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# Recreation Center 2 to Open Soon

*By Leighton McLaughlin*

Plans are for Recreation Center 2 to open sometime late this month.

The Center, on Four Seasons Circle at Mesa Verde Park, will have many features including an indoor pool designed for lap swimming but adaptable for water aerobics and recreational swimming as well.

Originally, the Center was to open in November but construction delays pushed the date into December. Builder K. Hovnanian Homes calls it the Aquatic Center, but that name is temporary and the HOA plans a contest to have residents select a permanent name (see related story on this page).

The indoor pool will extend the swimming season throughout the winter. No longer will swimmers be beached from November to April when the Lodge pool is not heated.

Landscaping of the site is underway and was recently modified to make the plantings more drought-resistant.

The Center grounds will include a walking path, an outdoor spa/pool, two bocce ball courts, two horseshoe courts, a patio with a sitting area, an outdoor fireplace, and two barbecues and a Zen (Japanese rock) garden. There is a break-your-heart view to the east

through San Geronio Pass, framed by the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains.

Inside, in addition to the pool, will be a small workout area with four pieces of exercise equipment, locker room facilities and a multi-purpose lounge with a kitchenette.

General Manager Jeri Mupo said the Center will have an attendant from 7 am to 7 pm every day.

The Rules and Regulations Committee circulated a questionnaire asking residents what activities they would like to see in the Center. Recreational swimming, water aerobics, lap swimming and water walking were among the most popular answers. How these events will be scheduled is still under discussion. HOA President Jacque Sneddon asked residents to “have patience,” while kinks in the scheduling are worked out. It will take time and trial-and-error to see what works best, she said.

The pool will be 75 feet long and 25 feet wide, and vary between three and a half and four and a half feet deep. There will be three marked swimming lanes along its length, and recessed access steps to keep them unobstructed.

**Be the one  
to name Rec  
Center 2.**

The Four Seasons HOA is holding a contest to find a name for the new Center on Four Seasons Circle at Mesa Verde Park.

Be imaginative, be inventive, come up with the winner. The fabulous first prize is lifetime free admission to the Center.

Pick up a contest entry form at the Lodge front desk and make the name you pick famous.





# Holiday Home Tour Showcases Resident's Décor

**By Teri DiMarino-Davidson**

The winter holiday season in Four Seasons brings rich changes to our neighborhoods.

There is crispness in the air and decorations begin to grace our lovely homes. While some residents find a great deal of pleasure in decorating more than others, there is one event that everyone can enjoy... The Four Seasons at Beaumont Holiday Home Tour.

While still intended as a fund raiser for the Event Systems Committee, the Holiday Home Tour has become a much anticipated annual event, allowing residents to get a taste of what is possible in their own homes. This will be the fifth year for the Holiday Home Tour where a handful of gracious homeowners open their doors to the community and show off their homes and decorating talents.

The tour is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, and offers so much more than just the festive holiday decorations. While the elaborate Christmas decorations take precedence, it is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate what else residents have done in their homes to make them their own. While we all bought our homes "off the rack," many with builder options and upgrades, many people have modified their homes in many different ways. Custom décor, flooring, furnishings and artwork are just a few of the personal touches that can be seen in these homes. And while Garden Home Tours have taken place during the summer, the backyard landscaping in most of these holiday homes should not be missed, even at this time of year.

The Holiday Home Tour is a wonderful time for new residents to see what can be done with the homes, as well as for seasoned residents looking to update or redecorate their homes. Tour homeowners are happy to talk about their Four Seasons' experiences with visitors. It's a great time to get ideas and concepts on design and décor as well as recommendations for contractors and other workers.

Regular participants in these tours, Terry and Betty Fears,

have opened their home for every Holiday Home Tour since its inception. The Fears' home is one of the highlights of the tour and they always have something new to show off. You will quickly recognize Terry's work, as he has been the decorator of the fireplace and the Holiday Tree in the Lodge. Terry and Betty have been collecting Christmas decorations and memorabilia for over 50 years and Terry's background as the Creative Director for Tommy Bahama, certainly is a big plus! They are proud of the fact that one of the many trees found in their home has over 1,000 hand-placed ornaments.

Most of the homes on the tour go for traditional decorations, like the Christmas Village you will see at the home of Bill and Tanya Guy, to the lovely trees in Gene and Sandy Dwyer's home. But some homes have a diverse take on the holidays, like that of resident artist Abby Cameron and her husband, Lyle. Different color schemes that blend nicely with the home's artistic décor offer their own unique twist on the holidays.

The tour is self-guided and admission to the homes is \$5 per person. Wristbands and tour maps will go on sale the morning of the tour, Dec. 13, in the Lodge at 8 am. Homes are open from 10 am to 4 pm and no one is admitted without a wristband. For security reasons, each visitor must sign in to purchase a wristband and again as they enter each home. This tour is open to all residents of Four Seasons and their guests. While it is not open to the general public, we may see some potential residents from the sales office. Please, there are to be absolutely no children or pets permitted on the tour.

The Holiday Home Tour has been a fun and profitable event for the Event Systems Committee. All the proceeds are funneled back to the community through the ESC, focusing on the upgrading and maintenance of the audio and visual equipment in the common areas of our community. While the closing date for applications to display your home has passed, you can make any inquiries by contacting the tour director, Teri DiMarino-Davidson at [k9styler@aol.com](mailto:k9styler@aol.com) or call at (951) 769-4345.



# Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

**HOLIDAY WASTE REMINDER:** Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees for the first two weeks following Christmas on your regular collection day. Trees taller than six feet must be cut in half. Please remove all decorations, including tinsel, ornaments, lights and tree stands. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled.

Christmas Day falls on a Thursday this year. There will be no changes in Waste Management pick up for the month.

**GENERAL WASTE MANAGEMENT:** Reminder to new residents: Four Seasons trash bins are normally collected on Tuesdays. Please place all waste in the appropriate container (trash cart: burgundy which is for household waste which cannot be recycled; gray recycling bin which contains newspapers, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastics, etc.; green waste carts which contains grass, tree branches, garden trimmings, etc.). Carts should be placed at the curb by 6 am on your pick-up day. Carts should have handles facing your home and should be at least two feet apart to allow for the truck arms to envelope the bin and dump your bin material into the truck bed. Waste Management requests that you do not place green waste (in your green bins) into plastic bags. Pick up schedules will be changed only on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day if they make a difference to your normal pick-up day.

**LODGE HOLIDAY HOURS:** Lodge holiday hours for Christmas, Dec. 25, are the same as for previous years. The facility closes on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 3 pm. The Lodge will be closed all day on Thursday, Dec. 25. The facility will reopen at 9 am on Friday, Dec. 26.

For those who are attending the New Year's Gala, the Lodge will close at 5 pm on Dec. 31 and will reopen prior to the Gala event time.

**WINTER WISH:** Don't forget the Winter Wish project. This annual event is a Christmas gift and food program for the families of the school children of Beaumont. The Winter Wish tree in the Lodge has tags with the children's names. Last year Four Seasons residents contributed to more than

140 families. The last day to return your wrapped gifts to the project is Saturday, Dec. 6. If you prefer to send a monetary donation to the Winter Wish project, you can send a check to Winter Wish at the Chamber of Commerce, 726 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223. Write "Attention Donna Lester" on the envelope.

**SUBMITTING TO THE BREEZE:** For those committee/group members who will be writing articles for the *Breeze* in the new year, please read the Submission Guidelines on the last page of the *Breeze* (before the mailing address page). Articles for the next month must be submitted to [fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com) before noon on the 9th of each month. It takes a week or so before the proofing is complete; then another one or two weeks before printing and mailing processes are completed. I realize that it is difficult to write for the next month, but try to remember the month you are aiming for – and date your activities appropriately.

**SENIOR CRAFT FAIR:** Just a reminder that the Beaumont Senior Center Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 5 pm to 9 pm at the Beaumont Civic Center, 550 E. 6th Street, Beaumont. They are featuring gifts, ceramics, home décor, ornaments and jewelry and much more. For additional information, please call the Beaumont Senior Center, (951) 769-8539.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE:** The Beaumont Christmas Light Parade will be on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 6 pm. The parade starts on Palm and 11th Street and ends at the Beaumont Civic Center. Hot cocoa, coffee and cookies will be served free of charge at the Civic Center after the parade.

**SENIOR NEWSLETTER:** Another reminder: if you are interested in happenings in Beaumont, do sign up for the Beaumont Sr. Services Newsletter by calling (951) 769-8539 on Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm or Friday, 8 am – 3 pm.

**BEFORE YOU CRITICIZE...** Words to live by from the Internet: "Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes."



# Manager's Update

By *Jeri Mupo*, General Manager

## SAVE MONEY – SIGN UP FOR EMAIL OPTION

Recently the 2015 Annual Budget Report and Annual Policy Statement and Disclosures were mailed to all homeowners. You may not know that this packet costs each owner \$7.22 to copy and mail. This includes \$1.82 for postage, 30¢ for envelopes/labels, and \$5.10 for copies.

In order to reduce costs and do your part for the environment, please consider signing up to receive these documents electronically.

If you have already done so, thank you! If you are interested in signing up, please login to Euclid Management's website at [euclidmanagement.com](http://euclidmanagement.com) and click on "Receive the Annual Budget Report and Policy Statement by email" option and follow the given directions.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the management office at (951) 769-6358.



## SLOW DOWN!

The community has an agreement with the City of Beaumont Police Department to monitor the speed within the community and give citations to drivers not abiding by the posted speed limit. The court questioned whether the posted speed limit was appropriate and requested a traffic survey be conducted.

The traffic survey is complete and the recommendation is to increase the speed limit on Four Seasons Circle from 25 mph to 30 mph. All other streets within the community will remain at 25 mph. The Board adopted the traffic survey recommendations and new signs have been purchased for Four Seasons Circle.



## DOLLARS & SENSE

At the November Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the following expenses:

- Tennis/Paddle Tennis Court windscreen replacement = \$7,050
- Renovation of pool plaster and coping = \$59,500
- Purchase speed limit signs = \$920
- Tablet purchase = \$2,920
- Annual fire sprinkler system testing = \$2,200

## PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

Just a reminder, as a pet owner it is your responsibility to pick up after your pet. It has been noted that many dog owners are not picking up after their pets. For your convenience, pet stations throughout the community provide bags.

Please be courteous and respectful of other residents who wish to have clean yards and common areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.





# Dear Tabby



## Keeping pets safe during the holidays

By Teri DiMarino-Davidson



Wow! I have to start this column by giving you all a big "Thank You!" Your response to this simple little pet column has been very encouraging. I hope I can continue to supply you with some fun and informative reading material focusing on our pets. Thank you all again

for your questions and input. Keep them coming.

Last month I spoke about the upcoming holidays, focusing on Thanksgiving. While I addressed keeping our pets safe from excessive food and probing children, I really need to revisit that subject again. December holidays push many people to the brink, and their pets feel the stress too. Different kinds of decorations fill the house, parties with large numbers of people are routine, and there's food all over the place. We think our pets enjoy the holidays and, in many ways, they do. (Seven out of 10 people buy holiday gifts for their pets, and half of those people actually wrap them!) The holidays, or any party time, comes with its own unique stresses and it is these stresses that can make our pets almost as crazy as we tend to make ourselves. Stress for a pet can be defined as anything that is out of the ordinary. While some stresses and changes can be good, busy times around the house during this time of year can be filled with confusion for our furry babies. Make sure they can find a quiet place away from the hustle and bustle and be sure they don't overindulge on goodies.

I am sure most of you are aware of the pet hazards that lurk in some of our decorations. Tinsel can be especially damaging if ingested and glass ornaments, obviously, come with their own set of cautions. When I decorate my tree I make sure to use plastic ornaments on the lower branches so when my kitties start playing ball, they only get the non-breakable ones.

Chocolate is a favorite holiday treat for us, but it can be

extremely harmful to our pets. Some plants, like poinsettia, mistletoe and holly, are considered toxic to pets and can cause severe digestive upsets and disorientation. Pine needles can also play havoc with Fluffy's insides. We also use a lot of extension cords this time of year, so be careful where you place them, as some pets have been known to chew these cords. Many of us keep lit candles which can attract curious pets. There are lovely battery operated candles available that are safe to use around our little friends. And, of course baskets of potpourri smell nice but you don't want your kitty munching on it.

**PUMPKIN-PEANUT BUTTER DOG TREATS:** Many of us like to bake this time of year so here is a wonderful recipe for your dog.

Preheat oven to 350°F

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2½ cups whole wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Whisk together all ingredients. Add a bit of water as needed to make the dough workable, but keep in mind that the dough should be a bit dry and stiff.

Roll the dough ½-inch-thick. Cut into desired size pieces or use a cookie cutter for fun shapes.

Bake in preheated oven until hard and crunchy: about 40 minutes.

Hope you enjoyed these holiday tips. Please send any questions or suggestions you may have to me at [DearTeriPets@aol.com](mailto:DearTeriPets@aol.com). I will be addressing your questions in upcoming columns.

Have a very Happy Holiday, a prosperous New Year and keep your four footed friends safe and happy.







## Chef's Corner

By Randy Balt

*I found this recipe on the Internet while searching for alternative chicken dinners. It gives a light and refreshing taste to grilled chicken. The cucumber-yogurt sauce is a great addition laid over the chicken and grilled vegetables.*



# Lemon-Oregano Chicken Skewers

Skewers: Serves 4 • Prep time 25 min. • Total time 25 min. | Sauce: Serves 4 • Prep time 5 min. • Total time 5 min.

## INGREDIENTS

2 lemons  
1 tsp. minced garlic  
1 Tbsp. olive oil  
1 tsp. dried oregano  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
8 (about 1 1/4 lb.) chicken tenderloins  
8 wooden skewers (soaked in water for 30 minutes)  
Accompaniment: Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce

## DIRECTIONS

1. Squeeze the juice from one lemon into a zip top food bag. Squeeze garlic through a press into bag (or chop). Add oil, oregano, salt and pepper. Add chicken; seal bag and turn to mix and coat. Marinate 15 minutes.
2. Brush outdoor grill or grill pan with oil; heat. Cut lemon into 8 wedges. Thread one chicken tender onto each skewer, then skewer on a lemon wedge.
3. Grill 4 minutes, turning once, until chicken is lightly charred and cooked through. Place on platter. Serve with Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce (recipe below).

## CUCUMBER-YOGURT SAUCE

### Ingredients

1 seedless cucumber, grated  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1 cup plain yogurt  
1/4 teaspoon salt

### Directions

1. Using the large holes of a grater, grate cucumber over a medium bowl.
2. Add garlic, yogurt and salt; stir until blended. Spoon into a serving bowl.
3. This sauce can be served as a dip for falafel and is also great spooned onto vegetables.

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## Activities Director Corner

*By Cindy Graves, Activities Director*

Life is a party and December is the king of months when it comes to party life! Every single day in December is filled with one kind of holiday party or another here at the Lodge. Be sure to check your calendars as well as the event posters in the Lobby to help you make your party priorities.

The "Holiday Extravaganza" will be kicking off the large Lodge events. The first day will be on Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 pm and then the same show once again on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 pm. You will need to pick up tickets to attend your preferred show date. They are free at the Lodge desk and are available right now. There are only 350 tickets available for each show, so don't wait until the last minute. A holiday choral performance from our own Four Seasons Singers as well as a holiday play put on by our local community theater group will provide the entertainment. Refreshments will be served immediately following the show.

A couple of things I wanted to showcase that might get lost in the whirlwind of festivities are the Chavurah Group's Lodge Lighting of the Menorah Celebration, on Friday, Dec. 19, at 5 pm. This will be done in the Lobby complete with latkes and sweets for all. Musicians will accompany this Festival of Lights ceremony with music for the occasion.

The next thing I need you to put on your calendar is the show sponsored by the Magicians of the Performing Arts Club. This is a high-end, hilarious ventriloquist and magic act that usually costs a pretty penny, but which we at Four Seasons get to see for free thanks to John Horning and Colin Taylor and

their connections with the Magic Castle and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. These special shows have been outstanding in the last couple of years and you don't want to kick yourself when you hear about how great it was from your neighbors. This show will be in our Ballroom on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 pm.

Finally, I want to let you know that we have a last minute charity project for the holidays sponsored by the California Highway Patrol. They are collecting unwrapped toys for local needy kids which the department will hand out. The box for this charity will be available in the Lodge lobby for the first two weeks in December. I know that many of you have already given to the needy school kids through the Winter Wish program, but since we're nearly out of Winter Wish requests and many other folks still wanted to give for the holidays as well, we have this wonderful community opportunity too.

I want to thank you all for being so loving, caring, kind and generous in this community! You have truly made Four Seasons Beaumont one of the most coveted neighborhoods in Southern California, just by being you! The amount of talent in these homes is astounding and the willingness of folks to contribute their gifts and expertise toward community development, classes and just lending their neighbor a helping hand is equally astounding! You folks are really the gifts that keep on giving. You make everyday around here a holiday and it's such a joy to be able to call so many of you friends. Mayberry has nothing on Four Seasons. Happy Holidays and grateful hugs to you all!



# DID YOU KNOW?

By Bobbie Eckel

## DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 6 IS SAINT NICHOLAS DAY?

While the origin of Santa Claus is somewhat “iffy,” there really was a priest named St. Nicholas. He lived in Greece, a few hundred years after the birth of Christ. St. Nicholas became a priest and later was a Bishop of the early Catholic Church. True his calling, St. Nicholas gave up his worldly goods. He was known for giving to needy people, especially children. St. Nicholas liked to throw small bags of gold coins into the

open windows of poor families. Apparently one of the bags fell into an open stocking which had been hung up. This was the impetus for children to hang their stockings by the chimney, “in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.” In the 1800s, the spirit of St. Nicholas evolved into the persona of Santa Claus, particularly in America. Although record keeping was not too accurate at the time, legend has Dec. 6 as the death date of St. Nicholas in 345 A.D. or 352 A.D.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 19 IS LOOK FOR AN EVERGREEN DAY?

Although many residents do use artificial trees today, many people prefer the look and smell of a real tree. Admittedly, they are more trouble to maintain, but there are many purists

who are willing to make the effort to have a fresh cut real fir, spruce or pine and that special feeling/aroma the evergreen brings to a home. Apparently by Dec. 19, most people have chosen their tree. If not, the day should serve as a reminder that time is getting short to finish your holiday décor.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 21 IS NATIONAL FLASHLIGHT DAY?

Notice that the day coincides with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day and the longest night of the year. A flashlight is a good piece of equipment for the dark — if it has good batteries and if you know where to find one. Early flashlights used zinc-carbon batteries which were incapable of sustaining a steady flow of electric current. The batteries required a periodic “rest” in order to function — as did the inefficient carbon-filament bulbs. The name “flashlight” became popular

in America simply because the power source could be used only in flashes. In other countries they were called torches, or flashlamps. Although Joshua Lionel Cowen, the American inventor of the Lionel train, patented a device in 1899 which ignited a photographer’s flash, the British inventor David Misell obtained a patent for his electric device that same year. Misell went on to experiment with more technology for improving portable lighting devices; Cowen concentrating on building an empire around Lionel trains.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 23 IS THE FESTIVUS HOLIDAY?

This special non-denominational holiday was created in 1997 by Daniel O’Keefe, a screenwriter for the Jerry Seinfeld show. The day is intended as a special day for those who do not celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or Ramadan; it is “Festivus – It’s for the Rest of Us.” The television episode which introduced Festivus was aired on Dec. 18, 1997. There isn’t a Festivus tree, shrub, candles or decorations. The lone symbol, according to O’Keefe is an unadorned aluminum pole. There is a Festivus dinner, however. Meatloaf is the most popular main course. Following the dinner, guests are encouraged to display feats of strength or to “air grievances” with family and friends. Just for fun, research this holiday on the Internet. You will find places to buy aluminum poles, a worksheet for airing of grievances, and suggestions for feats of strength. Doesn’t this sound like a day that Scrooge might enjoy?





# Committee Seeks District Delegate Candidates

*By Leighton McLaughlin*

A nominating committee has been selected by the HOA Board to seek candidates to run for district delegate.

The delegates' sole responsibility is to cast the ballots that elect HOA Board members — a vitally important job, but one that does not take a great deal of time.

The new, three-member committee, Don Fant, Louise Lyon and Bev McLaughlin, will be seeking homeowners to run for delegate and alternate delegate from each of eight districts. (See accompanying chart to locate your district.) The alternate acts only in the absence of the delegate.

It is important to select delegates carefully, because one or two of them could control the votes that decide the Board election. They act much like members of the Electoral College in U.S. presidential elections with one important difference — delegates from districts that fail to have a majority of homeowners cast ballots can cast all the district's voting power as he or she sees fit.

Homeowners interested in serving in this important position are encouraged to get an application from the Lodge desk and submit it before the Jan. 20 deadline.

General Manager Jeri Mupo said the schedule for the delegate and Board elections are: Delegate applications in by Jan. 20; delegate election in late January by mail; ballots counted in late February; applications to run for Board in by March 10; meet the candidates forum in early March; Board ballots mailed by March 15; ballots opened and tallied on April 14; Annual Meeting and delegates votes cast on April 16.

One of the three homeowner seats on the Board will be open in the election — that of Member Loren DuChesne who is serving as Vice President and Secretary. President Jacque Sneddon and Treasurer Wayne Staples each have a year left on their terms. A four-member majority of the Board is appointed by builder K. Hovnanian Homes. That will continue until final build-out, when all seven members will be homeowners.



## **DISTRICT 1**

Cascade Creek  
Clark Creek  
Fern Creek  
1540-1596 Four Seasons Circle  
Lewis Creek  
Paint Creek  
Piper Creek  
Potter Creek  
Quiet Creek  
Salt Creek  
Thistle Creek

## **DISTRICT 2**

Blackberry Creek  
Brush Creek  
Canary Creek  
Crane Creek  
Dewey Creek  
Granite Creek  
Kettle Creek  
Owl Creek  
Tabor Creek  
Tijeras Creek  
Trout Run  
Turtle Creek  
Whisper Creek  
125 Slippy Rock Creek  
123 Slippy Rock Creek  
121 Slippy Rock Creek

## **DISTRICT 3**

131 Slippy Rock Creek  
133 Slippy Rock Creek  
135 Slippy Rock Creek  
137 Slippy Rock Creek  
Beaver Creek

## **DISTRICT 4**

Bartram Trail  
1523-1555 Big Bend  
Bridle Trail  
Chimney Rock  
1471-1483 Four Seasons Circle  
Green Creek Trail  
Kings Canyon  
Pipe Springs  
215-289 White Sands

## **DISTRICT 5**

120 Slippy Rock Creek  
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141 Slippy Rock Creek  
1505-1518 Big Bend  
Bloomington Park  
Buck Springs  
Calvert Park  
Mission Trail  
Spanos Park

## **DISTRICT 6**

Boise Rock  
Bulow Creek Park  
Enchanted Park  
Glacier Park  
Goodrich Rock  
Irvine Park  
Mesa Verde Park  
Plymouth Rock  
Prospect Park  
Table Rock  
Yellow Stone Park

## **DISTRICT 7**

Arches Park  
Blowing Rock  
Irvine Park North  
Peters Canyon Park  
Rock Mountain Park  
Santiago Oaks Park  
Shining Rock  
Tinkers Creek Park

## **DISTRICT 8**

Box Springs Trail  
Broadriver Trail  
Signal Peak  
200-210 White Sands



# Hikers Reach Summit

On Oct. 20, Four Seasons residents Barry Morgan, Jim Peterson and John Nock covered 22 miles and nearly 5,000 feet of elevation gain on a hike to the summit of Mount San Gorgonio, southern California's tallest mountain (11,500 ft). The hike was completed in ten and a half hours in temperatures ranging from the high 30s to the mid 60s. The three have been hiking together, along with several other local hikers, for about two years. ~ *Jim Peterson*

## THE PASS AREA VETERANS EXPO

The 6th Annual Veterans, Military, Family and Friends Expo will be Saturday, Jan. 31, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Beaumont Civic Center, 550 E. 6th Street. This is a free event.

This expo will be an extra special one as we honor Viet Nam Veterans. Encourage all to come to be recognized and show support.

Representatives from many agencies, schools, businesses and other organizations will be there with information, contacts,

resources and benefits. Loma Linda VA and Riverside County Veteran Services will be able to check status and help with claims.

A special career and job search workshop will be presented by the Inland Library System.

For more information, contact Anita Worthen at abirdr82@aol.com or Altie Holcombe at holcomb5570@roadrunner.com. You may also like us on Facebook. ~ *Anita Worthen*

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# Residents Vote Big To Change Mello-Roos Payments

*By Leighton McLaughlin*

Four Seasons District 7A residents voted overwhelmingly for a proposal to change their yearly Mello-Roos payments.

The homes affected are in Community Facilities District 7A, the portion of Four Seasons east of the Potrero Gate on Four Seasons Boulevard and north of the Potrero Creek greenbelt.

The proposal will eliminate the yearly two percent increase in the payments but extend the payments from 20 years to 30, making total payments the same. The benefit is to current homeowners who will not face a yearly increase. The trade-off is that beginning 20 years from now homeowners will have to pay the fixed rate for several years longer. The total payout will retire bonds issued for community improvements.

The payments vary by home size; in District 7A they range from \$1,206 for a Springdale home to \$2,403 for a Landmark.

The vote to accept the proposal was 316 to 56, or 85 percent in favor.

The proposal now goes to the Beaumont City Council for

acceptance which is expected to be a routine administrative move.

Mello-Roos (formally the Community Facilities Act) was adopted by the California Legislature in 1982 after Proposition 13 severely limited the ability of local governments to raise taxes for public facilities and services. It was named after its two sponsors, Sen. Harry J. Mello of Watsonville and Rep. Mike Roos of Los Angeles.

The city of Beaumont required establishment of Community Facilities District 7A (among other districts) before building permits for Four Seasons were issued. The bonds issued under Mello-Roos pay for the added expense to the city for providing facilities and services the added population of Four Seasons requires.

Residents receive the Mello-Roos bill with their property tax bill, even though the Mello-Roos portion is, strictly speaking, an assessment and not a tax. If it were a tax it would violate Proposition 13.

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

I wasn't there for the Halloween party but from the reports that I am getting it was a howling success. People tell me that the costumes were out of this world, the food was really good and a devilish good time was had by all. Although the committee, as usual, did an outstanding job I think a huge thank you needs to go to Cindy Graves and Nellie Alcocer for all their good ideas and all the hard work they put into this event.

Ticket sales have been going well for the New Years' Eve gala. If you have not bought yours yet I hope it is not too late. If there are no tickets left be

sure to put your name on the waiting list as there are always tickets that have to be re-sold at the very end even up to the day before the event.

Something new this year — be the first one to find the 'Cup of Noodle' Christmas tree ornament (right) on the Lodge Christmas tree and win a Smithy's gift certificate. When you find it be sure to get hold of Cindy (or anyone in the Lodge office) and make sure they record your name, date and time that you found the ornament. Look hard as it will not be easy to find. Good luck.

See you all New Years' Eve. ~ **Melody Seewooster**



## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Welcome to all our new neighbors! Winter is almost officially here and may, if we are lucky, bring us some much needed rain storms. Thinking about rain may make you think about installing gutters on your new home. Remember to submit an application for your gutters to the ARC Committee before they are installed. Gutters are required on all solid patio covers as well.

Just a reminder that before you place that satellite dish on your home approval by this committee is needed.

Anyone who is interested in seeing our committee at work is welcome to come and observe at one of our meetings. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at the Lodge. ~ **Marsha Gormly**

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (EPP)

The EPC held its first Table Top Disaster Drill on Oct. 21. Lead by Rick Cook, Beaumont Office of Emergency Services, the participants were given numerous scenarios of what could occur after a devastating 8.4 earthquake and discussed the responses that would be needed by our teams and residents. The EPC will build upon what we learned from this exercise and develop plans to carry out a community-wide drill in the near future. Please access us online at [fourseasonsatbeaumont.com](http://fourseasonsatbeaumont.com). ~ *Avi Greene*

## HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia can be a killer if it is not treated properly. It occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce. Lowered core body temperature can happen when temperatures are extremely cold or temperatures are relatively warm but conditions are right, i.e., exposure to wind, rain or immersion in water.

***Hypothermia affects physical and mental abilities of victims. The types of people likely to be affected are:***

- First responders helping victims during an emergency.
- Those who have fallen into water.
- The elderly and the homeless.
- Those exposed to cold for a long time, such as hunters and hikers.
- Alcohol and drug users.
- Pets that have been exposed to the cold, water or rain.

### ***Symptoms:***

- Shivering (in extreme hypothermia, shivering stops).
- Blue lips, pale skin.
- Exhaustion, drowsiness.
- Slurred speech, memory loss.
- Infants: bright red, cold skin, very low energy.
- Do not rub fingers, toes of frostbite limbs.
- Do not apply heat to frostbite limbs.
- Let frostbite limbs warm slowly.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

### ***What You Should Do:***

- Get the person to a warm room, shelter or vehicle. Preventing further heat loss is critical.
- Protect the victim from the cold ground (put a barrier between the victim and the cold surface).
- Shield the victim from cold and wind.
- Remove wet clothing. Wet clothing will continue to lower body temperature.
- Take the victim's temperature. Below 95°F is a medical emergency.
- Get help immediately.
- Do not rub or massage the arms or legs.
- Warm the victim by using loose, dry layers of blankets or electric blanket.
- Warm the center of the body.
- Focus on chest, neck and groin area.
- Awake and alert hypothermia victims may have warm non-alcoholic drinks.
- Sweet/high carbohydrate snacks to provide energy.
- No beverages to an unconscious person.
- After the body temperature has increased, keep victim wrapped in a blanket – head and neck included.
- Monitor the victim and await medical attention.
- Watch for breathing and cardiovascular problems.
- Have an Emergency Thermal Blanket in your emergency kit. It is made of durable, insulating Mylar material. It provides maximum warmth by retaining up to 90 percent of your body heat.
- If your pet is experiencing hypothermia, take it to your veterinarian as soon as possible.



## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Ghosts and goblins were tricks not to be seen but showers of rain were the treats on our scene. The half-inch of rainfall after the bewitching hour on Oct. 31 was gratefully welcomed by our plant life at Four Seasons. Along with the temperatures, our water consumption is decreasing. Our October billings reflect a 20 percent decrease over 2013.

With great hopes that the drought is easing as we reset our sprinklers to twice-weekly spraying, our plants may weather the dormant season. Automatic sprinklers normally have three channels (A, B, and C). During the approved watering day each channel can be programmed to activate once). Due to the heavy clay in our soil three minutes per activation is recommended. For odd numbered houses Monday and Friday are watering days. For even numbered houses it is Tuesday and Saturday. This is a change approved by BCVWD due to our landscapers not working on Sundays. The approved hours are midnight to 8 am and 8 pm until midnight. All homeowners should be checking the outlet drains in their front yards. If they are

full of water, this is an indication of over watering in their backyard. Watering on a rainy day may occasionally be the problem, but if this situation is occurring on a regular basis, please reduce backyard watering.

Historically we have switched from night watering to day watering in the winter due to freezing temperatures in December and January. Due to the above restrictions this will not be possible this season. Early morning walkers are urged to be careful of slippery surfaces.

November marked the start of biweekly lawn mowing. Holiday decorations in lawn areas are permitted but these lawns will not be mowed to avoid damage. Any electrical cords in planter areas should be visible to landscape workers.

October seemed to be the season for plant vandalism. Recently two young pine trees on the corner of Plymouth Rock and Four Seasons circle had their crowns cut off to stunt their growth. They will, of course, be replaced. Reminder: Wheeled vehicles are currently not allowed on trails. ~ *Leonard Tavernetti*



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## SAFETY & FACILITIES

At our November meeting, a number of items were covered.

Under old business: Stop signs have been purchased and are awaiting arrival and installation. Painting projects in the Lodge interior have been approved by the Board of Directors and are awaiting completion. The Wi-Fi system is up and running at the Lodge.

Under new business: The fountain project is under contract. The Lodge benches have been purchased and are in place. Key lock installation at the eastside gate is complete. The landscape architect has been approved and a contract submitted. The canopy for paddle tennis court and new covers for existing canopies is completed. Venting for the kitchen water heater closet is submitted for bids. An application for solar pool

heating (aquatic center) rebates is submitted. The ballroom cabinet refinishing is submitted to the Finance Committee for funding. New floor mats have been installed at the Lodge. The pool renovation project was funded by Finance and is submitted to the Board of Directors.

Under new proposals: There was submitted to the Committee a proposal to upgrade exterior lighting at the Lodge. This proposal is under study. There was also a proposal to add fencing at the paddle tennis courts. This proposal is also under study.

Our next meeting is Dec. 2, 9 am, in the Lodge. ~ **Dennis Gray**

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Have you responded to your letter from The Board of Directors for K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Community Association listing all of the proposed guideline changes, additional wording and rewording of existing rules? Time is running out. Please review the nine page letter and respond with your decision to "agree" or "disagree" and your comments. Do not return any or all of the nine pages with your monthly association dues but rather fax to (951) 769-6514, or send your response in writing to the Board of Directors, 1518 Four Seasons Circle, Beaumont, CA 92223 or drop it off at the front desk at the Lodge.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Happy holidays from the Neighborhood Watch! As 2014 winds down, we reflect on all the great events we shared this year. Anita Worthen outdid herself providing us with wonderful speakers, informative discussions and promoting our program to new residents. Our steering committee is proud to present its new members: Jill Anderson, Judy Irving and Pat Warman, who are filled with new ideas and plans to put these



ideas into action in 2015.

We will celebrate the holiday season on Dec. 10 at 10 am in the Ballroom with a fantastic brunch, with food provided by our members. We invite any of you who would like to learn more about our program as well as how to become a Block Captain for your street, to join us for a morning of fun, friendship and lots of great food. See you there. ~ *Jill Anderson*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

At our October meeting, the Financial Statements for September were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: Net Income Year-to-Date was \$129,649 and total reserves were \$4,540,304. The Accounts Receivable (delinquencies) were \$49,454. Our total HOA expenses for September (excluding reserve allocations) were \$215,469. This was under budget by \$39,518. Jeri Mupo, General Manager, confirmed the possible reasons for higher than normal water costs: hot weather and assumption of responsibility for new water meters. She also noted that, though new water conservation measures could bring costs down, water district bond payments increasing water costs will continue to push our own costs up as long as the drought continues. A general discussion was conducted regarding concerns about electric, telephone, security, janitorial, consulting services and irrigation repair expenses. The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for September were under the monthly budget by \$8,222. The Springdale Cost Center Expenses for September were under the monthly budget by \$271. There were 10 CD renewals reviewed and a recommendation to renew at the best prevailing rate not to exceed six months was sent to the Board. There were five vendor proposals presented and sent to the Board with recommendations for approval. Accounts Receivable update: there are no new delinquencies. Our next meeting will be held Jan. 27, at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. ~ *Noel Myers*

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## WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

Residents using sprinklers and hoses are now restricted to twice a week watering between the hours of 8 pm and 8 am only. Homes ending in odd numbers can water Monday and Friday; homes with even numbers water on Tuesday and Saturday. Drip irrigation is not included in the watering restrictions. ~ **Eric Zarr**

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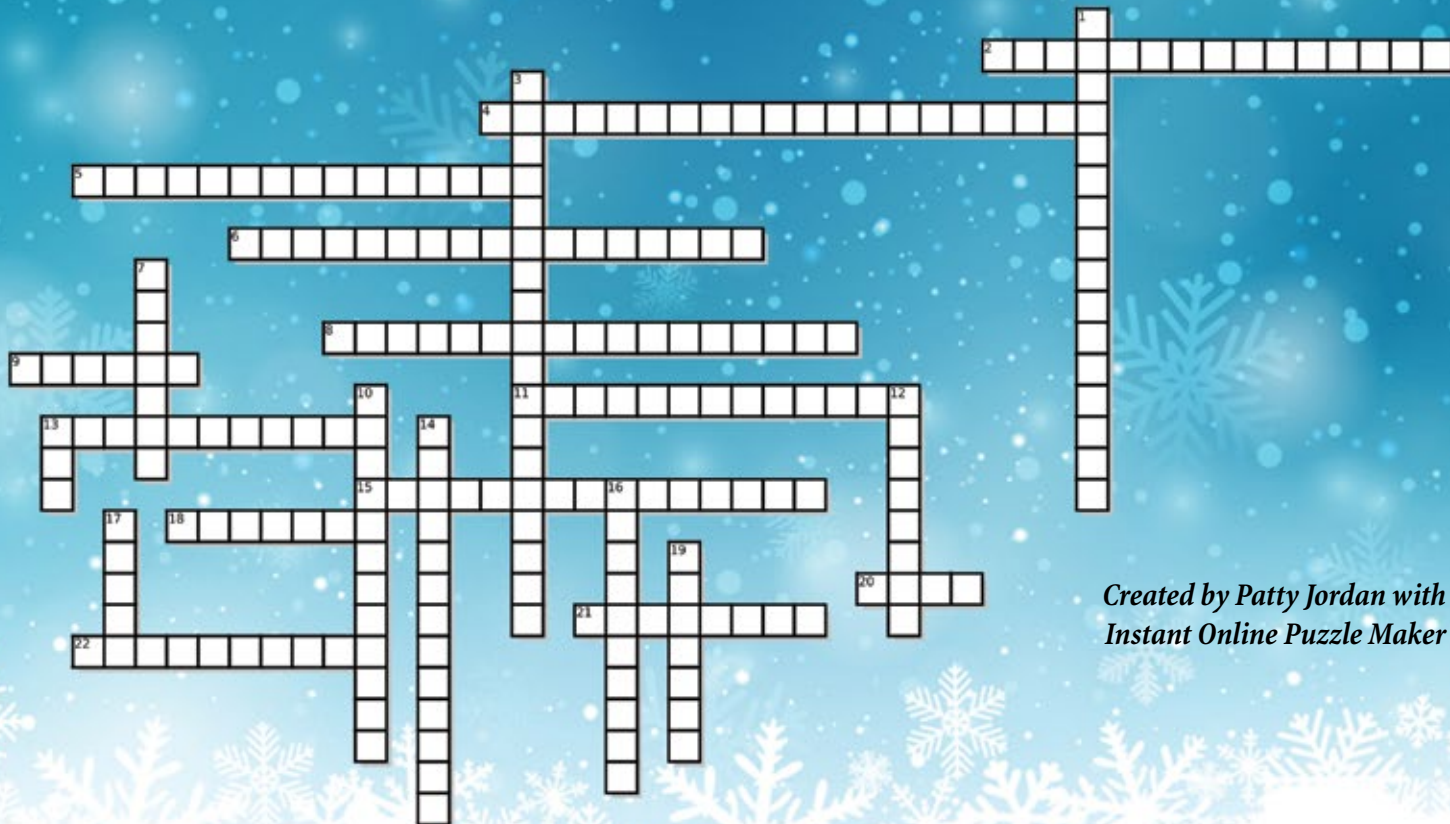
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# Four Seasons Beaumont Holiday Crossword



*Created by Patty Jordan with  
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## ACROSS

- 2 They plan our fantastic parties
- 4 They love indie films
- 5 December ESC Fund raiser
- 6 Our Area Reps
- 8 They work to keep us safe
- 9 They meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month
- 11 Our singles group
- 13 On pins and needles at the Salon
- 15 2014 New Year's Eve Party Theme
- 18 Very low rainfall
- 20 We look forward to seeing this on the mountain tops
- 21 SoCal Wine Country
- 22 That Jolly Old Elf

## DOWN

- 1 They keep track of our money
- 3 Our very own choir
- 7 A reindeer with a very red nose
- 10 Weds. Line Dance
- 12 Hang it up by the chimney with care
- 13 They approve changes to our property
- 14 Kwanzaa colors
- 16 Giving gifts to Beaumont kids
- 17 Get fit while you dance
- 19 Let's spin it for Hanukkah gelt

*Solution on page 50*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Pan #2 11:30a Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p Bereavement Group 1p Four Seasons Singers 3p AACC 6p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>2</b> Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting 10a Craft Group 1p Billiards for Fun 1p Writers' Club 1:30p Hearts 6p	<b>3</b> Pinochle Nbrhd Watch Steering Comm. 9a Canasta #2 9a Dominoes 1p 8-Ball Club 5p 7p	<b>4</b> Poker 9:45a Emergency Prep. Gen. Mtg. 10a Pan 11:30a Canasta #1 1:15p 7p	<b>5</b> Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio 10a Bid Whist 2p Dominoes 5p Seasoned Solos 6p <b>Holiday Extravaganza 6p</b> 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>6</b> Poker 9:45a Chavurah Fellowship 6p <b>Holiday Extravaganza 6p</b>
<b>7</b> Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p Bereavement Group 1p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>8</b> Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p Bereavement Group 1p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>9</b> Book Club 9:30a Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting 10a Billiards for Pot Luck 11:30a Craft Group 1p Billiards for Fun 1p Hearts 6p All Seasons RV 6p 4x4 Seasons Group 7p <b>Magic Party Show 7:30p</b>	<b>10</b> Hearty Hikers 8 Pinochle 9a Neighborhood Watch Party. 9:45a Canasta #2 1p Amphitheater Production 1p Dominoes 5p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>11</b> Pinochle 9:45a Open Art Studio 1:15p Bunco 11:30a Dominoes 7p Ballroom Dance Party 5:30p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>12</b> Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio 10a Bunco 1p Dominoes 5p Ballroom Dance Party 5:30p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>13</b> <b>ESC Holiday Home Tour 10a-4p</b> <b>AACC Formal Dinner 5p</b>
<b>14</b> 8-Ball Party 4p Counter Culture Cinema 6p	<b>15</b> Pan #2 11:30a Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p Bereavement Group 1p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>16</b> Poker Party 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting 10a Craft Group 1p Hearts 6p Camera Club 6:30p	<b>17</b> Pinochle 9a Canasta #2 1p Dominoes 5p Bloomington NHW Party 6p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>18</b> Pinochle 9:45a Open Art Studio 11:30a Bid Whist Group 1:15p Believe Pot Luck Party 6p Dominoes 6p <b>Menorah Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration 5</b> 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>19</b> Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio 10a Bid Whist Group 2p Believe Pot Luck Party 5p Dominoes 5p <b>Menorah Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration 5</b> 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>20</b> Poker 9:45a
<b>21</b> Private Party in Ballroom All Day	<b>22</b> <b>Last day to purchase New Year's Eve Tickets</b> Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>23</b> Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting 10a Craft Group 1p Performing Arts Club 4p Hearts 6p	<b>24</b> <b>Lodge Closes at 3p</b> Pinochle 9a Canasta #2 1p	<b>25</b> <b>Lodge Closed All Day</b> <b>Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Lodge Opens at 9a</b> Pinochle 9a Bunco 1p Dominoes 5p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>27</b> Private Party in Ballroom All Day
<b>28</b> Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>29</b> Bridge 12p Mah Jongg for Fun 12:30p 8-Ball Club 7p	<b>30</b> Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting 10a Craft Group 1p Hearts 6p	<b>31</b> <b>Lodge Closes at 5 p - will reopen prior to New Year's Gala</b> Pinochle 9a Canasta #2 1p New Year's Gala 7p	<div> <h1>DECEMBER 2014</h1> <p>Lodge Hours: Daily, 7 am - 9 pm</p> <p>This calendar reflects only a portion of the activities and events held at the Lodge. Every attempt possible has been made to accurately reflect times and dates of activities. However, activities, dates and times are subject to change without notice.</p> </div>		



## Physical Exercise Schedule

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>EXERCISE</b>		
Conditioning	M/W/F	8:30a
Beginning Conditioning	M/W/F	9:30a
Zumba Gold	Tues/Th	9:30a
*Yoga	M/W	6p
*Pilates	Th	8:30a
*Pilates	Sat	9a
*Kick Boxing	Sat	10:15a
<i>*Need to maintain 10 + participants or class will be canceled.</i>		

### DANCE

#### Ballroom Dance

Beginners	M	6-6:30p
Intermediate	M	6:30-7p
Advanced	M	7-8p
Practice	Th	6p

#### Line Dance

Beginning	Tues	3p
Advanced	Tues	3:45p
Heart & Soul	W	4p/5:20p

<b>HORSESHOES</b>	W	10a
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### PING PONG

All Level Ping Pong	M-F	10:30a-1:30p
	Sat	11:30a-2:30p

### TENNIS

Club Play Time	2nd, 3rd Th	5-9p
Tennis Meeting	3rd Tues	4p
Play Day (check <a href="http://www.fsbrc.org">www.fsbrc.org</a> for date)		8:30a

<b>BOCCE BALL</b>	Tues	9:30a
	W	3p

<b>PADDLE TENNIS</b>	W	7p
	F/Sun	8:30a/6p
PlayDay	3rd Sat	12 noon

### PICKLEBALL

Morning	T/Th/Sat	9a
Advanced	M	5p

## Class Schedule

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>LANGUAGE</b>		
*Beginning Spanish	Tues	6p
Instructor Jan White • On Holiday Break		
Second term 2/3 - 4/28		
*Spanish 1	Tues	10a
*Spanish 2	Tues	11a
*Spanish 3	Tues	12p
Instructor Paty Bushnell • Classes Sept. - May		
<i>*No Spanish Language class during third week of each mo.</i>		

### ARTS & CRAFTS

Ceramics	W	1p
	Sat	10a
Drawing & Sketching	M	10a
	W	6p
Watercolor	M	6p

*Call for class availability: (951) 849-6987*

Machine Quilting	Sun	1p
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### BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study	Fri	10:30a
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### OTHER

TOPS Weigh in	Tues	8a
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## Committee Meetings

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Architectural Review	Dec. 3	9:30a
	Dec. 17	9:30a
Bistro	No meeting in December	
<b>BOD Exec. Session</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>9a</b>
<b>BOD General Session</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>1p</b>
Communications	Dec. 3	10a
Proofing	Dec. 10	10a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	Dec. 16	9a
Event Systems	<i>Meets on an as needed basis</i>	
Finance	No meeting in December	
Landscape	Dec. 8	8a
Rules & Regulations	Dec. 9	9a
Safety & Facilities	Dec. 2	9a
Social	Dec. 4	5p

## Sneak Peek at the New Year

Jan. 12	Resolution Fit Camp & Zumba Party, 10a
Jan. 21	Meet & Greet for New Homeowners, 6p

Feb. 7	Gospel Concert
Feb. 14	Valentine's Dinner Dance

## TASTE D'VINE

Cheers and Salud from the Taste d'Vine Wine Club. This is the time of year to celebrate, smile, create new memories and joyfully remember old ones. This year we tasted different wines and varietals, discussed food and wine pairing, gained knowledge about various wine regions and styles, and stretched our senses and brains with fun and games.

Remember, wine makes daily living easier and less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance.

It is with this thought that the Taste d'Vine Wine club wishes you a joyous holiday season and a "Wine"derful New Year! ~ **Gracy Luna**



## AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Hilltopping... Portable radios, often referred to as walkie-talkies, are very effective in communicating over short distances (usually

a few miles at best). However, if we were to increase the size of the antenna being used, that range can be greatly extended, even to hundreds of miles. That is called "antenna gain." Too bad that isn't possible for the FRS (Family Radio Service) radios that we use at Four Seasons for our emergency communications, because the FCC mandates a fixed antenna that cannot be removed and replaced with a higher gain antenna. Even with the radio at full power it is often difficult or impossible to talk to someone across the community, or over the ridge. How can we get around this limitation?

One way is to use GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) which allows antenna swapping, and also allows much more powerful signals than FRS. It requires an FCC license that isn't cheap. But, in fact, a GMRS-type radio will be the cornerstone of the Four Seasons communications base at Rec. Center North. That will solve half the problem by enabling reliable communications from Net Control. But we're still left with a marginally reliable signal coming from the individual radios that our communicators use when reaching out to Net Control.

The answer may be to simply move to higher ground, like Mesa Verde for example. Placing a radio and its antenna on high ground can dramatically improve coverage to the entire community and beyond. This hilltopping effect is the reason that commercial radio stations use very tall antenna towers or tall buildings. Since it wouldn't be practical for all of our communicators to assemble on Mesa Verde during an emergency, we might have the option of placing a repeater and antenna on the high ground at the new Rec. Center so that signals can be reliably relayed throughout the community. Repeaters

are small, relatively cheap, and proven to be a great solution.

This is just one of the projects that the Radio Club is actively investigating to maintain effective, reliable communications in emergency conditions. So far it all looks very promising.

Join us and explore the possibilities. Our website is W6FSB.com and we meet on the last Friday of the month at 10 am, except November and December (check the *Breeze*), in the Ballroom. ~ **Pete Hersey, KJ6NRR, Vice President**

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## CAMERA CLUB

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Craft Room at the Lodge; thus, our December meeting will be Dec. 16. Visitors are always welcome. We invite all photographers, regardless of skill level, to join us for our regular meetings and field trips. Members are always eager to help and teach. We discuss photography, photo software, hardware and related subjects of interest. On a voluntary basis, members offer their photographs for critique which is a great learning experience for all. Our alternative photo project is ongoing (i.e. we bring a picture of a specific genre we all agree on).

For the November meeting, the assignment was to bring a panorama picture photographed according to the specifications presented in the October meeting, where we discussed pano techniques and software to best process the picture sequences that make up the panorama. As always, this is an optional assignment; the members do not have to do it but it is a great learning experience if they do. Some really beautiful and unique panoramas were shown at our meeting.

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is now behind us and that more holidays are coming soon. That means lots of photographs, techniques and software which we'll be discussing in our future meetings. Hope to see you soon.

For further information, please contact Lyle Cameron at (951) 849-6987. ~ **Lyle Cameron**



*Photo of the Stave Church outside Oslo, Norway taken in July  
by Bill Christeiman*

## SPANISH CLASS

Do you have little or no knowledge of the Spanish language and want to learn “survival Spanish” for personal use? Consider joining our Beginning Spanish class which starts in February of next year and will meet every Tuesday of the month (except the third Tuesday) at 6 pm. We meet for an hour and a half. This class, taught by Four Seasons resident Jan White, will run from the first Tuesday in February until the end of April 2015.

There are two beginning Spanish offerings on Tuesday — one in the morning and this one in the evening. So when you sign up, be certain you note the time of day. You will find a sign-up sheet for this evening class in the lodge. Call Jan at (951) 797-3700 if you have questions. Happy holidays! ~ **Jan White**



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## BUNCO



The holidays are definitely here. We are right in the middle of the 2014 holiday season and I hope all is well with my Bunco friends. This month we will be playing on the 12th and the 26th. So take some time for yourself and come out and play. Invite a neighbor and join us at 1 pm sharp in the Card Room. We have a lot of fun and you will be glad you came. Don't forget to grab a drink at Smitty's or maybe even lunch beforehand. See you there! Happy Holidays! ~ **Suzanne Roldan & Cheryl Burke**

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## MAH JONGG

Everybody is welcome to join us for fun Mondays at 1 pm in the Bistro. Beginners as well as seasoned players can join the fun. We usually have several tables of three, four or five players and someone is always available to teach or assist those who are new to the game or those who haven't played in many years. A current Mah Jongg card is required but you can borrow or copy one until you are sure you want to invest the \$8 in it. You do not have to own a Mah Jongg set to join the fun, so come on out! ~ **Barbara Goodreau**

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## PINOCHLE

Pinochle is an exciting card game where you bid and bluff to name trump and take control of the game. This game is played with a double deck of special cards of ace through 10 against other aficionados, to tease your mind, and keep you sharp. Come join the game on Wednesday and Fridays from 9 am to 12 pm in the Card Room. Newbies and oldies are welcome for fun and socializing. Info., George Soeten, (951) 797-0254. ~ **George Soeten**

## BRIDGE

Join us on Mondays for the game of bridge in the Lodge Card Room at 12 pm. All levels of bridge players are welcome. We play party type bridge where we rotate partners after 5 or 6 hands. This enables you to meet and play with different people. Most of us use Standard American as convention of choice. Some do try other conventions, but only if both parties agree up front. All of us play at different levels and are learning how to play the game better (practice makes us better).

If you are interested in learning the game or have questions please call Helen at (951) 845-9312. We are currently teaching two new players and hope to soon have them join us on Mondays. We will be glad to help you learn the basics of the game and hope that you will join us to either learn, watch, or play.

Congratulations to Tanya Guy (her first) and Helen Shoemate for bidding and making a grand slam. This is what every bridge player wants to achieve; it does not come along very often. ~ **Bill Guy**

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## CANASTA #1

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, giving you an opportunity to meet other Four Seasons residents and old friends who enjoy an afternoon of "cool" cards. Plus, the Bistro is just down the hall if you would like a snack 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 will have mastered the game. All you have to do is show up and leave the rest to us. ~ **Melody Seewoster**



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Mark your calendars for several celebrations around Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Attend a fun holiday committee meeting on Dec. 6 at a private home to plan future events (all are welcome, just let us know via email if you will attend); see the lighting of the beautiful outdoor Hanukkah Menorah and dinner Dec. 16. No party Dec. 20. Instead we will celebrate Hanukkah on Friday, Dec. 19 at 5 pm with a Menorah lighting in the Lodge Lobby. Latkes, cake and Hanukkah music will be provided. Everyone is invited.

A new feature will be unveiled Dec. 17 at the Four Seasons Lodge foyer... so don't miss it, along with all the other wonderful events.

For more information about these fantastic events, please contact us at [chavurah.time@aol.com](mailto:chavurah.time@aol.com), [tonifiner@yahoo.com](mailto:tonifiner@yahoo.com), or to talk to a real person, call (951) 769-0351. ~ **Toni Finer**

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## "BELIEVE:" WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

November's Women's Bible Study lessons were especially wonderful. The first week in November we had a group discussion on trusting others. The group determined that we must trust others with love, through God. We then began a discussion on trusting God, and read and discussed many verses from the Bible on that topic. We finished the month discussing hope. In December, we will study the subjects of perseverance and living a loving life — what each requires, how to accomplish both, and why do either.

On Nov. 14 we drew names for a "Secret Sister" project within the group. Specific rules were set, and the Secret Sisters will be revealed at our Christmas potluck party on Dec. 19. The party will feature a Christmas program, several surprises and lots of great food. Prior to the party, we will complete our study of *1 Corinthians 13:1-7* for the year, and will reconvene on Jan. 9, with a new study.

All Four Seasons' women are welcome to join the Bible study. Our group consists of women with all levels of Biblical knowledge, varied church affiliations, and are all growing exponentially. We meet in the first section of the Ballroom from 10:30 to 11:30 am every Friday. Our January study will begin on Jan. 9, so if you want to learn more about the Bible, come join us! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**



## DOMINOES

Solomon Hayes was the club player with the most wins for September. He mowed down all of the other players like they were tall blades of grass that needed to be trimmed. Yes, he had the most wins in July too. The question is, does this make Solomon an exceptional player? Or is he just lucky? The answer is a little bit of both.

Reggie Fuqua and I were both riding along beside him and almost mowed him down. We both finished with 13 wins. Solomon decided on chicken wings, potato chips and cake for the entrée of the month. Enjoy the win Solomon you worked hard to win the battle. But watch out, next month there will be a new sheriff in town, with a new mower with sharper blades.

Come out and join in on the fun, all are welcome. We meet every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 9 pm in the Game Room. ~ **Marvin A. Gaines**

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## PAN

We are looking for players, substitute players, and people who are interested in learning the game. I am happy to teach anyone who wishes to learn the game, either individually or in a small group, your home or mine. Pan is a card game, much on the order of gin in some respects, and played with up to eight people at a table. It is played by both men and women, so men are very welcome as well as women. The game can be played in the day, evening, in a room in the Lodge or in private homes. If you are interested, please call me, Linda Mendelson, at (951) 941-9100 or email me at [Goldtoy@earthlink.net](mailto:Goldtoy@earthlink.net) and I will answer any questions you may have. As all card games, it is played with both skill and luck. ~ **Linda Mendelson**

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# BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

The Christmas Dinner Dance is our last event of the year, so we hope you can join us for an evening of good fun, good food, good music and good dancing, Friday, Dec. 12, 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

Enjoy the Ultimate Dance Experience. Dance because you can! It's time to dust off that old resolution and do it. Just show up on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Ballroom and treat yourself to some serious fun. You'll be glad you did.

For more information, contact our club captains Gary and Puring Stifter, at (951) 922-8333, or at purings@verizon.net. ~ **Willis Fagan**

# HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Here we are again saying "good-bye" to another year, so as I write the last article of 2014, I send you this message: "Dancing with your feet is one thing, but dancing with your heart is another." That is what our line dance family has done this year. We grew in number as we welcomed new friends and decreased as we have said farewell to some old ones.

I want to express my gratitude to all of you who have continued to support me throughout the year. I feel privileged to bring my love of dance to all of you. It is my hope that 2015 will bring continued growth as we learn more dances. I will continue to challenge you because I believe you are all up to it.

Here are some line dance tips:

Never come onto the dance floor carrying anything.

Never stay on the floor to talk - if the music has started, go off the dance floor to chat.

When dancing near beginners, be mindful and courteous and don't show off.

Remember the floor is for everyone. Try to leave the outside lane clear for couple dancers.

If the floor is crowded, take small steps, enjoy the company, but watch for collisions.

# LINE DANCING

We are working on a special line dance for the Christmas Show and it is coming along great! We hope many of you will attend this fun show that kicks off the Christmas Season here at Four Seasons.

Have you ever asked yourself what makes some people our age seem younger and some seem older? Yes, it can be hair styles, clothing and illnesses, but mostly it is attitude. If you keep busy, which is easy to do here, and active, you feel younger. You feel included and most are happier. We are so lucky here to have three great dance groups to choose from. Dancing is so good for you; try one of these groups. If you don't like it, try another. Chances are one of them will get you excited and involved. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, laughing along with other people and enjoying good music. It stimulates the brain



*Everyone had a good time at our September Fall Fling Dinner Dance*

If you should bump into someone, it is customary to apologize whether it is your fault or not.

Don't be tempted to stop dancing to teach, especially if there is no room.

Never walk through a line of dancers to cross the floor, always walk round the floor or wait.

Remember everyone was once a beginner; if you can already dance, do try to be helpful to newcomers.

When starting off the dance, go to the front so that others can fall in behind you.

Sometimes couples will choose to dance around the outside lane; don't stand in their way, as they always have the right of way.

Keep your head up, keep smiling and enjoy yourselves :-)  
Most important.... **HANG IN THERE!**

Finally, don't give up if you enjoy line dancing. We are all wired differently. Some pick up the moves right away and some of us have to work a little harder.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season as you travel to spend time with family and friends. Enjoy yourselves and stay safe! See you on the dance floor. ~ **Priscilla Robles**

as well as the feet. You have to concentrate to learn new steps. Dancing improves coordination and balance which we really need as we age. So stay young... take up dancing!

You still have time to learn a couple of basic line dances before the New Year's Eve party. Even if you don't know how to dance, these are easy. Line dancing is very forgiving; just move in the same direction using similar steps and it is called a variation, not a mistake.

There will only be two classes in December, Dec. 2 and 9. Beginners class starts at 3 pm Tuesdays in the Lodge Ballroom; the advanced class follows at 3:45 pm. Classes will resume Jan. 6, 2015.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Info., (951) 769-3889. ~ **Martha Franck**



# CREATIVE DRAWING & SKETCHING CLASS

*It has been almost nine months since I joined the Drawing & Sketching group. I entered the group with about 50 years of drawing experience behind me, becoming part of an enthusiastic band of fellow artists, most with no past art involvement and a few who had never taken a pencil in hand since high school days.*

*I have found noticeable improvements within my drawings over the past several months; however, what has delighted me more is the blossoming of my fellow artists, which have all shown great advancement in their talent as well as enormous enjoyment in what they produce.*

*The group meetings under Rob Kelman's stewardship have developed into social events, during which he constantly provides guidance and advice while ensuring each artist maintains their own goals.*

*I came to the group with the attitude I had nothing more to learn. In nine months I believe I have become a better artist and I know I still have more to absorb. If you know what a pencil and eraser are, then you qualify to join our band of enthusiastic artists. We meet on Monday mornings at 10 am and again on Wednesday afternoons at 6 pm, and we all hope to see you there. ~ Thomas Herron*

Classes are Mondays 10 am to 12 noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Just stop by and get started. ~ **Rob Kelman**



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## COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA

Due to the holidays, we are only having one screening in December.

Our December screening, on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 pm, is the film *The Railway Man* (USA 2013, 116 minutes). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: "Eric Lomax was one of thousands of Allied prisoners of war forced to work on the construction of the Thai/Burma railway during WWII. His experiences, after the secret radio he built to bring news and hope to his colleagues was discovered, left him traumatized and shut off from the world. Years later, he met Patti, a beautiful woman, on a train and fell in love. Patti was determined to rid Eric of his demons. Discovering that the young Japanese officer who haunted her husband was still alive, she faced a terrible decision. Should Eric be given a chance to confront his tormentor? Would she stand by him, whatever he did?"



All of our screenings are followed by lively discussion about the film; we'd love to have you join us. The Lodge theatre has very limited seating, so if you're interested in our screenings, come early - we hope to see you there. Please note that all films announced are subject to availability. If you have any questions about the Counter Culture Cinema Club or want to recommend a film, please email Micki Rosen at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ *Micki Rosen*

## AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

My goodness — Christmas is almost here. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a great Christmas.

Our Christmas dinner/dance is Saturday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 9:30 pm, just days away. Clauzeila, Cookie, Daisy, Wanda and I are feverishly working to put the final touches together. It is going to be great! The event is sold out, but we are taking wait lists, because we know "Murphy's Law" is always in play and will cause last minute cancellations. So please contact me if you want to be put on the wait list. It's a good chance you will clear. We want as many of our community to attend as possible. It will be a Christmas memory you will cherish forever. Tickets are \$50 per person. Info., Roxie Elliott, (951) 769-2517.

The evening of Christian & Gospel music is also coming together. If you have a talent (singing, playing the piano, praise dancing, etc.), come and be a part of this event. There is still time to sign up. The date is Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015. It is a FREE event. Everyone in our community is invited to attend and to share their talents. Help make this event an evening to renew your spirit and warm your soul. If you are interested in performing please contact Cookie Bonner, (951) 769-7679. More to come.

Our last meeting of the year is Monday, Dec. 1, at 6 pm in the

Card Room at the Lodge. We encourage all members to attend. We will be discussing our agenda for 2015. Many decisions will be made and we want your input. A group is only as strong as its members. Members are strong and will participate only when they feel their ideas are heard and incorporated. Please be there.

We are striving to be a productive part of our community and are always open for new members, encourage new ideas, and encourage your participation. Contact Betty Ann James (951) 572-5538 for more information. Come and join us. ~ *Roxie Elliott*

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# PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

## WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to keep giving you the entertainment you've been enjoying we need your help. We desperately need additional sound, crew, stagehands and technical people. We are willing to train. Don't we have any retired or still working men/women familiar with sound systems and technology? We really can use your expertise for our shows. Please contact Larry Goodreau at [goodsund@yahoo.com](mailto:goodsund@yahoo.com).

Lastly, thank you to Roland Harrah for the technical support you've given to PAC for many years. We really appreciate all you do and have done. You're missed.

Happy holidays, everyone! Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Ashura, Bodhi Day, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas, or Kwanzaa, may your special holiday be shared with family and friends.

Decisions, decisions... which show should I go to? The Holiday Show will be on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6, at 6 pm. It's the same show on both nights, so pick the most convenient date for you. I assure you, you don't want to miss it. The choir will be singing songs with lots of technical difficulty and will amaze you with their mastery of three and four part harmony. I'm in the choir, so I know first hand how hard we've been working. Besides the choir, Bertsy Seim will be accompanying us on the piano, Anne Savey will add her magic with the flute and bells, and Barbara Kwiatkowska-Amerton will play the piano as the choir exits the stage. We will also have some ballroom dancers join us on one song. There will be a wonderful line dance,

choreographed by Martha Franck, and Catch a Star Theatrical Players will again entertain us with a holiday themed play. All this for FREE! Why wouldn't you attend?

2015 is going to be filled with lots of entertainment from the Performing Arts Club. While we don't have the definitive dates tied down yet, you can look forward to 2-3 Radio Shows, a 55+ Comedy Revue, Friday Night Live (a parody of Saturday Night Live, and it will be held on a Friday night), a comedic, fun play... plus July 4th and the December Holiday Show. We will be holding auditions for all of the shows and hope that more of the community comes out to participate. We're a fun loving group, and you will have an incredible experience.

That's it for December... more in January. Any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [terimk@verizon.net](mailto:terimk@verizon.net). ~ Teri Meyers-Kelman



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## WRITERS' CLUB

We had our November meeting on Election Day. In October we heard from Joan Nicholson, who is still working on a novel. We had also heard from Henry Roberts on linguistics and on publishing. This month he told us about two non-fiction books he's working on, one a kind of autobiography, and the other about home owners associations.

Phil Jaffe brought a self-published book he wrote about his experience on a Coast Guard ice breaker in 1954, in which they cut through ice to realize the fabled Northwest Passage. He wants to do a new edition incorporating the history of ice breakers since their inception in the 19th century, and he asked our group for comments and suggestions.

The Writers Club exists to aid and encourage writing projects, whether a poem, an article, or a whole book, non-fiction or fiction. We invite all current members to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Usually we meet around a big table in the third part of the Ballroom at the Lodge. If you are not a member, but are interested in writing, we always welcome visitors and guests.

On Dec. 2, at 1:30 pm, the Writers Club will meet again. Our current plan is to have a round-table discussion about what we want to write, and how we can accomplish those goals. ~ **Phil Bond**

## CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

We are classical music lovers with an interest in sharing our love, knowledge, and interest in classical music. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Conference Room. There we discuss current music performances. Most of the time is devoted to exploring a selection for the month. We welcome new members. Contact Steve Benoff at [steve.benoff@verizon.net](mailto:steve.benoff@verizon.net) or (310) 413-4896. ~ **Steve Benoff**



## COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

If you use a computer then you can enjoy all the benefits of being part of the new Four Seasons Computer Club (FSCC). We plan to have speakers who will teach you more about your computer, programs and applications. You can easily become more proficient about computer use, or you can just have more fun with what you already know. As a member of the FSCC you can share ideas and information with other members, learn from professional speakers, join special classes on apps and programs, learn more about smart phones, enjoy social gatherings with other members of the club, and more!

The club will consist of computer users who will meet at least once a month. Plus there will be meetings of special interest groups. The purpose is to further improve common interests in computing by providing residents with information on computer training, hardware support, software support and cell phones. To help get started we are looking for teachers, speakers and club officers. If you have any of these skills then so indicate when you sign up at the Lodge front desk. The first meeting will be scheduled in January. For more information or questions, contact Phil Jaffe at [philjaffe872@gmail.com](mailto:philjaffe872@gmail.com). ~ **Phil Jaffe**

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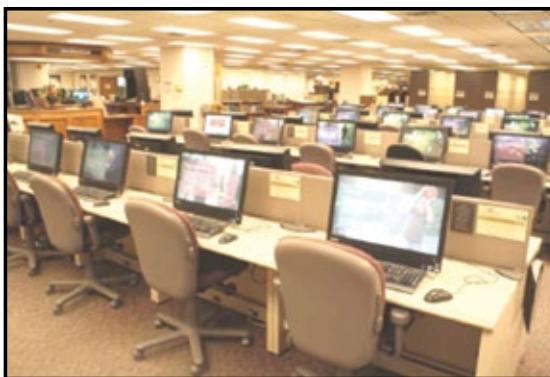
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If you are serious about finding your family roots, this is one place you won't want to miss, if possible, allow several days there because you'll probably need it.

Info., Willis Fagan, Club Captain (951) 769-4482, wefbev@verizon.net. ~ **Willis Fagan**

## ALL SEASONS RV

We are residents who participate in RV trips. In the past we have traveled to many fun and interesting places. If you would like further information on future trips, you can contact Ann Williams @annwilymz@yahoo.com to be added to the email list. You can also attend one of our meetings the second Tuesday of the month in the Ballroom at 6 pm. Our next meeting will be for our holiday party, Dec. 9. This will be a member ONLY event. ~ **Rick Brower**



*Recent trip to Huntington Beach. Group having lunch... we really like to eat!*

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## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS



We will be singing at the Holiday Shows Dec. 5 and 6. We hope you enjoy the show we have planned for you. While we have had lots of fun learning new songs and rehearsing each week, we will be taking a sabbatical until the spring. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Check our article in the March *Breeze* for information about when rehearsals will resume. We meet on Mondays from 3 to 5 pm in the Ballroom. For further information, you can contact Barbara Wasco (951) 797-3466 or email at [bawasco@dc.rr.com](mailto:bawasco@dc.rr.com). ~ **Barbara Wasco**



## RAINBOW GROUP

We're planning informal social evenings in the winter. We hope this will allow as many of our LGBT neighbors and friends, and their friends, to get together with us. We're combining a social evening with Smitty's dinner around 6 pm, and you can enjoy your own beverages. Keep an eye on the *Breeze* for more information. No meeting is planned for December. If you have ideas, please email or call us. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call/email Dale at (951) 797-0364 or [dbeckes@dc.rr.com](mailto:dbeckes@dc.rr.com); or Barbara at (951) 845-6246; email Barbara at [bamerton@alumni.ucla.edu](mailto:bamerton@alumni.ucla.edu). ~ **Dale Beckes**

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Every month, in writing about the Bereavement Group, we discuss the overwhelming sadness that death can produce, and we invite those of you who are struggling with this sadness to join us.

But what if you are not all that sad? What if the relationship with the deceased was difficult and unhappy, and the feeling of which you are most aware is relief? Or what if you had months or even years of difficult care taking, and now that it is over, you also feel relief? And what if the other dominant feeling is guilt? And as further complication, what if you think you need to hide your feelings and pretend to feel something that you do not?

Well, guess what? You are just human, and human beings have all kinds of reactions to and feelings about everything, including death. And your feelings are perfectly ok, they're just feelings. And perfectly human.

Those of us in this group are a small community. We have come together to share, to help ourselves and each other to navigate through a difficult time in our lives. Each of us brings our own experiences, thoughts and feelings to the community and it is in the mutuality of our exchanges that we find common, healing ground. And we do not judge each other. All of us have

myriad feelings about the losses we have sustained, and often in talking about all of the feelings we reach clarity and achieve some relief. We realize that every one of us has complicated, sometimes conflicting, feelings.

Sometimes it feels very uncomfortable to talk with our family and friends about what we are going through. So we keep it to ourselves, and that just isolates us even further from those we care about at a time when we really need them.

Maybe it's time for you to come to see what we can offer you. We will listen, share, care and not judge you. Believe me, we understand. We are all traveling the same road, each of us in our own way and at our own pace. But together. And that's what makes the difference.

The Bereavement Group meets on Mondays from 1 to 3 pm in the Arts and Crafts room in the Lodge. The group runs in cycles of twelve weeks with a four week break, then resumes for twelve weeks. This 12 week cycle will end Dec. 15 and a new one will begin on Jan. 19. You can join us at any time. Additionally, we may get together once or twice during the holidays if we think we could use the support.

Please contact me at (951) 922-0934 or at [lauriemlarson425@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemlarson425@gmail.com). All contact is confidential. ~ **Laurie Larson**

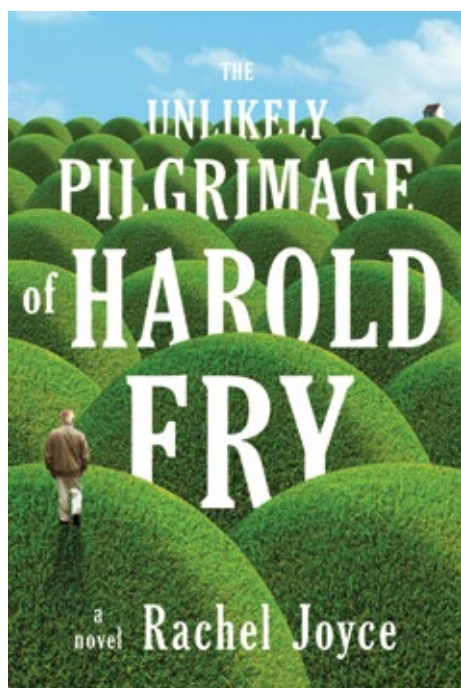
## TOPS

If you want to lose weight or just would like to live a healthier lifestyle, TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a great group to help motivate you and cheer you on along on your way to your goal.

TOPS is very affordable (\$28 per year membership and \$3 per month chapter dues). If you would like to give it a try we meet in the Ballroom on Tuesday mornings with weigh-in from 8 to 8:30 am. The meeting runs from at 8:30 to 9:30 am. For more info., call Cathy Calhoun, Four Seasons resident and leader, at (951) 849-2614 or Rosalee Strong, Area Captain, at (951) 845-9313. ~ **Cheryl Burke**







## BOOK CLUB

On Dec. 9 at 9:30 am, we will meet in the Lodge to discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

An ordinary newly-retired couple in a small English town lead an uneventful life until Harold receives a letter from Queenie, who he had worked with 20 years prior. As he went to post his reply, Harold kept passing one post box after another. Then he met a girl who convinced him that as long as he kept walking his friend in hospice 600 miles away would not die.

His adventure and the unusual and often friendly people he meets make this a charming and sometimes funny story. Nancy Horan, author of *Loving Frank*, calls it “a moving story about an ordinary man on an extraordinary journey.”

We hope you will join us at our meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Book Club, please call Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Mary Lou Keating**

## BEAUMONT BLOOMS

The holiday season is a great time for bringing outdoor plants into our homes. It is also a time when little ones (two-legged, four-legged or two-winged) with inquisitive minds can get into trouble with these attractive ornaments. So, be berry, berry careful to place them accordingly.

About 20 holly berries can cause death, so eating holly berries is a serious concern for children and pets. Though the berries are the part that is usually eaten, bark, leaves, and seeds are toxic.

Jerusalem Cherry is a species of nightshade bearing poisonous fruit which can cause gastric upset and vomiting in people, but generally is not life-threatening. Fruits are extremely toxic to dogs and cats and some birds. The fruit resembles a cherry tomato, both in appearance and flavor, so kids and pets may eat enough to cause illness, or in the case of pets, even death.

Poinsettias are not particularly dangerous. Eating a few leaves may make one feel ill or vomit. Rubbing the sap from the plant into skin can give an itchy rash. Beyond that, this plant is unlikely to cause a problem for either humans or pets.

Mistletoe is a name given to one of several plants, all potentially dangerous for kids and pets. Blurred vision, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, blood pressure changes, and even death may develop by eating parts of mistletoe. All parts of the mistletoe plant are poisonous, though it is the berries that may be most attractive to kids. Eating one or two berries probably will not cause a problem for a child, but a small pet could be endangered by eating a few leaves or berries.

An amaryllis bulb is a common holiday gift. Amaryllis,

daffodil, and narcissus bulbs may be forced indoors to produce showy holiday flowers. Eating bulbs (and leaves, though they are less toxic) can cause abdominal pain, cardiac arrhythmias, and convulsions.

Cyclamen is a flowering plant commonly seen around the winter holidays. Cyclamen tubers can cause nausea, vomiting, convulsions, and paralysis. This plant is more of a concern for pets than humans. In fact, some cyclamen cultivars are favored for their delicate flavor and use in tea.

Cedars, pines, and firs are very mildly toxic. The biggest concern here is the possibility of puncturing part of the gastrointestinal tract from eating needles, though the tree oils may cause irritation of the mouth and skin. Toxicity might be affected by whether the tree had been sprayed with a flame retardant. People don't usually eat Christmas trees. Even a dog is unlikely to eat enough of the tree to cause a problem.

So, bring in the plants, the kids and the pets but keep them separated. Happy Holidays! ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



Above: Jerusalem Cherries

Left: Holiday Berries

## CRAFT GROUP

Hello to all new and old residents. The Craft Group is up and running again and would love to hear from you. Call with any questions at (951) 769-7967.

We meet every Tuesday at 1 pm in the Craft Room. Come join the fun. We are now making glass plates decorated for the holidays and also snowmen. It's lots of fun. You can share your talent with us. If you are working on something, bring your project in. We'd love to see what you're up to. ~ **Pam Kelley**

## CERAMIC CORNER

Some in our ceramic class are painting Christmas items for gifts as well as for their homes. We not only work with ceramic paint but also acrylics. Come join us in the fun.

Classes: Saturdays 8 - 10 am, lab; Instructor in class 10 am - 2 pm. Wednesdays 1 - 4 pm. Instructor Elsie Fillman at (661) 414-6270. ~ **Sandra Buelna**



## KNITTING & CROCHETING

We are still working on the CHP blankets, but hope to have several ready to deliver in December. In addition to the blankets, some are working on personal items or holiday items. We all went to lunch again in October at a restaurant in Hemet. It was very nice and enjoyable. Come join us on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

## MACHINE QUILTING

We're working on Christmas projects, so come on down on Sundays at 1 pm at the Craft Rom. ~ **Kathy Spallino**



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# PADDLE TENNIS

The history of Four Season's Beaumont Paddle Tennis: the courts sat empty of paddle tennis players for a few years, until our resident paddle tennis enthusiasts, Alan Chan, did some research on the sport. As the story goes, Alan saw that the paddle courts were not being used, got together six guys from the ping pong group, made a deal with a paddle tennis supplier to supply the paddles at a special price and started the paddle group.

The group has grown over the past few years to approximately 30 plus players, both men and women, with all skill levels. Paddle Tennis has grown in popularity, and there have been new play times requested and approved. Published in the calendar of the *Breeze* times are:

Cooler Months - Nov. 1 through March 31: Mondays: 8:30 – 10:30 am; 2 - 4 pm • Wednesdays: 2 - 4 pm • Fridays: 8:30 – 10:30 am; 2 - 4 pm • Sundays: 8:30 – 10:30 am; 2 - 4 pm

Warmer Months - April 1 through Oct. 31:

Mondays: 7 - 9 pm • Wednesdays: 7 - 9 pm • Fridays: 8:30 - 10:30 am; 7 - 9 pm • Sundays: 8:30 - 10:30 am; 7 - 9 pm

New cover for court: all players are very excited about the new cover that was installed in late October 2014. Thank you to those who researched and had installed this beautiful cover; no Beaumont winds can take this down.

It's been a great summer and I believe we all look forward to our upcoming winter even with the predications that we will have a wetter winter than normal. But I'm sure we all welcome filling our water reserves. Weather allowing, I hope we all will come out and play this fun and exhilarating game of paddle tennis. I'll be there with paddle in hand, looking forward to the exercise and to seeing friends who play.

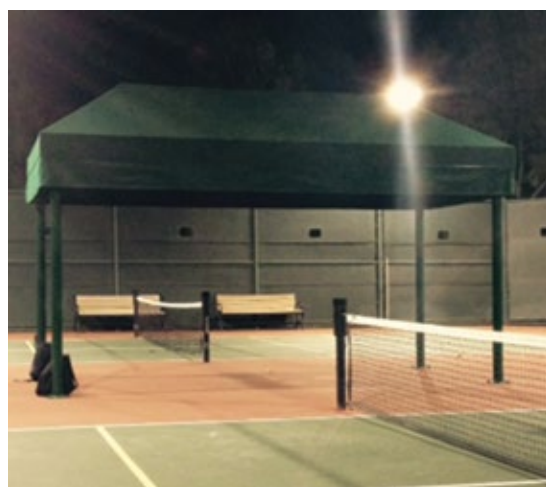
As a side note, there are some players who still work, so our current schedule doesn't allow them to have much play time; therefore, for those who are interested in playing early evenings other than the posted regular play times, contact me or Jim Cochran.

And so for now, welcome all for good play, good times and good exercise. ~ *Diana Johnson Ali*



*Above (L-R): Phil Harris, Syed Ali, Shao Hong Jia Carrasco, Richard Carrasco, Alan Chan, Paco Paez, Diego Santos front row: Jim Cochran, Lyla and Niles Sunstrom.*

*Below: New Awning Cover installed late October*



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Left: Del Lyles and Dewey Allen

Right: Rick Loney and MaryAnn Diehl



## THE 8-BALL CLUB

During our monthly 8 Ball Tournament, Maryann Diehl lost one game to Rick Loney in the early rounds but beat Dewey Allen, Kenny Payne and Ray Windhorn on her way to the finals. Rick lost one game to Dewey and then went on to the finals against Maryann, both with one loss. Rick won the hard fought championship game to take first place and Maryann took second place after reaching her first finals match. Maryann has become a force to be reckoned with on our team. , Del refers to her as our Secret Weapon. Congratulations to Rick and to Maryann on their great play during the 8 Ball Tournament.

Meanwhile, our 9 Ball Tournament was a battle royal with Dewey Allen racing to the finals undefeated. Our Captain, Del Lyles, suffered a single loss but fought his way to the finals to face Dewey. Dewey played a good game and won against Del to take this month's honors for 9 Ball Tournament Champion.

Plans for our end of year team party are underway and in all likelihood will be at the Maze Store Restaurant for Sunday Brunch on Dec. 7. Team Members: check for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Billiards Room.

Team practice is on the first and third Monday, every Wednesday and every Friday at 7 pm.

Monthly 8 Ball Club meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The in-house 8 Ball tournament is on the second Wednesday at 7 pm.

In-house 9 Ball Tournament is now on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Our traveling tournaments are the second and fourth Monday of the month.

The second Monday we travel to Hemet Solera and the fourth Monday Solera Hemet comes here.

Check the message board in the Billiards Room for any changes of dates or locations.

Club Officers: Club Captain, Del Lyles, Sr. (951) 845-5114; Co-Captain, Roland Harrah, (951) 267-3793, rolandthanh@msn.com; Thanh Harrah, Captain's Assistant, (951) 267-3793, rolandthanh@msn.com. ~ **Roland Harrah**

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## BILLIARDS FOR FUN

Our October potluck luncheon, hosted by Claudeen Diaz (see photo), was once again amazing. Since we never assign dishes, this bi-monthly event is always a very fun, super enthusiastic, and very literal potluck party.

Also in October several members of our group participated in the billiards competition at the Hemet Oldlympics. Pete Antoine received a silver medal, and proudly displayed the medal as well as the Senator's Certificate of Merit (see photo). Although Dee Kelch didn't medal this year, she had a lot of fun participating and is committed to improving her game in order to be among the Four Seasons medal winners in 2015.

Our December potluck will be a dinner, graciously hosted by group member Ron Erickson and his beautiful wife Judy. They are opening their lovely home to our fun-loving group, and it promises to be an evening to remember. (See Ron lining up his next shot during a group play in November in the photo to the right.)

Since our group is bursting at the seams, we have several options as to how to continue in 2015, and ideas will be presented to the group before the new year begins.

To all the amazing and delightful members of the Billiards for Fun Group: thank you all for participating each week, for bringing laughter and friendship with you, and for making our group the success it is today. ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**



Top left: Host Claudeen Diaz and table decorations for October potluck luncheon. Top right: Pete Antoine displaying silver medal he received at the Hemet Oldlympics. Above: Ron Erickson prepares to make his next shot at regular play in November.

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Top Left: Four Season's Wallendas mount the high log for river crossing. Left: Hearty Hikers at the Willow Glen contemplate turning around and heading for The Oaks. Above: David Kershaw, Ruth Tavernetti, Lana Gredemann, Lynette Simonson, Robert Gredemann, Nellie Castilloveitia, Beverly Webster, Denise Featherstone, Geoff Wilson, Mary Baer, Walt Webster and Len Tavernetti at the Aspen Grove.

## HEARTY HIKERS

There are days when Mother Nature can rightfully brag about her earthly endeavors. Oct. 8 was one of them in the San Geronio Mountains. At 7,000 feet, it was a crisp cool morning under clear blue skies for the Hearty Hikers monthly adventure. Our goal was to visit the elusive Aspen Grove, quaking in golden bling as it annually marks the start of fall. This small family of high altitude trees somehow immigrated to an arboreal doughnut hole surrounded by tall evergreens. The first storm of the season always strips the trees of their leaves, so catching the show is always chancy. At first the still air placed the leaves at attention as if posing for the cameras. Later they began their shimmering and falling like undergoing an earthquake drill and living up to their reputation as the greatest show on the mountain.

The trip involved driving several miles of a rapidly deteriorating dirt road off State Highway 38 and then walking a half mile on a narrow path to the headwaters of the Santa Ana

River. Here we congregated at the only photo op site, with the Aspens as a backdrop. The small burbling stream was forded by rock hopping, and then we wandered a well-worn path parallel to the stream that gradually climbed toward the mountain top. Tall incense cedars and several varieties of pines (Coulter, Limber, Lodge Pole, Jeffery, Ponderosa and Sugar) shaded the path and occasional puffy clouds made the ever changing lighting in the forest come alive. The yellow leaves of the black cottonwoods and willows interrupted the maze of green foliage as we followed the rock strewn path to a small glen for a snack break. Then, ever mindful of a lunch reservation at the Oaks, we reversed our course and started the 1.5 mile hike back to our vehicles.

To find out where else we are hiking, call or email Lynette at (951) 377-0392 or [lynette.simonson@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.simonson@gmail.com). ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



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## 4X4 SEASONS

In November we changed to our winter hours. We are meeting on Tuesday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm. For those of you that have never played, please join us. Skill is not a prerequisite, and it is a lot of fun. If you have questions please contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Mike Saperstein at (951) 769-7909. ~ **Bob Cooper**





Bob Jones and his new bike



Steve Bennett and his new bike

## MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Two of our members have purchased new bikes! See the photos of Bob Jones and Steve Bennett and their new motorcycles taken before one of our weekly day rides.

Last month's rides included a couple of breakfast runs to Oak Glen as well as trips to Tom's Farms, Big Bear and Joshua Tree National Park.

Some of our members car pooled to attend the annual Long Beach Motorcycle Show in November. This event is always like

a trip to an adult toy store where manufacturers and vendors display the latest "must have" accessories and gadgets to get us in the spirit of buying gifts for ourselves... Oh boy! At the very least we can pick up brochures to leave around the house as "hints" for Christmas gifts.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 6 pm in the Lodge Ballroom. ~ Howard Lyon

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## RACQUET CLUB

Our Annual Dinner Meeting was a huge success, with 48 members and guests in attendance. The Ballroom was decorated with vintage tennis racquets and center pieces of glass towers filled with used tennis balls. Vintage tennis players wore name tags because everybody looks different in clothes, street clothes that is. Committee President Irve Sturner recapped the Club's 2014 year, citing the Club's good financial position with thanks to Treasurer Barb Miller, the monthly Play Days organized by Romy Villena, accurate record keeping and meeting minutes by Howard Lyon, and superb journalism by yours truly, Steve Hovey. Irve also reminded us that the courts were resurfaced this year and the permanent shade structure was installed. Of course, he also extolled the benefits of Club membership, which includes not only the annual dinner meeting but also two other hosted lunch events and the opportunity to play social matches with our neighbors at Sun Lakes. The evening was made extra special with the awarding of drawing prizes to nearly everyone in attendance. Thanks to the talents and generosity of our members, over 40 drawing prizes went home with happy winners. Prizes included delicious cookies baked by Bernadette Martin,

owner of Sweetcakes418, Temecula Valley wines donated by Howard and Louise Lyon, professionally made graphics products from Howard Levine and Irve, racquet strings donated by Romy, and many other items provided by Club members to make it a memorable evening to celebrate the 2014 year and to initiate the 2015 year. Dues paying members received their 2015 sticker to update their name badges. Some of us are still trying to get the little back thingy off of the adhesive sticker.

With the new tennis year under way, Four Seasons residents are reminded that we host open play on the last Saturday of every month, giving both club members and non-member residents

the opportunity to play social tennis with a lot of nice folks with a wide range of ability levels. The Thursday night mixed doubles matches will not be held in December because of the holidays and the likelihood of cold weather.

Many members will be sporting great looking tennis togs adorned with a beautifully redesigned FSBRC logo created by Irve Sturner. Irve has arranged for the logo to be embroidered on shirts, warm-ups, hats, blouses, just about any garment a sharp-looking tennis player could want for a modest cost. ~ **Steven Hovey**



## PICKLEBALL

It is getting colder and we have our friend the wind back. Times for winter are in place at the Lodge and in the Breeze. We now have open play (club time - anyone come have fun at 9 am Tues., Thurs., Sat.). All other times you should reserve a court at the front desk and organize your people to come play. Too many or too few people make it difficult. It feels good to get out there and move around in the cooler air. Hope to see you there! Marty Key (951) 331-0817, keeksmail@yahoo.com. ~ **Marty Key**

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## BOCCE BALL

Now that the weather is cooling down and the days are getting shorter, we will change our playing times to Tuesday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm. For those of you who have never played, please join us. Skill is not a prerequisite, and the game is a lot of fun. If you have questions please contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Mike Saperstein at (951) 769-7909. ~ **Bob Cooper**



## HORSESHOES FOR FUN

ZIP! Another month went by and you still haven't come out to join in the fun with the rest of us. You don't want to miss December: great food and a Christmas lights home tour. Oh yeah... we also play horseshoes. Please note: we've changed our starting time to 10 am on Wednesdays. Our November social event consisted of dinner at Smitty's followed by fabulous pies and cakes at Bob and Sue Cooper's beautiful home. Bob actually did half of the baking – not bad Mr. Cooper. Let's see, he cooks well and plays horseshoes well. In my case, one out of two ain't bad. Have a great holiday season one and all and give our club some consideration. You will not be sorry, I promise. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 910-9100, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**



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## PING PONG CLUB

On Sept. 24, six members of our Four Seasons Ping Pong Club played in the table tennis tournament at the Oldlympics in Hemet. This was the 30th anniversary for these senior games and the number of competitors and quality of competition just keeps getting better every year. This year our Four Seasons players included Gil Apodaca, Lian Lee, Rony Tordesillas, Barry Pope, Richard Carrasco and Niles Sundstrom.

In singles play, Gil Apodaca made it all the way to the final match in his age category and eventually took home the silver medal. This was Lian Lee's first adventure into tournament play and she made it a good one by winning the bronze medal, also in singles play.

For the first time in 30 years, the Oldlympics included a doubles competition in table tennis. This new competition attracted 14 teams. Doubles partners were chosen on the basis of a drawing. Niles Sundstrom was paired up with Ken Swanson who plays on the Sun Lakes Club and Barry Pope was paired up with Willy Escobar who plays for the Sun City club. Round after round of table tennis was played until there were four teams left. Barry and Willy emerged out of those final four with a bronze medal and Niles and Ken emerged with a gold medal. All in all, everyone played well and enjoyed this

tournament very much.

You don't have to be a tournament player to play ping pong. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Aerobics Room Monday through Friday at 10:30 am and on Saturday at 11 am. Come and find out why table tennis is rapidly becoming one of the most popular recreational sports among those "55 or better." For more information please contact Niles Sundstrom at (951) 572-5119 or Alan Chan at (951) 769-4202. ~ **Niles Sundstrom**



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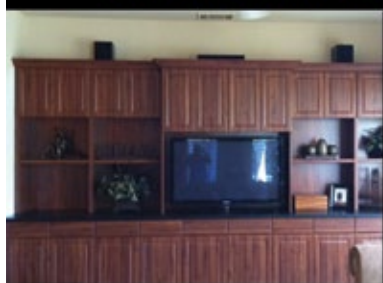




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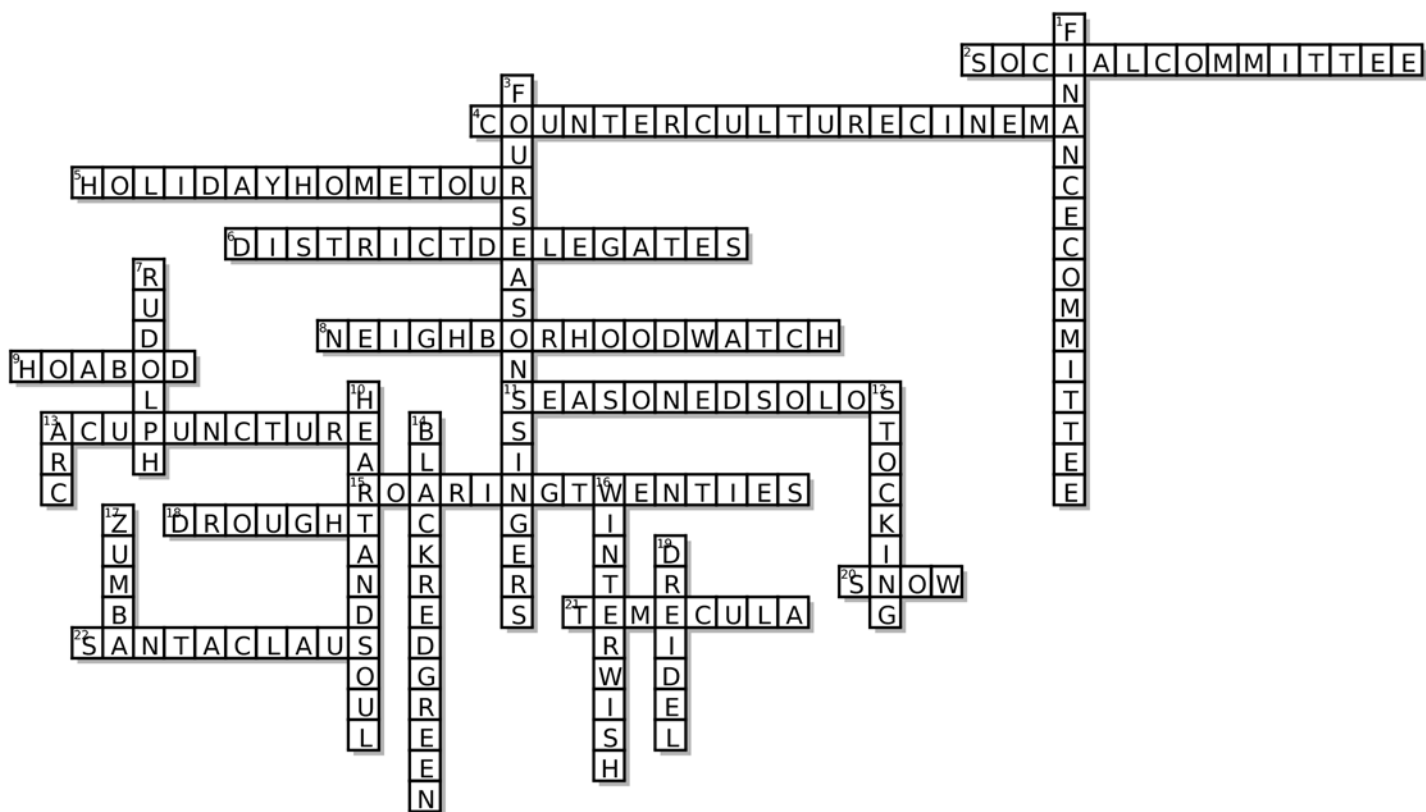
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