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# THREE BOARD CANDIDATES VIE FOR ONE OPEN SEAT

*By Leighton McLaughlin*

Three women have filed to run for the Homeowners Association Board: Barbara Kwiatkowska-Amerton, Candace Parrish and Jean Sandoval. Profiles of them are below.

They are competing to fill the seat being vacated by Loren DuChesne, who is serving as vice president and secretary. He has served six years on the Board.

Ballots were mailed to homeowners on March 16. They must be returned by April 14, the day they will be counted at a meeting of the district delegates in the Lodge. Due to a rule in our CC&Rs, the delegate from any district where a majority of its homeowners do not vote can cast the district's total voting power as he or she sees fit. That makes it possible that a single delegate could decide a close election.

In hopes of avoiding that, the Board has approved incentives to encourage voters to turn out. There will be drawings among the voters in the three districts with the highest percentage of homeowners voting over quorum. The highest voting district

will draw for \$300, the second for \$200 and the third for \$100.

The Board has seven members, four appointed by builder K. Hovnanian Homes and three elected

from the community. That will change at build-out, when all members will be elected from the homeowners. The two homeowner Board members not running for re-election each have a year left on their terms. They are President Jacques Sneddon and Treasurer Wayne Staples.

***Vote! Urge your neighbors to vote!  
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*See story for details.*



**Barbara J.  
Kwiatkowska-Amerton**

Barbara J. Kwiatkowska-Amerton would like to see changes in the way committee members are selected.

"Selection of committee members should be open to the public," she said.

"Homeowners' representatives should be included and should be chosen by lottery from among volunteers. Thus far, the committees' members, a total of about 85, have been chosen by the... Directors on the Board."

"At the end of the committee members' tenure, others should have an opportunity to apply for the position, not as it is right now, that

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**Candace  
Parrish**

Candace Parrish would like to have better communication between the Board and residents.

She suggested a "State of the Community Address" every six months or so to update homeowners on what's happening in Four Seasons. The address could take the form of a town hall meeting, she said, to "have the Board let us know what they see in the future."

She has considerable experience in community associations. She was on the board of an HOA for ten years – 5 years as president — while she lived in a 90-unit condominium in San Diego.

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**Jean  
Sandoval**

Jean Sandoval is running on a platform of "connecting."

If elected, she hopes to improve communication between the Board and homeowners and will hold a monthly "Meet with Jean" session to listen to the concerns of residents.

She feels her experience as secretary of one committee, chairperson of another and member of yet another has given her good insight into the workings and needs of Four Seasons. She chairs the Emergency Preparedness Committee (she developed the Resident's Emergency Handbook we all got in the mail) and is secretary of

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## Barbara J. Kwiatkowska-Amerton

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the member chooses to continue with the inner approval,” she said.

She would also seek to have the Board publish its agenda before each meeting so residents can comment before action is taken; to have the decisions made in closed session published (without revealing private personnel or contact matters) for residents’ information, and to limit tenure on the Board and committees to two, two year terms.

“Right now we have members going on six or more years. I think two terms is enough so others have opportunity. Rotation of thought is good.”

Kwiatkowska-Amerton is a life-long music teacher who has instructed kindergarten children, graduate students and everyone in between.

She holds a doctor’s degree from UCLA in ethnomusicology — the study of how music relates to the culture that created it. She is a pianist and an active member of the San Jacinto Community College orchestra and also a member of the Performing Arts Club and sings with the Four Seasons Singers.

She first came to the U.S from her native Poland in 1975 as a student at UCLA’s School of Ethnomusicology — the first for that subject in America. After several years of study and passing qualifying exams she earned a Ph.D. She already had bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Poland. She later picked up a second master’s in education from Loyola Marymount.

Her academic career led her to teach at colleges in both the U.S. and Canada and to deliver papers and lectures in the U.S.,

Canada, Austria and Poland. A number of her papers were published in professional journals. She finally took a full-time job with the Lynwood Unified School District and retired from there before moving to Four Seasons.

She said she was attracted to Four Seasons by its beauty and location.

“I wanted a home that was new, pretty and part of a community as opposed to a single home with everybody disconnected from each other.” On the Internet she found K. Hovnanian.

Among her goals, if she is elected to the HOA Board, are to ensure that the beauty of the community is maintained and that all community members are given opportunities to have their problems solved. “I would like to accomplish an even greater sense of community and greater sense of unity of all who live here. I want to continue the beautification of our little town within a town.”

She thinks the Board and its members need, “To be the source of solution to any problems through communication and discussion; to convince people of whatever needs to be convincing — in a democratic way. To make sure the Board is open to discussion from all.” This is her third run for the Board.

She hopes to see that the Board is involved in everything from “fixing the bumps in roads,” to overseeing that the big things operate well.

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## Candace Parrish

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A lesson she learned from that experience was, “The real problem is to make sure that you take in enough in dues to cover maintenance and repairs. You have to stay on top of it.” She said it appears the Four Seasons Finance Committee is “doing a good job of that.”

Parrish was born in Whittier and grew up in La Habra. She was an all-round athlete at La Habra High School as a member of the swim, volleyball and basketball teams. “Back then we weren’t so specialized. You could do more sports,” she said.

After high school, she attended UC Santa Barbara and received a bachelor’s degree in art history. To supplement her studies she was a volunteer at the Santa Barbara Art Museum.

After working as a new accounts counselor for Coast Federal Savings for a few years, she graduated from the UCLA paralegal program and went to work for a law firm. She worked in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and San Diego before resigning to care for her critically ill mother. After her mother

died, she got a secretarial job with the Los Angeles Sanitation District.

While there, she learned a lot about water management and reclamation — knowledge she feels would be useful for a Board member. She is interested in seeing more drought-resistant landscaping — plants and ground cover — installed before the HOA takes over from the builder.

If elected, she has two projects she would pursue immediately. First, try to improve the acoustics in the Ballroom. Several residents have told her they have trouble understanding speakers at meeting and performances. She would advocate using HOA money to supplement the donated funds used by the Event Systems Committee to purchase sound equipment, if it would allow more residents to enjoy events in the Ballroom.

Second, she would see if builder K. Hovnanian Homes would consider putting a dog park in the community. Failing

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## Jean Sandoval *continued from page 4*

Landscape. She also served on the Rec Center North Ad Hoc Committee, which disbanded after it completed plans for use of the old sales office north of the Lodge.

With her committee work, she said, she has developed a good working relationship with the homeowner Board members, two of whom — President Jacque Sneddon and Treasurer Wayne Staples — she will join if elected.

She is a retired registered nurse with 31 years experience in nursing, nursing education, and project management, all with Kaiser Permanente in California. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's in nursing education and a certificate as a legal assistant/legal nurse consultant.

In furthering her theme of connecting, she would encourage holding town hall meetings before the Board makes any major decisions. She would also work to see that suggestions, questions and problems brought to the association by members receive responses within a reasonable time. "The residents want to know what happened to their inquiries. They're not getting that now," she said.

Sandoval grew up in Laurel, Montana, on a farm. Her father worked at a local oil refinery, but farmed to provide a fund for his three children to go to college. "And that did it," said Sandoval. "That patch of land put us all through college."

She first thought she would be a veterinarian. "When one of our animals got sick, the vet would show up in his helicopter and land in the pasture – I thought that was so neat." She gave the animals their injections and otherwise took care of them. "I even used to drive the combine, until one day a snake popped out of the wheat and landed on my lap. I told my dad then I wouldn't do that anymore."

When it came time to go to college, she opted for taking care of humans instead of animals. She entered the nursing program at Montana State and finished at Long Beach State in California. She later got her master's from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

As part of her duties on the Emergency committee, she is a member of the PassCom Emergency Planning Committee, which coordinates emergency responses and mutual aid in the San Geronio Pass for Beaumont, Banning, Calimesa, Cabazon, Cherry Valley and Morongo.

Sandoval was attracted to Four Seasons three years ago because, "The community is beautiful. I wanted the trails, but I didn't want a golf course." She looked at several other 55-and-up communities, "But none of them were as nice. I found the house I wanted, bought it and moved in."

She hopes her service on the Board would help keep Four Seasons the top-of-the-line community it is now, and even improve service to the members. She said "I'm ready to try and we'll find a way."

## Candace Parrish *continued from page 6*

that, she would support use of HOA funds to establish one. "I've gotten a lot of positive feedback on that," she said.

After she retired from the Sanitation District, she began looking for a new place to live, "I'm by myself. I have no kids to look after me (she lives with her dog, Bertie and cat Ophelia), so I need neighbor support."

On her way back from looking at a 55-plus community Indio two years ago, she stopped at Four Seasons. "I was being shown around; people went out of their way to say 'hello' to me. 'This is home,' I said."

She is on the Neighborhood Watch Program and is a member of the Emergency Preparedness Committees survey team.

She said that if elected she would, "be available to residents to see what I can do to help out." Right now they "feel shut out. They don't know how to get information. I want them to feel included."

Her campaign handout says she "will do whatever it takes to make good things happen at Four Seasons Community in Beaumont."

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# Mardi Gras & Amazing Parking Lot Party

By *Cindy Graves*

The purple, green and gold lights lit up the Social Committee's Mardi Gras with a special mystic which could only be described as electric.

There was face painting, and marshmallow shooter booths and of course dancing all night long. The food was delicious and Thomas' Catering did a great job keeping the menu authentic to the New Orleans theme. Here's to real bourbon pecan pie!

Betty Ann James and Verlett Brummell did a good job getting everything together. The unexpected part of this party was the fact that a resident do-gooder named Thomas Cole and his beautiful wife Ima Fibbin, offered to not only help with the final touches on the décor, but they also offered to be the Mardi Gras King and Queen. Toward the end of the night after most of the set-up was put away and torn down, it came out that Thomas Cole was the grandson of Nathaniel Adams Cole, otherwise known as "Nat King Cole." Then just to make this genealogy surprise even more impressive, it turns out that Ima Fibbin, his adorable wife, is the granddaughter of Ella Fitzgerald.

Evidently, their families were dear friends and kept those close family connections throughout the years. You may be wondering if either one of them can sing and the answer is a



*Mardi Gras king and queen — guess who?*

RESOUNDING YES! I bothered them to see if they would sing a few numbers for those remaining at the end of the Mardi Gras and they said that they would do one better.

It turns out that their good friend Kenny G., the saxophonist, was going to be staying with them that night on his way to a gig at Fantasy Springs Casino. He was due to be in town around 8:30 pm. Thomas gave him a quick call and asked if he would mind doing a little impromptu music show for his friends over at the Four Seasons.

Kenny said that he didn't mind at all as long as Thomas and Ima sang with him. Sure enough, just as it was time to lock up, Kenny G. shows up and the remaining party moved to the parking lot. Holy cow! What a nice guy that Kenny G. is and what fantastic singers Thomas and Ima are! I apologize to the residents in the homes directly adjacent to the Lodge parking lot. I know it was a bit loud, but so worth it. I wish you all could have been there. It was a night you could only imagine!

I'm sure that some of you may have guessed that this is my April Fool's Day article. The truth is the Mardi Gras was great and tons of fun, but Kenny G., the parking lot party and the genealogists of Thomas Cole and Ima Fibbin (whose real names are Regina and Herman Thomas) are April Foolish stuff — but wouldn't it have been amazing?

# DID YOU KNOW?

By Bobbie Eckel

*April has a lot of interesting, unusual holidays. The month starts with April Fools' Day, a day to play fun pranks on friends and family. But did you also know that...*

**April 9 is Winston Churchill Day.** In 1963 on this day Winston Churchill was made an honorary United States citizen. He received the honor posthumously, but he is only one of six people to reach this status. Churchill received the honor because of his accomplishments as Britain's Prime Minister during World War II. The Senate drafted a law and voted for the honor to be bestowed upon him.



**On a less happy note, April 15 is not just traditional tax day, it is also Titanic Remembrance Day.** This day is dedicated to a cruise ship which was once called “unsinkable” and “the safest ship afloat,” according to the builder. Unfortunately, on the ship's maiden voyage from England to New York City in 1912, the ship hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean. Within two hours, the ship sank; 1,522 passengers and crew perished. The sister ship to Titanic, the Olympic, was launched in 1910. The Olympic served as a cruise ship until she became a troop carrier in WWI. The Olympic served until 1935 when she was finally retired. At least one of the builder's and designer's visions came true.

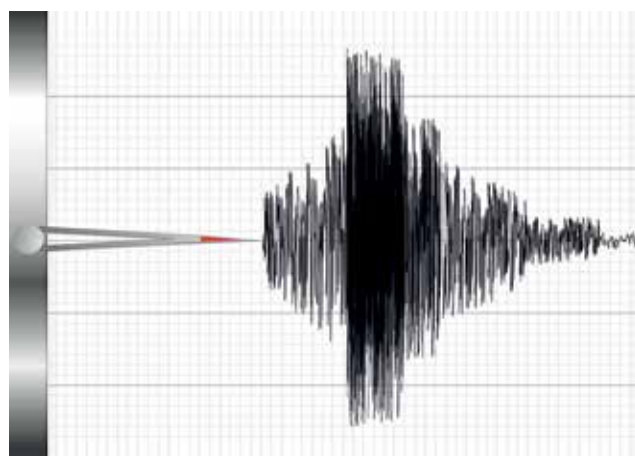
**April ends on a high moral note. April 30 is National Honesty Day...** probably to make up for starting with pranks and foolishment. The day was created by M. Hirsh Goldberg, the former press secretary to a governor of Maryland in the early 1990s. Do you remember the story about the boy who cried “wolf” constantly to get the attention of others? When the wolf finally did appear, no one believed him. This is the day to practice being open and honest in all of your dealings. Honesty is a great virtue should be our motto!

**April 11 is Barbershop Quartet Day.** The day celebrates the founding of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing on April 11, 1938. Four Seasons has been lucky enough to have events featuring barbershop harmony in past years.



**April 13 is Scrabble Day.** Many of us enjoy the game. It was created by Alfred Mosher Butts in 1938. This might be a good time to drag out the board game and play a few rounds.

**April 26 is Richter Scale Day.** The day celebrates the birth of the American seismologist Charles F. Richter who invented the Richter Scale in 1935. The scale measures the magnitude of seismic waves produced by an earthquake. Using numbers 0 to 9, each increasing number represents an earthquake 10 times more powerful. A magnitude of 4.5 can damage buildings; a magnitude of 7 can cause catastrophic damage. The strongest earthquake ever recorded, a 9.5, occurred on May 22, 1960, off the coast of Chile. More recently, an earthquake of 9.0 on Dec. 26, 2004, off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, created the deadliest Tsunami in history. More than 225,000 were killed; millions were left homeless.







*Chef's  
Corner*

By Randy Balt

# Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Gravy



Do you want a simple way to flavor up a hunk of beef? Something that's easy to make but long on flavor? This recipe is classy enough for guests as well as easy enough for an everyday family meal. Thank a Weight Watchers meeting for this one. I just added the red wine for good measure.

Course: Main • PointsPlus™ Value: 5 • Servings: 4 • Preparation Time: 5 min • Cooking Time: 12 min • Level of Difficulty: Moderate • Per 1 steak and 1/4 cup gravy: CAL 242; FAT 8.7g; PROT 28g; CARB 10.8g; FIB 1.1g; SOD 216mg; WW Points Plus 6

## INGREDIENTS

4 (4 oz.) beef tenderloin steaks, trimmed  
1/2 tsp. fresh ground black pepper  
1/4 tsp. salt  
Cooking Spray  
1/2 cup minced shallots  
1 (8 oz.) package baby portabella mushrooms, sliced  
1 (.75 oz.) packet McCormick's mushroom and herb gravy  
1 cup water  
1/4 cup red wine

## DIRECTIONS

1. Sprinkle steaks with salt and pepper.
2. Heat a large nonstick skillet to medium high heat. Add steaks and cook for 3-4 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness. Remove steaks from pan and keep warm.
3. Coat pan with cooking spray, and add shallots and mushrooms. Cook for 5 minutes.
4. While the mushrooms and shallots are cooking, empty gravy mix and

water into a small bowl. Use a whisk to combine well.

5. After vegetables have cooked for 5 minutes, add gravy mixture and red wine to the pan, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Cook for one minute.
6. Spoon gravy over tenderloin and ENJOY.
7. Serve with fresh steamed green beans, garlicky mashed potatoes and a lovely glass of red wine.

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# Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

Sunday, April 5, is Easter Sunday. Lodge and Summit hours will be reduced to 12 – 9 pm.

Please remember that Easter can be heavy with family and guests. Plan to update your guest list at the Potrero gate so that your family and friends can be admitted as quickly as possible. The line can be very long if you have to be notified of each entry — and that does not make for “happy campers!”

The HOA is in the midst of having to schedule the Summit activities. Please be reasonable about your wishes and know that the schedule will be straightened out as soon as possible.

A special request for clubs, groups and classes: if you plan to make any changes in your schedule, please fill out the short form for change of times/dates so that those responsible for calendar accuracy can get the information. We would like the calendars to reflect what is happening at Four Seasons – but they cannot if the information is not given to us. The forms are at the Lodge desk. You supply the information; the forms will

be routed to all who work on the calendars. In order for the date to appear on the calendar and in the Breeze, the form must be turned in no later than the 8th of the month.

It's time again to sign up for softball! The Valley-wide Senior Softball League is looking for new members; interested players must be 55 or better and be ready to have some fun on the field. Winter and summer seasons are scheduled; the cost is only \$30 and you play at least 40 games each season. All levels of play are included. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice days are Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 until 9:30 am. Modified ASA rules are utilized. The League plays at Valley Wide Recreation Center in San Jacinto. Please call Gloria Doro, (951) 927-4509, or Bill Hopkins (951) 845-6711, to sign up or to obtain additional information.

Thought for the day from the Internet: “I’ve decided I’ll never get down to my original weight and I’m okay with that.. After all, 7 lbs. 6 oz. is just not realistic!”

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**The HOA librarians are requesting donations of large print books for our Four Seasons Library. If you have any that you are done with, please think about donating them.**

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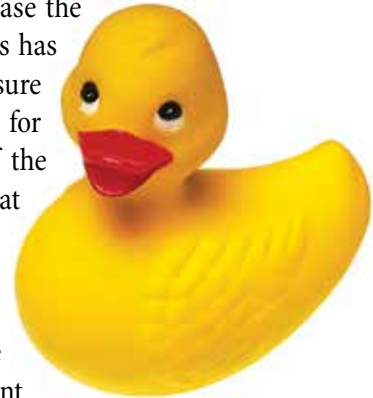
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# Manager's Update

By *Jeri Mupo*, General Manager



**POOL TEMPERATURE AT THE SUMMIT** Thank you to all the residents who submitted the suggestion to increase the pool heat at the Summit. The Board of Directors has been working with the pool vendor to make sure the pool and building temperature are both set for your comfort while maintaining the integrity of the equipment and building. We have been advised that the ambient temperature must be set between 3-4 degrees warmer than the water temperature in order to maintain the required equipment balance. The decision was made to increase the water temperature to 82 degrees and an ambient temperature to 85 degrees. Please note that it may take 7-10 days to reach 82 degrees. Thank you for your patience.



**THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS** We received over 76 suggestions for making the Summit a wonderful facility for all residents' use. Many of the suggestions have been already implemented such as installing a clock in the pool area, benches in the restrooms, mats for the restrooms/gym areas, and soap dispensers in the showers. There are many other that are being evaluated for implementation. Again, thank you for your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

There are many residents and guests who enjoy using the billiards tables. We would like to remind the residents that for the protection of the association property, namely the billiards table felt, that MASSE' and JUMP SHOTS are not allowed. We appreciate your support in protecting the tables.

As the Community ages, there are many things that residents should do to ensure their home continues to

look nice. Here are some maintenance tips and easy projects to make your home look its best:

- Paint the exterior of the home – average paint life 7-10 years – any color changes must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee
- Paint fascia and trim – average paint life 5-7 years – same as above for ARC approval
- Inspect and clean stucco surfaces
- Clean, Paint and/or polish garage doors
- Clean, Paint and/or polish front doors – Check your screen door too!
- Fix cracked or uplifted driveways and walkways
- Clean and/or polish vinyl fencing
- Check and repair missing or loose roof tiles/shingles
- Check and clean gutters
- Check outdoor décor to make sure it is in good condition and still aesthetically attractive –statuary, light fixtures/path lights and pots for plants



**DOLLARS & SENSE** At the March 12, 2015 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the following expenses:

- Three base station radios, antennas, battery operated mobile units = \$8,100
- Asphalt repairs in the Springdale area — \$4,985
- Annex flooring (carpet and laminate) — \$31,417
- Two firewall appliances for computer backup at the Lodge and Annex — \$2,692
- Compatible telephone system for connection between the Lodge and Annex — \$2,726



# April 2015 Word Search

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## WORD CLUES

- 1 The first day of April
- 2 Bring May flowers
- 3 Where you can sell stuff
- 4 Our new indoor pool is at
- 5 Singing for fun
- 6 Four Seasons is in
- 7 The town next door
- 8 What the frogs say
- 9 Taste d'Vine
- 10 Our beautiful community magazine
- 11 A game that began in Italy
- 12 Begins at sundown on April 3
- 13 All day April 3
- 14 Kids love to hunt for them

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*Suddenly it's spring and along with beautiful flowers blooming, so too are real estate sales "booming." With the advent of fine weather, we are seeing a lot more activity in the community. I am almost out of "active" listings, so if you're thinking of selling please call me for a free market appraisal. There is no charge, and I'd love to meet you. I look forward to hearing from you soon.*



**Sandra Caton**  
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## Tips for staging your house to sell...

When selling your home, you cannot expect to live in it as you had been before listing. You've heard it over and over, but I am going to say it again. You must unclutter! In my opinion, the best approach is to rent a storage unit nearby. You are going to be moving anyway, so why not start now by following some of the ideas below:

- 1) Remove as much clothing from your closets as possible. Fold and store any out-of-season clothes. Space the remaining hanging clothes about three to four inches apart, and leave a few empty hangers at one end of the closet.
- 2) Remove most (if not all) family photos and religious items.
- 3) Pack and store any items you don't use daily. You will be surprised at how little you really use on a regular basis. Kitchen counters are an area that often become catch-alls for everything from daily medications to a variety of appliances. Put all your medications in a basket and store them out of sight in a cupboard. In fact, this is also a safeguard against any homeseekers helping themselves to drugs.
- 4) Remove excess furniture and rearrange what remains so that you have clear traffic flow.

These are just a few ideas that can help set your home apart from others for sale in your neighborhood. If you are interested in more, just email me or give me a call at the number listed below.

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# Activities Director Corner

By *Cindy Graves, Activities Director*

April is my favorite month because spring really gets going and so do we at Four Seasons. First, be aware that the Independent Film Festival has been moved to Friday, April 10 instead of April 3. There was an event conflict with the first day of Passover and Good Friday both being on April 3. The times of the judging and first viewing will remain the same on Friday, April 10 at 3:30 pm in the Movie Theater and the final viewing and awards ceremony will take place at 6 pm in the Ballroom. Feel free to bring your dinner in while you watch.

Liars Trivia Night is going to be another fun one you won't want to miss. This is another free of charge evening taking place in the Ballroom on Friday, April 17 at 6 pm. Come and watch some of our more talented wordsmiths as they try to fool the audience as to the accuracy of various choice words and definitions. Folks can play for prizes at the end of the night. Don't feel like you have to know everyone at your table to play. It's also a fun way to get to know your neighbors. This is a night to laugh about. You may also bring your dinners and favorite beverages to this event.

The Four Seasons HOA Garage Sale will be taking place on Saturday, April 25. This is always a great time to find hidden

treasures and the greatest of deals! If you would like to participate in having your own garage sale this year, the last day to sign up is Monday, April 20. Don't forget that you'll be coming into the Lodge to pick up your city permits on Friday, April 24. You'll want them on your premises in case the City Code Enforcement Officer comes around to verify you have one. Everyone is welcome to get a garage sale map on the morning of the event, either at the Portrero guard house or at the Lodge desk.

I want to extend a big open-armed thank you to all those amazing community servants; BOD members, delegates, committee chairs and members as well as all those who contribute so much to the entertainment and well-being of the residents here. More hours than you could ever imagine go into the governing and enriching of this great community. What a fabulous neighborhood this is, thanks to so many of you. Please pat those that you know who work so tirelessly on your behalf on the back, and let them feel your appreciation. Regarding those that enrich us with entertainment... please don't forget the courtesy laugh! It's good for all of us!

See you around the Lodge.

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## CALENDAR FOR 2015

### APRIL

- 3 Independent Film
- 17 Liars Trivia Night
- 25 Garage Sale

### MAY

- 15 Truthful Trivia Night
- 17 Amphitheater Concert
- 30 PAC Radio Show

### JUNE

- 6 SC Tea & Fashion Show
- 12 Art-O-Rama Show
- 13 Magic Show
- 14 Amphitheater Concert
- 18 Juneteenth

### JULY

- 4 July 4th Event
- 11 Special Tennis Event
- 18 Heart & Soul Party
- 19 Amphitheater Concert
- 25 Ballroom Summer Dinner Dance

### AUGUST

- 4 National Night Out
- 14 PAC PG-55 Show
- 16 Amphitheater Concert
- 28 Piano Concert

### SEPTEMBER

- 11 Spring Fling Dance
- 19 Harvest Craft Boutique
- 20 Amphitheater Concert
- 26 Magic Show

### OCTOBER

- 3 HOA Garage Sale
- 20 Tennis Banquet
- 23 PAC Radio Show
- 31 SC Halloween Dance

### NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 20 Friday Night Concert

### DECEMBER

- 4 & 5 Holiday Extravaganza
- 8 Magic Party Show
- 11 Ballroom Dance Event
- 12 AACC Formal Event
- 17 Wine Club Banquet
- 19 Holiday Home Tour
- 31 SC New Year's Eve Party



## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

April is our most challenging month for annual flowers. Our local weather station (<http://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCABEAUM7>) has documented this challenge over our first few years. On April 24, 2011, the wind was gusting at 24 mph on Plymouth Rock and on April 9, the morning weather dipped to 31 degrees. The following year on April 19, it peaked at 93 degrees.

For our seasonal "color" the season is quixotic and short. Most of these flowers don't tolerate freezes or 90+ degree extremes. This year we were also hobbled by restrictive watering schedules that precluded winter planting and will add to the spring challenge.

Pots in the two traffic circles on Four Seasons Circle east of Potrero Creek received their "color" early and will likely be replaced before summer. The remainder of the seasonal color plants will be in place before Easter. There are 12 areas that become homes for these blooms: both sides of the Lodge entrance, the flag pole, the pepper tree, Lodge traffic circle, Lodge bridge, Lodge sign, FSC bridge, Potrero gatehouse, gate pots, and both Potrero rock walls. The committee has also voted to plant flowers in the traffic circle pots near the Summit for spring and then decide on whether to continue with seasonal planting or perennials. The main flowers in the planter beds will be Petunias, using Easter colors, with some Primulas for the 4 Lodge entry pots, - 2 Large Calla Lillies for the front door

Urn pots, and Lobelia with Alyssum for roadway Pots.

Our landscaper visits the nurseries when it is time to do the planting. Each year the varieties are different and the best ones for our environment are selected for delivery within three days. Since the season is so short, plants arrive in 4" pots. A lengthy adolescence is out of the question. There are 16 plants per flat and the twelve plots require 125 flats. It takes 10 landscape workers one and a half days to dig 2,000 holes, plant the flowers and then fertilize them. For the first two weeks daily attention is required to make sure they all receive the proper amounts of water. ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



## SAFETY & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

At our March meeting several issues were covered including the following: WiFi is installed at the Lodge. WiFi is in the works for Recreation Center North and Summit. The Fountain project is on schedule. We are compiling bids for venting of the water heater in the Bistro. Solar heating for the Summit is in the works. Pool renovation at the Lodge is on schedule. Court wind screening is to be coordinated, pending weather. Billiards Room blinds have been ordered.

Under safety issues, we discussed there is a danger to people and vehicles when people walk on the roadway.

The next Safety and Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 9 am at the Lodge. ~ **Dennis Gray**

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## BISTRO COMMITTEE

At our February meeting, we reviewed two suggestions from the suggestion box. No action is needed. The kitchen drains were pumped out and are now on a contract for this service every three months. The Committee discussed and finalized its recommendation for

the expansion of the Bistro dining area. The Committee forwarded this recommendation to the Board.

The next meeting is April 28, at 11 am in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. ~  
*William Taylor*

## RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Have you picked up your copy of the Community Guideline manual yet? Make a point to go to the Lodge and pick up your copy today. The front office staff has compiled a list of all residents at Four Seasons and will ask you to locate your street address, name and sign, documenting you have received your copy of the manual.

The Rules & Regulations Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month, 9 am in the Lodge Conference Room and all residents are invited to attend the meeting. ~  
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE



The Finance Committee held a special meeting on Feb. 10 to hear a presentation by Karla Chung from FirstService Financial, Inc. Ms. Chung provided a brief explanation of her company indicating that their business involves negotiating with banks to obtain better returns on deposits for FirstService clients. She provided a banking analysis for Four Seasons Beaumont accounts that indicate our current average yield on CD and Money Market accounts is only .19 percent. She also provided recommendations for reinvesting the money in these accounts

through FirstService using a variety of privately insured debt instruments that would provide an improved average yield of .55 percent, all of them fully liquid and in many cases paying rates higher than CDs. However, some of these would not be usable under the current Four Seasons Beaumont Investment Policy. After further discussion, recommendations were made that the BOD proceed following the FirstService Financials

proposal. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

From the February regular meeting: the financial statements for January, 2015 were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: net income year-to-date was \$71,250 and total reserves were \$4,718,206. The accounts receivable (delinquencies) were \$47,889. Our total HOA expenses for January (excluding reserve allocations) were \$166,605. This was under budget by \$85,463. The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for January were under the monthly budget by \$4,970. The Springdale Cost Center expenses for January 2015 were under the monthly budget by \$1,818.

Following the Board of Directors' recommendation that the Finance Committee review the current Investment Policy and report back any recommended changes to the Board, a review of the policy and discussion of the risks of private insurance versus level of investment return resulted in a recommendation that no changes to the current Investment Policy be made.

There were nine CD renewals reviewed and recommendations forwarded to the Board. There were three vendor proposals presented and recommendations forwarded to the Board.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 28 at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. ~ Noel Myers

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## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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If you are considering changing the color of your home, front door or shutters, please remember that the colors you choose

are approved colors that already exist in our community. You must have approval before work can begin.

Permanent fire pits must be gas to meet with our regulations.

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

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Mardi Gras event was a night to remember.

Thomas Catering did another outstanding job with the dinner and the DJ kept the dance floor hopping. The committee did a great job with the decorations and it was fun having some games to keep things interesting. Congratulations to all the winners. A big thank you to Thomas and Regina, our king and queen for this event, they both did a wonderful job. Also thanks

to the high school students from Thomas' school for all their help. It was greatly appreciated.

The committee is busy working on the next event which will be the annual Tea and Fashion Show on June 6. Mark your calendars now since this is one show you ladies will not want to miss. ~ **Melody Seewoster**

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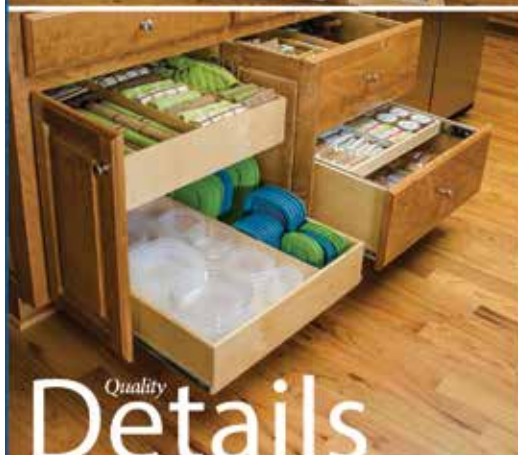
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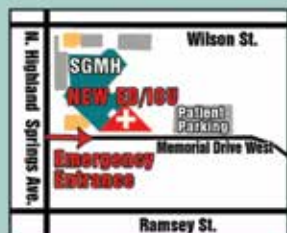
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## BEAUMONT BLOOMS

### ***Planting and Growing Shallots***

Shallots... the "gourmet onion." They're like garlic dressed up as an onion, with all the flavor of both worlds wrapped up in a humble little package. You may be familiar with shallots by the name multiplier onions, and you may have had them roasted or sautéed in your favorite restaurant meals; they're a popular ingredient with amateur and professional chefs alike. If you search for shallot recipes, you'll find thousands of ways to enjoy these alliums, close relatives of onions, garlic, and leeks. That said, shallots are also just as easy to grow as onions, garlic, and leeks.

Here's what you need to know: Our shallots come as sets or individual dormant bulbs, ready to be planted when you receive them. You will plant each individual bulb or head, so separate any bulbs that may arrive attached to one another prior to planting. You may notice that shallots are similar to onions in outer appearance, but inside you will find that they have cloves rather than layers, which is more similar to garlic.

Shallots, like other alliums, prefer growing in a nutrient rich, loose soil that drains well.

- If you have very loose, sandy soil, consider amending with compost and coco-fiber medium to add nutrients and improve water retention.
- If you have heavy, compact soil, consider amending with compost and coco-fiber medium to add nutrients and break up heavy soil to allow more even distribution of water.
- You may also consider growing shallots in raised beds to get the most from your shallot harvest in a soil composition over which you have more control.

### ***Planting and Growing Shallots***

If you grow your own garlic, growing shallots is quite similar.

Shallots planted in the fall will need a layer of mulch for protection (4 to 6 inches), since shallots grow near the soil surface and have shallow root systems.

Shallots planted in the spring also benefit from mulching as it protects the shallots from cold snaps and helps avoid having

the new bulbs dry out.

- Space each planting hole at least 4 to 6 inches apart in rows that are 12 inches apart.
- Make sure shallot bulbs are planted root end down and pointed end up.
- Plant bulbs deep enough so that the tops are just covered with about an inch of soil.
- Water thoroughly after planting. Avoid letting the shallots dry out, but do not over water.
- Remove all weeds as they appear to keep nutrient competition down.

Note: rain and irrigation may expose tops of newly planted shallots, which may result in interest from certain birds. Consider using garden netting to prevent birds from pulling up your shallots.

### ***Harvesting Shallots***

Shallots are ready to harvest in summer once the leafy tops wither (usually 90 days from planting) and a paper skin develops on the bulbs.

- Carefully pull up shallots, leaves and all.
- Gently remove as much soil as possible from the plants.
- Store in a cool, dry place for about 7 days. If there is no precipitation in the weather forecast, you may leave the shallot harvest to dry in the garden. To avoid sunburn, partial shade is recommended if you are allowing shallots to cure in the garden.
- Remove root ends and leafy tops and store (like onions and garlic) for future culinary use.

Many shallot growers also use the leafy tops as alternatives to green onions or chives in recipes. These can be harvested once the leafy tops have substantial growth, about a month after planting.

Shallots make a great vegetable addition to the kitchen garden, especially if you already love onions and garlic. Grow your own shallots and add a gourmet touch to your favorite meals! ~ *Len Tavernetti*



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The January Neighborhood Watch meeting provided us with great updates concerning our Four Seasons Beaumont community. Euclid General Manager, Jeri Mupo, shared updates on the number of homes to be constructed as well as information on the new Summit, the Rec Center, and changes expected within the Lodge building.

In keeping with our community awareness speakers, we will have a presentation at our April meeting about the area in Beaumont off of the Cherry Valley exit know as “the Gateway Project.” Our speaker will be from the No Way Gateway committee.

As our community continues to grow, the need for more Block Captains and Co-Captains is becoming very apparent. Please become involved.

For information about becoming a Block Captain please contact Jill Anderson at (951)769-3063.

We encourage all current Block Captains to attend our next general meeting and invite your neighbors. If you are a new resident and want to know more about Four Seasons Beaumont please come to our next meeting.

Our next general meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 10 am in the Lodge. See you there. ~ **Anita Worthen/Judy Irving**

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# APRIL 2015

Lodge Hours: Daily, 7 am - 9 pm

This calendar reflects only a portion of the activities and events held at the Lodge. Every attempt possible has been made to accurately reflect times and dates of activities. However, activities, dates and times are subject to change without notice.

Easter Sunday Reduced Hours: Lodge 12-9p Summit 12-7pm	5	Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Mexican Train Group Bereavement Group Billiards for Fun Practice Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	6	12p 12:30p 1p 1p 2p 3p 7p	Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Craft Group Writers' Club Hearts	7	9:45a 10a 10:30a 1p 1:30p 6p	Hearty Hikers Pinochle Neighborhood Watch Meeting Wednesday Bridge for Fun Canasta #2 Dominoes 8-Ball Club	8	8a 9a 10a 11:30a 1p 5p 7p	Poker Pan Canasta #1 Road Runners RV Group Classical Music Club	9	9:45a 11:30a 1:15p 6p 7p	Pinochle Bunco Ind. Film Festival Judging Dominoes 8-Ball Club Ind. Film Festival Award Cer.	10	9a 1p 3:30p 5p 7p 6p	11	Billiards for Fun Practice 10:30a		
	12	Counter Culture Cinema 6p	13	9:15a 12p 12:30p 1p 2p 3p 7p	Pan #2 Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Mexican Train Group Billiards for Fun Practice Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	14	9:45a 10a 10:30a 12p 1p 6p 6p 7p	Book Club 9:30a Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Computer Technology Group Billiards for Fun Potluck Craft Group All Seasons RVers Hearts 4x4 Seasons Group	15	9a 11:30a 1p 3p 5p 7p	Pinochle Wednesday Bridge for Fun Canasta #2 The Power Team Dominoes 8-Ball Club	16	9:45a 11:30a HOA Annual Meeting 1-3p 1:15p 6p	Poker Pan HOA Annual Meeting 1-3p Canasta #1 Taste d'Vine	17	9a 10a 2p 5p 6p 7p	Pinochle Amphitheater Meeting Bid Whist Group Dominoes Liars Trivia Night 8-Ball Club	18	9:45a Billiards for Fun Practice 10:30a 5:30p	Poker Billiards for Fun Practice Karaoke
	19		20	12p 12:30p 1p 2p 3p 7p	Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Mexican Train Group Billiards for Fun Practice Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	21	9:45a 10a 10:30a 1p 6p 6p 6:30p	Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Craft Group Hearts Radio Show Audition Camera Club	22	9a 11:30a 1p 5p 7p	Pinochle Wednesday Bridge for Fun Canasta #2 Dominoes 8-Ball Club	23	9:45a 11:30a 1:15p	Poker Pan Canasta #1	24	9a 10a 1p 5p 7p	Pinochle Radio Club Bunco Dominoes 8-Ball Club	25	HOA Garage Sale 8a-2p Billiards for Fun Practice 10:30a	
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# Physical Exercise Schedule

## EXERCISE

Conditioning	M/W/F	8:30a
Beginning Conditioning	M/W/F	9:30a
Zumba Gold	T/Th	9:30a
*Yoga	M/W	6p
*Pilates	Th	8:30a
*Pilates	Sat	9a
*Kick Boxing	Sat	10:15a

## SUMMIT POOL SCHEDULE

*Lap Swimming	Daily	7-8a, 1:30-2:30p, 6-7p
*Walking	Daily	8-9a, 12:30-1:30p
*Open Swimming	Daily	9-10:30a, 11:30a-12:30p, 2:30-6p
	T/Th/Sat/Sun	10:30-11:30a
*Water Aerobics	M/W/F	10:30-11:30a

*\*Need to maintain 10 or more participants or classes may be cancelled. Schedule may change, cancel or reschedule at any time. Check with Lodge Desk.*

## DANCE

### Ballroom Dance

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

### Line Dance

Beginning	T	3p
Advanced	T	3:45p
Heart & Soul Beginning	W	4-5:20p
Heart & Soul Advanced	W	5:20-6p

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

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

## TENNIS

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

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

<b>PADDLE TENNIS</b>	M/W/F/Sun	2-4p
	F/Sun	8:30-10:30a

PlayDay	check <a href="http://fsbr.org">fsbr.org</a> for date	3rd Sat, 12 noon
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## PICKLEBALL

Morning	T/Th/Sat	8a
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# Class Schedule

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>LANGUAGE</b>		
*Spanish 1	T	10a
*Spanish 2	T	11a
*Spanish 3	T	12p

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	Sat	10a
Drawing & Sketching	M	10a
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Watercolor	M	6p

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Machine Quilting	Sun	10a-4p
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## BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study	Fri	10:30a
Four Seasons Community Bible Study	Tues	7p

## OTHER

TOPS Weigh in	Tues	8a
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# Committee Meetings

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Architectural Review	April 1	9:30a
	April 15	9:30a
Bistro	April 28	11a
<b>BOD Exec. Session</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>9a</b>
<b>BOD General Session</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>1p</b>
Communications	April 1	10a
Proofing	April 10	10a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	April 21	9a
Event Systems	<i>Meets on an as needed basis</i>	
Finance	April 28	2p
Landscape	April 13	8a
Rules & Regulations	April 14	9a
Safety & Facilities	April 7	9a
Social	April 2	5p



## BUNCO



This month we will be playing Bunco on April 11 and 24. Keep coming and inviting people that have never played. We have a lot of fun. We play at 1 pm sharp in the Card Room. Don't forget to grab a drink at Smitty's or maybe even lunch beforehand. See you there! ~

*Suzanne Roldan & Cheryl Burke*

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## MAH JONGG

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

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## PINOCHLE

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

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## PAN

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



## BRIDGE

All levels of players are welcome and we play on Mondays at 12 pm at the Lodge. We play party type Bridge where we rotate partners after five or six hands. This enables you to meet and play with different people. Most of us use Standard American as convention of choice. Some do try other conventions, but only if both parties agree up front. All of us play at different levels and are learning how to play the game better (practice makes us better). Call Helen to arrange for play time on or before Friday to ensure a seat.

If you want to learn the game, lessons have resumed. Please call Helen for time and location. We are currently teaching two new players and hope to soon have them join us on Mondays. ~ *Bill Guy*

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## BRIDGE FOR FUN

"Bridge for fun" starts at 11:30 am sharp on Wednesdays and presently meets in the Ballroom. The Monday group has done a great job training new players for both groups. Because we start before noon feel free to bring something to eat. We play with enlarged numbered cards so most people do not need glasses. We play party bridge and rotate with different players. Feel free to discuss your conventions with each partner and ask for help. The staff at the club has done a great job setting up tables and checking and adjusting our room temperature. We are blessed with our bridge friends so join the fun! Special thanks to our Breeze editorial staff! Info., Verina at (951) 769-1687 or Phil at (951) 922-2525. ~ *Dr. Phil*

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## CANASTA #1

Join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun while playing a game of Hand and Foot Canasta. We meet in the Card Room every Thursday afternoon, 1:15 to 4 pm. Each week you may play with someone different, giving you an opportunity to meet other Four Seasons residents and old friends who enjoy an afternoon of "cool" cards. Plus, the Bistro is just down the hall if you would like a snack or a cold drink. We supply the cards so all you have to bring is your body and the desire to have a little fun. If you don't know how to play we are always happy to set up a teaching table and by the time the afternoon is over you will have mastered the game. All you have to do is show up and leave the rest to us. ~ *Melody Seewoster*



*Back row L-R: Diane Dobine, Jan White, Linda Wright, Wondell Collins, Portia Clark, Barbara Wingfeld & Toni Johns. Front row L-R: Rheuben Taylor, Beverly Manuel, Deborah Garner, Thelma Hayes, Judy McLoud, Minnie Lathrop & Shirley Caldwell*

## UPTOWN DIVAS BID WHIST GROUP

An introduction to Bid Whist: In the 1890s, a variant known as Bridge Whist became popular which eventually evolved into Contract Bridge. The traditional game of whist survives at social events called whist drives. There are many modern variants of whist played for fun.

Bid whist is a variant of the classic card game whist and is a partnership trick-taking. As indicated by the name, bid whist adds a bidding element to the game that is not present in classic whist. It is generally accepted that the game of bridge came from the game of whist. Bid whist remains popular particularly in US military culture and a tradition in African-American culture with probable roots in the period of slavery in the United States. It's also a gathering time for friends and family as they throw down at the card table.

How is bid whist played? Four people play in partnerships of two against two, with partners sitting opposite each other. Partners may be chosen by mutual agreement or by drawing cards from a pack spread face down. The two highest cards are

partners, and the person with the highest card deals first.

One of the attractions of bid whist is the “trash talk” or whist talk that takes place between the hands. Here are a few examples and their meaning:

- Boston: when a player wins all of the books or tricks.
- I smell the tea: a phrase indicating that a Boston is on the way.
- Trump Tight: when the remaining cards in your hand are in the winning suit of cards.

The Uptown Divas Bid Whist Group is for anyone interested in playing or who wants to learn to play bid whist. All skill levels are welcome. The environment is casual, friendly and competitively FUN, (except the trash-talk part!) We meet every first and third Friday of the month from 2 to 4 pm in the Card Room. We look forward to seeing you and listening to your trash-talk at the card table! Any questions, please call Deborah Garner at (415) 519-2070. ~ **Toni Johns**

## DOMINOES



On Feb. 27, we held the championship dinner for January. Robert Manuel was the winner for that month. Instead of choosing a meal, Robert and his wife Beverly prepared a meal for the club. The couple made jambalaya with shrimp and sausage along with garlic bread and a fresh garden salad. Then they finished the meal off with lemon cake and cheesecake. This resulted in a great meal for everyone. Thank you Robert and Beverly for a great evening.

John Bragg was the winner for the month of February with 16 wins. He has been a consistent winner quite a few times. Looks like John might be starting a winning streak for 2015. Way to go John, keep on keeping on with your good game skills.

We meet every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 9 pm in the Lodge Game Room. For more information call Jesse at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie at (951) 769-6483. Everyone is welcome to come out and play and make some new friends. ~ **Marvin A. Gaines**





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If you weren't at our last Dinner Dance you missed a real treat. Our Valentine's Day party was very enjoyable, with nice decorations, a full dinner, great music and lots of dancing and fun.

Up next is our Summer Fun Dinner Dance, on Saturday, July 24. Tickets will be available early in June. Once again we'll be entertained by the ever-popular Skyline Xpress band. So put this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a good evening out.

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



## LINE DANCING

Have you tried to learn a line dance at one of our social dances? Hard isn't it? Every dance, several people stand off to the side trying to figure out the steps. Or they come on to the dance floor and almost trip the dancers trying to follow what they are doing. There is an easier way...come to class. We always welcome those who want to start learning to dance to country music. We take the time to teach you one step at a time in the beginner's class and use easier dances to get you started. The most common dance, the Electric Slide has only 18 steps and is done at every country dance function everywhere. Stop standing on the sidelines, join us and learn. You will be surprised how easy it is. As a bonus you'll laugh, have fun, get

some exercise, maybe form some new friendships; making it all worthwhile. And next time you come to one of our social dances or go to a wedding, you will amaze yourself and be able to get up and join the dancers.

Beginners Class at 3 pm Tuesdays in The Lodge Ballroom, advanced class follows at 3:45 pm. Classes are free; however, we collect a one dollar voluntary donation which goes to the Performing Arts Club.

Hope to see you at the next class.

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

## HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Do you enjoy dancing? Heart and Soul Line Dancing is in Da House! Why not join us Wednesday for an afternoon of fun. Dancing is a great way to burn calories while giving your heart, body, and soul a workout. You won't even feel like you're exercising.

Dance schedule: Beginners, 4 to 5:20 pm; Intermediate, 5:20 to 6 pm. No partner necessary, just wear comfortable shoes (no flip-flops) and bring water. Info., Priscilla, (951) 922-0755. See you on the dance floor! ~ **Priscilla Robles**



*Work by the Artist of the Month Susan Cluton*

## CREATIVE DRAWING & SKETCHING CLASS

A student's perspective and the current artist of the month: *"I have always wanted to be creative in some form of water color, acrylics or oils, but had never thought of taking a drawing class until we moved to the Four Seasons. I joined Rob Kelman's drawing class and in a few weeks I have learned how to work with lights and darks and have gotten a genuine appreciation for what I have been taught to see."*

*"Drawing class has given me a chance to express myself in a new way. It has allowed me to unearth hidden abilities and has provided a way to relax and have an enjoyable experience. I find that drawing takes my mind off worries and allows me to have*

*a positive experience, enhancing my well-being. Drawing has brought me personal growth by exploring parts of myself that have become dormant in the chaos of life."*

Rob Kelman is a great artist and teacher; knowledgeable in all art media. He and the students provide a relaxing, fun, positive and memorable experience." ~ Susan Cluton, Artist of the Month.

Classes are Mondays 10 am to 12 pm and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Just stop by and get started. Info., Rob Kelman (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**



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## CERAMIC CORNER

March was the opportunity for our first instructor led project for 2015. The first project was a cup with a lace-like design led by our instructor and resident Elsie Fillman. There were two classes this month and each were full with crafters of all skill levels. Great fun was had by all and some fantastic pieces were created. So if you are looking for a new hobby, come and join the fun, create pieces for yourself, friends and family, meet neighbors and have fun.

Class provisions available to you include brushes, paints and

a small selection of pieces.

We meet in the Lodge Craft Room Wednesday 1 to 4 pm and Saturday 10 to 2 pm.

Certified instructor and/or experienced class team lead is available to support your crafting needs, participation is at your own pace and frequency.

See you there. Info., Bob Powers, (909) 841-3293 or Elsie Fillman, (661) 414-6270. ~ **Bob Powers**

## CRAFT GROUP

Welcome to the Craft Group. Our group would like to have you come and share your projects with us. We will happily share our projects with you. The Craft Fair is in September and there is much time left to work on and finish our crafts. We are finishing our dessert plates. We made some blankets, Easter items and jewelry.

Please let me know what you would like to do. We meet on Tuesdays at 1 pm in the Craft Room. For more info; call Pam Kelley (951) 769-7967. ~ **Jeff Jordan**



## KNITTING & CROCHETING

The group went out for another lunch in February. As usual, it was very enjoyable. We will plan another in a couple of months. The last of the CHP blankets were delivered to the Beaumont office. Most everyone is now working on their personal charity project, or personal items. The group has grown a lot, but we still have room for more. Join us each Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 am. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

## MACHINE QUILTING

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



## KARAOKE

The schedule for Karaoke Nights for the year are as follows: March 21, April 18, May 3, June 20, July 11, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, and Nov. 14. Mark your calendars today! ~ **Cindy Graves**



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## PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Happy April, readers! Now that we have the roaring success of Friday Night Live (FNL) behind us, the Performing Arts Club has decided to no longer produce any shows like it. Surprised? You should be! April Fool's! Gotcha! We would never do that. With the major successes of Laugh out Loud and Friday Night Live you can expect more performances like these. But we do need your help. Putting on shows like FNL requires a lot of people both on and behind the stage. Please consider volunteering to act, direct, produce, be part of the crew, or simply help write or hold cue cards. Become part of the Performing Arts Community and you won't regret it.

Did you know that April is National Humor month? Mid-April is National Volunteer Week. No joshing here... no April fooling you! It's the perfect month and time to sign up to audition for our humorous radio shows. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Lodge across from the front desk. This is your time to shine.

Once again, the Performing Arts Club will be having an open casting call/audition for two radio shows to be performed on May 30 at 6 pm.

Any questions, contact me at, (951) 992-9156. ~ **Teri Meyers-Kelman**

Yes, it's that time again! It's time for WFSB Radio to present its next show... but first this!

### CASTING CALL/AUDITIONS:

**Tuesday, April, 21st 6 pm  
in the Lodge Movie Theater**

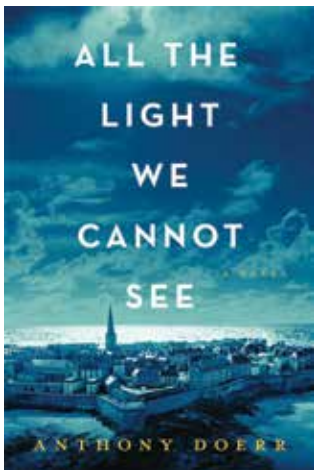
To have a show, we need actors. Or should I say readers — are actors who don't have to memorize lines. We carry our scripts on stage. (Remember this is radio.)

If you've seen our shows, you know how much fun we have performing them for you. And maybe you have thought, "I can do that." Well, here's your chance. We are presenting a show of two different episodes on Saturday, May 30 at 6 pm. We are having auditions for several of the characters on Tuesday, April 21 at 6 pm in the Lodge Theater. I encourage everyone who has even thought about being involved in the Radio Show to be there. Of course, there is absolutely no obligation. So give it a shot.

"And now, back to our show. When we left the Lone Ranger and Tonto they were riding hard toward town in order to..."

Any questions at all, please call Tom Shelley at (951) 849-4494.

## BOOK CLUB



In April, the Book Club will be discussing a national book award finalist and *New York Times* bestseller, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. The novel is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive World War II. Deftly interweaving their lives, Doerr illuminates the ways people try to be good to one another even in the worst of times. The book is described as "magnificent and

deeply moving." We hope you will join us for the discussion of this book on Tuesday, April 14 at 9:30 am.

Looking ahead, in May we will be reading *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. For more information about the Book Club, please telephone Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Linda Lambeth**

## WRITER INVADERS FOUR SEASONS!

**Did you know you have a novelist who  
is currently crafting her seventh novel  
in your midst? Yes! You do!  
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We will be holding a book reading/signing event at the Lodge on **May 5, 2015, from 1:30 to 3 pm**. If you want to stay up to date on this event, go to Facebook and type "J.C. Nicholson" in the search engine then click "Like" or email me.

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## WRITERS' CLUB

At our March meeting, we had presentations from two members who had self-published books based on their life experiences. One was a career school teacher, the other had been on a Coast Guard icebreaker that had crossed the Northwest Passage over the polar region.

We discussed the whys and hows of self-publishing, which does not usually mean printing it yourself, but rather contracting with a composing and printing company to produce a "package" for a set charge. You get a quantity of finished books at a wholesale price, which you can then sell or give away.

At our April 7 meeting we will discuss writing personal essays, unless one of our members comes up with a better idea. We seek to provide help for the writing endeavors of all our members.

We welcome guests or new members at any of our meetings. If you are not a member of the Four Seasons' Writers' Club, but you have written something (whether or not it has been published), and you would like to share it with us at a future meeting, please contact me at [phil.bond.writer@gmail.com](mailto:phil.bond.writer@gmail.com).

We meet the first Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3 pm, in the Lodge Ballroom. Will we see YOU there? ~ **Phil Bond**

## CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

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

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

### *Interest Group*

The March meeting featured our own Irve Sturmer and Len Tavernetti who gave presentations on photograph applications including computer cameras and how to make better pictures. Also in March, 35 homeowners signed up for our group. If you are interested in joining the group, just sign up at the Lodge front desk. Be sure to include your email address so you can be notified of future presentations and classes.

The next meeting of the group will be on April 14 at 10:30 am in the Lodge Ballroom. Our guests will be a team from the local Best Buy store. Team leader will be Eric Tschudy, the store manager, and he will be accompanied by members of his staff. They will demonstrate new equipment, products and gadgets as well answer questions from the audience about cell phones, e-readers, tablets, computers, printers, maintenance, and problems with equipment. This will be a good opportunity to learn about various technology issues. If you would like to attend this free presentation, please sign up at the Lodge front desk before Friday, April 10.

In the future there will be subjects such as communications over Internet, social network, computer infection, identity issues and anti-virus software. For those who are interested, there will be the 22nd Southwest Technology and Computer Conference from June 12 to 14 at the Kellogg-West Conference Center and Hotel at Cal Poly, Pomona. For more information see [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org).

TIP of the month: YouTube has many computer classes and tips about computers and technology. This is a free way to learn more about computers, iPhones, readers and tablets as well as maintenance and tips and tricks on many gadgets. ~ **Phil Jaffe**



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*All Seasons RV Club enjoying Wine Tasting at the South Coast Winery, during our recent trip to Pechanga in Temecula!*

## ALL SEASONS RV

There exists a group of Four Season residents who participate in RV trips. In the past we have traveled to many fun and interesting places. February, our campout was to Pechanga. If you would like further information on future trips, you can contact, Ann Williams [annwilymz@yahoo.com](mailto:annwilymz@yahoo.com). You can also attend one of our meetings the second Tuesday of the month in the Ballroom at 6 pm. Our next meeting will be April 14. ~ **Rick Brower**

## DISCOVERY CLUB

How do I put my family tree together? Start with yourself and work backward. You are the first generation. Your parents are the second generation. Grandparents are the third generation, and so forth.

At first, focus on one surname. Do your paternal side, then your maternal side of the family. Write down everything you know and can find, then fill in the blanks later.

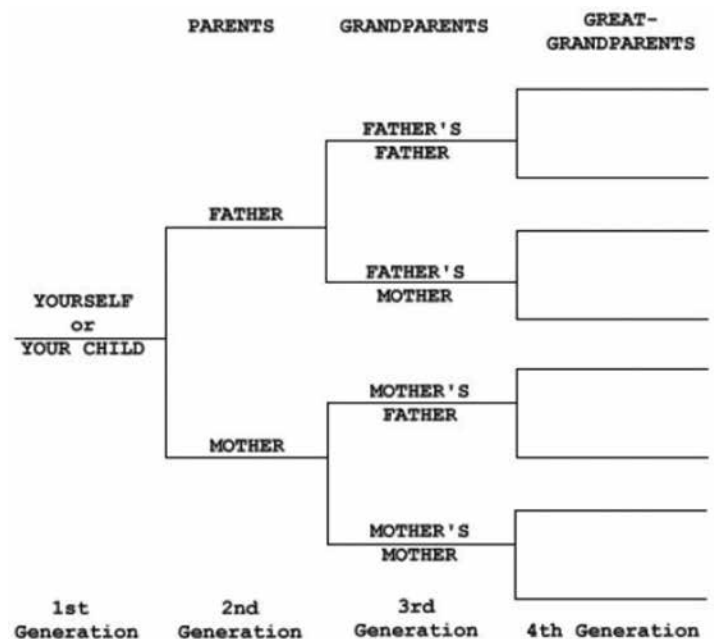
Interview relatives. Concentrate on the oldest generations first, and don't wait until it's too late. Ask about photos, letters, bibles, heirlooms, family documents, stories, places, events, work, travel and anything that might be informative and interesting. The more the better.

Use simple, standard family tree forms that allow you to enter names and data. This will help organize your information and

will show you what you're missing.

There's much more, but this represents the basics of how to start your family tree.

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



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## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

And we're singing! Beginning Monday, April 6, we start rehearsals for the 4th of July Patriotic Show. If you have been thinking of singing with us, now would be a great time to begin. Our Patriotic music is songs you have probably heard before and are easier to learn than our holiday numbers. Coming in a month or two late means you will just be warming up your voice and learning the music while the rest of the choir has been learning the songs from the very beginning. We'd love to have new people, and of course our regular members at our first rehearsal. Those of you who chatted with us on Club Day, please join us.

We meet in the Ballroom near the piano. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 3 to 5 pm. Or, you can contact Barbara Wasco (951) 797-3466 or email at [bawasco@dc.rr.com](mailto:bawasco@dc.rr.com). ~ **Barbara Wasco**



## RAINBOW GROUP

We're planning informal social evenings in the spring. We hope this will allow as many of our LGBT neighbors and friends, and their friends, to get together with us. We're combining a social evening with Smitty's dinner around 6 pm, and you can enjoy your own beverages. Keep an eye on the *Breeze* for more information. We don't plan a dinner in April. If you have ideas, please e-mail or call us. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call/email Dale at (951) 797-0364 or [dale.beckes@gmail.com](mailto:dale.beckes@gmail.com); or Barbara at (951) 845-6246; email Barbara at [bamerton@alumni.ucla.edu](mailto:bamerton@alumni.ucla.edu). ~ **Dale Beckes**

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

After we lose someone very important to us, there is always some shock and numbness. The whole world and our place in it feels strange and out of kilter. The very space we inhabited so comfortably before is horribly changed and feels wrong and uncomfortable. Who do we fix breakfast for, or take a walk with, or talk to about a TV show or warm our cold feet against in bed? There is no cap off the toothpaste, no hogging of the TV remote, no one to give us directions when we are driving. Actions we loved and habits we found annoying have disappeared. So, what do we do now?

Most importantly we need to take care of ourselves. It may difficult to sleep. We may have no appetite or find ourselves snacking all the time. And there can be physical symptoms such as a racing heart or anxiety.

So first, tend to the essentials. Try to get out of bed at the usual time. Take a shower. Have breakfast. Make a to-do list. We often have so much to take care of and our grief makes us forgetful, so

write tasks down. If you can or need to, ask others to help you. And include things that comfort you, such as a walk or a warm bath, on your list.

Try to maintain a sleep schedule. Grief is exhausting. Take 15 to 20 minute naps. Go to bed early.

If you can't sleep, try exercising more during the day (not the evening). Avoid caffeinated drinks after 2 pm, and don't drink alcohol for at least two hours before bedtime. If you still can't sleep, talk with your doctor.

Keep up with or begin to exercise. Simple activities such as a walk or bike ride, or more strenuous exercise can be a distraction, something to help fill the long days. And exercise releases endorphins which elevate mood and relieve stress.

Get necessary nutrition. Eat comfort foods if you have little appetite. Don't snack on junk food if you are a nibbler. Try smaller, more frequent meals if it helps.

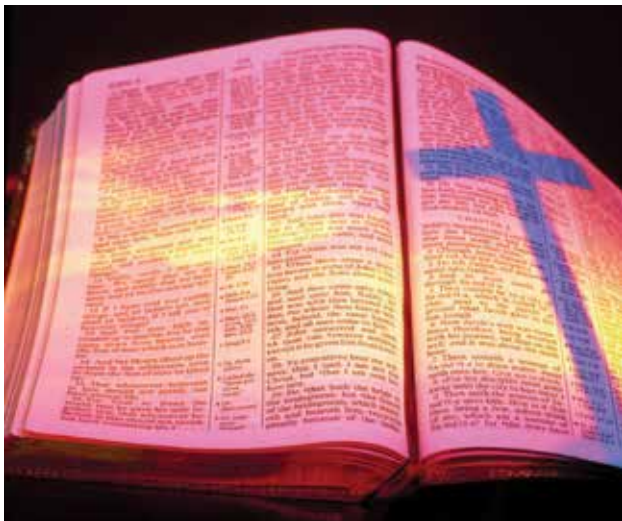
Be sure to take your medications. See your doctor if necessary. Pay attention



to your health.

Delay big decisions. You'll have plenty of time later. Don't sell the house, change jobs or clear out keepsakes for a year, if possible. You don't want to make a decision that you will regret later. -

There are other ways to nurture yourself. We talk about them frequently in our group. If you would like to join us, please do. We meet on specified Mondays from 1 to 3 pm in the Craft Room. We make the room private. All conversation is confidential. The 12th meeting will be April 6, then the four week break ensues, then the first of 12 meetings will begin on May 11. You can just show up or you can reach me at (951) 922-0934 or [lauriemlarson425@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemlarson425@gmail.com). ~ **Laurie Larson**



## LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY

Life Guide Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7 pm in the middle of the Ballroom. Everyone is welcome! Please call or email Doc or Letha Sellars with any questions at (951) 797-3302; docletha72@gmail.com. ~ **Doc Sellars**

## “BELIEVE...” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

This year the group is studying “A Godly Woman is...” Our February study of the Bible convinced us that a Godly woman is beautiful. We learned that although we were created by God in His image, and He made us exactly how we are, He not only sees our outer beauty, but He looks at our hearts for the inner beauty. As we follow the teachings in the Bible, it validates that we all can become beautiful women.

In March, our topic was “A Godly Woman Is... Courageous.” In order to understand a woman’s true courage or source of courage, we first began with an in-depth look at fear (the opposite of courage). The Bible cites 365 different admonitions that we neither have fear nor be afraid — a very human condition usually

brought on by danger or anticipated danger. After the group shared some fearful experiences in our lives, and how we overcame that fear, our lessons naturally evolved into the subject of courage. We studied several biblical examples and stories of immense courage, and had delightful discussions. So, as we live God’s laws, not only are we loving women (January), beautiful women (February), but we are courageous women as well.

If you would like to join us in studying how to become a Godly woman, we meet every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the first section of the Ballroom. We welcome all women to this non-denominational study of God’s Word. Hope to see you there. ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

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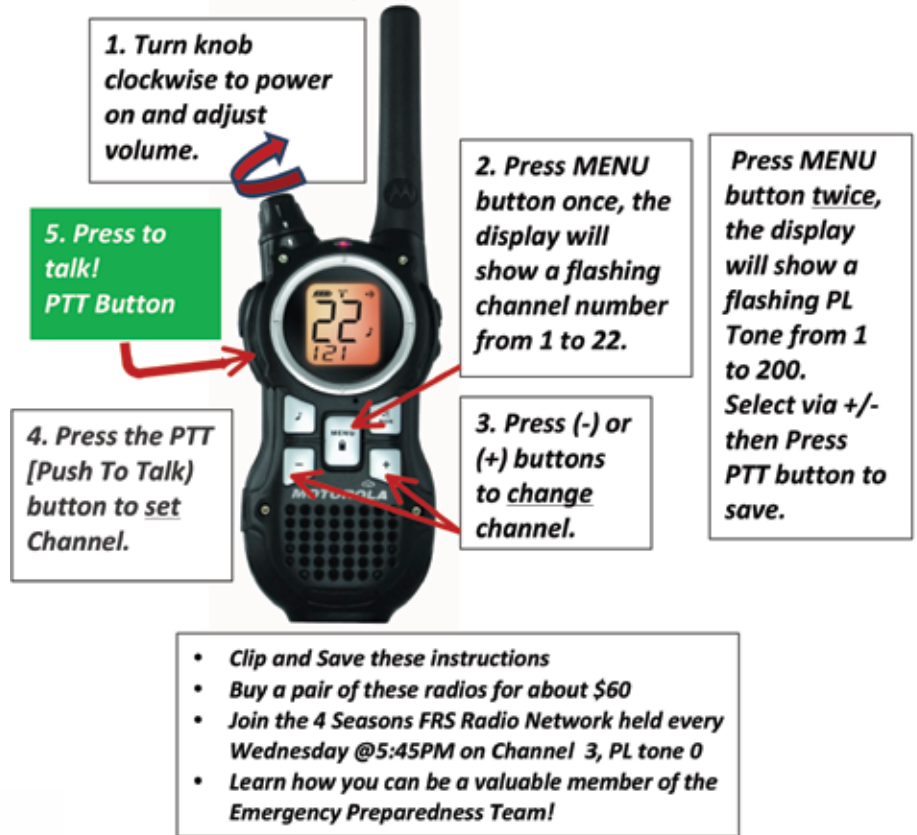
# AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



From time to time we have given training classes on the usage of FRS (Family Radio Service) Radios. While we do not expect everyone to remember all the complexities of these radios, the most common two buttons folks have trouble with are setting the channel # and the PL tone.

Below is a diagram on how to do this. Clip this out and keep with your radio and attend another FRS training class to practice. See our website: [W6FSB.COM](http://W6FSB.COM); Meetings at 10 am last Friday of the month.  
~*Jim Peterson, K6JWP, Dick Van Bree, W6RVB*

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## TASTE D'VINE

For our April meeting, Taste d'Vine Wine Club is pleased to present four delectable wines from the Napa Valley for you to taste. Napa Valley is considered one of the premier wine regions in the world. Wine production in the valley dates back to 1858; the climate, geography and geology of the region are conducive to growing quality wine grapes.

Our meeting is the third Thursday of the month, April 16 at 6 pm in the Lodge 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 \$10. ~ *Gracy Luna*

## TOPS

If your New Year's resolution has failed to give you the results you want, you might want to come and try TOPS. We are very fortunate to have a TOPS group right here in our own community. We have a great group of people, men and women, and we are here to give you support and knowledge to help you reach your weight loss goals. Why not give it a try; you have nothing to lose but weight.

TOPS is very affordable. There is a yearly membership fee of

\$32 and chapter dues of just \$3 per month. If you would like to come and see what we are all about, we meet on Tuesdays in the Ballroom with weigh-in from 8 to 8:30 am and the meeting from 8:30-9:30 am. For more information you may contact our Chapter Leader, Cathy Calhoun, Four Seasons Resident at (951) 845-2614 or Rosalee Strong, TOPS Area Captain at (951) 845-9313. ~ *Cheryl Burke*

## COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA

The Counter Culture Cinema Club has twice-monthly screenings of movies you may not find at your Cineplex: Indie films, foreign films, documentaries, etc. Check us out!

Our first April screening, on Sunday, April 12 at 6 pm, is the film *The Past* (USA 2013, 130 minutes, French with English subtitles). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: “Coming back to accomplish the divorce procedure, Ahmad, an Iranian man, arrives in Paris after four years to meet his ex-wife and her daughters from her previous marriage. He notices his ex is in a relationship with an Arab named Samir, who also has a son and a wife in a coma. The relationship of the older daughter and her mother is in deterioration because the daughter thinks her mother is the cause of Samir’s wife’s comatose state. The affair gets more complicated when the older daughter discloses something heinous she has done.”

Our second April screening, on Sunday, April 26 at 6 pm, is the film *Love is Strange* (USA 2014, 94 minutes, English). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: “After nearly four decades together, Ben and George finally tie the knot in an idyllic wedding ceremony in lower Manhattan. But when George loses his job soon after, the couple must sell their apartment, and — victims of the relentless New York City real estate market — temporarily live apart until they can find an affordable new home. While George moves in with two cops who live downstairs, Ben lands in Brooklyn with his nephew, his wife and their temperamental teenage son, with whom Ben shares a bunk bed. While struggling with the pain of separation, Ben and George are further challenged by the intergenerational tensions and capricious family dynamics of their new living arrangements.”

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



## AMPHITHEATER

The Amphitheater Production Group, with Mark Lassen as chairman, has finalized the programs for the 2015 Summer Concert Series:

- May 17 - Nitro Express will open the concert series with their special take on Country music favorites
- June 14 - Sydney Swanson will bring Blues and Jazz
- July 19 - The Hoffman Band will Rock the Amphitheater
- August 16 - Elai Yehesshkel will present their take on rock music
- September - Barry McGuire will end the season with a blend of Folk and Folk Rock music

The concerts are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month, with the exception of June. Because of Father’s day our concert is scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of this month. All concerts will begin at 7 pm. Mark your calendar, bring your chairs (don’t forget a sweater as it can be cool when the sun goes down) and join everyone for a fun musical evening! ~ **Doris SanFilipo**

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## ROAD RUNNERS RVERS *Interest Group*

Happy April to all. We are up and running now and have many places to go and lots to see.

By the time you receive this article we will have completed our first campout as the newly formed "Road Runners RVers." We are heading out to Santee Lakes Campground for five nights.

Can't tell you how excited we are, and I will give a report in next months *Breeze*.

Tim and Jane are planning a campout to Lake Skinner in May. We have trips to June Lake, Lake Cachuma, Julian and Huntington Beach in the making and will keep you posted with further details as to dates etc.

We are also going to include weekends in our campouts so

that our members and future members who are working, will be able to attend .

Our meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 6 pm in the Lodge. Check in at the front desk as to the location.

For our residents who have RV's and are not part of our club yet, please come to our meetings. We would love to have you come and see what we are all about and give us a try. We are open to all suggestions and are eager to meet you. You can attend as many events as you care to. You can come to one campout or all of them. There is no obligation.

Feel free to email me with any questions at meyer.madeleine@yahoo.com. ~ **Maddie Meyer**



*Seated (L-R): Ruth Hsu, Betty & Terry Fears, Standing (L-R): Bev Fagan, Lana & Bob Gundermann, Martha Franck, Jan Pilkton, Mary & Jerome Liebenberg, Tony Ramu, Frieda Hofer, Jim Sein, Lynette Simonson, Alexandria Woodcock, Maureen McGowan, Bruce Woodcock, Fred Hofer & David Kershaw pictured with Lilly.*



*Above: Death Valley in Feb. L-R: Peter Matuza, Ann Schockett, Lynette Simonson, David Kershaw, Mary Baer, Bertsy Seim, Robert Gunderman, Lana Gunderman, Grace Germany*

*Reaching the top of the trail.*

## HEARTY HIKERS

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert was our venue for February. This family-oriented and educational zoo can be revisited numerous times with always a new discovery for the visitor. In addition to the flora and fauna of local deserts, imports from other continents captivate the old and young alike. A group of 26 Hearty Hikers descended on this oasis on a perfect 70-degree day for a full morning of exploration. Lynette, who was a docent for the zoo and gardens, was our personal guide and provided tidbits of information about the various sights. The main attraction remains the skyscraping giraffes. The gentle giants stroll around their enclave nibbling at tree leaves and graciously submit to hand feeding by tourists. Once this obligatory stop is out of the way, attention turns to the less popular critters that reside in caves, under trees or chatter from tree tops. Camels, zebras and cheetahs are popular inhabitants and suffer the stares of the camera-toting public. Specialized gardens like the ones from Madagascar are for hummingbirds or for butterflies display some of the wonders of our planet. A

non-living exhibit is the model train layout under the care and feeding of retired railroad buffs where various locomotives pull their loads through 1950-era towns.

Another opportunity for zoo visitors is the 4.5 mile hiking trail that passes a San Andreas Fault overlook and proceeds 600 plus feet up to Eisenhower Mountain. This trail claws up 873 yards of a boulder-filled dry stream to a deep pool of fresh water that never seems to empty during our recurring droughts. At the top of the trail breathtaking green vistas of golf courses in desert communities belie the water shortages we are experiencing. It isn't a trail for novice hikers. Our lunch stop was at Babe's in Palm Desert where ample plate loads polished off our monthly hike.

Some of our members also took a few days to visit Death Valley during the cool weather of February.

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

## BILLIARDS FOR FUN

As promised, please see the three adjacent photos of our February potluck, hosted by Rich and Bev Meumann. The food was delicious, and as you can see, we all had a really great time!

Our first in-house tournament on Feb. 17 was really fun as well. Teams were determined by pulling "peas," and the winners were Ron Erickson and Pete Antoine (see adjacent photo). It was a raucous group that day, but there was also underlying tension. In fact, just before our winning team played their final round, they had to visit Smitty's for some sustenance, and to calm their nerves. (It's only a game, guys!) It was such a fun time, and since it was such a success, the group voted to have an in-house tournament on a quarterly basis.

We now have four different playing times to accommodate residents' busy schedules. Tuesdays are our formal playing times, either 11 am to 1 pm or 1 to 3 pm. Mondays from 2 to 4 pm have been designated as practice for beginners or skill brush-up. Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm have been reserved for informal practice to polish those billiard skills for Tuesday's competitions.

If you would like to join a really fun club with amazing members, please come by the Billiards Room any Tuesday from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm and we'll answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you there soon! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*



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*All signs point to Paddle Tennis!*

## PADDLE TENNIS

***Tactics of the Play...*** The weather has been beautiful the last few months and the Paddle Tennis Players are taking advantage of it. We are reminded almost daily how lucky we are to live here in Southern California to play with all the active beautiful people.

Last month I told you about the rules of Paddle Tennis, but I wanted to mention the skill of the game as well. Paddle Tennis is all about angles. Skilled players can make their opponents run well beyond the doubles sidelines to retrieve the ball. An exceptional angle shot may win a point outright, but more often, one angle is used to set up the next. You can have great fun running a speedy opponent back and forth a few times and then hitting behind (wrong-footing) him, but he may also turn the tables on you by using his wide position on reaching one of your angle shots to hit an even more severe angle against you. Topspin will help you land the ball within the sidelines on your

angle shots and within the service lines on power shots, but the paddles, the ball, and the shortness of the court all prevent hitting with the kind of pace you can produce in tennis, and it's almost impossible to make the ball kick enough to bother your opponent with height. Even though, as in tennis, a slice will help you keep the ball low, the stage two ball will stay even lower than a tennis ball. Low, skidding approach shots work nicely, and despite the shortness of the court, it's worth turning some of your slices into drop shots. I know many strong players at Four Seasons that have real skill in performing these shots. There are many improving their skill, so all I can say is 'Watch Out'! Yes, there is a lot of competition on the courts, but don't let that intimidate you, all the players here are here to have fun and ready and willing to share what they know.

But for now, as always... good play, good times, and good exercise. ~ **Diana Johnson Ali**

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*Pictured above are our medal winners:  
Gilbert Apodaca, Don Fant, and  
Michael Berta .*



*Above: Shown in action are: Michael Berta, Don Fant,  
and Gilbert Apodaca.*

## TABLE TENNIS

Ping pong is a fun game and fun is what we have here at beautiful Four Seasons as we play on a recreational level. Occasionally however, some of our players like to take the game to the next level where it is still fun, but becomes much more competitive and serious in nature. There is no better venue to do just that than the annual Palm Desert International Sports Festival and Senior Games. This year the table tennis competition was held over two days, Feb. 12 and 13. This tournament, because of its status and because of the coveted medals it offers, draws top players from all over California and even a few from out of state. The players it drew from our own Four Seasons Ping Pong Club were Gilbert Apodaca, Don Fant, and Michael Berta.

Doubles competition was held on day one. Don Fant teamed up with Dennis Sauer of Sun Lakes, while Michael Berta teamed up with Frank Bruckner of Sun Lakes. Don and Dennis, playing

in the 60 to 69 division and won the bronze medal. Michael and Frank played in the 70+ division and defeated all their opponents, winning the gold medal.

Singles competition was held on day two. Michael Berta played Bill Black in the final. It was great competition and very fun to watch. The first player to win three games would get the gold medal. The match went down to the fifth game with each player having two wins. Michael won the fifth game and took home the gold medal. Gilbert played some top players and still managed to win the bronze medal.

You don't have to be a tournament level player to enjoy ping pong. Just come out and join in the fun 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. ~ **Niles Sundstrom**

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Left: Members at the Paribas modeling our new FSBRC gear. Above: John McEnroe.  
Right: Andy Roddick.

## RACQUET CLUB

The Racquet Club had a sparse turnout for its end-of-the-month Play Day, because of the cold and threatening weather. Bundled up participants included Irve, Romy, Syed and Diana, Howard L., Padoo, Tina, Hilario. Mickey and Howard Nelson wandered out to the courts eventually, and stayed just long enough to unload a grab bag of stuff on winner Padoo. This was good, because previously Padoo didn't have any stuff. With the prize package awarded, the Nelsons puttered off to Smitty's for some warm porridge. Then the rains came, chasing everyone else off the courts and into shelter.

Despite March beginning with a rainy weekend, April can be expected to bring some beautiful spring weather and great conditions for tennis. With tennis activity picking up, it is a good time to revisit some court courtesies and etiquette.

Let's take a few tennis ideas from "tennis.about.com." For example, with more players wanting to use the courts, we can speed things up a bit with better ball management. It is recommended that if the server needs a ball, the player closest to a ball should get it and send it to the server. The ball should be sent to the server so that he/she can catch it easily in one

hand. Never hit the ball hard back to the server's side where he/she will have to go collect it at the fence. Making the server pick the ball up off the ground when it could have been sent back with an easy bounce is rude, and for some of us any extra bending is literally a pain.

One more reminder is that with the courts getting more use, it will be helpful if social chatter is engaged in without disturbing players on the adjacent court. Though the pros expect silence from the paying audience, our games are social as well as athletic, so we're not going to be silent, but we can endeavor to avoid distracting other players.

Paribas week commenced with the McEnroe Charity Event inviting super stars from the past. Andy Roddick, James Blake, Ricky Leach, Lindsey Davenport, Tracy Austin, and some others. It was a great evening for tennis and their charities, with the Lyons, Levines, Martins, Sturners and Steve H. in attendance.

Reminder, the Play Day will be on the last Saturday of the month starting at 8:30 am.

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

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## PICKLEBALL

If you look at the giant billboard that Four Seasons in Indio has constructed (above) you will see that pickleball has become a prominent selling point for older active communities. We love the game and our numbers are growing. We are constantly using the two courts that we share with paddle tennis. Groups are playing day and night. We are looking forward to getting more courts so we can host tournaments and other social functions. Remember that as we age we need to make some adaptations to ensure we stay healthy and avoid injury. Many of us can't take the high impact pounding of cardio exercises we used to do when we were younger. So, walking and sports like pickleball keep us healthy in a fun enjoyable way. If you make even the smallest changes, you will feel more vibrant, more alive and healthier than you have in a long time. Come on out and try it. Open group play is on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 to 11 am. Info., Marty Key, (562) 331-0817 or keeksmail@yahoo.com. ~ **Marty Key**

## HORSESHOES FOR FUN

March was fun with the breaking in of the new horseshoe venue at The Summit and the welcoming of five new members. There still are a few refinements that need to be made to bring the new pits up to their full potential, but we're getting there. All members are thoroughly enjoying the new site, the camaraderie and competitive games. Eighteen members and spouses participated in our March social consisting of dinner at The Bistro followed by scrumptious homemade desserts at the beautiful home of Ron and Judy Erickson. I'm sure you can tell that we are a "must join" club and let me inform you that two of our new members are ladies, so don't think this is a man's thing. Come out and join us. We meet every Wednesday at 10 am at the horseshoe venue, so if you are interested and would like to join us in this new experience, please contact Ron Erickson at 951-846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at 951-845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**



*New horseshoe venue at the Summit*



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*Left: Gerry Bonner is getting assistance from Ron Burke & Steve Kenyon.*



*Left: Luanne Kenyon maneuvers through the trail.*

## 4X4 SEASONS

If you are interested in learning more about this group, please join us for our meeting which is held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Lodge, usually in the Ballroom. Our monthly trip is always the third Thursday of every month. We meet in the north parking lot of the Lodge at 8 am. Our February trip was through Berdoo Canyon at Joshua Tree National Monument. We entered the canyon from Dillon Road. The trail was paved for approximate a half mile and then rapidly deteriorated into a rock-strewn narrow canyon. This was a steady uphill climb to an elevation of 4,000 feet where the

trail changed from rocks to sand. We emerged onto the black top road at Jumbo Rocks. We had lunch in Twenty-Nine Palms. Everyone had a great time. 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. 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. ~ **Bob Cooper**

## MOTORCYCLE CLUB

We continue our weekly "Day Rides" each Thursday. Come out and join us. We leave the Lodge at 9 am most Thursdays.

We have a confirmed multi-day trip to Utah on the calendar for April and we are in the planning stage for other multi-day

trips for later in the year.

Our club meets in the Lodge Ballroom on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. ~ **Howard Lyon**

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# THE 8-BALL CLUB

It was a fun and interesting month with the 8-Ball Club.

During our 8-Ball in-house tournament game one of the finals; Nick Nicholson versus Ray Windhorn, Nick broke the rack and ran the balls in sequence to the 8-Ball but missed the attempt to sink it. Ray then got a turn and nearly ran the balls himself. Ray had only that single miss when Nick made a beautiful cross-side bank shot for the win. In the second and final game, Ray broke the rack but came up short so Nick had control of the table and ran the balls all the way, sank the 8 ball, and won the game to become 8-Ball Champion of the Month.

Nine-Ball this month: our team captain, Del Lyles Senior, ripped through the contenders undefeated into the finals where he was met by Dewey Allen coming into those finals with one loss. Del won the coin toss for the break in the first game and he won the game, thus taking the 9-Ball Monthly Championship. Way to go Del!

Our team practices together at 7 pm on the first and third

Mondays, every Wednesday and every Friday.

Monthly 8-Ball Club 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 on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Our "traveling tournaments" are the second and fourth Monday of the month. The second Monday, we travel to Hemet Solera and the fourth Monday Solera Hemet comes here. Check the 8-Ball Club message board in the Billiards Room for any changes of dates or locations.

Club Officers; Club Captain: Del Lyles, Sr. (951) 845-5114

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# AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

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We had a special appearance from a local church, The First Missionary Baptist Church of Banning. The Praise

Motion Dance's ranged from age six to fourteen. They were wonderful. They were followed by the Voices of Truth, a gospel group. They brought their own pianist and guitar player. It was a hand clapping performance. By the way, they were special guests from Wanda Valentine's church. Rosa and Daniel Galaraza, our neighbors, sang a duet. Rosa also did a solo. She has the voice of an angel. They were awe inspiring. Our neighbors David Chorba and John Noonan rounded us out with famous songs like *Amazing Grace* and *Hallelujah*. They were wonderful. What can I say about Cookie and Cindy? They not only put the program together, they performed. Who knew they possessed those talents? They were superb.

From all appearances the crowd went home joyful and happy that they shared

in the evening. When you see any of the performers in the Lodge, go over and tell them how much you enjoyed them and what a great job they did. They truly deserve our thanks and gratitude. Tell Cookie and Cindy if you enjoyed the program, if you would like to see this program continued, and if you would like to contribute your talent next year. Special thank you to Cookie and Cindy. Well done.

As always, we are striving to be a viable part of our community, If you have a skill or talent you would like to contribute to our group, come and join us. We meet every other month. Our next meeting is Monday, May 4 at 6 pm in the Lodge Card Room. For more information contact Betty Ann James at (951) 572-5538. ~

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## BOCCE BALL

Our playing at the new Summit courts was short-lived. There are some basic construction issues that need to be resolved before we can play at that location. We are back playing at the courts at the Lodge. We play on Tuesday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm. There are occasional rain/wind days so check the Lodge for current information. For those of you that have never played, please join us. Skill is not a prerequisite, and it is a lot of fun. If you have questions please contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352. ~ **Bob Cooper**

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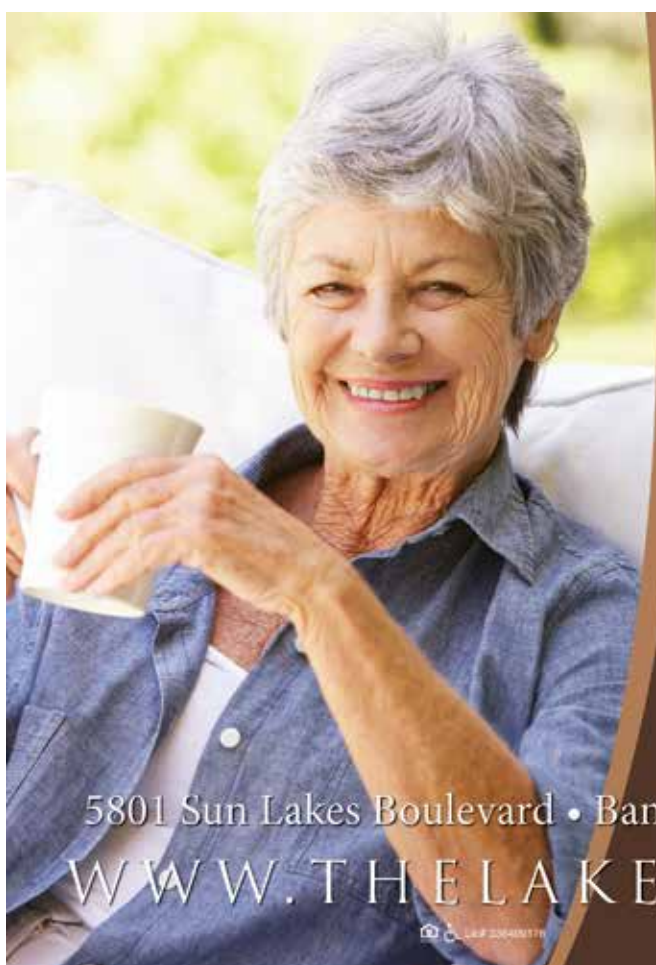
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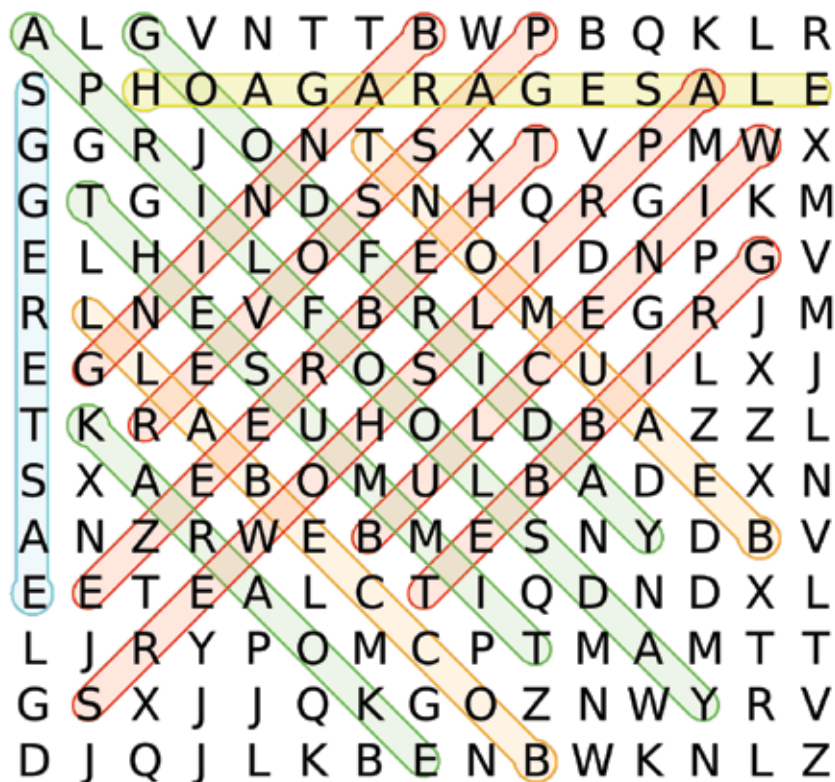
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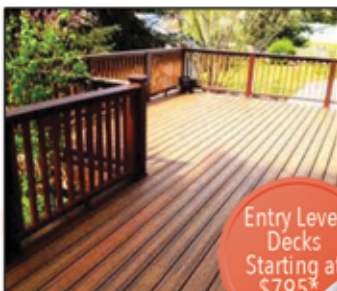
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