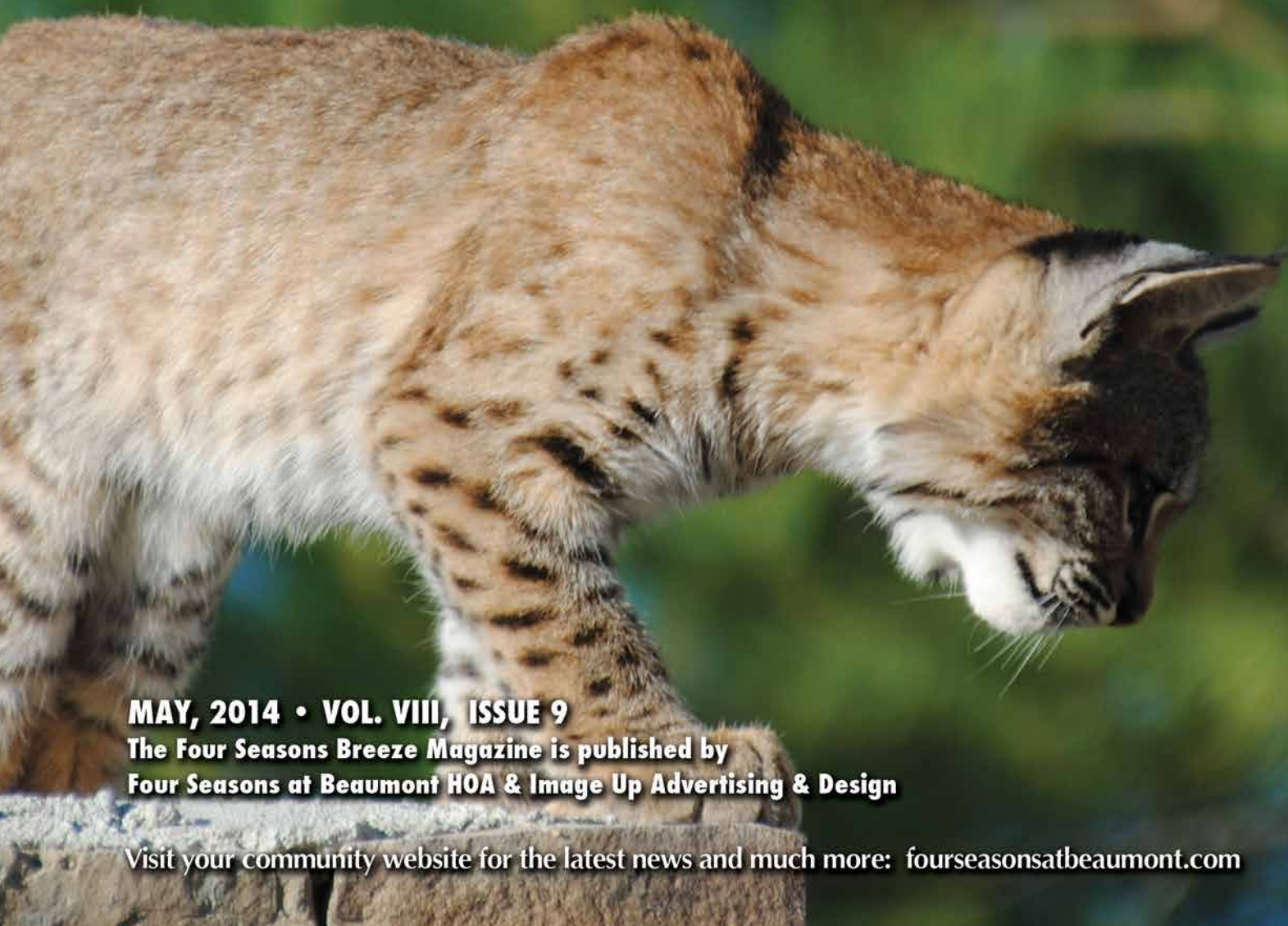




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Correction: Regarding Colonnade 1, Group 13 District Delegate: Her correct name is Barbara Morton. A big thank you to all of our generous community servants for volunteering their time on behalf of the community!

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# Board Elections Concluded

By Leighton McLaughlin

By the time you read this, the HOA Board of Directors election will be over and the results posted on the Four Seasons website.

Three candidates ran for two openings on the Board. Treasurer Wayne Staples and President Jacque Sneddon ran for re-election and challenger Barbara Kwiatkowska-Amerton sought a first term.

Under the election procedure required by the CC&Rs, the homeowners' ballots were counted on April 22 and the district delegates cast their votes at the HOA's Annual Meeting on April 24 — too late to be reported in this edition of the *Breeze*.

In delegate districts where a majority of the homeowners

voted, the delegate was required to cast all the district's voting power in same proportion as those votes cast. In districts without a majority, the delegate was free to vote the district's entire voting power as he or she saw fit. The two candidates with the most delegate votes were elected.

Four members of the seven-member Board are appointed by builder K. Hovnanian Homes. That will continue until build-out, when all seven will be elected by homeowners.

Board Vice-President and Secretary Loren DuChesne has a year left on his term.

The June edition of the *Breeze* will report the election results.

## LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for all those brave men and women who have answered our nation's call to defend the freedoms so precious to each and every one of us. While many think of this day as the three-day weekend before summer starts or the day when all the big sales occur, take just a small moment to think about the real meaning of Memorial Day. Freedom isn't free; just look at all the veteran cemeteries spread across our country where those who are resting have paid the price for the freedom we enjoy today. Think about all the brave soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have answered the call; the thousands upon thousands who have passed into history taking their stories and hopes and dreams along with them. They were the brave who dared to take that stand, which played a part, no matter how big or small, in guaranteeing our freedom.

Consider for a moment why people from all over the world want to come to America. The answer is freedom. It is political, social, economic; the right to act or speak or think without restraint. It is a fundamental human value, worthy of defending

and certainly worthy of paying homage to those who have done so on behalf of us who enjoy it today.

While as many as 25 cities claim to have been the place of origin for Memorial Day, Waterloo, New York was proclaimed by President Johnson as the official birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966 recognizing an event that began on May 5, 1866. By



the early 1900s the day began to be celebrated on May 30. In 1971, Memorial Day was officially changed to the last Monday in May as a means to have another three day Federal holiday. In December 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act to encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country

which provides them so much freedom and opportunity and encourages a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 pm local time for a minute of silence.

Take just a minute on this day to remember those veterans who have gone before and to thank those veterans who are still with us today. ~ **Dick Bentley, Four Seasons Veterans Roll of Honor**

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# The EPC Has Lifesaving Plans

*By Leighton McLaughlin*

The Emergency Preparedness Committee has plans.

Plans to deal with any emergency that might overtake Four Seasons Beaumont.

Under the guidance of Chair Anita Worthen and Vice-Chair Jean Sandoval the committee has developed an extensive manual of operations for itself and a shorter emergency handbook and first aid guide for residents.

The handbooks explain how to make an individual emergency plan including preparations for evacuation, what supplies are likely to be needed if you stay home, how to dispose of waste, what to do about loss of water, gas and electricity — and many other life-sustaining needs.

The committee has formed 10 teams of volunteers to provide assistance to residents in the event of an earthquake, hazardous materials spill, wild fire, loss of electrical power, severe weather, or any other emergency. (See “EPC Teams” page 7)

Four Seasons’ response to an emergency will be directed from the Rec Center North, where an incident commander and his assistant will coordinate the activities of the volunteer teams. Although personnel will change over time, currently the commander is John McLaughlin, a retired division fire chief who has extensive experience in dealing with emergencies, and the assistant commander Fred Weck, a retired Air Force colonel and facilities manager who dealt with similar matters in the military.

Also in the Rec Center North will be a communications center where emergency radio traffic will be handled both by hand-held radios with volunteer teams inside the community and by ham radio with outside agencies.

A first aid center is planned for the Card Room in the Lodge under the direction of Jan Thorsky who is a registered nurse. Patients will be evaluated in the center and those who need further treatment will be sent on to a hospital. All three locations will be supplied with electricity from an on-site emergency generator. Any of the three may have to be relocated if their sites are badly damaged. There are plans for that too, with the decision up to the incident commander.

Each of the 10 teams needs more volunteers. Some were recruited during the Emergency Preparedness Expo on April 5, but more are needed. The expo saw demonstrations by a number of team members and several booths where vendors displayed emergency equipment and supplies.

Loren DuChesne, the Board’s liaison with the committee and a former policeman, said there is “a heavy education component” to the committee’s activities. “We need to educate people to be self-sustaining whenever they can. We can only intervene in a limited number of cases — where people are too ill, too badly hurt, disabled. Otherwise they have to help themselves.”

To that end, Worthen urged all residents to take the Community Emergency Response Team training offered by the City of Beaumont and sponsored by the U.S. Homeland Security Department. She said she hoped the training will help residents understand the importance of the committee’s work and prompt them to volunteer for one of the teams. “We have to be prepared. We need to get as many people involved as possible. It is such a joy to see this program going and people getting involved,” she said.

Each resident has been mailed a packet containing the emergency handbook, first aid guide, a medical information card and a green card.

Sandoval and Worthen urged residents to fill out the medical information card and put it on their refrigerators with the magnets supplied in the packet. Sandoval, a retired registered nurse, said it is of great help to emergency responders to immediately know of any medical problems. The card will accompany the patient to the Four Seasons first aid center or outside medical facility to speed care there.

The green card is to be placed in your home’s front window if you need no help after an emergency. That will permit the survey teams to concentrate on those who need assistance.

“We have been working on this not quite a year now, and we have action plans for each of the teams. But we still need more people. We have 15 on the survey team, but I’d like to have 50,” Sandoval said.

“We’d like the volunteers to have first aid and CPR training, but it’s not necessary — and we’ll train them if need be,” she said.

For the future, Sandoval hopes to have more training including a town hall meeting to get more residents involved, a “table top” disaster drill where the team members step through their duties, to be followed by a full-blown community disaster drill.

“We want to create awareness of the problem and attract more volunteers,” said DuChesne.

**EPC NEEDS  
YOU!**



# EPC TEAMS TO HELP YOU DURING EMERGENCIES

By Leighton McLaughlin

Ten teams of volunteers have been formed by the Emergency Preparedness Committee to assist residents in case of an emergency.

More volunteers are needed, particularly those with special skills or training in first aid, CPR, or other emergency procedures. But, as committee Vice-Chair Jean Sandoval said the team leaders provide classes for new members in the skills they need to cope with an emergency.

Following are the duties of the teams after an emergency strikes.

The team, their leaders and duties are:

- **Communications**, to provide fast and responsive radio communications in support of emergency efforts, both within Four Seasons and with outside agencies that can be of help. Team leader Dick Van Bree, assistant, Jim Peterson.
- **Survey**, to search the community for victims and assess damage, to remove residents from unsafe locations, to extricate lightly trapped victims and triage them for care. Leader, Jean Sandoval, assistant, Fred Weck.
- **First Aid**, provide triage and first aid to victims in the first aid center working closely with community first responders. Leader, Jan Thorsky, assistant, Marty Freeman.
- **Transportation**, provide transportation for survey team

members and victims, transport food, water and emergency supplies, remove debris from streets and access routes within the community. Leader, Jim Bushnell, assistant, Scott Britton.

- **Fire Suppression**, identify fire concerns, train residents in fire suppression, deal with fires resulting from an emergency. Leader, John McLaughlin, assistant, Rob Gardner.
- **Water**, help residents clean water for drinking and bathing, ration swimming pool water for purposes other than drinking, control water mains to prevent flooding. Leader LaVerne Prophet, assistant, Roxanne Morrow.
- **Sanitation**, to protect public health, avoid spread of disease by developing methods of waste disposal, hygiene and sanitation. Leader and assistant positions open.
- **Environmental Comfort Zone**, provide heating or cooling areas when hot or cold weather occurs during an emergency, primarily by using Recreational Vehicles. Leader Ron Morgan, assistant positions open.
- **Power**, make sure electric power is available to the command, communications and first aid centers. Leader, Rudy Garcia, assistant position open.
- **Pet Rescue**, to reunite owners with lost pets, care for abandoned pets, retrieve pets running loose. Positions open.

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# Manager's Update

By **Jeri Mupo**, General Manager

At the Open Session Board meeting held on April 10, the Board of Directors approved the following committee recommendations:

- Landscape requested approval for installation of mulch in common areas (\$33,697) and Front Yard Cost Centers (\$8,185)
- Safety and Facilities requested approval to re-key and lock maintenance for facility doors (\$800)
- Safety and Facilities requested approval to purchase cover for Ballroom mirror (\$450)
- Safety and Facilities requested approval to install event poster display shelves in Lodge (\$300)
- Safety and Facilities requested approval to approve request for proposal for redesigning Lodge grounds/common areas (no cost)
- Safety and Facilities requested approval to purchase three foldable free-standing poker tables (\$600)
- Social Committee requested approval to replace 350 plate chargers (\$700)

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

- February 2014 unaudited financial statement – reviewed
- Ratified appointment of Dick Bentley to Finance Committee
- Ratified appointment of Beverly Webster to Landscape Committee
- Ratified appointment of Scott Britten to Safety and Facilities Committee
- Approved event change on Sept. 5 from Corks & Canvases to Art-O-Rama
- Approved free concert by Mount San Jacinto Community Orchestra on June 6
- Approved reimbursement for Neighborhood Map Notebook (\$260.13)

- Approved repair of Bistro faucet stems in the kitchen (\$1,100)
- Approved replacement of gate reader system (\$14,894.40)
- Approved common area tree trimming proposals (\$54,135)
- Approved Potrero gate arm equipment (\$3,425.60)
- Approved Ballroom ceiling repairs (\$1,200)
- Approved proposal to provide an additional bench cleaning (\$52/mo.)
- Approved 2013 year end financial review by Catherine VanDerPol, CPA
- Approved acceptance of Edison Easement area west of Four Seasons Circle (\$400/mo.)
- Approved the following district delegate appointments:
  - Monarch 2 – Richard Stolarz, Delegate
  - Monarch 2 – Patricia Walton, Alternate Delegate
  - Colonnade – Richard Hoffman, Alternate Delegate
  - Keystone 1 – Janet Burns, Alternate Delegate

Management reported completion of the following items:

- Pool opened April 13
- Spa replastering completed by April 19
- Additional plants installed in bare areas around pool/spa, Crooked Creek entry
- Fitness Center treadmills and bikes received new audio/video remotes
- Lighting installed at Loggia stairway
- Additional bird spikes installed in the Loggia

Management reported that 61 violation letters were sent out during March for age verification, yard maintenance and trash

cans.

The Board of Directors suspended facility privileges for two members for delinquent dues, 12 for enforcement issues, bringing the total for suspended privileges to 20 members. There were nine accounts with balances over 90 days past due.

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

**BRECKENRIDGE GATE:** K. Hovnanian notified management that the code for the Breckenridge Gate has been changed. We were advised that this gate is for construction access only and homeowners are not to use this gate. The staff does not have the code and is unable to provide it to homeowners. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**SPRING IS IN THE AIR:** Unfortunately, this is also the season when gophers and their babies become more active. Did you know that gophers can create up to 15 mounds of dirt and travel up to ½ mile per day? We have received many homeowner calls that they are noticing more activity; please take a moment to look at your landscaping to determine if any pest control is needed. If everyone works together, hopefully we can encourage the gophers to relocate out of our community.

**QUICK REMINDER:** Please remember to “fob” in when you arrive at the Lodge. The staff thanks you for your assistance with this matter.



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# Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

May has rolled around very quickly. It's hard to believe that we are already five months into the year 2014!

If you have been eagerly awaiting the start of real construction on the Village Center 2 site, you should have seen something other than ground clearing as of April 7. (Of course, if you had attended the March 13 Board of Directors Open Session, you would have learned that the ground breaking would begin on April 7 with the Grand Opening of the complex expected on October 25). Now we can all watch as our new buildings take shape. Be sure to take part in the resident survey to determine what activities you want to enjoy at Village Center 2.

There is still time to join the Valley-Wide Senior Softball League for the Spring-Summer Season. The League plays out of Valley Wide Recreation Center in San Jacinto. All levels of play are involved; interested players must be age 55 or older. Summer and winter seasons are scheduled. The cost is only \$30 a season. You play at least 40 games each season. Game Days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice is on Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 to 9:30 am. Modified ASA rules are utilized. Players interested in playing during the Summer Season must sign up no later than May. Please call (951) 927-4509 for additional information or to sign up to play.

Beaumont will be sponsoring the 6th Annual Breezin' Through Beaumont 5K/10K on Saturday, May 17. Participants may pre-register by May 9 for the Senior (65+) price of \$15 for 5K or \$20 for the 10K. The 10K race starts from Civic Center at 8 am; the 5K starts at 8:20 am. This is part of Beaumont's program to encourage residents to stay healthy and fit. The three top individual male and female finishers in each age division will receive trophies. For more information call (951) 769-8520 or email breezin@Beaumontcares.com.

The city of Beaumont sends out a Beaumont Senior Newsletter every two months. It contains a list of special events offered by the city and gives tips on a number of different challenges faced by a senior population. Call Beaumont Senior

Services at (951) 769-8539 to be placed on the mailing list.

As part of the Beaumont Cares program, the newsletter invites all residents of the city to be informed about what is going on. If you sign up under the "Notify Me" on the city web site, [www.beaumontcares.com](http://www.beaumontcares.com), you will have access to the "insider" scoops — everything from press releases to business opportunities, construction updates and meeting agendas. It is a convenient way to be involved with our city. It is also a good way to obtain advance notice of special city celebrations and activities.

Questions from Maxine for the month: Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?



*Four Seasons resident Debbie Plenge, far right, placed second in her age category in a local triathlon. Congratulations Debbie!*

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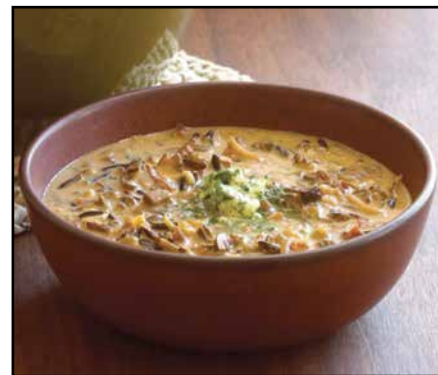




# Chef's Corner By Randy Balt

## Wild Rice & Mushroom Soup

*A little cream goes a long way in this earthy, supremely comforting Wild Rice and Mushroom Soup. I suggest you do all the prep ahead of time, which will make this production flow smoothly. Serves 6 - 8.*



### INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup whole wild rice grains
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1 oz. dried porcini mushrooms
- 5 Tbsp. butter at room temperature, divided
- 4 oz. pancetta, finely chopped
- 8 oz. button mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1 leek, halved, rinsed, and white and light green parts thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 4 cups reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 Tbsp. minced flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup heavy whipping cream

### DIRECTIONS

1. Put wild rice, salt, and 8 cups cold water in a medium pot. Bring to a boil, lower heat to maintain a steady simmer, and cook until rice is tender, about 45 minutes. Drain and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, put porcini in a small bowl and pour in 1 1/2 cups boiling water. Let sit until soft, about 15 minutes.
3. In a large pot, cook 1 Tbsp. butter and pancetta over medium-high heat until the meat renders some of its fat and turns a lighter pink. Add button mushrooms and leek. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms give off their liquid, about 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, lift porcini from liquid with a slotted spoon (reserving liquid), chop finely, and add to pot.
5. Sprinkle vegetables and pancetta with flour and cook, stirring constantly, until flour starts to stick to the bottom of the pot (scrape it up as much as possible while stirring). Add wine, reserved liquid from soaking porcini (pouring slowly to leave any grit behind), and broth. Bring to a boil, then lower heat to maintain a steady simmer and cook 15 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, combine remaining 4 Tbsp. butter, the parsley, and pepper to create parsley butter. Set aside.
7. Add reserved wild rice to vegetable mixture and cook 10 minutes. Stir in cream and cook until hot, about 1 minute. Divide soup among 8 bowls and serve hot, with a dollop of parsley butter on each serving.

Notes: Look for whole wild rice grains; they cook more evenly and keep their nutty-chewy texture better than split or broken grains do. Pancetta is available at specialty markets and Italian delis; you can substitute bacon if you like.

Nutritional Information: Calories 305(62% from fat); Fat 21g (sat 12g); Protein 8.1g; Cholesterol 55mg; Sodium 818mg; Fiber 2.5g; Carbohydrate 20g



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# Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves, Activities Director

How can it be May already? Well it is, and it's rip-roaring toward summer fun.

The first interesting and different event is a Film Screening opportunity on Saturday, May 10 at 11 am. This is brought to us by our own Ester and Rudy Montero's Granddaughter (Isabel Hildebrandt), who happens to be one of the creators of Moonhill Productions, an award winning Film Company. Isabel will be bringing two short films for us to review. The first one is called *Zombeo and Julie'cula*. This silly film won "Best Family Film" in the California Film Awards for 2013. The second is an award winning documentary, *Salvage*, which takes a look at the women of Los Angeles' Skid Row, and their struggles with homelessness, abuse, and addiction. It also depicts how they are salvaging their lives. Sounds interesting doesn't it? Then you can make it a day event and go up to the model homes and have a delicious free In 'n Out burger meal sponsored by KHOV. The In 'n Out catering truck will be at the Sales Office from 12 to 2 pm.

If you're interested in attending a wonderful luncheon called "The State of the City" put on by the Chamber of Commerce here in the Lodge Ballroom, it will be on Thursday, May 15. It has been very informative in recent years and many residents have requested that I let folks know when they are taking place. Please call the Chamber of Commerce for more information

and for tickets.

If you are a Committee member or a District Delegate, May 14 at 9 am is our annual Appreciation Brunch. I love putting this together for all of the hard working community servants. They are all so deserving of the tiny bit of recognition, that we offer them. If you see your District Delegate or a Committee member walking down the street, be sure to pat them on the back and thank them for working selflessly on your behalf.

Breaking News: the Social Committee Luau Dinner- Dance will be including a Hawaiian and Tahitian dance show with real fire dancers! Show tickets which will be on sale for \$25 on Tuesday, May 20. Tickets will be limited to only the first 130 people. A Kahlua-pit pig and other tropical Luau fare will be served as well. This is a great way to usher in the warmer summer months. The event takes place on Saturday, June 28 and the last day to purchase tickets will be June 21.

Be sure to check out the other entertainment opportunities here in the *Breeze* by reading the Ballroom Dance article for info on their Spring Fling, as well as the Travel Club for the upcoming travel presentation and the Amphitheater article for info on the 2014 Amphitheater Concert series. It's going to be a great summer and you're all invited to show up for the fun!

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# DID YOU KNOW?

By Bobbie Eckel



## Did you know that the first of May is Mother Goose Day?

No, it is not a celebration of Mother Goose's birthday. The term "Mother Goose" was actually used as early as the 1650's referring to stories such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and Sleeping Beauty, although each story was written by a different author. "Mother Goose" was simply used as a generic term for children's stories.

However, the Mother Goose Society notes that "Mother Goose Day" was founded in 1987 by author Gloria T. Delamar in tandem with the publication of her book, *Mother Goose: From Nursery to Literature*. The data presented online about the Mother Goose Society is very interesting and lists numerous suggestions for celebrating the day with children.



## Did you know that May 6 is International No Diet Day?

This day is intended to encourage people to accept and appreciate the bodies that we have. The day was created in 1992 by Mary Evans Young who is the director of the British Group "Diet Breakers."

After experiencing and winning the battle of anorexia, she encouraged everyone to recognize that people come in all shapes and sizes. This is a day to reevaluate your weight management plans, recognize that some plans are not healthy and give yourself a day off from attempting to change your natural shape.

## Did you know that May 3 is World Press Freedom Day?

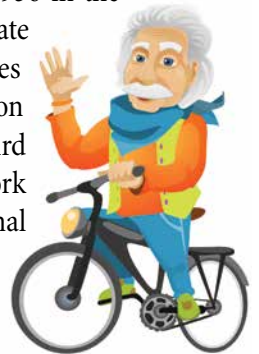


Given the turmoil in the world and the efforts of journalists to cover the news from all areas, this is an important concern. The day was created by the United Nations in 1993 by a proclamation from the General Assembly of

the UN. We are fortunate that in the United States we enjoy freedom of the press and freedom of expression. This is not a given right in many other countries. Journalistic freedom is such a precious commodity that each year the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) awards the UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize to an individual who has made a major contribution to world press freedom, especially in the face of danger. The prize is worth \$45,000 U.S. dollars and is named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, the editor of the Colombian newspaper *El Espectador* who was murdered in Bogota, on December 17, 1986, for his vocal and written criticism of the country's drug barons.

## Did you know that May is the National Bike Month?

The League of American Bicyclists was founded in 1880. Known as "wheelmen" then, they were forced to deal with rutted roads of gravel and dirt and faced with considerable antagonism from horsemen, wagon drivers and pedestrians. They created National Bike Month in 1956 in the warmer month of May to celebrate successfully surviving the challenges of disgruntled human opposition and the ravages of weather. The third week of May is entitled Bike to Work Week; the third Friday is National Bike to Work Day. Use the day as an excuse to ride your bike and save some gas!



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## Bistro Committee

At our March meeting, we discussed the Meet and Greet for new homeowners held March 12. Approximately 90 homeowners were in attendance. The new format used to introduce the homeowners to Four Seasons worked quite well. Kitchen repairs and modifications are progressing on schedule.

The next meeting is May 27, at 11 am, in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. ~ *William Taylor*

## Social Committee

Well, did you all enjoy the Mystery Dinner put on by PAC? I think they did a very good job. I would like to extend a special thank you to Social Committee members, Kathy Taylor, Rochelle Holt, Jane White and Mary Lou Keating for the help they gave both nights of the performance and the decorating of the tables. A lot of hours and work went into making sure that a pleasant evening was had by all. With all the help we had we were able to get the Ballroom spic and span and be home by 9 pm both nights. This was the Bistro's farewell catering job and as always Brian, Kathy and staff did an outstanding job with both good food and good service.

Our next event and one that all the ladies are looking forward to is the Fashion Show and Tea which will be held on May 31 from 11:30 to 3 pm. The ticket price is \$20 per person and tickets went on sale in April. The clothes this year will be presented by the Dress Barn Moreno Valley and the tea is being

catered by Elegant Affair from Banning. Our models are all new this year and will provide us with various sizes and shapes. This is one of the most popular events of the year and sells out early so to avoid being disappointed I would suggest getting your tickets early.

Our first Hawaiian Luau will be June 28. The show will feature an islander's luau buffet with a whole roasted pig prepared island style. It looks and tastes just like the one you enjoy on vacation. You will also enjoy Kaneohe fried rice, a tropical fruit platter and steamed vegetables.

After the buffet, there will be a great Polynesian show for your entertainment followed by music for dancing.

So get out your grass skirts, aloha shirts, flip flops and leis and get those hips in gear for the hula and be prepared to dance the night away. Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale May 29. ~ *Melody Seewoster*



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# Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP)



We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Lodge Ballroom. The May featured speaker is fire suppression team leader, retired Cal Fire Division Chief John McLaughlin. He will give timely safety and prevention tips for inside and outside the home. See the article "Fire and the Older Adult" on page 15.

The Residents' Emergency Handbook and First Aid Guide have been mailed. Please take time to review them. Each is a

valuable resource for information on preparedness and actions to take. Our EPP Expo gets better each year and we send a big thank you to Sally Peterson, EXPO Chair and her committee. Another big thank you goes to all of our teams and exhibitors who participated to make it a very educational and great day. We will continue to inform, prepare and plan at our monthly meetings. Join us Thursday, May 1, at 10:30 am in the Lodge Ballroom. ~ **Anita Worthen**

## Emergency Preparedness Expo a Success

The Emergency Preparedness Expo in April was a huge success! If you missed it, over 250 people attended including some new residents. The EPP committee and members were complimented for their 10 team displays and demonstrations of cribbing rescue and first aid. A lot of preparation took place to make this informative event happen. If you attended you learned how to store water, use a Family Radio Service (FRS) walkie-talkie and maintain sanitation after a disaster. Attendees viewed the fire trucks and fire extinguisher demonstrations put on by Cal Fire. People toured the Police Mobile Unit outside. Many attendees took advantage of the presence of vendors who were on-site and purchased emergency kits and supplies. Local businesses contributed a total of 67 door prizes worth about \$1,500, which were awarded during the four-hour event. ~ **Sally Peterson**



*Survey Team members who did the cribbing demonstration: Bev Webster, Jean Sandoval, Kim Tursky, Diana Tursky, Marion Loney and Pat Warman*

## Safety & Facilities

At our April meeting, we discussed fountain improvement, purchase of an awning for the pool area, and yield street signs. Inside Lodge projects were covered as well, including chair railing in the Bistro, re-keying the Lodge doors, shade and fan in the Billiards Room, and additional Ballroom flooring.

Wi-Fi installation within the Lodge

is running into problems in terms of coverage, installation locations and the general infrastructure. Renee Watkins of Euclid management should be praised for her ongoing effort to make this project come to a finish.

The committee looks with interest in the pending construction of the Recreation Center 2, the finishing of

the Recreation Center North and the new construction of homes. All these construction projects will enrich our community.

Our next meeting will be April 29 at 9 am in the Lodge. Due to scheduling problems the May meeting was scheduled for this date. ~ **Dennis Gray**

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# Fire and the older adult

Fire is a frightening possibility for older adults (65+) and a reality for far too many. Older adults confront distinct fire risk factors every day many of which do not affect the young.

It is estimated by 2020 that 16 percent of the population (55 million people) will be older Americans. Geographically, the largest population groups of older Americans reside in California, Florida, New York, Texas, and Pennsylvania.

Older adults are more likely than their younger counterparts to suffer from reduced sensory abilities such as smell, touch, vision, and hearing, and from diminished mental faculties such as dementia, Alzheimers disease, and depression. Such impairments tend to reduce older adults' reaction times and place them at a higher risk for causing fires, and thus at a higher risk of fire death and fire injury.

Disabilities present additional fire risks and concerns for the elderly. Twenty percent of Medicare enrollees aged 65 and older are unable to complete at least some of the normal activities of daily living necessary for a degree of self-

sufficiency, including bathing, dressing, getting in and out of bed, getting around inside, toileting, and eating.

Economic and social concerns also contribute to the fire risk for older adults. Most live on fixed incomes and at least 10 percent live in poverty. Thus, they may be unable to afford to make necessary home improvements that could substantially reduce their risk of fire. In addition, studies have shown a relationship between income and health; lower income older adults may be at a higher risk of fire because their health is also poor.

Older adults are 2.5 times more likely to die in fires than the overall population. As Americans age, their fire risk increases. According to data from the National Fire Incident Reporting System, 34 percent of the people who die in residential structure fires and 14 percent of the people who are injured are aged 65+. More elderly men die in residential structure fires than do women, but more women are injured. Because females have longer life expectancies, female deaths and injuries increase as the older

population ages.

Older adults are more likely to die or be injured in fires during the midmorning and early afternoon than those 18 to 64 years of age, most likely because the elderly are at home during those hours and not working. The highest percentage of older adults are located in a bedroom at the time of fire death or injury and the highest percentages of elderly people die or are injured while sleeping, escaping a fire or attempting to control a fire.

The predominant causes of fires in which an older adult is killed are smoking, open flame, heating, and suspicious acts. Cooking, open flames, smoking, and heating cause more fires that result in injuries among the elderly than other fire causes.

The above statistics come from the U.S Fire Administration and are alarming. However, we can be safer by being more aware of our actions, environment, and physical limitations. We should all make a conscious effort to assure that our homes are fire safe. ~ **John McLaughlin**

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## Architectural Review Committee

Spring is definitely here! Plants budding, flowers blooming and the nasty weeds are going wild.

There has been much discussion with regard to artificial turf in our meetings the past few months. The association accepts artificial turf same as vegetation. We understand due to water conservation this is a real alternative. However we have noticed a few installations that are inferior and have lifted under wind or rain conditions. We question whether the installation was done per the association guidelines. We recommend installation be done by a

professional turf installer. If you elect to have your landscape contractor do the installation, please have him review installation guidelines before doing the work. If you are unable to locate your copy of the guideline, you can always request a copy from Euclid Management at the Lodge.

Remember we're here to maintain the integrity and beauty of our neighborhood by reviewing plans for guideline acceptance.

You are always welcome to attend our meetings to see how the process works.

We meet May 7 and 21 at 9:30 am. ~ **Ron Burke**

## Rules & Regulations

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Conference Room and all residents are welcome to attend. Deadline for submitting the Indoor Pool Survey was the end of April and review/ tally will be done in May. As of the first part of April, 267 surveys were received. A town hall meeting was held at the Lodge in April to educate residents living in District 7A on the financial incentives of refinancing 30 year Mello-Roos. The City of Beaumont will be conducting two additional town hall meetings before voting on this issue in August when a "super majority" will be needed. ~ **Barbara Miller**



## Finance Committee



At our March meeting, the Financial Statements for February were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: Net Income Year-to-Date was \$74,809 and total reserves were \$4,115,208. The Accounts Receivable (delinquencies) was \$65,375. Our total HOA expenses for February (excluding reserve allocations) were \$173,832. This was under budget by \$54,970. There were three Certificates of Deposit renewals to be reviewed. The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for February 2014 were over the monthly budget by \$225. The Springdale Cost Center Expenses for February 2014 were under budget by \$466. There were 10 vendor proposals presented and nine were sent to the Board with

recommendations for approval. The Springdale painting project was discussed and it was decided to ask Safety and Facilities Committee to conduct an on site inspection of the area and return to us their recommendation. A conference call with Mauricio from Barrera and Company took place to discuss the variances between the amounts scheduled in the reserve study for painting and the actual bids received. Mauricio was unable to offer any reason for the variances between the bids and the reserve study without further data from the vendors.

Our next meeting is May 27, at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. ~ *Noel Myers*

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## Landscape Committee

Water is a constant concern at Four Seasons. The vision for our community centered on a “lush landscape” look in the semi-arid southern California desert. While most, if not all, homeowners relate that this lush look was very instrumental in selecting Four Seasons for their new residence, it does come with an obligation and a price. The Association has an obligation to maintain this look both to support new sales and to keep faith with existing homeowners.

Mother Nature did not exactly buy in to this concept and has staunchly defended her approach for vegetating the landscape. The rainfall chart for our community’s five-year history explains the disconnect. Hundred year old rainfall records of the surrounding area document an average annual rainfall of 18.5”. Over the last three years, rainfalls have been below 9”.

The Association has billing records for 29 meters that measure irrigation water in the purchased lots and common areas for which we are responsible. The Water Consumption chart illustrates a slight decrease even though our HOA year-end population increased from 809 in 2009 to 1111 in 2013. Our plant life has matured demanding more water and our irrigation system has aged causing leaks and water loss.

The Association has undertaken several measures to reduce

water consumption but is locked into the landscape scheme developed by the builder. Their designs place drought tolerant plants alongside water demanding plants. Sprinklers feed both types of plants must over water drought tolerant plants to sustain the other ones. In many cases we have replaced thirsty plants but many still populate our community.

Turf is correctly considered a thirsty plant. However the overall cost of maintaining plant life at Four Seasons has found that in many areas this plant survives our summer and winter weather better than other ground covers while looking nice for all seasons. We do have temperatures in the twenties in some Januarys and late spring frosts have killed gazania ground cover which proved very costly to remove and replace. The cost of mulch has increased dramatically and its usage is being reduced.

The most important statistic is cost. Our water bills have steadily increased each year regardless of consumption. This is solely due to five water rate increases during this period. And, whenever reclaimed water becomes available, this cost will probably not decline significantly. We will continue to pay the price of our lush landscape. ~ *Leonard Tavernetti*

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## Neighborhood Watch

Thank you to Sally Peterson for all her hard work in the EXPO we had recently what a great event!

Thanks also to Commander Sean Thuillize of Beaumont Police Department, Chris Tracy from the Beaumont Planning Department, Dan Ratajczak and his technician from Beaumont Safe and Lock for coming out to our Neighborhood Watch Meeting in April to discuss various aspects of safety for our residents. It proved to be a very informative meeting. Thanks to all who attended as we continue to improve our awareness and commitment to make this a safe place to live.

We have had some reports of young rattlesnakes being sighted in the neighborhood and one 7" long garter snake (which actually does some good for our area). Please be aware if you are out working in your yard or are out on the trails. If you find a large rattle snake close to your home and you need it

removed the Beaumont Police have said they would come out and take care of it for you, please do not try to deal with this yourself!

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting to be held on June 12, at 7 pm in the Ballroom, this evening meeting is for those of you who are unable to attend our daytime meetings as well as those regular attendees. We will have guest speakers.

National Night out this year is Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 5:30 pm in the Ballroom and as always will start with a potluck. We will have guest speakers, to be announced nearer the event.

"If you see something say something..." if you have concerns call the Beaumont Police at (951)769-8500, Euclid Management at the Front Desk, Anita Worthen or myself as we continue to watch out for each other. ~ **Susan Wilson**



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**MAY 2014  
NORTH CLUBHOUSE**

4	Cinco De Mayo Pan #2 Bridge Mah Jongg for fun Four Seasons singers AACC 8-Ball club	5	11:30a 12n 12:30p 3p 5p 7p	5 Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Writers' Club Hearts Mello Roos Public Hearing	6	10a 1p 1:30p 6p 6p	6 Hearty Hikers 8a Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee Pinochle Canasta #2 Dominoes Motorcycle Club 8-Ball Club Women Celebrating America	7	9a 9a 1p 5p 6p 7p	7 Poker 9:45a Pan Canasta #1 Classical Music Club	8	11:30a 1:15p 7p	8 Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio Bunco Bid Whist Group Dominoes 8-Ball Club	9	10a 1p 2p 5p 7p	9 Special Film Screening 11a	10
		11	Mothers Day Counter Culture Cinema 6p	12	12:30n 3p 7p	12 Book Club 9:30a Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Hearts All Seasons RVers 4x4 Seasons Group	13	9:45a 10a 1p 6p 6p 7p	13 Hearty Hikers 8a Appreciation Brunch Pinochle Amphitheater Production Canasta #2 Dominoes Toastmasters 8-Ball Club	14	9a 9a 1p 1p 5p 6:30p 7p	14 Poker 9:45a Pan State of the City, Ballroom Canasta #1 Taste d'Vine	15	11:30a 11:30 1:15p 6p	15 Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio Dominoes Ballroom 8-Ball Club	16	10a 5p 5p 7p
18	Rainbow Group 5p Amphitheater Concert Series Begins 7p	19	12n 12:30p 3p 7p	19 Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for fun Hearts Camera Club	20	10a 1p 6p 6:30p	20 Hearty Hikers 8a Pinochle Canasta #2 Dominoes 8-Ball Club	21	9a 1p 5p 7p	21 Poker 9:45p Pan Canasta #1	22	11:30a 1:15p	22 Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio Bunco Bid Whist Group Dominoes 8-Ball Club	23	10a 1p 2p 5p 7p	23	24
25	Counter Culture Cinema 6p	26	12n 12:30p 3p	26 Poker 9:45a Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Performing Arts Club Hearts	27	10a 1p 4p 6p	27 Hearty Hikers 8a Pinochle Canasta #2 Dominoes Toastmasters 8-Ball Club	28	9a 1p 5p 6:30p 7p	28 Poker 9:45a Pan Canasta #1	29	11:30a 1:15p	29 Pinochle 9a Open Art Studio Radio Club Dominoes 8-Ball Club	30	10a 10a 5p 7p	30 Fashion Show/Tea 11:30a	31

## 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
Water Aerobics - starts 5/5	M/W/F	10:30a
Tai Chi	Tues	6p
*PiYo	M	6:30p
*Pilates	Th	8:30a
*Pilates	Sat	9a
*Kick Boxing	Sat	10:15a
<i>*Need to maintain 10 + participants or class will be canceled.</i>		

<b>DANCE</b>		
Dance for Beginners	M	6:30p
Intermediate Dancing	M	7p
Advanced Dancing	M	7:30p
Beginning Line Dance	Tues	3p
Advanced Line Dance	Tues	3:45p
Heart and Soul Line Dance	W	4p/5:20p
Ballroom Dance Practice	Th	6p

<b>HORSESHOES</b>		
Horseshoes for Fun	W	9:30a

<b>PING PONG</b>		
All Level Ping Pong	M/Sat	10:30a
Beg. & Int. Ping Pong	W	10:30a
Advanced Ping Pong	Th	11a

<b>TENNIS</b>		
Club Play Time	2nd, 3rd Th	5p
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>		
Paddle Ball	W/F/Sun	2p
	F/Sun	8:30a
PlayDay	3rd Sat	12 noon

<b>PICKLEBALL</b>		
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 (ends after 5/26)
Spanish 2*	Tues	10a (ends after 5/13)
Spanish 3*	Tues	11:30a (ends after 5/13)
<b>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</b>		
Ceramics	W	1p
	Sat	10a
Drawing & Sketching	M	10a
	W	6p
Watercolor*	Tues	6p
Machine Quilting	Sun	1p
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>		
Life Guide Bible Study	Tues	7p
Spanish Bible Class	Tues	7p (ends after 5/13)
Women's Bible Study	Fri	10:30a
<b>OTHER</b>		
Bridge Class	M	11a
TOPS Weigh in	Tues	8a

*\*No classes on the 3rd week of the month.*

## Committee Meetings

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Architectural Review	May 7	9:30a
	May 21	9:30a
Bistro	May 27	11a
<b>BOD Exec. Session</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>9a</b>
<b>BOD General Session</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>1p</b>
Communications	May 5	10a
Proofing	May 12	10a
Emergency Prep	May 20	9a
Event Systems	May 20	2p
Finance	May 27	1p
Landscape	May 12	9a
Rules & Regulations	May 13	9a
Safety & Facilities	May 6	9a
Social	May 1	5p

## Sneak Peek at June

June 1	National Doughnut Day	June 13	Blame Someone Else Day	June 28	Social Committee Luau
June 6	Mt. San Jacinto Orchestra	June 14	Flag Day	June 28	Tennis Club Event
June 7	Karaoke Night	June 21	Magic Night	June 28	Paul Bunyan Day
June 13	AACC Juneteenth Program	June 22	Amphitheater Concert		



## Rainbow Group



Please feel free to visit our social group and meet your gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender neighbors. Enjoy our fellowship and good company. We have good conversations and celebrate the local LGBT community. We're also participating in social activities with the Four Seasons Palm Springs Rainbow Group. The group will meet on Sunday, May 18 at 5 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. It's always the third Sunday of the month. Please bring a dish of your choice for a potluck. We'll also celebrate May birthdays and anniversaries. Friends are welcome. If you are interested, contact Dale at (951) 797-0364; e-mail Dale at dbeckes@dc.rr.com; or Barbara at (951) 845-6246; e-mail Barbara at bamerton@alumni.ucla.edu. You may also sign up on the interest group clipboard at the Lodge.  
~ **Barbara Kwiatkowska**

## "Believe:" Women's Bible Study

Since its inception in January 2014, "Believe" has grown to almost 40 members! We are humbly grateful for each woman that attends. Our Bible study began with the subject of faith and belief, and then we spent several weeks studying what the Bible tells us of God's amazing love for us. Each of the women in the class add so much to each lesson that this Bible study has literally become a class where we consistently teach each other! The comments are so well-thought-out and insightful, and everyone feels free to share their thoughts and experiences.

On April 11 we completed our study of God's love for us, and after class had a lovely salad potluck luncheon, complete with a talent exhibition by a few of the women in the group. It was a wonderful opportunity for the women to get to know each other better as daughters in Christ, and to become closer as a group.

As a prelude to Easter Sunday, on April 18 the women were given the opportunity to view Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* in our Lodge Theater. Then the women assembled in the first section of the Ballroom for our weekly meeting and discussed the important message from the Bible about the greatest gift ever given to us by God, as explained in John 3:16.

After Easter and into May, the group will be studying our love for God, how to have more amazing prayer experiences, and loving and serving one another. If any of you beautiful women out there are interested in participating with an amazing group of women who discuss the messages of the Bible, please consider joining us every Friday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the first section of the Ballroom. Hope to see you there!  
~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

## Knitting & Crocheting

During the month of March, we all went to Hemet for lunch at Marie Callender's. It was very good and we enjoyed the afternoon. Other than our luncheon we are still working on personal items, and items for the senior center. We meet every Tuesday morning from 10 to about 11:30 am. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

## Ceramic Corner

We are coming into spring, a time for flowers to bloom and warmer weather is around the corner. Ceramic students are hard at work creating things for their yards and home. We are still working on Victorian Boots for the Fashion Show/Tea which is May 31, so make sure to get your tickets early. The boots are coming out so beautiful and I have to thank my students for their great work, couldn't do it without them.

Classes: Saturdays, 8 - 10 am, lab; Instructor in class 10 am - 2 pm; Wednesdays, 1 - 4 pm.

We have a few new items for your viewing in the Craft Room, so stop on by and check it out. Info., Pamela Mayoral, Instructor, (951) 897-1922. ~ **Pamela Mayoral**



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Classes are Monday, 10 am - 12 pm or Wednesday, 6 - 8 pm. Info., (951) 992-9156 or e-mail [Rbkdesigns@verizon.net](mailto:Rbkdesigns@verizon.net). ~ **Rob Kelman**



**Work by the Artist of the Month**  
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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. Our next meeting will be May 20. 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).

In the March meeting, our Chairperson, George Johnson, gave us handouts and led the discussion on HDR (High Dynamic Range) photography which included techniques, software, and examples. Our guest speaker in our March meeting was

world-famous photographer, Felix A. Marquez who offered critiques and suggestions on the "genre" pictures we brought (composition) and also on the HDR discussion.

For the April meeting, several members responded to our voluntary genre assignment by bringing HDR pictures which were then critiqued by George Johnson. Much was learned about this new and exciting type of photography. Come and visit us to find out what HDR is all about.

Our field trip to Huntington Gardens and Library was on April 21. We had a fantastic time. Our proposed field trip to the Living Desert (in Palm Desert) is still in the planning stages.

Hope to see you at one of our meetings soon. Info., Lyle Cameron, (951) 849-6987. ~ **Lyle Cameron**

## Life Guide Bible Study



We will begin a new series on the subject of "Spiritual Maturity." Some people think that

the number one cause of problems in the world is immaturity. There is some truth in that. We get ourselves into all kinds of problems by acting in childish ways, making immature decisions, talking in immature ways. We just need to grow up. God's will for every person is that they grow spiritually. So we will be studying passages in the book of James to explore the

topic of what makes for spiritual maturity. Our first lesson on May 6 will be "The Marks of Spiritual Maturity." Come and join us as we explore this significant subject and its meaning for our everyday life. Everybody is welcome!

We meet Tuesdays, 7 to 8 pm, in the Lodge Ballroom. We provide an opportunity to meet others in the community, and also a chance to encourage and strengthen one another in our walk of faith. Each lesson is self-contained, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call Don Cummings at (951) 572-5329. ~ **Don Cummings**



## Bunco



We will be playing Bunco on May 9 and 23. If you have never played come on out and give it a try. It is very easy and we have a lot of fun getting to know one another. If you are new to Four Seasons and want to meet some new friends, join us. We meet in the Card Room at 1 pm sharp. Bring a friend or neighbor and don't forget to get a drink at Smitty's or maybe even lunch beforehand. See you there. ~ **Suzanne Roldan & Cheryl Burke**

## 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 welcomed 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 e-mail me at 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**

## TOPS

It is May already and we are definitely thinking about putting that bathing suit on and heading for the pool or beach or wherever we can keep cool. If you are feeling like you might want to lose a few pounds before this, TOPS may be just what you are looking for.



TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Four Seasons is here to help you reach your weight loss goals. It's very affordable (\$28 per year membership and \$3 chapter dues per month).

In March, our biggest male loser was Alfred Blair and our biggest female loser was Tanya Guy. The group together lost a total of 64.5 pounds. Good job everyone! If you would like to give it a try we meet in the Ballroom Tuesdays with weigh-in from 8 to 8:30 am and the meeting from 8:30 to 9:30 pm.

For more information please contact Cathy Calhoun, Four Seasons resident and leader, at (951) 849-2614 or Rosalee Strong, TOPS Area Captain, at (951) 844-9313. ~ **Cheryl Burke**

## 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**

## 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**

## 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**

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# Bridge

Join us on Monday afternoons, (12 to 4 pm) for an exciting game of Bridge in the Lodge Card Room. It will give the brain some exercise and we can all use that at our age. We play party type of a Bridge game where we rotate partners. This enables you to meet and play with different people that play at different levels. The purpose of learning is growth. The mind unlike our bodies can continue to grow as long as we live. We are always looking for more players. If interested or have questions please call Helen at (951) 845-9312. Both Helen and I will be glad to help you learn the basics of the game and hope that you will join us to either learn how to play, watch, or play the game of Bridge. ~ **Bill Guy**



*The Domino Group*

## Dominoes

We meet Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 pm. Our club is the home of the best domino players in Riverside County. Dominoes is an exciting and stimulating game for the mind that requires strategic thinking and calculated plays. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to come out and play. We will be glad to teach anyone that wants to learn how to play.

From 5 to 7 pm, all are welcome to play or watch. From 7 to 9 pm, members play and compete to be the best player for the month. The best player gets to choose the food entree for the monthly brunch. If you have any questions or need more information call Jessie at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie (951) 769-6483. ~ **Marvin A. Gaines**



## Taste d'Vine

South America has been making wine since the 1500s. Back then the wine was tasteless. Franciscan Monks planted mission grapes for religious purposes. The movement of viticulture (and monks) traveled through Peru into Chile and Argentina. It wasn't until the late 1800s when planting of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Carmenere gave South America the leg up it needed to make some exceptional vino. Now, the South American wine industry is booming... and it is because the region has some very unique benefits. Argentina is fifth in the world's wine production and Chile is ninth.

We are pleased to bring you an evening of South American wine tasting on May 15, at 6 pm, in the Ballroom. Bring an appetizer such as bread or crackers and cheese, your own favorite bottle of wine if you wish, and a glass or two for tasting and sharing. Members \$5, guests \$8. ~ **Gracy Luna**

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# Line Dancing

None of us were born dancing. We all had to learn, whether in school, by watching TV or trying steps with close friends. Some of us, like me, loved music and could dance some, but had no real instructions.

I went to my first "Hoe Down" here about six years ago and was frustrated, because although I liked the music, I didn't know how to dance to it. I signed up for lessons through the Beaumont Recreation Department. I felt like a klutz, but I took it one step at a time and then one dance at a time. For the first six months I couldn't recognize the steps to a single song without being shown all over again. Finally, gradually, I started to remember. That is why I started teaching line dancing here. Others needed to be shown how to do line dancing step by step, slowly and gradually. I have been teaching here for about four years now and it is rewarding to watch people I have taught or

am currently teaching get up and line dance at our dances. If you have thought about trying, don't be bashful. Our classes are fun, great exercise and good for your health.

Many of us moved here because we liked the opportunities we read about or that were discussed by the sales office. Yet some do nothing but stay home. Yes, it is hard for some people to join a new group or activity. There is an activity here for everyone, regardless of level of movement or proficiency. If you have an interest in a club, go to a meeting, see what it is about. If you don't like it, you don't have to go again. Everyone here is so friendly, give an activity a try. Be a joiner, meet people. Come give line dancing a try, or just come watch. Class is every Tuesday with beginner's from 3 to 3:45 and advanced from 3:45 to 4:30 pm. ~ **Martha Franck**



## Ballroom Dance Club

The Spring Fling Dinner Dance will be Saturday, May 17, at 4:30 pm in our Ballroom. Featuring a full dinner by Thomas Catering (Vegetarian option), live entertainment by Sklyline Xpress, and lots of fun dancing – all for only \$20.

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Recently we visited Hemet West, Sierra Dawn, and the huge Palm Springs Pavilion Ballroom, where live bands play a good variety of music for our dancing enjoyment.

We are a friendly group, and have professional instructors that can take you from beginning dance to any level you want. Dance instructions Monday nights in our Ballroom from 6:30 to 7 pm for beginners, and from 7 to 8 pm for more advanced. We do this for fun, so give it a try.

Contacts: Puring and Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333, or at purings@verizon.net. ~ **Willis Fagan**

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## Book Club

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A Novel  
Robin Sloan*

The first decade of the new millennium is the time frame for *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan. Described as a "modern day fantasy for super-nerds," Penumbra's action is mainly in a San Francisco all-night bookstore with unlikely hero Clay Jannon working as the night clerk for a sparse group of "customers," who never seem to buy, but just borrow some obscure books, before returning them. On further review, Jannon is able to unravel the beginnings of a secret society which started in the fifteenth century. He is assisted in his quest to unlock secrets of this strange society and the books they use by employing an unlikely group of people, ranging from our quirky, old-fashioned book store owner to a beautiful, thoroughly modern techie who can research with the best of other Googlers to a childhood friend who made it rich digitizing body parts. Together they are able to decipher the mystery behind this secret society.

Computer take-over is one of the issues touched upon in this fantasy. Will the computer or human ingenuity save the day?

We will discuss this novel on Tuesday, May 13, at the Lodge at 9:30 am. You do not have to be a techie to enjoy the discussion.

For information, please contact Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Connie Johnson**

## Spanish Bible Class

Jesus said what the requirement was to gain everlasting life. He said it was necessary to continuously cultivate accurate knowledge of the only true God and the one that he sent, Jesus Christ (John 17: 3).

The Apostle Paul repeated the same words in his first letter to Timothy (1-Ti.2:4). He also urged the Philippians and Colossians to keep seeking such knowledge. (Php.1:9; Col.1:9).

Prophets of Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament) knew the importance of said knowledge. For example, Isaiah, 800 years before Paul, wrote that knowledge would be the reason peace would flourish between men of all races, peace between man and animals, (wild and domestic) and even peace among animals themselves (Isa. 11:9; 58:10; 65:25).

At our weekly Spanish Bible class our goal is to cultivate continuous knowledge of God's purpose, that is registered in the Bible and in doing so we might gain everlasting life, as the prophet Zephaniah wrote: "... Probably you will be concealed on the day of God's anger" (Zep. 2:3).

Join us Tuesdays at 7 pm. For more information you can call Tim at (951) 769-4238. ~ **Timoteo Lovato**

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## Performing Arts Club



The Family Comedy Show in September is being produced by Jane White at [jaws4me@verizon.net](mailto:jaws4me@verizon.net). Please contact her if you have interest in being

involved. We need script writers/material selectors as well as performers.

The radio show in October is produced by Tom Shelly at [tomshelly1@verizon.net](mailto:tomshelly1@verizon.net). This is a real easy way of getting into performing. No lines to learn and you are part of a fun-filled team.

If you have any general questions about the Performing Arts Club or ideas about what could be done in the future please contact Colin Taylor at [colin@yorkshire-house.com](mailto:colin@yorkshire-house.com).

Upcoming events: July 4: Patriotic and Americana; Sept. 27: Laugh out loud comedy show; Oct. 10: Radio show; Dec. 5 and 6: Holiday show.

Our meetings are held at 4 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome, it's a great way to meet PAC members and get a feeling for how you might want to get involved.

We can use just about any form of talent, or even without talent we can use your enthusiasm.

Info., Colin Taylor, (951) 956-7378, [colin@yorkshire-house.com](mailto:colin@yorkshire-house.com) or [www.yorkshire-house.com](http://www.yorkshire-house.com). ~ *Colin Taylor*

## Women Celebrating America

Our April meeting featured a lively, enlightening discussion on the number of elected members of Congress are women. We learned much just from statistics. We covered a broad area of topics based on this data. Join us for our next fun and lively discussion from many points of view on Wednesday, May 7 at 7 pm in the Lodge. ~ *Florence Boyar & Lynette Simonson*



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## Four Season Singers



We started rehearsing in April, but there is still time if you want to join us.

We meet on Monday afternoons, from 3 to 5 pm. If you are one of those singers who has been thinking about joining the choir, please come to rehearsal. Or, you can contact Barbara Wasco at (951) 797-3466 or e-mail [bawasco@dc.rr.com](mailto:bawasco@dc.rr.com). ~ *Barbara Wasco*

## 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 Benhoff at [benhoff@verizon.net](mailto:benhoff@verizon.net) or (310) 413-4896. ~ *Steve Benhoff*

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## Counter Culture Cinema

Our first May screening, on Sunday, May 11 at 6 pm, is the film *Wish You Were Here* (USA 2012, 89 minutes). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: “Four friends lose themselves in a carefree South-East Asian holiday. Only three come back. Dave and Alice return home to their young family desperate for answers about Jeremy’s mysterious disappearance. When Alice’s sister Steph returns not long after, a nasty secret is revealed about the night her boyfriend went missing. But it is only the first of many. Who amongst them knows what happened on that fateful night when they were dancing under a full moon in Cambodia?”

Our second May screening on Sun., May 25 at 6 pm, is the film

*In a World* (UK 2013, 93 minutes). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: “An underachieving vocal coach is motivated by her father, the king of movie-trailer voice-overs, to pursue her aspirations of becoming a voice-over star. Amidst pride, sexism, and family dysfunction, she sets out to change the voice of a generation.”

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 e-mail Micki Rosen at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ **Micki Rosen**

## Travel Club

Leave your cares behind and join us for an exciting travel show with refreshments at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 21, at the Lodge. The show will feature dream destinations that take you out of the summer heat for bucket-list sightseeing and great food. Among those previewed will be the fully escorted 9-day, Star Spangled Holiday tour departing July 1. It flies to Boston for a step back in time to the cradle of American democracy, a Boston Pops rehearsal on July 3, a 4th of July dinner cruise, and a luscious East Coast lobster

dinner. You’ll visit Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, Provincetown, and Newport for tours of the Breakers Mansion and the Marble House, considered the most lavish house in America at the time.

The eight-day Smoky Mountain Memories tour departing September 28, heads to the Country-Western music mecca of Nashville, with stays in Chattanooga and Pigeon Forge. You’ll tour the Civil War plantations and abundant natural splendors of the area, then transfer to Asheville, N.C., to tour the spectacular Biltmore House, filled

with the Vanderbilt’ family’s original art and furnishings.

For those inclined toward no-flying tours, you’ll see previews of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta departing Oct. 7, and the Colorado Rail tour departing July 21, as well as holiday tours and more. You’ll have an opportunity to ask questions and maybe even win some discount coupons in the prize raffle! It should be a lot of fun, so sign up at the Lodge credenza to let us know that you’re coming. ~ **Barbara Goodreau**



# Amateur Radio Club



There have been many events in the radio world, especially for our club, in the past month or so. Since our March meeting, we have added two amateur ham radio operators: Pat Haynie, KD6NGB and Alfred Blair, KK6IGU.

We have a number of members who belong to the Banning Radio Club, SPARC. As such, we have opportunities to participate in various local and state wide activities. Last month the call went out for participation to assist in communications in the 30th annual Classic Redlands Bike Race. With our hand-held radios, volunteers act as race marshals and participate in relaying information for those in the race.

Race Marshals are also responsible for keeping autos off the local course when bicyclists are in the vicinity, for

pedestrian control, and in assisting residents in reaching their destination. Training is provided by the Race officials and local law enforcement. Marshals function as observers, report any events that may require assistance, or report injuries that require attention.

They often collaborate with local police to assist in warning local traffic on the impending rush of bikers. A most important position is to act as the Net Control to consolidate information and direct the Radio traffic.

Pat Haynie, KD6NGB, and Mike Mendoza, KK6BUW, volunteered as marshals. They were quickly assigned the critical duties of net control for the race.

Another yearly event we participate in is a mini 'field day' with the Banning

Radio Club at Nobel Creek Park in April. Setting up radios and testing 'off the grid' operation as a warm up for the ARRL's national Field Day at the end of June.

Within our community, we utilize FRS (Family Radio Service) radios. The first and foremost is for emergency reasons: earthquakes, floods, fires, any emergency in your home and you are alone, or away from your home. We have FRS training sessions and a weekly net in order to maintain our skills.

Consider being a member of our group. We can always use more volunteers; it is an opportunity to have fun while you're learning something new.

Our website is W6FSB.com, meetings are held in the Ballroom on the last Friday of the month at 10 am. ~**Dick Van Bree, W6RVB, President**

## Writers' Club

Her teaching career prompted Betty Mohammad to write books for teachers. Her personal interest, however, led her to become an advocate for a healthy diet, not only as food for the body but also for the spirit. At the April meeting, she presented the program she wrote to bring body and spirit into harmony for a better health and greater enjoyment of life.

Warren Hurd also made a presentation at the same meeting. He introduced the beginning of a short story entitled *The Letter* and submitted it for critique. It is about a 15-year-old boy named JR who received a letter from his estranged father. I will tell you no more because you will read the whole story soon, as we all hope.

At the club's meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, new presentations, followed by discussions, are made at the Lodge from 1:30 to 3 pm. In the future, the agenda is going to include more follow-up reports about individual progress and further discussions toward completion.

Nevertheless, if you, the reader of this column, have thought of writing about an idea or a memory, in any style, now is the time to get started and join us with no dues to pay and obligations to meet, just for the satisfaction and joy of learning, writing and sharing. Please call me at (951) 769-1520. ~ **Joseph Laurin**



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## Discovery Club

Grandma never lied. Well, maybe. Family stories are important, but sometimes they can be altered or exaggerated, and we end up with history that's not entirely true.

Ronald Reagan used to say, "Trust, but verify," and this certainly applies to doing your family history. People can embellish the stories to make them sound better. Or modify them to protect someone or to not cause embarrassment. Sometimes things are simply repeated that are handed down through many generations. And stories can be invented.

Family stories might have elements of the truth, but there are also many opportunities to wind up with the wrong story.

Get a copy of any family tree your relatives might have, and listen carefully to the family stories. Then check it out for yourself. It's the only way you'll know for sure whether these things are accurate, complete and reliable. Once you do this, you can contribute to your "tree" by doing your own research, making corrections and adding better data as you go.

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

## Bereavement Group

We are dark for May. We meet on a 12-week schedule with a break afterwards which allows the participants a chance to assess their desire to stop or to return when we resume. The group will begin again on the first Monday in June. If you wish

to join us then, please come to the Lodge Crafts Room at 1 pm on that Monday. You will embark on a healing journey and spend time with others who are walking the path with you. We welcome you. All contact is confidential. ~ *Laurie Larson*

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## Actors and Directors Club

At our April meeting, we reviewed what we have learned about props, costumes, blocking, etc. We then discussed various ways to study and memorize lines of script. We have several people in the group who have had stage experience, and some who are looking forward to giving it a try. The group's enthusiasm and eagerness to learn is apparent. We had a lively discussion, coming to the ultimate conclusion that memorizing lines takes time, and lots of repetition, but is never impossible!

After the discussion, each of the club members were asked to pull a scenario slip from a bowl, and were given a couple of minutes to perform the scenario. Some were scary, and one of the actors even crouched under the table to make her scenario more poignant. Some made us laugh out loud, and others we could all relate to, as they had happened to us in one form or another in our lifetime.

In the near future, members will be given a few scripts to memorize and perform for our community. It will be a creative experience and lots of fun as well.

If you are interested in joining our fun group, we meet at 1 pm on the first Thursday of each month in the first section of the Ballroom. Our May meeting is May 1. Come join us! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*

## Seasoned Solos

Upcoming outings:

May 8: Miniature golf in Colton. We will leave the Lodge at 10:30 am and carpool to Colton.

May 28: The Redlands Forum presents a program by June Hudson, Costume Designer for many BBC programs. More information for these and other outings will be made available at the May planning meeting.

With warm weather approaching, we have discussed attending the Redlands Bowl and plays at the Redlands Theatre Festival. When schedules are available plans will be made for these activities.

Our meetings are the first Friday of each month in the Lodge Craft Room at 6 pm. We welcome new members. For more information please call Monica at (951) 922-8805 or Mary at (951) 769-5444. ~ *Mary Castle*

## Amphitheater Group

Hello residents, it's Amphitheater Season again! It's hard to believe it's the sixth year and how it has grown from our humble beginnings of residents, family and friends donating their talents to entertain us on warm summer nights.

With all of your support, along with our Board of Directors and the Events Systems Committee we would never have had all the fine entertainers we have had perform at our Amphitheater.

This summer will be no different with the wonderful and varied talent that has been booked.

Sunday, May 18, at 7 pm we start with Dyan Hobday, singer and actor. Dyan has put together an evening of tunes and tales revolving around searching, finding, losing and rediscovering love. She has been performing for over 20 years in Southern California. Along with touring internationally with a Children's Theater Company, she also spent five years performing at Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure Park. Dyan has had many memorable roles in some of the best musicals; *Phantom*, *Into The Woods*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Sound of Music* and *Sweeney Todd*, to name a few.

Be sure to come on down to the Amphitheater for this talented lady and her cabaret style show. It will be a great way to start your summer.

Amphitheater reminders and tips: Bring a blanket or sweater, it can get chilly after dark.

No glass, only plastic allowed. Your chair will save your seat if you bring it down early. We do have a couple of wheelchairs for the long walk down, but they are to be shared, just ask at the desk. The show will always go on: if it's too hot, rainy, cold or windy — we do move into the Ballroom, but outdoors and under the stars is best. Call the Lodge if you have a concern. See you at the Amphitheater! ~ *Penny McDonell*



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## Garden Club

Some plants are better just enjoyed for their beauty rather than “understood” for their taxonomy. The begonia is a perfect example. A bright-shade loving, subtropical to tropical, forest dwelling plant, the genus *Begonia* was named after a French governor of Haiti. Botanists identify around 1,500 species, mostly from South and Central America, Africa and southern Asia. Male and female flowers bloom on the same plant and their asymmetric leaves are often variegated.

There is some confusion regarding the classification of begonias as many varieties have unique features. However, now the following types of begonias are universally accepted:

1. Tuberous Begonias — these are hybrids of native South American begonias with large flowers which is the defining feature of tuberous begonias. They grow well in semi-shaded areas and need protection against strong winds. They are not frost hearty.
2. Rex Begonias — these are famous for their exotic foliage. Their leaves have a bright-green shade uncommon in most begonias. Rex Begonias are difficult plants to grow since their sensitivity to temperature fluctuations is higher than other begonias. They need sustained moist conditions with humidity around 70 percent.
3. Cane-like Begonias — their stem is very stiff and can withstand the strongest of winds, giving this begonia its defining name. They are also called angel wing begonias and true-tree begonias. These are some of the few begonias that are suited for both outdoor gardens and pots but their mature angel wings can reach a height of about 10 feet.
4. Semperflorens Begonias — commonly called wax begonias are probably one of the most popular bedding plants in the

western world. Innumerable flats of these sturdy plants are poked into the soil every spring to create lush beds of flowers. The reasons for this heavy use are obvious: they’re a durable, ever-blooming plant that provides sweeping color in single or double blooms called wax or bedding begonias. They are grown mainly for their bronze and green-colored foliage and are ideal for dry conditions.

5. Rieger Begonias — also called Blush or Hiemalis begonias are one of the few winter-flowering begonias. They can be killed by the slightest amount of water stagnation. Their flower hues are varied, ranging from scarlet to pinks and pastels.
6. Trailing Begonias — also called Trailing Scandents. These are used for decoration purposes, typically in hanging baskets or as climbers in the garden. Propagating them in the garden is easy by using stem or tip cuttings.
7. Shrub Begonias — almost an identical image of the Trailing Scandents but they have a thicker foliage. Their flower has lavish leaves and thick stems and is ideal for potting and being placed indoors — being constantly shaded is not an issue.
8. Thick-stem Begonias — the classification status of this variety is still not clear.

The tradition of “the language of flowers,” which assigns specific sentiments and meanings to various types of flowers, goes back centuries in China and the Middle East. It reached a high point in popular culture during the Victorian era, when Queen Victoria became an enthusiast. In this tradition, begonia flowers meant “be cautious” or attributed “a fanciful mind” to the sender or recipient of the blossoms. ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



# Ping Pong Club

Meet Your Table Tennis Players: Richard and Shao Carrasco (see inset photos) have been great additions to our club, enriching it with a lot of humor, fun, and friendship. Shao started playing ping pong when she was 10 years old and Richard picked up the game when he was 16 years old. Shao plays the game because she finds it so much fun, and Richard just plays because as he says, "It's a sport I can still play at my age." When asked why he joined our club, Richard said, "It just seemed like a good idea at the time," and Shao said she joined because she loves the game. Shao moved to Four Seasons about five years ago and Richard, who recently tied the knot with Shao, has been living here for about 14 months. Richard, a retired sheriff, moved here after living in Bermuda Dunes while Shao, an expert card dealer, left Alhambra to live here in our community. When Shao isn't playing ping pong, she loves to cross stitch while Richard grabs a paddle tennis racket or a tennis racket and just keeps playing sports.

We would love to have you join Richard and Shao and all the rest of us. You can find us in the Aerobics Room Monday through Friday at 10:30 am and Saturday at 11 am. Please contact Niles Sundstrom at (951) 572-5119 or Alan Chan

at (951) 769-4202 if you have any questions or need more information about your Four Seasons' Ping Pong Group. ~ **Niles Sundstrom**



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## Pickleball



We love Pickleball! Pickleball was recently called the fastest growing sport in America by Brian Williams on the evening news. It is now being played in middle and high schools as part of the PE program. People

of all ages are discovering the fun of this sport. In many 55+ communities, tennis, pickleball and paddle tennis players all share the same courts. The lines for each sport are painted on the courts and it enables all three sports to have more courts for tournaments and group play. Wouldn't a group of four to six courts serving all three sports be great? It works all over the USA and could work well here. Something to think about as we grow and change at Four Seasons.

Remember pickleball open times are 9 am Tues./Thurs./Sat. Come see what the excitement is all about. Please schedule your own practice and game times through the front desk. The best way to learn and grow stronger in your game is to find others at your level and get out there and start hitting.

Why Pickleball? It is a sport for all ages, it's easy to learn, a great recreational sport, a fun way to exercise, it gets you into shape and you can meet wonderful people

For more information call Marty Key at (562) 331-0817 keeksmail@yahoo.com. ~ **Marty Key**

## Bocce Ball

Our first tournament was in March. The winning team was "Boise Rockers." Everyone had such a good time that we've scheduled our second tournament to be held the second and third week of May. This one will be double elimination. Our club meeting is the third Wednesday at 2:30 pm. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held at the courts. For those of you that have never played, please join us. Skill is not a prerequisite, and it is a lot of fun. We play Tuesday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm. If you have questions please contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Mike Saperstein at (951) 769-7909. ~ **Bob Cooper**

*Bocce  
Tournament  
winners Mike  
Saperstein,  
Joann Martin,  
and Scott  
Martin display  
their trophies.  
Not pictured is  
Mike Ley*



## Racquet Club

With the great weather this spring, participation during the monthly tennis Play Days has really picked up. Under Romy Villena's organization, the four-game, no ad scoring has allowed for everyone to play a lot and to team up with different players of all levels. It was particularly great to have Ken Elliott, with his bionic body parts, back on the courts, showing his usual fine touch and finesse shots. The Play Days are open to all residents, not just club members and (relatively) expert players. So come on out in the morning on the last Saturday of each month. We start at 8:30 am and play continues until lunch time.

If you have not been physically active recently, before starting up your tennis or other sport, read Marty Keys' Pickleball article in the April *Breeze*. She has lots of good suggestions for warming up and reducing the risk of injury. The mixed doubles play was scheduled to continue in April, with the ladder competition getting underway on the third Thursday evening and social mixed doubles on the second Thursday. Barbara Miller is doing the organizing and the reorganizing.

In April, a contingent of FSBRC members participated in a social tennis event with our neighboring racqueteers from Sun Lakes. We played on the courts at Sun Lakes, and Four Seasons players provided the lunch, with burgers, hot dogs, salads, crudités, desserts, beverages, and antacids. Sun Lakes seems to have a larger number of proficient players than we do, but the purpose of the day was to enjoy playing with and against new folks, to socialize and share a barbeque together, and to have fun at a healthy activity. All participants achieved those goals. We look forward to having another great social tennis event with our Sun Lakes neighbors, but the left over lettuce won't survive until then.

Please visit our website [www.fsbrc.org](http://www.fsbrc.org). ~ **Steven Hovey**



*Brower's, William's  
and Jacobson's,  
enjoying an  
Angels baseball  
game during  
spring training in  
Scottsdale, AZ*

## All Seasons RV Club

We are a group of 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 at awilymz@att.net to be added to the e-mail list. You can also attend one of our meetings the second Tuesday of the month in the Ballroom at 6 pm. ~ **Rick Brower**



# The 8-Ball Club

For our monthly 8-Ball Tournament, like last month, Ray Windhorn suffered only one loss in regular play and had to play the finals from the Losers Bracket. Dewey Allen was undefeated going into the finals with Ray. Dewey won the obligatory single game and took tournament honors.

For our 9-Ball Tournament as in all double elimination type play, anyone coming off of one loss would have to beat the undefeated player twice to take the tournament win for the month. Dewey Allen was undefeated but our Team Captain, Del Lyles Sr. came up from the losers bracket to play in the finals. Dewey again won the one game required and took the 9-Ball Tournament for this month. Wow Dewey, I think that's a record. You won both tournaments in the same month undefeated... congratulations!

Anyone can join our club, practice with us, and have a good time. Tournaments aren't required but eventually you will probably want to participate because completion is good for the game. It's all in good fun and winning gives you bragging rights and your name on the Champions' Plaque in the Billiards Room.

We practice together at 7 pm on first and third Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 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 Mondays 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) 845-1734 rolandthanh@msn.com; or Thanh Harrah, Captain's Assistant, (951) 845-1734 rolandthanh@msn.com. ~ **Roland Harrah**



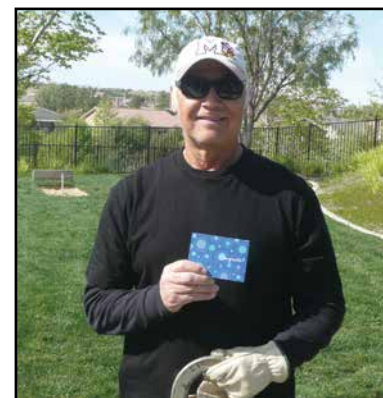
*Ray Windhorn and  
Dewey Allen*



*Dewey Allen and Del Lyles Sr.*

## Horseshoes for Fun

A lot happened in the month of March. Ron and Gary along with the help of the Facilities Maintenance Crew renovated the horseshoe pits, then filled them with sand and painted the stakes white. The results being a much more enjoyable and consistent field of play. We also conducted our first horseshoe tournament with both Singles and Doubles competition followed by a potluck dinner hosted by Brian and Jill Anderson. Winner of the Singles competition was Rich Yanes. Winners of the Doubles competition were Rich Carrasco and Rich Yanes. Come on out and enjoy the fun and good times. We meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am at the horseshoe venue. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 941-9100, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**



*Top L: Winners of Doubles: Rich Carrasco & Rich Yanes; Bottom L: Potluck Awards Dinner (l-r) Brian Anderson, Victor Mayoral, Rich Yanes, Dee Kelch, Ron Erickson, Richard Burns, Dave Roldan, Rich Carrasco, Gary Christie; Above: Winner of Singles: Rich Yanes*

# Billiards for Fun

Every Tuesday at 1 pm, our members gather in the Billiards Room to pull peas and begin their weekly challenge. It's entertaining to watch as the match-ups form, and the play begins. There is always an abundance of enthusiasm and friendship, encouragement and laughter, and sometimes even good-natured ribbing. The most frequently-heard positive phrases are "good shot!" or "that was amazing!" However, sometimes we hear the most dreaded phrase of all... "We're takin' the walk of shame," which means the partners from Table One just lost their game, and must go to the last table, Table Four — thus taking "The walk of shame." See photo #1, as Johnny Ramirez and Pete Antoine demonstrate the expected head-hanging demeanor. It's all in fun, as you can see from the photo, because Johnny is laughing!

We learn from each other too. Watching more experienced players, their stance, line up and execution is always a learning experience. The partners help one another as they consider strategy or shot selection, and tease each other mercilessly. The guys are always respectful of their lady partners, and are patient and kind in helping them learn and grow, which they are. One Tuesday, I witnessed two of our ladies sink four eight balls for their partners. Go, girls!

One of our group members, Mike Saperstein, has also formed

a separate practice for anyone in the group (or the community for that matter) who wants to improve their game. The practice is held in the Billiards Room every Saturday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Our April bi-monthly potluck was hosted by Brian and Jill Anderson, who decorated the tables in beautiful spring colors. The food was amazing and abundant (as usual), and everyone had a wonderful time (see photo 2 and 3). Yummmm!

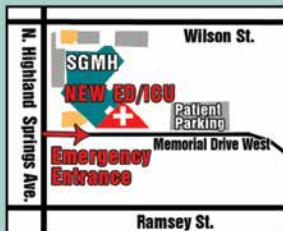
If you are thinking about joining a fun group, come check us out every Tuesday at 1 to 3 pm in the Billiards Room. It's a wonderful group of people, who have a great time playing this fun game! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*



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*L-R: Len Tavernetti, David Kershaw, Bill (hiking friend), Mary Liebenberg, Lynette Simonson, Richard Brown, Ruth Tavernetti and Jeromee Liebenberg on the dam with Terri Peak in the background*



*Native fishermen looking for "Catch of the Day".*



*Hearty Hikers set to satisfy hearty appetites.*

## Hearty Hikers

It was March and we're from Beaumont so we expected wind. In a déjà vu decision we decided to return to the site of our February hike, Lake Perris, only to hug the low ground this time with a dam hike. Okay, maybe it was just a stroll on flat paved ground not requiring walking sticks. The dam is a two mile man-made stretch of terrain with spectacular views of water,

mountains and urban areas of the Moreno Valley. While the blustery wind kept our head-gear tethered, the temperatures were not unpleasant for the tail-end of winter. Construction work on repairing leaks in the dam was ongoing, aborting the hike near the far shore. Apparently plans are underway to build a new dam just west of the existing one built in 1973. Native fishermen dotted the shoreline at the dam. The water level is quite low and wind whipped white caps dotted the lake surface. Terri Peak rose on the north side of the lake reminding us of our February "real" hike in rugged terrain.

In 2011 we "hiked" the Living Desert Museum in the spring and plan to do it again in April. Lynette used to serve as a guide there and will give us an up close and personal tour of the flora and fauna and the great railroad exhibit.

To find out where else we are hiking in 2014 call or e-mail Lynette at (951) 377-0392 or [lynette.simonson@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.simonson@gmail.com). ~ Leonard Tavernetti



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# Paddle Tennis

Some of the very best paddle tennis was played during April. On April 30, the first annual Four Seasons Spring Doubles Tournament was held. There were eight teams in the double elimination event. The winning team of Alan Chan and Jim Cochran were the come-from-behind team. The very first match of the tournament pitted them against Niles Sundstrom and Michael Rothberg. Alan and Jim were behind 4-1 but eventually won the match 5-4. They made it, unbeaten, to the finals and played Gary Campanella and Terry Miller. Gary and Terry were only one game away (4-0) from winning but then Jim and Alan used every strategy, stroke, skill and insult they knew to come-from-behind and win 5-4. Congratulations to Alan and Jim. Thanks also to the other teams: Paco Paez, Richard Carrasco, Dan Anguiano, Mike Flower, Diego Diaz, Syed Ali, Phil Harris, Bill Samuels, and Tsao Carrasco, Rob Gardner.

Les Ebner, at Sun Lakes Paddle Tennis and Pickleball clubs, invited the Four Seasons Paddle Tennis and Pickleball players to an afternoon BBQ at their North Clubhouse in March. They provided all the food, entrees through desserts, and it was excellent. About eight Four Seasons couples attended. We will be having more tournaments with them and social get togethers.

Court times: Official - Wed./Fri./Sun. – 2 to 4 pm. Unofficial - Fri./Sun. – 8:30 am to 10:30 am. For more information, call Alan Chan at (951) 769-4202 or Jim Cochran at (951) 769-5525.  
~ **Michael Rothberg**



*Terry Miller, Gary Campanella, Jim Cochran, and Alan Chan. Jim Cochran wasn't jumping for an overhead; he just gets excited easily.*

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# Firearm Enthusiasts

Since I wrote the April letter prior to the March banquet I'll talk about it now. Everyone had a good time and brought very tasty foods to eat — thank you to all who brought those great dishes. Our members really know how to make things happen. I gave a little talk about what the club means to each of us and had comments from several members. After several minutes of discussions and getting to know each other better, I gathered everyone in the Ballroom where I had set up several shooting galleries for some very enjoyable competition by all. The weapons were rubber band guns and a marshmallow blaster. Targets consisted of coffee cans shot at from behind barricades, stand up cardboard targets to knock over with rubber bands and also one set for the marshmallow blaster. A very nice trophy for the Top Shooter awarded to Richard Barker and the voted "Most Likely to Improve" certificate was awarded to Linda Mendleson. If you missed it, you really missed it! Thank you to Cindy Graves and Nellie Alcocer for your hard work. All was great. Contact Steve Meier [sm45para@gmail.com](mailto:sm45para@gmail.com) (909) 528-3342.

See you at the next meeting. Get out there and enjoy the sport, call a friend to share exercising your rights, it's always more fun. ~ **Steve Meier**



*Linda Mendleson was voted most likely to improve*



*Pam Duchesne*



*Richard Barker wins Top Shooter award*



*Howard and Louise Lyon set up*

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## Motorcycle Club

Last month we rode to the Riverside International Automobile Museum where we enjoyed an interesting tour and view of several vintage Maseratis and other classic race and road cars. The docent is a man who was a graphic artist and who was involved in the periods' racing scene. Because we visited on a week day and we were the only visitors we were treated to a personal tour of not only the main building showroom but we were also able to view a neighboring building where the restoration work takes place.

The major event for last month was our five-night trip through California, Nevada and Arizona. Bob Howard, Dan Lanphere and Howard Lyon from Four Seasons met up with three other riders in Lone Pine.

Our first night was spent in Lone Pine which sits at the base of the Sierras with a view of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states. Many movies were made in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine. Some of the more famous movie names include *Gunga Din*, *Charge of the Light Brigade*, *How the West Was Won*, *High Sierra* and more.

The next day we traveled through Death Valley and visited Stovepipe Wells, Furnace Creek and Badwater en route to Las Vegas.

The third day we crossed the Colorado River at Boulder, visited the Route 66 Museum in Kingman, and spent the night in the historic Hotel St. Michael in Prescott. The St. Michael Hotel was originally built in the late 1800s, was destroyed by fire in 1900, and was rebuilt in 1901. Dan said that the room reminded him of the "cowboy" days.

The fourth day we had a beautiful ride through some gorgeous forested areas of Arizona. From Prescott we traveled east through Camp Verde and Payson then south on Route 87 to Scottsdale.

We spent a lay day in Scottsdale in order to attend the Arizona Bike Week event and then rode home via I-10 on Thursday. Another wonderful motorcycle adventure.

If you enjoy motorcycling, come join our regularly scheduled monthly meetings at 6 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Lodge Ballroom. ~ **Howard Lyon**

## 4x4 Seasons

We are going to start focusing on off-roading day trips. We are hoping to do at least one trip per month. This will be held the third Thursday of every month. We meet in the north parking lot of the Lodge at 8 am. This month we went off-roading in the Idyllwild area. We had a lot of fun, and the scenery was beautiful. We finished our day with lunch at the Red Kettle in the village. Anyone who has a four-wheel drive vehicle is welcome. Most of the trips are on state service trails designated as four-wheel drive. We do not do extreme off-roading. The next trip on May 15 will be in the Big Bear area. If you do not own a four-wheel drive vehicle, you are more than welcome to ride along. Call Bob Cooper to make arrangements, or with club questions, at (951) 769-6352. ~ **Ann Williams**



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