Everyone is invited.

Revised class schedule for 2013: Beginner Level, Wednesdays, 4 – 5:20 pm; Intermediate Level, Wednesdays, 5:20 - 6 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to stay for intermediate level. This session will be devoted to practicing all the dances we learn. It's like a mini dance marathon.

No intermediate level dance class on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This day is reserved for celebrating our monthly birthdays.

Upcoming Events: Saturday, Feb. 2, if you attended and enjoyed yourself at our Beaumont anniversary celebration you do not want to miss this next event. Mark your calendars! Complete details will be distributed in special flyers. Info., Priscilla, (951) 922-0755. ~ **Priscilla Robles**



*Ballroom Dance Club at our Christmas dinner party.*

# Ballroom Dance Club

In December, we had our Christmas dinner party. Good friends, good food, good music and plenty of dancing made it lots of fun for everyone. And it was very nice to have the Line Dance clubs there as well. Dancing is what it's all about, so we enjoyed our time together.

The highlight of the evening was when a group of our dancers performed a choreographed waltz to "Silver Bells." These folks worked very hard for many weeks to prepare themselves, and it stretched the boundaries of any previous dance experience. It was beautifully and well done.

Most of us have had no dance training prior to living here, so we know what it's like to start without a clue of what to do. Thankfully our instructors understand this very well. They start with the basics, and little by little introduce us to more advanced steps and

routines. Eventually we are able to enjoy a wide variety of dances.

Our new season starts Monday night, Jan. 7. We'll begin with Swing and Foxtrot, a couple of the most useful and versatile dances you can ever know.

Every Monday night at 6:30 pm we learn and review the basics of a dance. Then at 7 pm, we have more advanced lessons. There is a minimal charge of \$5 for the first half hour, or \$10 for the entire hour and a half. You simply can't beat this deal anywhere!

We're very fortunate to have exceptionally good instructors, a nice Ballroom and a friendly group of dancers right here at home, so we extend a warm invitation to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn to dance. For questions or comments, please contact Puring and Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333, or at purings@verizon.net. ~ **Willis Fagan**

# All Seasons RV Club

Our next trip is to Arizona in January. First, we will be in Lake Havasu Jan. 15 - 22. Bill and Tanya Guy are wagon masters for this part of the trip. Another trip is planned for Quartzsite Jan. 21 - 31. Jamie and Rick Brower are wagon masters for this portion. Members may divide their time between both locations or choose to do only one of the trips. The highlight of the Havasu trip is the Hot Air Balloon Festival. In Quartzsite, we will enjoy shopping under the big tents and a bonfire every night.

We will be at Santee Lakes March 10 - 15. Ann Williams and Jill Yanes are planning this trip.

Also, we're planning a trip for May 14 to 24, to some of California's finest wine regions. We will begin with a stay in Paso Robles where we will tour wineries, visit the downtown shopping area, and eat at a Basque restaurant. From there we will go north to the Russian River Valley and the Anderson Valley. We will tour some wineries as well as visit Mendocino. Dorothy and Steve Meier and Nancy and Ron Morgan will be wagon masters for this trip.

If you have an RV, come join us on one of our trips. We promise you will have a fantastic time!

Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Lodge. ~ **Nancy Morgan**



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# Life Guide Bible Study

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, we celebrated the birth of our Savior with a Christmas dinner and party at the Clubhouse. It was a lovely evening decorated festively by Lucy Whitfield and her committee. We had wonderful food, caroling and lots of fun and fellowship. In January, we begin a new series of studies helping us to deal with important issues in our lives called, "Living God's Way." Sometimes we go through rough times and experience things that get us discouraged like ill health, financial problems, personal problems, family troubles. At those times we need to find ways to encourage ourselves. Our first study on Tuesday, Jan. 22, is called Good News for Discouraged Believers. Come and join in the discussion. Everybody is welcome.

We meet in the Ballroom of the Lodge on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm. 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 572-5329. ~ **Don Cummings**

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# Four Season Singers

We will be taking the month of January off; but, as always, if you are interested in the singers, please call me at (951) 797-3466 or email me at bawasco@dc.rr.com. We are already in the planning stages for next Holiday Season. ~ *Barbara Wasco*

# Classical Music Club

Do you have an interest in starting a classical music club? Not just listening to classical music and going to concerts, but talking about the music itself and the composers who created it. If so, contact Steve Benoff via email at steve.benoff@verizon.net, or call (310) 413-4896. ~ *Steve Benoff*

# Spanish Class

Thanks for your enthusiastic response to our Spanish class offering! We are pleased to say that all twelve slots for January 2013 have been taken! A waiting list, however, is available in the Lodge for those who want to be considered in the event any of the new participants find they are unable to attend.

This new offering is designed to provide basic Spanish language acquisition/instruction to our residents every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2 pm (except for the third Tuesday of each month) and will involve a five-month commitment until May. This multi-level class is free to residents and will assist participants in learning useful Spanish vocabulary and phrases as well as correct word pronunciation. From time to time, instructors will provide written handouts to augment learning.

The next session begins Tuesday, Jan. 8. Enrollment is limited to a maximum of twelve. Don't forget that although the class is currently full, a waiting list sign-up sheet is available in the lodge. Happy New Year! ~ *Jan White*

# Performing Arts Club (PAC)

**TOASTMASTERS:** Henry Roberts has set up the first Four Seasons Beaumont Toastmasters Club meeting on Jan. 10, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Henry at (626) 793-3117 or email him at henryroberts@wwdb.org or attend the meeting.

**WE NEED YOU!** Do you want to perform? Do you want to help? Please sign up at the front desk if you are interested in being involved in any way. Or contact Colin Taylor, (951) 956 7378, colin@yorkshire-house.com.

We need group singers, individual singers, musical instrument players, comedians, dancers, speakers, actors and entertainers of any form. We hold our regular meetings at 4 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room.



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## UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Karaoke: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 23, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Nov. 9
- Feb. 6: Rhythm & Blues Meets Country
- March 1: Formal piano evening
- March 2: Magic
- April 5: Readers Theater Show
- May 4: Murder Theater Show
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- July 4: Variety Show
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## AUDITIONS

The required meeting for those interested in taking part in the May 4, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, "The Anniversary," is Jan. 9, at 6:30 pm in the Lodge Ballroom.

You will have an opportunity to meet the director, get an outline of characters and sign up for your audition time on either Jan. 19 or 20.

Also come if you can help behind the scenes. We need stage managers, props, costumes, stage hands and make-up artists.

Since this meeting is the only opportunity to be involved in this production, please contact our Director, Roberta Hokuf, directly if you cannot make this meeting. Her phone number is (951) 845-5458 or ricksberta@aol.com. ~ *Barbara Wasco*



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# Amateur Radio Club

Perhaps not surprisingly, I had a stereotyped vision of members of the Amateur Radio Club as being a group of techno-geeks playing with their HAM radios, tweeking their high gain antennas, and chatting away in code comprehensible only to their buddies at the other end of the ether.

It wasn't until I attended a presentation by the Communications Team of the Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP), that I began to understand more about the Amateur Radio Club... and how the two types of club members: licensed HAM Radio Communicators, and non-licensed FRS (Family Radio Service) hand-held radio users, can play a significant role in supporting our community during the event of an emergency or disaster.

When a neighboring community held an Earthquake Drill this summer, I was

fortunate to be invited to "observe" how they would respond to an emergency. It was then that I truly grasped the necessity for our community to have at least one volunteer communicator in each neighborhood/district. This volunteer should be someone who is trained in the use of FRS radios, and able to communicate neighborhood status and any special requirements should the need arise. Also needed are a group of licensed communicators who know how to use HAM radio to communicate with external Emergency Services such as Hospitals, City of Beaumont Incident Commander, Red Cross, etc.

So I resolved to dust off my old Walkie-Talkie and joined the Amateur Radio Club. Since then, I've learned much more about the various features of my hand held radio, the correct way to operate it, and the etiquette and protocols used



when communicating. In addition, I'm able to keep up my operating skills and utilize my new found knowledge with the weekly FRS communication exercises conducted by the club.

Most of all, I've made new friends with a talented and smart group of men and women, with a great sense of humor, who are bound together by a common purpose to help our community in times of emergency.

Being an ARC member has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for me... it could be yours too! Come and join us at our next meeting on Friday, Jan. 25, at 10 am at the Lodge. Our meetings are always fun to attend and all are welcome. ~ **Bernadette Chance**

# Travel News

You are invited by Pam Morales, a resident of Four Seasons, to join her on a 7-night Alaska, Tracy Arm Fjord and Sawyer Glacier cruise sailing round trip from Seattle leaving Aug. 23. You will be sailing aboard the Celebrity ship Solstice and the ports of call you will be visiting are as follows: Seattle; Ketchikan, AK; Tracy Arm Fjord and Sawyer Glacier, AK; Juneau, AK; Skagway, AK; Alaska Inside Passage; and Victoria, British Columbia. Costs for this trip are:

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# Seasoned Solos

Happy New Year! Come join us for planning activities for the New Year. We meet the first Friday each month at 6 pm in the Craft Room at the Lodge. Outings scheduled for January are:

Jan. 10: Lunch at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in San Bernardino

Jan. 18: Quilting exhibit at the Museum of History and Art, Ontario

Jan. 22: Visit The Living Desert in Palm Desert

Jan. 26: The College of the Desert Street Fair in Palm Desert

Info., Toby Davis, (951) 769-2380 or Roxanna Morrow, (951) 769-6877. ~ **Roxanna Morrow**



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## Garden Club

We meet Jan. 3, at 9 am in the Ballroom. We will focus on planning the events and topics for the New Year. For new residents, there will be information gained from experience on which plants do well here at Four Seasons and which ones struggle and require high maintenance. We also pass on information about the local nurseries and garden shows. Mostly our club is about sharing information and

ideas so please join our meetings and add yours.

Above photo is a Smoke Tree growing near the sidewalk in front of the model homes on Mesa Verde. It is a multi-stemmed small tree that turns a smoky pink color from June through August. Leaves are showy, turning from medium blue-green to yellow-red-purple in the fall. In the winter it is barren. It is a

good choice for a shrub border or other grouping, adaptable to many soils. This plant grows to 10' to 15', 12' spread. ~ **Len Tavernetti**

*Correction: The beautiful Arch of Roses pictured in the last edition of the Breeze belonged to Rosemary Ashcraft's garden, not Rosemary Ash.*



## Discovery Club

It's never been easier to do your family tree, and most of it can be done on your computer right at home. A very big help was last year when the 1940 census was released to the public. Since many of us were born prior to that date, we are, for the very first time, included in the data.

And they keep making improvements in how searches are done. Just type in a name, give some basic information and you often come up with something useful. For example, the 1940 census even gives street addresses, job descriptions and annual income.

You never know what you'll find or where you'll find it. If

you've been unsuccessful in past attempts, try again – because new and more detailed information is continually being made available. And remember that surnames were often written incorrectly, so keep your eyes peeled for similar but different spellings and see what happens.

If you need assistance, have suggestions, or want to be included on our email list, please contact the Club Captain. Notice of our next meeting will be sent via email.

Info., (951) 769-4482 or [wefbev@verizon.net](mailto:wefbev@verizon.net). ~ **Willis Fagan**

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the Club, go to our website: [FSBRC.org](http://FSBRC.org) and you'll see our "Wannabee a Champion" faces.

Cold and wind knocked out our November Play Day but good vibrations returned on Dec. 1, for an impromptu Reds vs. Blues mixed doubles. Eight combatants participated and with partners switching became two very competitive courts. Thanks to Irve, Jo and Randy, Steve Hovey, Garrett, Howard Levine, Den, Ledia, Barbara and Larry for making this a big, spontaneous success!

Does it seem possible? We're just 60 plus days away from the start of the 2013 BNP Paribas tournament at Indian Wells. You can be certain we'll sponsor a trip or two to one of the World's great tennis stages just an hour away. So be ready for announcements.

Happy New Year and only "love" games for you in 2013. ~ **Ken Elliott**

## Pickleball

Come on out and try the fastest growing sport in Four Seasons. It's fun! It's easy to learn! Best of all, it's great exercise! If you haven't tried it, you are missing out. After debating over the scheduled days and trying different combinations, we now have a set schedule. We meet every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 am.

We have good news for our players. Bids were submitted for painting the proper lines in the courts and one has been accepted. Our hopes are to see shiny new lines by February. For the time being, we are playing with temporary nets that are the proper height but we are working on getting permanent nets also.

Our numbers are growing steadily and we have a roster of close to 40 players. On a regular basis, we have 15-17 players at each scheduled day. There is no doubt that we are going to have to start lobbying for another court as new members are added weekly.

Come on out and join us. We have extra paddles for those who want to try out the game. We know you'll be hooked. Pickleball is definitely the new, fun sport in our community.

For more information, call Linda at (951) 797-3939 or email to [lbsnipes@yahoo.com](mailto:lbsnipes@yahoo.com). ~ **Linda Snipes**



*Jeromee Liebenberg and Joyce Tautrim play on one side as Gracy Luna (back to the camera) prepares to hit the winning shot*

## Ping Pong Club

Our Ping Pong Club is alive and well. Whether you are a seasoned pro or a beginner we would love to have you join us. We play in the aerobics room Monday through Saturday starting at 10:30 am. A fun time is guaranteed and we also guarantee that the calories you burn up will not be missed.

Please contact Niles Sundstrom at (951) 572-5119 or Alan Chan at (951) 769-4202 if you have any questions or need more information about your Four Seasons' Ping Pong Club. ~ **Niles Sundstrom**



## Paddle Tennis

Hi Paddlers! As the paddle courts are washed/maintained every Tuesdays, we have changed our play days to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 2 to 4 pm. We hope that the new play days fit your schedule. Come and join us for exercise, fun and friendship.

For more information please contact Alan Chan at (951) 769-4202 or Jim Cochran at (951) 769-5525. ~ **Alan Chan**

## Golfing for Fun

GOLF can best be described as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

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A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers... neither of whom can putt very well.

GOLF is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

The best wood in the amateurs' bag is the pencil.

These words of wisdom can help describe our Distinguished Duffers golf group efforts on Friday mornings to meet and improve our game... But most of all, we have fun. If you wish to participate, contact Tim Jacobson (951) 797-3563, [tjacobson@dc.rr.com](mailto:tjacobson@dc.rr.com) or Phillip Harris (951) 922-6676, [phillip.harris54@yahoo.com](mailto:phillip.harris54@yahoo.com). ~ **Tim Jacobson**



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Meetings are the first Friday of the month at 4 pm in Lodge Ballroom.

Contacts: Ron Morgan (951) 315-0466, email: ronm627@aol.com; or Steve Meier (909) 528-3342, email: sm45para@gmail.com. Reminder: No firearms allowed on The Lodge premises. ~ **Ron Morgan**

## Motorcycle Club

The December weather has treated us very nicely this year and allowed most of our social rides to take place. Steve Sarchett led a ride to San Diego to visit the Deer Park Winery and Museum.

Bob Howard led a scenic ride down to Mecca and then up through Joshua Tree National Park. The short rain shower at the beginning of this trip did not deter these bikers and the scenery was beautiful enough to schedule a repeat trip for those who were unable to make this one.

Our social Thursday "Lunch Rides" have been well attended considering all the other holiday activities which are keeping us "active adults" so busy.

We are currently planning our 2013 trip calendar.

If you are interested in motorcycling, come join us at our monthly meetings which are held in the ballroom on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. ~ **Howard Lyon**



## The 8-Ball Club

The 8-Ball club meets for the enjoyment of playing billiards for fun and competitive play with in-house tournaments; as well as tournaments with other 8-ball clubs in nearby retirement communities. The skill levels of club members range from beginner to expert. This is a fun sport that both men and women enjoy. We have four couples that enjoy playing as part of the club.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. The in-house 8-Ball tournaments are on the second Wednesday and the 9-Ball in-house tournaments on the third Saturday of each month. For away tournaments, check the bulletin board

in the Pool Room for dates and location. We practice on non-tournament Mondays as well as every Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm.

The in-house tournament winners for November 2012 were Dewey Allen (8-ball) who finished undefeated in double elimination, Ray Windhorn earned second place. Dell Lyles (9-ball) held onto first place against Kenny Payne who placed second. Congratulations to Eileen Gilbert who reached a "first" during practice on Nov. 16, running the table against Peter Antoine. ~ **Rick Loney**



(L-R) Kenny Payne and Del Lyles.

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Our next Wednesday hike will be at Diamond Valley Lake and Museum on Jan 9. We will meet at the Lodge at 8 am. Check with the Lodge or call Lynette Simonson (951) 306-8252 for any changes. The Friday hikers plan to hike Wednesday, Jan. 2, to Lake Perris and Terri Peak; Wednesday, Jan. 16, to Wilderness State Park; and Wednesday, Jan. 30, to Diamond Valley Lake, North Trail. Info., Lynette Simonson, (951) 306-8252, [lynette.simonson@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.simonson@gmail.com).  
~ Leonard Tavernetti



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