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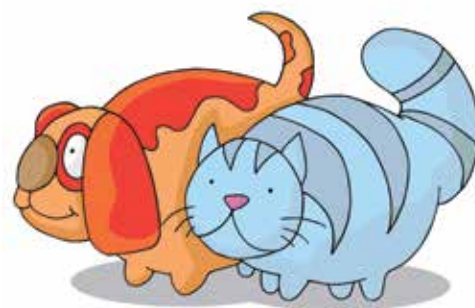
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FOUR SEASONS ADJUSTS TO MOTHER NATURE'S LANDSCAPE DESIGN

By Len Tavernetti

A decade ago our developer believed that by building nice, affordable housing infused with lush landscape and great vistas, home-buyers 55 or better would flock to semi-arid San Geronio Pass for their Golden Years.

Build they did and buy we did. Unfortunately, Mother Nature's design for this oasis did not favor Orange County or eastern woodland landscapes from whence we immigrated. Faced with this reality our association began investigating investments that would accommodate our landscape desires and Mother Nature's master plan. The question we face today is "If we were attracted by lush plant life, are we now willing to pay for and change to a more arid environment?" And, since new homes being built still promote lush plant life, would we ever be populated with enough homeowners to make these changes?

The Inland Empire is an ever-changing environment of coastal fog and desert winds. Four Seasons is situated on the western shoulder of the San Geronio (or Banning) Pass — a 2,500 foot saddle between 11,000 foot San Geronio Mountains on the north and 10,000 foot San Jacintos on the south. Air moving through the Pass is squeezed and accelerated giving us the nickname, "Blowmont." As the air blocked by the peaks awaits its turn to move or reconsolidates after squeezing through the Pass, it swirls in eddies, so it "breezes" over us in varying directions. Two wind chutes, Mesa Verde Park and Plymouth Rock, feel the brunt of moving east-west winds over Four Seasons.

Southern California is a semi-arid, Mediterranean climate. The cold Aleutian current that flows south off the California coast produces fog and impedes rain storms from April to November from moving inland. Our rainy season is

December through March and native plants have adapted to this watering cycle. Four Seasons plants are immigrants accustomed to a different watering cycle and volume. During these four months Beaumont's annual average is 18.5 inches.

Only once during Four Seasons' existence has Beaumont achieved this average. This was during an "El Niño" year. El Niños are weather phenomena spurred by Pacific Ocean temperatures rising 1 to 2 degrees and occur on an average cycle of seven years. Currently, we are overdue. The converse, is La Niña, fosters drier than normal years. While heavy rains during winter do little for our plant life, they are very necessary to restore our ground water aquifers and the water storing dams in northern California.

There is an extensive irrigation system to augment water needs for our plants year-round. As new homes are added to our community, the builder transfers responsibility for this system to the HOA. Currently this system includes over 60,000 emitters (sprinkler heads). We employ two landscape contractors to constantly monitor and repair this system.

In 2009, with the prospect of ever-increasing irrigation costs, the association created a water sub-committee to explore ideas for reducing water consumption. The committee investigated artificial turf, satellite controllers, alternate plant life, drip systems, and plant removal proposals. All of these ideas showed promise of reducing water needs. But, because the builder previously installed and paid for existing irrigation and plants, the already-spent costs for existing landscape far outweighed the gains that could be realized by making changes.

A detailed briefing on these studies was presented at a town hall meeting on Dec. 16. A copy of the briefing is on the Four Season's web site under Community Information.

*New planting at The Summit.
Photo by Susan Wilson*



FOUR SEASONS SPOTLIGHT

ALL GROWN UP — THE WAGES OF THE GOLDEN YEARS

The Electric Age is Beep Beep Beep!

By Crochet E. Oldman

It is said we live in the Atomic Age.

Well, I think we really live in the Electric Age.

When I was a kid in the Depression we had four electric things in our home: the telephone, the radio, the lights and the doorbell. Having a phone and a radio meant we were securely in the middle class and electric lights meant we lived in town. My relatives on farms had oil lamps until the REA connected them in the late 1930s.

The doorbell meant we lived on the second floor in a walk-up apartment. The button for the bell was in the first floor lobby where a door knocker wouldn't work.

Our oven ran on gas, the clock on a spring, the furnace on oil (recently converted from coal), and the egg timer was sand in an hourglass. The iceman (he made his deliveries from a horse-drawn wagon), used to lug huge blocks of ice up to our apartment and put them in the icebox. As the ice melted, it often filled the drip pan faster than my mother could empty it, causing floods in the kitchen.

We finally got a refrigerator when I was about six — I remember how tickled my mother was. It was only the first of a flood of electrical devices that have come to define our age.

We now have an electric dishwasher, not a stopper in the sink, dish towels and a lot of elbow grease. We have an electric washer and dryer, not a sink in the basement, a wash board, cranked wringer and a clothesline in the backyard. We use a microwave oven instead of a pan to warm leftovers. I admit they save a lot of time and labor, but things can be

overdone.

My car has electric window openers, door locks, window locks, adjusters for the side view mirrors, seat adjusters, sensors to turn on the headlights, seat and rear-view mirror warmers, an electric defroster for the rear window, a good dozen interior electric lights and an electrically operated sun roof — to say nothing of a radio, headlights, starter, a CD player and a Bluetooth connection to my cell phone that allows me to talk without touching the phone.

When I open the door with the old fashioned key, the electrical system gets

“Try telling all those beeps apart. I spent most of a recent morning changing hearing aid batteries, checking the refrigerator door, the microwave and my iPad before I discovered I had a text on my cell.”

upset and the car alarm (it's electrical) goes off and I have to push the electric panic button to get it to stop.

It wasn't the least bit inconvenient to crank down the windows or pull the headlight switch, adjust the sun roof, mirrors and seats or put a key in the lock — and I got by fine with a single dome light. I have used the seat warmer once and the mirror warmers never. The rear window defroster and the starter, however, are useful.

I'll bet six months could be cut off the typical auto loan if all the unneeded electric motors and wires and sensors and switches and controls for those contraptions didn't have to be paid for.

In the realm of unnecessary expense, I had occasion recently to eat at an upscale restaurant that had a fancy, fold-up menu with a leather cover. I put it down, closed, for a minute or two. When I opened it, it was blank — all the writing had disappeared. I stared at it in disbelief, only to see the writing suddenly come back. The thing was electric; it turned off when not being used.

The food was nice, but when the bill came I was charged for spectacular. I guess I had to help pay for the electric menus.

When I was in high school, the kids taking science courses and advanced math had slide rules hooked on their belts. It was sign of scientific smarts. Today, the slide rule has been replaced by electronic gizmos which all look alike, so you can't tell the physics whiz from the dim bulb who is constantly complaining on his iPhone to friends, or listening on his iPod to bad, loud music. A symbol of scholarship has been replaced

by a symbol of immaturity.

And these electronic gizmos cost several times as much as slide rules and — judging from the constant introduction of new ones with gotta-have features — they only last about six months.

I have a GPS that cost a couple hundred dollars in my car to tell me where to go. It gets really cranky and snaps “RECALCULATING!” when I have the gall to pull off its assigned route to grab lunch. I used to have a free map from the Automobile Association that never said a word about going to In-N-Out Burger. And the map never got me lost like the

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GPS once did in San Diego.

I was in unfamiliar territory and the GPS's dulcet voice purred instructions: "In point two miles turn left on Elm Avenue, then turn right;" "In point four miles take ramp on right to Elmont Parkway." This continued through four or five turns until I was back turning left on Elm Avenue a second and then a third time. The accursed thing had me in a loop, not on my way back to my motel.

I gave up and used my sense of direction and street signs to get back a lot later than I planned.

I have an electric blanket instead of a quilt, an electric fry pan instead of a skillet on the stove, a Mixmaster and Osterizer instead of a bowl and a whisk, and three transponders in my car to pay tolls on the highway, open the gate to Four Seasons and my garage door. I have electric hearing aids instead of an ear trumpet, and an electric iPad and laptop computer that have displaced my address book, appointment calendar, typewriter, dictionary, books with proper pages and covers, encyclopedia, Scrabble board and God knows what else.

And these things beep incessantly. My hearing aids beep when they are turned on, when the battery gets low, when they connect with each other and when they connect with the TV. The microwave beeps when I set the timer and when it's done cooking. My cell phone beeps when it gets a text message and so does the iPad. The refrigerator beeps when its door is ajar. Try telling all those beeps apart. I spent most of a recent morning changing hearing aid batteries, checking the refrigerator door, the microwave and my iPad before I discovered I had a text on my cell. To cut the confusion, somebody should invent a hearing aid that honks or rings instead of beeps.

When I go to the store, the front door senses my approach and opens automatically. The items I buy are electronically scanned and the bill added up electronically, the tax is electrically computed and assessed, and I pay the bill by running my credit card through an electric scanner which sends off an electric

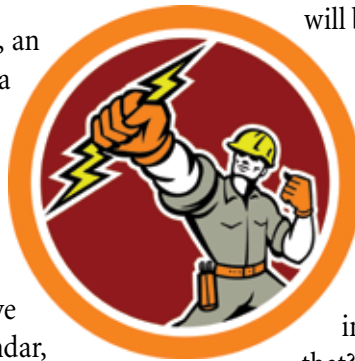
impulse to some distant computer that checks my credit rating, the balance left on the card and either approves or disapproves the transaction, all electronically — no human involved. Whatever happened to price tags, paper money, cash registers and looking up the tax from a chart taped to the register?

If all the lights go out and the batteries run down I won't be able to get in the store, much less buy anything or pay the bill. I won't be able to hear or get into my car — much less start it or adjust the seats. But then the car will be useless because I won't be able to get the garage door open, get through the Four Seasons Gate or pay on the toll road — and the rear window will be all fogged up.

My house will be dark at night, the furnace and air conditioning won't work and neither will the television (which might be all right — except during football and baseball seasons). I'll have to stir the mashed potatoes by hand, cook on the gas stove, dine by candle light, take cold showers, do the laundry in the sink and put a clothesline in the back yard (what will the HOA say about that?). I'll have to check spelling in the dictionary, look up facts in the World Almanac, find businesses in the Yellow Pages and read an actual newspaper (an improvement over tweets and blogs). I might actually get a real letter instead of a torrent of emails — many of them ads, scams, spams, self promotions and outright lies.

In college I took a physics course with a unit on electricity. The professor claimed he explained electrical theory, but I never got it. I could understand things like mass, volume, velocity and heat transfer, but not electricity. Except for the occasional lightning bolt it was unseen, coursed through solid objects and moved things — sort of like a poltergeist, which the dictionary (you caught me — I still use one) calls "a mischievous spirit." Spirits haunt things and electricity certainly haunts our world — it is everywhere, runs damn near everything, has a mind of its own and we are entirely too dependent on it.

I think it would be good to reduce that dependence. I wonder if I can get a crank for my car, find a deal on second-hand door knockers and hire a guy to deliver block ice to my house.



District Delegates Election Soon; Meet the Candidates on Feb. 12

The annual district delegates elections are upon us.

Ballots will be mailed to residents later this month and a Meet the Candidates forum will be held in the Lodge at 6 pm on Feb. 12.

Most of the candidates were recruited by a nominating committee of residents Don Fant, Louise Lyon and Bev McLaughlin. Others volunteered on their own.

The delegates' sole job is to vote for candidates for the HOA

Board, much like Electoral College members in U.S. Presidential elections — with one important difference. If a delegate's district fails to have a quorum of its homeowners vote in the HOA election, the delegate casts all the districts votes as he or she see fit.

Because of this, the position is one of great importance and power. Homeowners should be sure to vote so responsible delegates are elected. ~ **Leighton McLaughlin**

Manager's Update

By *Jeri Mupo, General Manager*

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Recreation Center North (the former Sales Office) is still undergoing construction. It should be completed around the end of February. Thank you for your patience regarding the dust and noise.

BUILDING UPDATE FORUM

The first K. Hovnanian builder update forum was a great success. Questions included what the total build-out number will be (1,890) and when the bridge to finish Four Seasons Circle will be built (late 2017). Please submit questions by 12 pm on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting so that questions can be researched. Question forms can be found online and at the Lodge.

DOLLARS & SENSE

At the Jan.8, Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the following expenses:

- Renewal of the Allied Barton contract = \$107,628
- Renewal of the Bistro Lease = \$4,800

SPRINGDALE PAINTING PROJECT

The Springdale painting began in early January. We will be painting the original color scheme on all buildings. Painting should be complete by early March.

The Lodge interior is also getting a fresh coat of paint! We are doing our utmost to keep the inconvenience to a minimum and appreciate your patience with this project.

POOL SHUTDOWN

The pool at the Lodge is undergoing renovations during January and February. Please note that both the pool and spa pool will be closed during this time. The spa pool at the new Recreation Center will be opening soon for those brave souls who enjoy the spa pool during the cooler months.



Activities Director Corner

By *Cindy Graves, Activities Director*

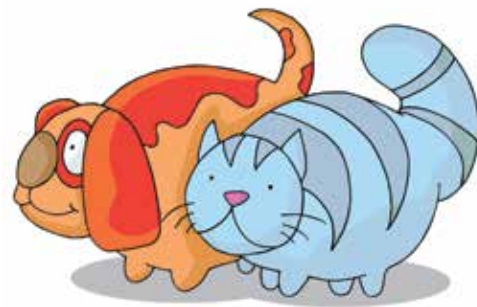
Happy Valentine's month Four Seasons! Come and get your heart warmed with the first multicultural Gospel Concert we've ever had here in the community, sponsored by the African American Culture Club and the Homeowner's Association. This event will be in the Lodge Ballroom on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 5:30 to 7 pm. There will be dancers, singers and lots of inspiration. Light refreshments will be served and there is no cost to attend.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Ballroom Dance Club's Valentine Dinner Dance. This is on Feb. 14 at 4:30 pm and includes a live band and a delicious dinner. Tickets are only \$25. Call Gary Stifter or Pam Duchesne for more info.

My article is short and sweet this month (some of you are

applauding, I know). But I can't let a February article go by without telling you all how privileged I feel to be able to work with so many amazing people in this community. You folks are my personal living valentines. For me as a single gal now, it's quite awesome to be able to say that my "hug bank" is always full, because so many of you go the extra mile to give me a big hug upon greeting or leaving. You really are like family to me and I'm so grateful to be able to spend so much time here with you. Thank you for being so thoughtful, so tender-hearted and so enriching to my life and the lives of so many. Have the best Valentine's Day ever! You make a big difference in this world, just by being you!

Pudgy Pets and Messes in the Meadow



By Teri DiMarino-Davidson

So, how are we all doing with our New Year's resolutions? It's been a month since our entry into 2015 and promises of dieting, exercise and weight loss all seem a distant memory to many. We all make promises and many of us include our pudgy pets in those well-intended undertakings.

According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (www.petobesityprevention.org) 52.5 percent of dogs and 58.3 percent of cats in the United States are overweight or obese. Just like their human counterparts, obesity is the number one preventable medical condition seen in veterinary hospitals today. Just like us, overweight pets have a higher occurrence of Type 2 Diabetes and heart disease. And, just like us, the culprits are too much high calorie foods and snacks coupled with a lack of exercise.

The suggested serving size of commercially prepared food listed on the package to feed your pet is, many times, too much. You may be overfeeding them. Then, we pile on the table scraps, treats and chewies. It is a good idea to measure it out and include everything they may get; including after dinner treats and snacks. You will be quite surprised at how much we actually feed our pets. Low calorie, high fiber foods are available to help in the canine battle of the bulge.

Instinctively, dogs are opportunistic feeders. Compared to humans, they have proportionately larger stomachs. In the wild, this enables them to eat larger quantities of food when it comes available, as they never know when their next meal may arrive. This instinct remains today as some dogs (and cats) are content totally filling up at each feeding because food is always offered. They continue to eat as if each meal could be their last. Some overweight dogs are deemed picky eaters because they will not eat their regular rations. Their owners enhance the food with tidbits to entice eating. Simply put, if a dog does not eat, they are not hungry. Treats should be offered sparingly. Instead of the cookies, carrots or raw green beans are a healthy alternative.

I am the owner of two cats. One is a normal, healthy weight while the other is a "two-ton tabby." Many of us feline owners free-feed our cats, meaning that we leave food down all the time

and they pick at it all day. While this works for some animals, others take advantage of the situation. It is extremely difficult to force a diet onto one cat when the other is of ideal weight. I have found that if I feed my cats in the evening they each eat their fill and I get a good night's sleep.

You know what they say: "If your dog is overweight, you are not getting enough exercise." Cats can be exercised by simply enhancing their toy pile or catnip stash. My fat cat loves to chase a laser light and it gets her up and moving. Walking your dog does so much more than just exercise for the both of you. The social aspect of getting out is good for everybody!

Dear Tabby

Dear Tabby...

I do not own a dog, but I can't help but notice that some people refuse to pick up after their dog's "messes" on the sidewalks or walking trails. This is unsanitary, unsightly and not very neighborly. Please mention something so our pet owners can be more aware of this issue.

Signed,

"Mad About Messes in the Meadow"

Dear "Meadow Mess,"

I agree. There is nothing more disgusting than having your walk interrupted by a misplaced step into someone else's "pet package." I really think people just need to be reminded every now and then. Having dogs myself, I know when they suddenly stop to do their business and am prepared for it, carrying the appropriate clean-up baggies. Please know that the vast majority of residents in Four Seasons are good about picking up after their dogs. But, like anything else, there are the few who think the rules, or in this case, common courtesy, do not apply to them. I have caught and chastised people allowing their dogs to dump their load and walk away. Excuses of "I don't have a bag" are lame, at best. If you take your dog out... take a baggie. If you are far away from one of our pet bag stations, ask another dog walker. Most of us usually carry multiple bags and are happy to share.

Be a good Four Seasons neighbor... clean up after your dog.

Send your pet questions to DearTabby1@aol.com.



Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu

I originally saw this in a Better Homes and Garden magazine, but didn't really think of making it until I later ran across it on the Internet. I like chicken, cheese and ham, so why not have them combined? Not only does it taste good, but it isn't that difficult to make. Go ahead, impress your friends. Serves 4 • Prep time 40 min. • Bake time 40 min.



INGREDIENTS

4 oz. Gruyere or Swiss cheese (3x1-1/2x1-inch block)
4 very thin slices Black Forest or country ham (about 3 oz.)
4 large skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 9 oz. each)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons water
2 cups panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs) or soft bread crumbs
1/4 cup vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Line a shallow baking pan with foil; set aside.
3. Cut cheese block into six 3x1/2x1/2-inch sticks. Wrap a slice of ham around each cheese stick. Using a sharp knife, cut a pocket in each chicken breast half by cutting horizontally through the thickest portion to, but not through, the other side. Stuff a ham-wrapped cheese stick into each pocket. Secure pockets with wooden toothpicks. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper.
4. Place 1/3 cup flour in a shallow dish. In a second shallow dish combine eggs and the water. Place panko in a third shallow dish. Coat chicken with flour. Dip chicken into egg mixture, then into panko, turning to coat.
5. In a 12-inch skillet heat 2 tablespoons of the oil over medium heat. Add chicken cooking about 4 minutes or until golden, turning once. Transfer chicken to the prepared baking pan.
6. Bake, uncovered, for 40 to 50 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink (170 degrees F). Remove toothpicks before serving.

Nutrition Facts: 619 kcal cal., 27 g Fat, total (8 g sat. fat), 264 mg chol., 814 mg sodium, 19 g carb.; 1 g fiber, 70 g pro.



Generosity in Four Seasons Shines During the Holiday Season

A big Thank You to the generosity of our residents who gave so much for the City of Beaumont's Winter Wish and the CHP's Toys for Tots program. As you can see in the picture above, the CHP cruiser was overflowing with gifts. Also residents made over 200 local children's Christmas better from the Winter Wish program. Thank you to all who gave so much! ~ **Randy Balt**

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DID YOU KNOW?

By Bobbie Eckel



DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 1 IS NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY?

This day is intended to remind citizens that America is the symbol of freedom and that this freedom is important to all of us. The day celebrates the end of slavery; President Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery on Feb. 1, 1865. The National Freedom Day was actually created by Major Richard Robert Wright, Sr., a former slave, to commemorate the fact that we are all free. President Harry Truman on June 30, 1948, signed a bill proclaiming Feb. 1 as National Freedom Day.



DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 8 IS BOY SCOUT DAY?

In 1910, on Feb. 8, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create the Boy Scouts of America. Boyce was following the example of Lord Baden-Powell who founded Boy Scouts in the 1900s in Great Britain. Baden-Powell also published the first scouting manual, *Scouting for Boys*. According to the Boy Scouts of America website, Scouts are the largest youth organization in the United States with 10 million youth members and over 1 million adults.

DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 27 IS POLAR BEAR DAY? Although Holiday Insights website on interesting special days did not have a source for the origin of the day, polar bears are certainly interesting enough to warrant their own day. Polar bears apparently evolved about five million years ago from brown bear land-based cousins. Their adaption to survival in the Far North on a sea ice habitat is very interesting. They hunt seals, primarily ringed seals, at openings in sea ice called "leads." Although adult male polar bears weigh from 775 to 1200 pounds the females are much smaller, weighing in from 330 to 650 pounds. Five nations have polar bear populations: the United States (Alaska), Canada, Russia, Greenland and Norway. Females usually bear two cubs who stay with their moms for as long as 2 ½ years. Now you know where to go to see the polar bears. A trip to the largest zoo in the area would also be a good source for viewing these large carnivores. While you are observing them, see if you can tell if polar bears are left-handed. Holiday Insights did offer this belief, but did not substantiate it.



DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 10 IS UMBRELLA DAY?

Isn't it amazing that an invention so commonplace has its own special day? Although they now come in all sizes, the first umbrellas were for protection from the sun and probably originated in China in the 11th century BC, according to Oakthrift Corporation's History of Umbrellas. Oakthrift also makes a distinction between a "parasol" which is considered a sun shade and an "umbrella," which served as a rain protector, although this distinction apparently only evolved during the late 18th century. If you have time on Feb. 10, do look up the Oakthrift Corporation details about the history of umbrellas on the Internet. It is fascinating reading and you will have a myriad of details for your trivia games!



Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

How about starting 2015 by volunteering to become a District Delegate or running for a Board of Director position? This is an ideal way to give back to your community. You can also become more involved by working on committees. If you are new to Four Seasons, visit the HOA Committees on our website to find an area of interest.

The General Session of the BOD is held on the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm. At 12:45 pm Director Kevin Metcalfe will update residents regarding the progress of construction and planning for Four Seasons. It should be an interesting way to keep informed about our community planning. If you have specific questions you want answered, remember to submit your questions to the Lodge front desk by Tuesday of the second week.

Beaumont's Lunch & Learn program for February will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Senior Center, 1310 Oak Valley Parkway. Julie Fisher from Ascend Hospice will be speaking on Expressive Arts. Please call (951) 769-8539 to make reservations. Seating is limited.

Did you know that Beaumont Senior Center has compiled a list of local care givers who have been fingerprinted and have had background checks so that they can provide temporary respite care for caregivers who are taking care of family members with physical or mental disabilities? The list has names and telephone numbers as well as the services which can be provided. Examples of services include housekeeping, transportation, cooking, feeding, sewing, laundry and many other daily chores. You may pick up one of the lists by going to the Senior Center and requesting a copy. The basic caregiver will be responsible for the terms of agreement and wages. The Senior Center is providing the information as a service to city residents.

For those car buffs who are waiting for the new rules on driverless cars, the DMV is still trying to figure out how to regulate them. According to the *LA Times* Dec. 26 article

presenting information from the DMV, a public workshop which seeks input from industry, consumer groups and advocates will be held at the end of January. Some rules on testing the autonomous cars did go into effect in May. Google's prototype car supposedly will be cruising northern California streets next year. BMW and Mercedes-Benz have also developed similar vehicles. Although researchers generally believe the cars to be safer because computers do not get distracted as human drivers do, current concerns about computer hacking as a potential problem need to be addressed. It will be interesting to see how these technical issues will be solved.

Residents: we are having difficulties with groups and clubs not checking with Cindy Graves before changing times or dates of events — or not being sure about whether Cindy even knows about the proposed changes. To end this we are starting a changes form which must be completed with details disclosed, then initialed by Cindy or Nelly Alcocer. The form will then be sent to the Communications Committee to ensure that the calendar is changed accordingly. The form will be available by Jan. 16. No changes to the calendars will be made without having this form completed.

On a closer-to-home topic, the Beaumont Senior Services Newsletter for January and February 2015 has a lot of useful information for residents dealing with financial advice, credit scores, ID theft and ways to make your home and income secure. If you have not yet signed up to receive the newsletter, call (951) 769-8539 and ask to be placed on their subscribers list.

A series of "Did I read that sign right?" examples were circulated on the Internet in late October, 2014. Some of them were great fun. "Toilet Out of Order. Please Use Floor Below" was one of my favorites. Another in a laundromat advised "Automatic Washing Machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out."

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The Summit Nears Completion.

Landscaping has been finished, the electricity has been turned on and the indoor swimming pool is being tiled as Rec Center Two, with its spectacular view, is close to opening. The new facility – now named The Summit – at Four Seasons Circle and Mesa Verde Park will include a walking path, an outdoor spa pool, bocce ball and horseshoe courts, a patio with a sitting area, an outdoor fireplace, two barbecues and a rock garden.



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Winter Wish volunteers sort through the many donations

Residents Help Kids at Christmas

During the Winter Wish program you, the residents of Four Seasons took a total of 274 tags to buy gifts of clothes and toys for some of the less fortunate children of Beaumont. You went way beyond the call of duty to help those who needed it this time of year.

This year there was a large increase in the number of families that needed help, a total of 271. This total included 827 children of all ages who woke up Christmas morning to find gifts under the tree, something that might not have happened without the help of people like you. Not only did you help with clothes and toys but also in the amount of food you donated that goes along with these gifts. Each family, depending on size, received one or two bags of food along with a grocery gift card to help cover the cost of a main dish for Christmas dinner.

There are a number of people who work tirelessly to keep this program going. They start working in September talking to different clubs and organization to gather donations and to all the different schools to get them started gathering the names of the children. Winter Wish takes only names that have been recommended by the schools and teachers.

The real work starts in November when the tags are given out to local businesses for residents to pick their tags, buy, wrap and return their gift to the place where they got them. These people then check and double check to make sure that every child receives at least two gifts. If a tag is not taken they have shoppers who take those tags and buy the gifts. They are then wrapped and ready for distribution day. No child is left without two gifts.

So thank you, the wonderful people who run the Winter Wish program and thank you, the most generous people of Beaumont. ~ *Melody Seewoster*

Reach Out and Meet Someone New This Year

I was talking to a lady the other day and was distressed when she told me how hard it was to meet and feel comfortable with people here at Four Seasons. Frankly I was shocked since I find most people here to be very friendly. She was wondering if she made a mistake in moving here. "I've tried going to a number of events and activities" she told me and while people were polite they tended to ignore her after the first hello. I told her to keep trying.

I think the problem here is that we get so comfortable in our own little groups we forget what it is like to move into a completely new community and, in this lady's case clear across the country. I remember moving here, not knowing a soul and wondering what I was going to do. Thank goodness the Lodge opened after several months and I started going up there. The Bistro opened and people were coming to eat. I started joining clubs and got on some committees and in that way I met people, wonderful, fun, kind people and I was glad I made the move. That was nine years ago. Things are a little harder now.

I told this lady to keep trying, join some clubs, play cards, come up and have lunch or dinner and maybe sit in on a couple of committee meetings to find out what things are all about.

We have a lot of new people moving in here and we are glad to have them. If you see someone you don't recognize stop and say hello, invite them to join you for lunch or to attend an event with you. STOP and remember what it was like when you first came here. Let new people know we really are nice, friendly and glad they moved here. ~ *Melody Seewoster*

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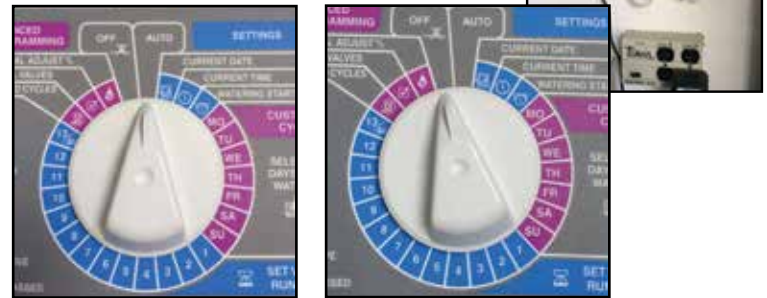
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And to save even more water and even more money, keep the watering system off after the rains stop. The soil retains water for quite a while after a rainstorm. How to tell when to

turn the system back on? Stick your index finger into the soil to feel the moisture or dryness, use a trowel to turn up the soil, or ask your gardener/landscaper to check for you. It's a pretty easy way to act responsibly and a great way to start the new year: saving money and saving the water that's priceless. ~

Laurie Larson

In case you have never really paid attention to the seemingly mysterious box in your garage, here are some pictures of your money saving gadget



Your water saving gadget should be set at OFF when it rains

Four Seasons Veterans “Roll of Honor”

Our Veteran's Club website (fourseasonsvets.org) is continually being updated with current events pertaining to Veterans' information, the VA etc.

We have added many new names to our club's roster, and many veterans living here still have yet to be included. They need to see Dick Bentley and fill out their history form and add a current photo. It will be reviewed and posted promptly, so share this with your neighbors.

I have added a link called “NEWSWORTHY” where it will link directly to a specific current events page. Please surf through the entire website and reply with any comments to enhance the website. If there are things that need to be shared, let's share them. Dick and I have put in a lot of time to develop this website to honor you guys, and we would appreciate it very much if it is kept active by all. New content and feedback are definitely appreciated.

That being said... If there is anyone who would like to post additional military photos, new or vintage, Class A's or fatigues, or whatever your dress was at the time, please forward it to me for inclusion in this new page to be added.

Check out our website at fourseasonsvets.org. ~ **Irve Sturmer**

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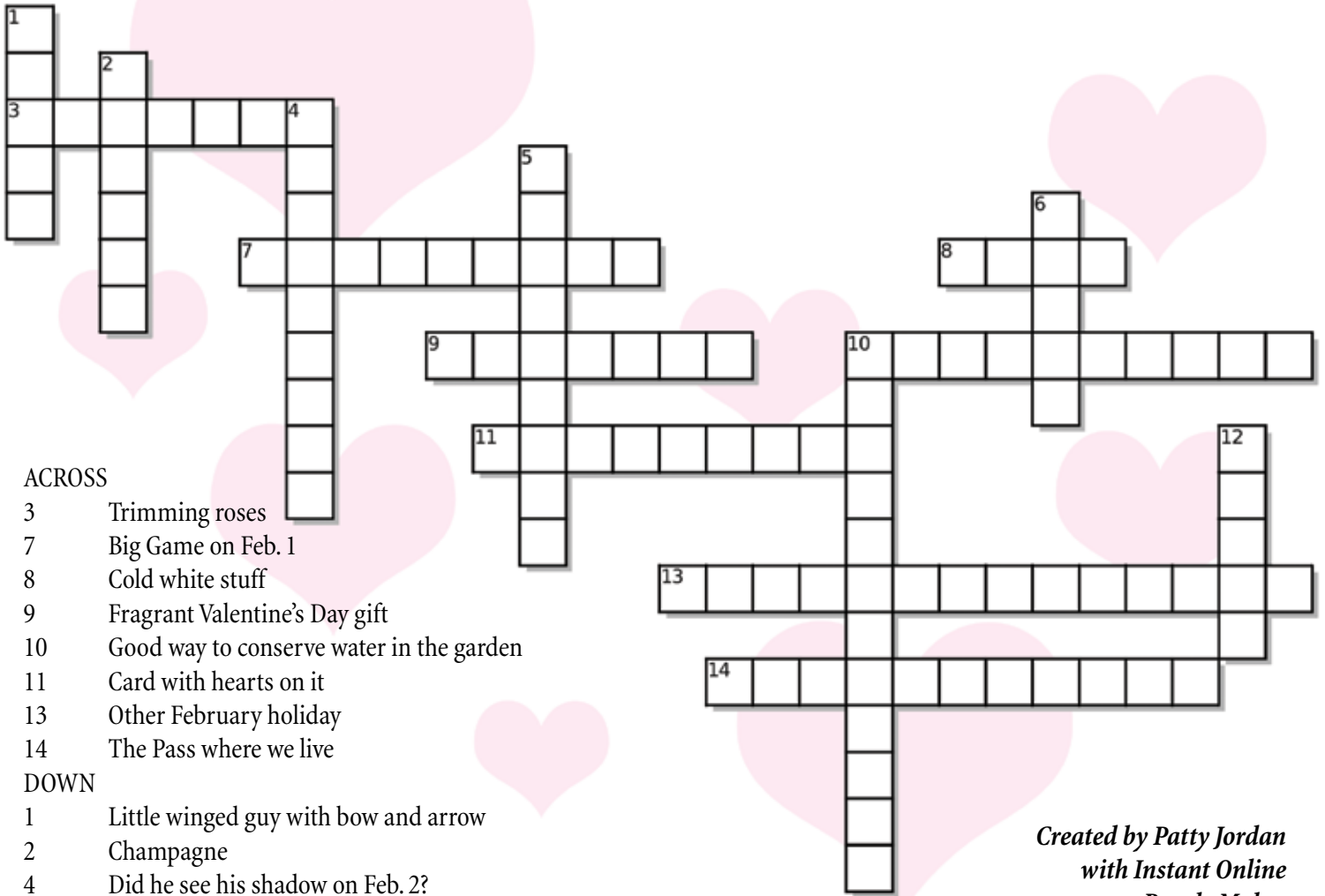
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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Welcome to all our new neighbors! Just a reminder to submit your plans for yard work (back and front) to the committee before work is started.

Remember the committee must approve placement of a satellite dish before you install the dish.

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 in the Board Room of the Lodge. ~ **Marsha Gormley**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The New Year's Eve gala is over and if the comments I have been hearing are any indications most everyone had a great time. If there were any complaints no one has said them to me or to the committee. The decorations were elegant and certainly fit the 1920's theme. Nelly Alcocer did an outstanding job creating the pictures, frames, and Art Deco artwork, all with the help of a computer, construction paper and scissors. Cindy Graves and Renee Watkins from the Lodge staff were also a lot of help. Of course the committee outdid themselves.

Anne Taylor and her young and happy staff did a great job serving and clearing the tables and presenting us with a delicious dinner.

Tony, our favorite DJ, did his usual good job keeping the dance floor full and moving it was hard to find an empty spot to

dance and his games kept us laughing. He also took over all the emcee chores which left the committee free to enjoy themselves too.

As you can imagine keeping 175 people happy is quite a job but overall I think we have a pretty good average. Hard as we try we can never make everyone happy, but year after year we will keep trying.

Putting on a party of this size is a big job and a lot of work, however those of us on the committee really enjoy it or we would not be doing it. It takes months of planning and budgeting to get it right and give you, our residents a lot for your money. Your pleasure is ours.

So we hope you did in fact enjoy the party and that you look forward to the next one. ~ **Melody Seewoster**

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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Yes, Four Seasons, there is a Santa Claus. During December his eight reindeer delivered 4.69" of rain to our parched landscape. While we could not use all of it this time of year, our reservoirs up north can rebuild their water levels. Shasta Dam had 20 days of rain during the month and is now up from 38 percent of normal for November to 66 percent of normal for December. The drought is far from over but if we get a normal rainfall in the spring, we should survive another dry summer.

For 2014 the Front Yard Cost Center water consumption was 6 percent higher than 2013. This was most likely due to the fact our rainfall was 40 percent lower than the previous year. With the addition of new areas like the Fuel Modification Zone our bill for all irrigation water has grown from \$179,145 to \$248,347. In 2015 the new recreation area will push it higher.

As our builder adjusts to market demands, changes are being made to the original common area plans. Initially areas outside brick walls along streets and alleys were common. With the changes capping the Front Yard Cost Center at 556 houses in phases A and B, this is no longer the case. New homeowners are now responsible for landscape maintenance outside their walls all the way to the street. Where necessary the Association has an easement for access or utilities in these areas.

The new fence behind White Sands limits the extension of Trail B. This area is still controlled by the builder who does not intend to wrap the trail around to the cul-de-sac. The Association intends to pursue building an extension once the property is turned over. Until then this extension is closed to traffic. ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



New fence at end of Trail B extension near White Sands



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At our January meeting, a number of 2014 pending items were covered, including improvement and replacement projects in and around the Lodge. In this new year many projects will benefit the community.

The Lodge is undergoing improvements and upgrades. The Landscape Architect is reviewing plans for improvement around the Lodge area. There have been bids submitted for fountain projects, water heater closet in the Bistro, Ballroom cabinet refinishing, pool renovation, exterior lighting, paddle tennis and court fencing.

The Recreation Center North is under construction

improvements at this time. The improvements are on time. This will add meeting rooms and management office space.

The Summit (formerly Recreation Center Two) is nearing completion. This center will have a panoramic view and will add an indoor swimming pool and other exercise areas to our facilities.

Community stop signs have been installed. These stop signs should improve safety for the community.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 3 at 9 am at the Lodge. ~

Dennis Gray

RULES & REGULATIONS

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

Should you have a question regarding a guideline, please contact a committee member for insight as to why the guideline was established, or bring your concern to a monthly meeting. When you attend a meeting, please observe guidelines established for this committee. Seating is available on the perimeter of the room. A sign in sheet will be distributed to document your attendance and the chair will ask the guest if they are observing the meeting or if they would like to speak to the committee. Our agenda allows for three minutes per person to address the committee. Once you have presented your concern, you are invited to observe the meeting. ~ *Barbara Miller*



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The next Neighborhood Watch general meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 10 am in the Lodge Ballroom. We invite and encourage all to come. Our special guest speaker is Jeri Mupo, Euclid General Manager. Jeri will present an update on the progress and growth of Four Seasons Beaumont.

Refreshments will be served. We still have several openings for Block Captains or Co-Block Captains. Please contact Jill Anderson at (951) 769-3063 for information. ~ *Al Gettman*



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (EPP)

Attend the next EPP meeting on Feb. 5 at 10 am in the Ballroom to hear the about the 2013-2015 temperature, precipitation, drought and outlook in California. Alex Tardy, NOAA, National Weather Service will be the speaker. ~ *Jean Sandoval*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

At our meeting on Dec. 30, the Financial Statements for November 2014 were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: Net income year-to-date was \$180,340 and total reserves were \$4,671,952. The accounts receivable (delinquencies) was \$53,828. Our total HOA expenses for November (excluding reserve allocations) were \$226,557. This was under budget by \$27,252. The front yard cost center expenses for November 2014 were under the monthly budget by \$2,084. The Springdale cost center expenses for November 2014 were over the monthly budget by \$865. There were no CD renewals to be reviewed. Mary Beth Scott will have a First Service Residential representative

attend the January Finance Committee meeting to discuss options for investing. There was one vendor proposal presented and it was tabled until the next meeting in order that comparative bids might be obtained. Accounts receivable update by Wayne Staples noted that the number of homeowners with delinquencies remains essentially stable. Jeri Mupo, General Manager, provided additional information on the HOA telephone line locations and functions noting that more research will be needed to arrive at a final recommendation for reducing costs.

Our next meeting is Feb. 24 at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. ~ **Noel Myers**



BISTRO COMMITTEE

The Bistro committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is Feb. 24, at 11 am in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. ~ **William Taylor**

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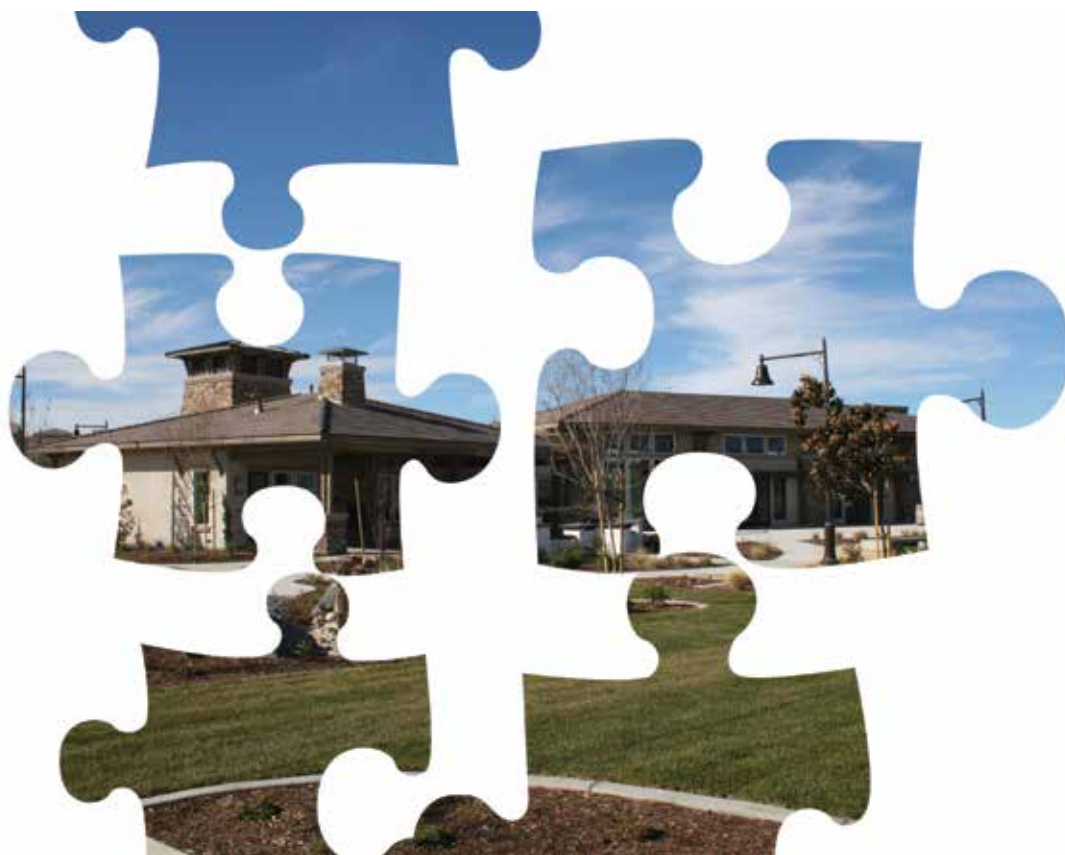
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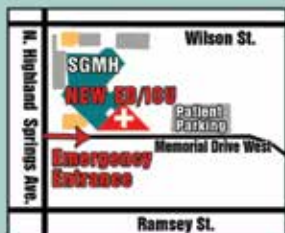
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1 Black History Movie Day 11:30a & 3p	2 Pan #2 Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Billiards for Fun Practice AACC 8-Ball Club	3 9:45a 10a 10:30a 12p 1p 1:30p 6p 7p Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Mexican Train Craft Group Writers Club Hearts	4 9a 9a 12p 1p 5p 6p 7p Pinochle Neigh. Watch Steering Comm. Wednesday Bridge Group Canasta #2 Dominoes Motorcycle Club 8-Ball Club	5 9:45a 10a 11:30a 1:15p 1:15p 7p Pinochle Open Art Studio Bid Whist Dominoes 8-Ball Club	6 9a 10a 2p 5p 7p Poker Billiards for Fun Practice Jewish Social Club	7 9:45a 10:30a 6p Poker Billiards for Fun Practice Jewish Social Club
8 Gospel Concert Counter Culture Cinema 6p	9 Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Billiards for Fun Practice 8-Ball Club	10 9:30a 9:45a 10a 10:30a 12p 1p 2p 7p Book Club Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Potluck Mexican Train Craft Group All Seasons RV Hearts 4x4 Seasons	11 8a 9a 12p 1p 1p 5p 7p Hearty Hikers Pinochle Wednesday Bridge Group Canasta #2 Amphitheater Group Dominoes 8-Ball Club	12 9:45a 11:30a 1:15p 6p 7p 9:45a 11:30a 1:15p 6p 7p Pinochle Open Art Studio Bunco Dominoes 8-Ball Club	13 9a 10a 1p 5p 7p Pinochle Open Art Studio Bunco Dominoes 8-Ball Club	14 10:30a 4:30p Billiards for Fun Practice Ballroom Dance Valentine Event
15 Black History Movie Day 11:30a & 3p Private Party in Ballroom 1p	16 Pan #2 Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Billiards for Fun Practice 8-Ball Club	17 9:45a 10a 10:30a 12p 1p 6p 6:30p Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Mexican Train Craft Group Hearts Camera Club	18 7a 9a 12p 1p 5p 7p Private Party in Ballroom Pinochle Wednesday Bridge Group Canasta #2 Dominoes 8-Ball Club	19 9:45a 11:30a 1:15p 6p 9:45a 11:30a 1:15p 6p Pinochle Open Art Studio Amphitheater Meeting Bid Whist Group Dominoes 8-Ball Club	20 9a 10a 10a 2p 5p 7p Private Party in Ballroom All Day Poker Billiards for Fun Practice Jewish Social Club	21 9:45a 10:30a 6p Private Party in Ballroom All Day Poker Billiards for Fun Practice Jewish Social Club
22 Counter Culture Cinema 6p	23 Bridge Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Billiards for Fun Practice 8-Ball Club	24 9:45a 10a 10:30a 12p 1p 4p 6p Poker Knitting and Crocheting Billiards for Fun Mexican Train Craft Group Performing Arts Club Hearts	25 9a 12p 1p 5p 7p Pinochle Wednesday Bridge Group Canasta #2 Dominoes 8-Ball Club	26 9a 9:45a 11:30a 1p 1:15p Elections in Ballroom Poker Pan Computer Interest Canasta #1	27 9a 10a 10a 1p 5p 7p Pinochle Radio Club Open Art Studio Bunco Dominoes 8-Ball Club	28 10:30a All Day Billiards for Fun Practice Heart & Soul Party All Day

FEBRUARY 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.

Physical Exercise Schedule

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

DANCE

Ballroom Dance

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

Line Dance

Beginning	Tues	2:30, 3p
Advanced	Tues	3:45p
Heart & Soul	W	4p/5:20p

HORSESHOES

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 Tues	4p
Play Day (check www.fsbrc.org for date)		8:30a

BOCCE BALL

Tues	9:30a
W	3p

PADDLE TENNIS

	W	7p
	F/Sun	8:30a/6p
PlayDay	3rd Sat	12 noon

PICKLEBALL

Morning	T/Th/Sat	8-11a
Advanced	M	5p



Class Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIME
LANGUAGE		
*Beginning Spanish	Tues	6p
Instructor Jan White • On Holiday Break Not meeting Jan. or Feb. • March TBD		
*Spanish 1	Tues	10a
*Spanish 2	Tues	11a
*Spanish 3	Tues	12p
Instructor Paty Bushnell • Classes Sept. - May		
<i>*No Spanish Language class during third week of each mo.</i>		

ARTS & CRAFTS

Ceramics	W	1p
	Sat	10a
Drawing & Sketching	M	10a
	W	6p
Watercolor	M	6p
<i>Call for class availability: (951) 849-6987</i>		
Machine Quilting	Sun	10a

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

COMMITTEE	DAY	TIME
Architectural Review	Feb. 4	9:30a
	Feb. 18	9:30a
Bistro	Feb. 24	11a
BOD Exec. Session	Feb. 12	9a
BOD General Session	Feb. 12	1p
Communications	Feb. 4	10a
Proofing	Feb. 10	10a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	Feb. 17	9a
Event Systems	<i>Meets on an as needed basis</i>	
Finance	Feb. 24	2p
Landscape	Feb. 9	8a
Rules & Regulations	Feb. 10	9a
Safety & Facilities	Feb. 3	9a
Social	Jan. 8	5p

Sneak Peek at March

March 7	Social Committee Mardi Gras	March 21	Karaoke
March 14	Club Fair	March 25	Appreciation Brunch
March 20	Friday Night Live (PAC Show)	March 28	Magic Show

TASTE D'VINE

Wine and Romance... they often go hand in hand. Cupid claims serious turf when it comes to wine and romance.

Taste d'Vine Wine Club is excited to bring you an evening of "Wines for Lovers" featuring exciting bubbly and sparkling wines at our February meeting on the third Thursday, Feb. 19, 6 pm in the Ballroom. Bring an appetizer such as bread or crackers and cheese, your own favorite bottle of wine if you wish, and a glass or two for tasting and sharing. Members \$5, guests \$10. ~ *Gracy Luna*



AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Last year, the Recreation Center North (RCN) Ad Hoc committee and the Board of Directors approved a plan to remodel the RCN. The plan included establishment of an office area for co-location of the Communications Team with the Emergency Preparedness Committee's (EPC) Incident Commander.

As construction began last month on this project, the Four Seasons Amateur Radio Club initiated action to develop a proposal to equip the office with necessary communications gear and provide a recommendation on room layout for approval by the EPC, the Safety and Facilities Committee, the Finance Committee and finally the Board of Directors. Development of the proposal was assigned to a committee composed of Radio Club members. Several meetings have been held to determine basic requirements. A completed

proposal could be ready for presentation as soon as the next EPC meeting in February. The committee's goal is to have an operational communications center in place by mid-May this year.

Having a communications center greatly augments our ability to provide emergency services to the Four Seasons community and quick response to emergencies, especially when time is of the essence.

As currently envisioned, the Center would provide the Four Seasons community with a relatively inexpensive, robust emergency communications capability on local, regional and national radio frequencies that would integrate well with current EPC actions and plans. We'll have more information on this project in March so stay tuned.

Visit our website: W6FSB.COM; we meet in the Lodge at 10 am on the last Friday of the month. ~ *Dick Van Bree*

AMPHITHEATER

February finds everyone well into activities for the new year, and the Amphitheater Production Group is no exception. The planning process for this year's Summer Sunday Evening Concert series began the last few months of 2014.

Penny McDonell, the chairman for the past six years, has done a masterful job of finding talent and organizing the details and personnel needed for a successful concert. She has passed the baton of chairman to Mark Lassen, and she remains a vital component of the committee. Mark is a new resident to our community and has stepped in with energy and enthusiasm.

Once a month, May through September, concerts are held under the stars. It is a wonderful venue in which to listen to music under our summer evening skies, and gives everyone an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors prior to the opening musical notes. Our Four Seasons Amphitheater is located between the tennis and paddle ball courts and can accommodate about 125 people.

The concert dates for the summer of 2015 are May 17, June 28, July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20. So mark your calendar and we will see you at the concert. ~ *Doris SanFilippo*

SPANISH CLASS

Do you have little or no knowledge of the Spanish language and want to learn "survival Spanish" for personal use? Consider joining our Beginning Spanish class which starts this month and will meet every Tuesday of the month (except the third Tuesday) at 6 pm. We meet for an hour and a half. This class, taught by Four Seasons resident Jan White, will run from the first Tuesday in February until the end of April. There are two beginning Spanish offerings on Tuesday — one in the morning and this one in the evening. So when you sign up, be certain you note the time of day. You will find a sign-up sheet for this evening class in the lodge. Call Jan at (951) 797-3700 if you have questions. ~ *Jan White*



The Asakusa temple in Japan. Photo taken by Lyle Cameron while on vacation last year.

CAMERA CLUB

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Craft Room at the Lodge; thus, our February meeting will be Feb. 17. Visitors are always welcome. We invite all photographers, regardless of skill level, to join us for our regular meetings and field trips. Members are always eager to help and teach. We discuss photography, photo software, hardware, and related subjects of interest. On a voluntary basis, members offer their photographs for critique which is a great learning experience for all. Our alternative photo project is ongoing (i.e. we bring a picture of a specific genre we all agree on).

For the January meeting, the assignment was to bring a

picture of something "old," perhaps rustic... according to the guidelines presented in the December meeting. As always, this is an optional assignment. The members do not have to comply but it is a great learning experience if they do. Wow, some great photographs were presented and it was really interesting to see what some of the club members considered "old and/or rustic."

In future meetings, we'll be discussing the pictures we took over the holidays, various ways of presenting them, and lots of topics, workshops, and field trips. Hope to see you soon.

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



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BUNCO



The month of February we will be playing Bunco on the 13th and the 27th. We have a lot of fun and you will meet some great ladies. I know there are a lot of new homeowners, and Bunco is a great way to make some new friends. So grab a friend or neighbor and meet us

in the Card Room at 1 pm sharp. Don't forget to grab a drink at Smitty's or even lunch beforehand. See you there!

~ **Suzanne Roldan & Cheryl Burke**

MAH JONGG

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

PINOCHLE

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

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).

If you're interested in learning the game, lessons have resumed. Please call Helen at (951) 845-9312 for time and location. We are currently teaching two new players and hope to soon have them join us on Mondays. ~ **Bill Guy**

BRIDGE FOR FUN

Join us during this new year in the Ballroom at 12 pm for bridge and fun. You can talk with your partners and mutually agree on conventions you are comfortable with and rotate in a party bridge format and scoring. We are looking for new smiles and you are welcome to watch and learn before you play. We have a substitute list. Bridge is good for the brain and we have had some great parties and treats. Info., Verina at (951) 769-1687 or Phil (951) 922-2525. ~ **Dr. Phil**

CANASTA #1

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

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JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB

Hanukkah was celebrated at our Lodge in December with the lighting of the Menorah, Hanukkah prayers and prayers for the wonderful latkes and jelly donuts provided by members for all to enjoy. We were so happy that residents eating at Smitty's Bistro joined in the festivities. Hanukkah music was provided by musicians brought together by our resident and club member, Anne Savy. After the ceremony Jerry and Lynn Mathews graciously opened their home and invited all to come and enjoy more food, laughter and friendship. It was a wonderful holiday celebration.

It has been determined that the Chavurah Club will now be known by their new name: The Jewish Social Club. We feel the word "Social" better defines who we are. This is a group encompassing residents who want to get together for social events; Jewish or not. We do stress the Jewish holidays, we encourage our Jewish residents to join the fun and we encourage non-Jews to come have fun and learn about our holidays and appropriate foods.

Our next event has yet to be determined so we'd love to hear from you with ideas of how you would like to celebrate.

2015 holidays: Tu Bishvat is Feb. 4; Purim is March 4; Passover is April 18; Rosh Hashanah is Sept 13; Yom Kippur is Sept 22; Sukkot is Sept 27; and Hanukkah is Dec 6.

Contact Toni Finer at (951) 769-0351 or Rachel Knapp at (714) 423-4755. ~ **Toni Finer**



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Dominoes Group — Top row L-R: Ric Quinones, John Johns, Solomon Hayes, Carl Carson, Jesse Dimmer, Dewey (Kodiak) Allen, Pete Antoine. Second row L-R: Lee Harris, Theodore Gaines, Leroy (Ghost) Wright, Ralph Bonner. Bottom row L-R: Franklin Saucer, Gregg Lee, John Bragg.

DOMINOES

John Bragg was the best player in November with 10 wins. This puts John in the elite player forum with Carl Carson and Solomon Hayes. The three players were all winners of two times or more in 2014.

Robert Manuel was the winner in December with 12 wins. Robert has lived in our community for two years with his wife Beverly. They have been married for 45 years, have one daughter, and one grandson. The couple loves to travel and visit exotic places around the world. They moved to Beaumont to be near their hometown in San Diego. Robert worked for General Motors for 14 years and retired from American Airlines after 28 years of service.

Robert claims that "playing dominoes stimulates his brain and keeps him calm," and he also states that "he will never share his Pepsi with Jesse."

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 have fun. ~ **Marvin A. Gaines**

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When you combine learning something new with exercise, you physically feel better; you may even stand more erect. What can do all that, you ask? Try line dancing. You don't need a partner. You don't need to coordinate your movements with anyone else. Are you afraid you will look silly and be

embarrassed? Don't worry, everyone in this class is helpful and forgiving. All of us had to be a beginner at some point, and all of us miss a step (including me) and look silly at times. This adds to the camaraderie. You will be taught one step at a time. Each dance you learn makes learning the next one easier. You will feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. You will not only get exercise, but meet new people and form new friendships.

Join us, every Tuesday in the Lodge Ballroom. Beginners 3 to 3:45 pm. Advanced 3:45 to 4:30 pm. ~ **Martha Franck**

HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Class hours are Wednesdays from 4 to 5:25 pm for beginners and 5:30 to 6 pm for intermediate. See you on the dance floor.

~ **Priscilla Robles**

BALLROOM & SOCIAL DANCE

We dance with a partner in the Ballroom. Nothing stuffy. No judging or exhibition. People of all sizes, shapes, ages, backgrounds and experience do it. It's just fun to move with the music and interact with others.

We learn differently and we dance differently, but above all, we enjoy ourselves and enrich our lives. Our dancing is gentle, sociable, fun, flexible, friendly, spontaneous, expressive, satisfying, kind, adaptive, confidence building and very rewarding.

While our professional instructors challenge us to learn new things, they also understand our limitations. And with their patient guidance we learn many steps and routines that can be used at weddings, dance parties, social events, on cruises, and anywhere we can dance. ~ **Willis Fagan**



Top Left: Line Dancing, Country Two step – you name it, we have it

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"I have always enjoyed art and took a lot of art classes in Jr. and Sr. high school. After graduating, I took a display design course, which led to a career freelancing doing displays for ladies specialty and children stores. I then worked for a major department store for several years. After retiring, I began making a variety of crafts for several stores and more recently I have participated at the craft fair at the Four Seasons."

"The experience I have had in art has been great for my occupation but not necessarily for freehand drawing. Believe me, I have learned a lot from Rob Kelman (our instructor). I think Rob Kelman is a talented and very experienced teacher. I recommend that you come join the class and discover 'your creativity.'" ~ Stan Parry

Remember classes are free and are Mondays 10 am to 12 pm and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. For beginners to experienced. What are you waiting for? Just stop by and get started. Info., Rob Kelman (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**



Work by the Artist of the Month Stan Parry

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"BELIEVE:" WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Jan. 9, the "Believe..." Women's Bible study reconvened for the first session in 2015. This year promises to be amazing as we begin by studying "A Godly Woman Is..." This study will encompass what the Bible tells us are the attributes and values that contribute to helping us becoming Godly women. Once that study is complete, we will begin an in-depth study of the Book of Psalms, which consists of the songs and prayers offered to God by the nation of Israel. Their beautiful expressions of

praise, faith, sorrow and frustration cover the range of human emotions that all women can easily identify with.

If you are interested in meeting a wonderful group of amazing women who love God and are learning more about His ways, please consider joining this non-denominational study. We meet every Friday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the first section of the Ballroom. We hope your heart leads you to join us! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

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!

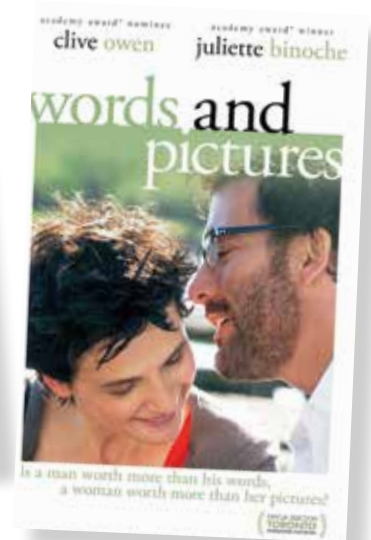
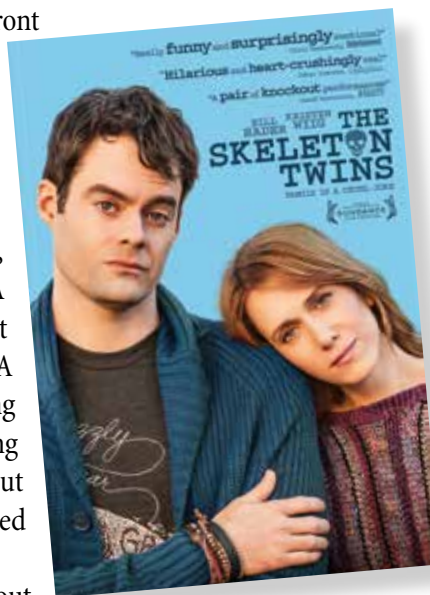
Our first February screening, on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 6 pm, is the film *The Skeleton Twins* (USA 2014, 93 minutes, English). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: "After ten years of estrangement, twins Maggie and Milo coincidentally cheat death on the same day, prompting them to reunite and confront how their lives went so wrong. As the twins' reunion reinvigorates them both, they realize that the key to fixing their lives just may lie in fixing their relationship with each other."

Our second February screening, on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6 pm, is the film *Words and Pictures* (USA 2013, 111 minutes, English). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: "A flamboyant English teacher (Clive Owen) and a new, stoic art teacher (Juliette Binoche) collide at an upscale prep school. A high-spirited courtship begins and she finds herself enjoying the battle. Another battle they begin has the students trying to prove which is more powerful, the word or the picture. But the true war is against their own demons, as two troubled souls struggle for connection."

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.

Scheduled for March: *Locke, The Past*. 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. ~ **Micki Rosen**



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PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Happy February, the month of love. I love the fact that we had several new faces show up for the Friday Night Live auditions and they did a great job. I love that the Performing Arts Club is trying to bring you new, innovative and creative shows for your entertainment. I love that I am part of the Performing Arts Club. I love that you can be a part of our shows without having to commit yourselves to attending meetings or being part of every show.

What we need now are more of you to get involved! I know you're involved with other things like dance, ceramics, exercise & possibly one or more art classes. Or is it tennis, billiards, paddle ball, ping pong, bocce ball, or pickleball that gets your heart racing. I often see rooms full of people playing poker, canasta, bunco, mah jongg, and other card games, so I know that you like to get out and have fun. You should take it one step further and try out for one of the many parts left in "Friday Night Live." I guarantee you a fun time.

Do you do impersonations of any famous people? Has anyone ever told you, with your voice you should be giving/reading the news? A lot of the acting will be done with 'cue cards', so you won't have to memorize your lines. (That was part of the

Saturday Night Live fun... you could always see the actors "reading their lines from cue cards, but they weren't visible on TV.) That should take some of the fear away. Comedians, magicians, jugglers, or any variety act is welcome.

Lastly, why are the talented singers and musicians hiding?

I don't know all of you, but I know many of you and don't understand why you haven't stepped forward to offer your abilities to this show. I don't want to beg, but

we really, really need you, and a 50s band would just be the "cherry on top!" We really

need a lot of folks to make this show happen. I'm very proud of those who have already stepped forward, but we still need a whole lot more. Dare I say the words cancellation or postponement, but it is a possibility.

Keep your eyes out for a second audition date in early February. There will be a sign up sheet in the Lodge across from the Lodge desk. Don't forget, February is the month of love. It's time to show the Performing Arts Club some LOVE this month!

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



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WRITERS' CLUB

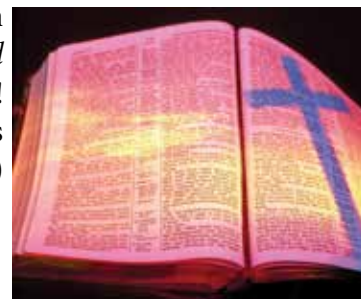
At our January meeting, one of our members presented two chapters of a first draft of a novel he recently began, and we discussed how he could develop the story. Another member spoke of wanting to start a blog, and asked for advice on doing that. We had a general discussion on how to attract the interest of publishers.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 pm. As usual, it will be in the third section of the Lodge Ballroom. Our agenda for February is still open.

The Four Seasons Writers Club exists to aid and encourage writing projects of any type. We invite all current members to come to our meetings, and we always welcome visitors and guests. ~ **Phil Bond**

FOUR SEASONS COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

We meet Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Lodge Ballroom. Doc Sellars is facilitating a six week study of New Testament verses dealing with the themes of resurrection and the kingdom of God. We rely heavily upon N. T. Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope*. Everyone is welcome! Please call Doc or Letha Sellars with any questions at (951) 797-3302. ~ **Doc Sellars**



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 benoff@verizon.net or (310) 413-4896. ~ **Steve Benoff**

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Interest Group

Our new interest group added the name for Technology to their title and joined the Southwest of the Association of Technology and Computers. This association is not profit and is dedicated to fostering communication between other user computer groups and vendors. They maintain a list of vendors and user groups which will give online and live presentations to their members. They maintain a website with many advantages like discounts, conferences, a speaker's bureau, online newsletter, tips and tricks for running a successful group, etc.

The first meeting of our Four Seasons Computer & Technology Interest Group (FSCT) was held on Jan. 28 in the Lodge. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 26. The subject of the meeting and speaker is posted at the Lodge office. Members and guests are welcome. If you have not signed for membership you will find forms available at the Lodge front desk.

If you have any questions or ideas for future meetings I would love to hear from you. Contact me at philjaffe872@gmail.com, or give me a call at (360) 271-7114. ~ **Phil Jaffe**



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Note the horses and wagon on top.*

DISCOVERY CLUB

Pioneers had it tough. With limited natural resources out on the almost treeless prairies, early settlers built their homes from sod. It took an acre of sod to build a typical house. Sod was cut into 4 inch thick by 12 inch wide by 24 inch long pieces, laid grass side down and overlapped like bricks. Some roofs were thatched and some were sod. It was not a clean house, with dust and crumbling dirt, rodents and bugs always a problem.

Before a better house was built, a barn was necessary in which to keep grain, hay, seed, straw and livestock. Turnips were a fast crop and would feed both man and beast. Cow and buffalo chips were collected from the prairies and used for fuel.

Good building materials were scarce and expensive, and

had to be shipped out to the prairies by wagons. It could take several years of hard work to be able to afford a decent house.

Just when things looked encouraging, locusts would swarm over the land and devour everything, including the crops needed for food. And diseases like measles and cholera would strike, often taking the lives of children, and sometimes wiping out entire families.

Today we have it good. Everything we need is convenient and nearby. No house made of dirt for us! No rampant diseases or swarms of locusts here! So we can be thankful as we start this new year that our lives are comfortable, safe and enjoyable. ~

Willis Fagan

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. January we attended the Quartzsite and Lake Havasu Balloon Festival. If you would like further information on future trips, you can contact, Ann Williams @ 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 Feb. 10. ~ **Rick Brower**

SEASONED SOLOS

January was a busy month for the Seasoned Solos. We enjoyed lunch at Grand Oaks, played miniature golf in Colton following lunch at our Bistro, and attended the Lunar Festival in Riverside. At the meeting the Town Hall information was announced as well as information regarding the CPR classes.

Some of the topics to be discussed in February include an

American Legion Dinner, Distillery Tour, Deacons Gardens, Dickens Festival in Riverside and ticket to a TV show.

Seasoned Solos always welcomes new members. Our monthly planning meeting is the first Friday of each month. For more information please call Monica at (951) 922-8805 or Mary at (951) 769-5444. ~ **Mary Castle**



Four Seasons Singers warm up before holiday show

FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

Four Season Singers are on break until March. Here we are warming up for the Holiday Show in December. We worked on a lot of new musical pieces for this show and we worked out our lungs, improved our circulation, toned our abdominal and intercostal muscles and worked out our brains.

We will be back – look for the March *Breeze* article – and hope you will join us if you like to sing. For further information, you can contact Barbara Wasco at (951) 797-3466 or email at bawasco@dc.rr.com. ~ **Barbara Wasco**



RAINBOW GROUP

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

What does bereavement mean? It is synonymous with grief, as it is most commonly used. Looking online, there are several definitions of bereavement. One which stood out is, "The state of being deprived of something or someone."

Deprivation is not a state of being which is enjoyable. When we are used to having something, not having it is unpleasant. Human beings spend a great deal of thought and energy finding ways to avoid deprivation.

When we are deprived of a person we care about, the feeling is way beyond unpleasant. It is excruciatingly painful. Our world still exists but the empty space once inhabited by our beloved feels terribly wrong and all encompassing. Our lives feel unreal and we are numb.

And after time passes we are no longer numb. We are

overwhelmed with feelings. It may be at this point that joining a bereavement group sounds helpful and perhaps comforting.

If that seems right to you, please come try us out. We are a group of people who know what you are going through and who want to help you and have you help us.

We have found that sharing our pain, anger, sadness, guilt, laughter and myriad other feelings helps us heal.

We meet in the Crafts Room at the Lodge on Mondays from 1 to 3 pm. We make the room private, all conversation is confidential, and you will not be judged.

Please just come by or you may contact me at (951) 922-0934 or lauriemlarson425@gmail.com. All contact is confidential.

~ **Laurie Larson**

TOPS

It is a NEW YEAR and this could be the year of the NEW YOU! We are very lucky to have a TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter in our very own community. It is here and we are here to help you make some positive changes so that you may reach your weight loss goal. Don't put it off any longer.

One of the best things about TOPS is that it is very affordable. Membership is only \$32 per year and \$3 per month chapter dues. 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 our meeting from 8:30 to 9:30 am. For more information call Cathy Calhoun, Four Seasons resident and leader at (951) 849-2614 or Rosalee Strong, TOPS Area Captain at (951) 845-9313. ~ **Cheryl Burke**



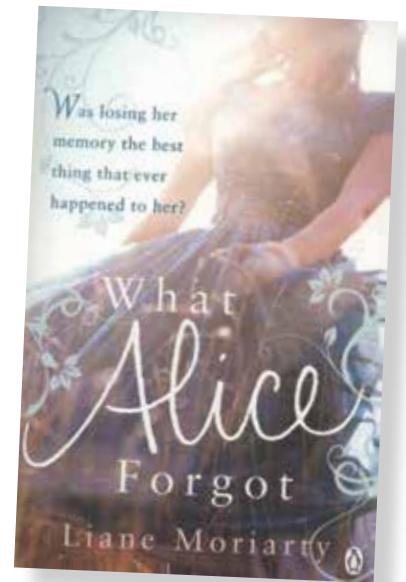
BOOK CLUB

When Alice woke up from a fall and a bump on the head, she thought she was 29 years old, happily married to a man she adored and pregnant with her first baby. Imagine her surprise to learn she was actually almost 40 with three children she couldn't remember and in the midst of a bitter divorce! How had the easy going, slightly plump young woman become this super fit, no-nonsense middle aged woman? What had happened to her marriage? Why was she estranged from her sister? Had her mother really married her

father-in-law and become a salsa dancer? It really was through the looking glass for poor Alice as she tried to fit into her "new" life while she longed for her old one.

We will explore Alice's dilemma on Feb. 10 at 9:30 am when we discuss *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. Please join us at the Lodge then and on March 10 when we look at *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

For more information about the Book Club, please telephone Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Doreen Sanders**



BEAUMONT BLOOMS

They are drought tolerant, grow in poor soil, and annually bloom despite frost or heat. They are the ideal plant for Four Seasons. In fact, they are native to our neighborhood. We named them our state flower in 1903 and April 6 is California Poppy Day. They flourish with good spring rains and if seeds are sewn in February, they will be ready for this year's festival in Antelope Valley April 16-18 in Lancaster (poppyfestival.com).

This herbaceous plant is native to western regions of North America. It is a small annual or perennial plant that can reach two feet in height when fully grown. The leaves are finely cut and the plant bears pretty red, bright orange, and yellow or pink flowers.

The California poppy plant bears a single flower that appears on an extended stem between February and September. Petals of California poppies close during night or when conditions are cold and windy or when it is cloudy. The plant completely withers away when climatic conditions become very cold but is reseeding and will be back when spring weather arrives.

A widespread false impression related to

California poppy is that as this flower is designated the state flower of California, damaging or cutting it is illegal. No such law exists in California. However, the plant can be removed or cut in the public land or along the country highways only by people who are authorized by the government to do so. ~ **Len Tavernetti**



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**



Above: A field of poppies
Left: The California Poppy



AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

Happy New Year! We finally had our big Christmas/Dinner Dance and it was a spectacular success. The ballroom, thanks to all the volunteers who came early that morning to help us decorate, was transformed into a Christmas Winter Wonderland. It looked grand! Everyone who saw or came was in awe of the room. Thank you volunteers. Your commitment and help was greatly appreciated. The food was scrumptious. The jazz band dazzled us with their music and the singer Dino took us back in time with his renditions of the “oldies but goodies.” It was fantastic. Everyone danced the night away. Oh! Did I mention that the guests were all dressed up in their holiday best. Everyone agreed, “it truly was a Christmas memory they would always cherish.” A rousing cheer for all who volunteered and participated in making this a successful event. Next year will even be better!

Our second annual toy drive went well also. Betty Ann James and Linda Wright took the toys to the Highway Patrol. They

were greatly appreciated.

The Multicultural Evening of Gospel Music on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Lodge Ballroom is shaping up nicely. It promised to be an uplifting evening of music. This is a free event for all the community to enjoy. This event is hosted by AACC member Cookie Bonner and our Homeowners Association. Let’s make the concert a true reflection of our community spirit of togetherness. Contact Cookie Bonner for more information (951) 769-7679.

February is Black History Month, please check the bulletin board at the Lodge for special events for the month. We will keep you informed via email and flyers.

As always we invite you to join us Monday, March 2, at 6 pm in the Card Room for our next meeting. We are looking for new members, new ideas, and new talents, Please come and join us, Contact Betty Ann James (951) 769-2517. ~ **Roxie Elliott**

CRAFT GROUP

Hello to all our old and new residents. We are already into February. Come see what’s new. Love to have you join us for a Valentine treat and meet with new friends and old friends.

We will be working on different things such as tie blankets and cards for all occasions. We will be talking about the things we will be making in the months to come. We would like to know what your interests are. If you’re working on a project, bring it! We would love to see what you’re doing.

We meet 1 pm Tuesdays in the Craft Room.

Any questions call (951) 769-7967. ~ **Pam Kelley**

MACHINE QUILTING

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

KNITTING & CROCHETING

Things were a little slow for December due to the holidays; however, we should be back in the swing of things soon. We are still working on our projects and personal items. We have some new members, so our group keeps growing. All beginners and experienced are welcome. We love to teach and gain some knowledge from others. We meet every Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 am. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

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PADDLE TENNIS

How did you start playing paddle tennis? Everyone's story is different but similar, like Richard Carrasco who started playing paddle tennis a few years ago, he said, "I was playing tennis and I noticed some people playing paddle tennis on the court adjacent to the tennis courts, I went to their courts and I decided to give it a try. Someone loaned me a paddle and the rest is history. I continue to play today because the people are really nice."

Garrett Warman said he was asked by his neighbor, Michael Rothberg, so he came borrowed a paddle and obviously stayed, showing his natural talent for the game.

Dan Anguiano, said he was invited, like most of us, and stayed for the play and the people.

Then, as Raul Bautista, said, "Mike Flower invited me to play and even though my story is very sad, he said jokingly, I played with a borrowed paddle for about six months then decided to buy a paddle of my own. I have been here ever since, about three years now."

Paco Paez said while playing ping pong he was told about the game of paddle tennis, so he joined in and has hardly missed an opportunity to play since. He's been playing for about four years now, and is one of our many better players.

I know each and all of us have our own story about how we started playing this active and fun game of paddle tennis, I didn't get a chance to ask all of you why and how your play started. Hopefully we'll hear your story in the near future. But for now, we are all just happy we have such a great fun group of players. Want to be a part of it? Come play anytime. You'll enjoy the play and the company. Times of play are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8:30 to 10:30 am and again from 2 to 4 pm, weather permitting.

So, as always... Good play, good times and good exercise. ~
Diana Johnson Ali



Left: Alan Chan and Diego on a beautiful Wednesday Play Day; Center: Richard Carrasco and wife Shao enjoy the game, seen here talking game strategy; Above: Nice California afternoon on our beautiful courts

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Hey, all you pool players out there! We have established an additional session for playing billiards with the Billiards for Fun Group: Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm. Yes, that's in addition to our already existing 1 to 3 pm session. We are hoping this additional session will alleviate stumbling over each other, knocking elbows, etc. So, any of you who have stopped by to play at some time in the past few months and noticed the very crowded room — take heart! We have a new time slot just for you! Or, if you prefer, Mike Saperstein is heading up a practice session on Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you ladies are thinking "Nah, I'm intimidated by the guys," you no longer have an excuse! Dee Kelch is holding a practice/teaching session for ladies only on Mondays from 2 to 4 pm. Just show up at any session, and you will be warmly welcomed and will find instant camaraderie and friendship. (See photos right as proof of the fun we have!)

In February we will have our bi-monthly potluck for all group members and their spouses, with a Valentine's theme. Even though no one to date has been assigned something to bring, each potluck turns out to be an event with food fit for kings and queens (which they are, of course — of the Billiards Room!).

Don't forget to come by and check out our group photo in the beautiful gold frame mounted on the right-hand wall, close to the TV by the windows. Dave Martin did an outstanding job printing the group photo, and Dee Kelch purchased the frame.

Thanks Dave and Dee!

If you have secretly wanted to join the Billiards for Fun Group, but never knew the time frames — now you know! Come join this fun group of amazing people who love the game of billiards! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*



ROAD RUNNERS RVERS *Interest Group*

This is an interest group of RVers here at Four Seasons that will meet Thursday, Feb. 12 to discuss organization of the group and our first camp out at Santee Lakes (March 8 through 12). All are invited to attend the meeting and talk about future camp outs and meet the group. For further information please call Bill at (951) 845-5627. ~ *Bill Guy*

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HEARTY HIKERS

T'was the night after solstice as the Twelve Knights of Christmas departed the top of Four Seasons. We had our list of homeowners (who's new and who's naught). Timers clicked on like reindeer hooves as house decorations lit up the twilight. Our group of Silent Night Carolers leap-frogged from decoration to decoration along the way. Some houses were dark as lumps of coal with owners gone. Some were not decorated, but every street was illuminated with colorful lights. When we reached the top of Plymouth Rock, the departing sun put on its own display of a glowing sunset over the western skies.

Heading downhill to the cul-de-sacs, we strolled along Candy Cane and Sidewalk Lanes Aglow. Looking back uphill we marveled at fences Decked with Boughs of Rope Lights. We exited the pavement on Glacier Park entering a darkened trail C and noted a colorful wreath adorning our Veterans' Tree reminding us that our military would not be Home for The Holidays but remains on duty in distant lands while we celebrate Peace on Earth at home. Crossing Four Seasons Circle we hiked down Belaterra where We Came Upon a Midnight Clear overlooking the Little Town of Beaumont. We beheld our Windy Wonderland and the twinkling lights of homes and businesses. A large white Tannenbaum brilliantly lit to northwest generated a star-like beacon beckoning us to begin

We enjoyed the decorated Four Seasons homes on our December hike

bearing gifts from afar. Alas, our dromedaries were amiss, so we loudly belted out a chorus of, Let It Glow; Let It Glow; Let It Glow.

We passed the darkened new Lodge facility (No Yuletide Log in the Fireplace) commenting that in 2015 it would be alive with homeowners and decorations befitting our growing community. Then we wandered down Pipe Springs to Green Creek Trail impressed by the decorations curving around Big Bend. Several houses were polka-dotted with turquoise snowflakes from grounded projectors hinting at a Blue Christmas. We crossed the new plateau houses and followed Box Springs to Signal Peak. Our destination was the most distinctively decorated dwelling on Four Seasons. Here a flock of festive flightless flamingos flamboyantly flounced their Floridian features in our cozy California community. These reindeer replacements really rang our Christmas Bells.

Then it was back uphill to our launch pad and the completion of our five-mile hike. We said our "Have Yourselves Merry Little Christmases." We were then homeward bound while visions of hot toddies and sticky pudding danced in our heads.

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

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Joe Ligori must have been on Santa's Nice List to get this new toy!



MOTORCYCLE CLUB

All of the holiday activities in December reduced the number of days available for riding but our members did manage to work in a couple of good rides. One ride was around the Salton Sea and another was through Borrego Springs. Both of these are good "winter" weather rides below sea level.

Joe Ligori got himself a nice Christmas present. See the photo of Joe and his new Indian Chieftain motorcycle.

In addition to the weekly Thursday rides, our members are planning for some longer distance adventures for the 2015 season.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the Ballroom. ~ *Howard Lyon*



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RACQUET CLUB

February brings us Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day, and on Saturday, Feb. 28, a tennis Play Day. All residents are welcome to come out and play; we play short sets and rotate players, and everyone gets to play. Sometimes there are even prizes, when Mickey and Howard Nelson find something in their garage to get rid of. Back in December, they were all ready with a classic music prize, probably on a 78 rpm record. Unfortunately, they will have to put it back on the shelf, because foul weather caused the cancellation of the Play Day. At least it did for most people, the smart ones. A (fool)hardy group comprised of Julie Stayner, Sayed Ali, Howard Levine, and Steven Hovey braved the wind and cold and played anyway. It may be because three of that foursome are still employed full time and they couldn't pass up a chance to play tennis, despite the strong winds that caused them to play on Court 1 and sometimes on Court 2.

If wind tunnel tennis wasn't strange enough, on Christmas Eve day, when the weather was beautiful, the courts were visited by Rude Rolf (pictured), one of Santa's less well-known

and competent reindeer, who had been securely contained at the North Pole's reindeer retention center and rendering plant. Appearing particularly goofy in a plaid elf cap with his smallish antlers protruding, Rude Rolf played poorly, likely due to his cleaved hooves and notoriously weak backhand.

Hopefully, February will be a better month and there will be something sensible to write about. In the meantime, remember the regular play day is on the last Saturday of every month. Play starts at 8:30 am and all residents are welcomed.

Please visit our website at www.fsbrc.org. ~ **Steven Hovey**



Rude Rolf Reindeer lands on court

THE 8-BALL CLUB

On a sad note, I was informed of the passing of an old friend. Maurice "Mo" Dumas was a long time member of the 8-Ball Club and a good friend. We will miss you Mo.

If you've ever thought that winning our In-House 8 and 9 Ball tournaments was exclusively the domain of so called seasoned veterans, you may want to talk to John "Nick" Nicholson or Mary Ann Diehl, two of our club's newest members.

In 8-Ball, Nick went undefeated into the final round with Kenny Payne. Kenny made a brilliant defensive shot that resulted in a foul for Nick and subsequent cue ball in hand for Kenny who took the first round. Nick then rebounded in game two to take his first championship title.

Mary Ann ran through the entire field in the 9-Ball tournament undefeated the whole time. The finals included Gary Christie and Mary Ann who won five straight games to become the 9-Ball Monthly Champion.

Congratulations to Nick and Mary Ann for their great play, sportsmanship and welcomed friendship.

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; Co-Captain, Roland Harrah, (951) 267-3793, rolandthanh@msn.com; Thanh Harrah, Captain's Assistant, (951) 267-3793, rolandthanh@msn.com. ~ **Roland Harrah**



Gary Christie and Mary Ann Diehl



Kenny Payne and Nick Nicholson

BOCCE BALL

We are playing on Tuesday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm. There are occasional rain days so check the Lodge for current information. For those of you who have never played, please join us. Skill is not a prerequisite, and it is a lot of fun. If you have questions please contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Mike Saperstein at (951) 769-7909. ~ **Bob Cooper**

HORSESHOES FOR FUN

So you've been thinking about New Year's resolutions for 2015. Hard ones like get more exercise, meet new people and have more fun. These resolutions can be met in one easy move: join the Horseshoe Club. We meet every week at 10 am on Wednesdays. Horseshoes are provided by the club and no cost to join. Such a deal! Any questions, please contact Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**

PICKLEBALL

We have had fun challenges playing in the cold and wind. Remember... getting off the sofa and into fresh air is only a positive.

Our club open play time is now 8-11 on Tues., Thurs. and Sat. mornings. If you want to check us out, come on out on those days at 8 am. Many of our club members have now organized their own time to play with friends they enjoy. The courts are empty often and you can always go down and practice and play. Just make sure you check the book in the office for paddle tennis and other player conflicts.

From the book *Fighting Gravity*, by Barbara Wintroub:

"Do you have back pain? Do you stretch? Hmmmmmm? Try this out two to three times a day for five minutes on each bun and see if it helps.

"Cross your left foot over your right knee. Lean forward till you feel the stretch. Move your body toward your foot for a bigger stretch.

"Always stretch before and after playing to help prevent injuries and ease pain in joints. Do you hit down the middle during play? Maybe you should. Take a look at the Pickleball Channel on line and see why."

Happy New Year! Treat your Valentine to a new paddle or workout pants- start the year off right!

Thanks. Info., Marty Key, (562) 331-0817 or keeksmail@yahoo.com. ~ **Marty Key**



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GOLFING FOR FUN

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Our group of distinguished duffers will battle the elements on playable days through the upcoming months. We go out on Friday mornings to local venues to have fun and often gather after the round to meet newcomers and brag or simply lie about our play. Tee times are arranged the previous week and emailed out to the group. Those wishing to join in, acknowledge so by Wednesday afternoon and hit "reply" on their computer. We then can provide the course with a reasonable head count for that outing.

If you are new and not on the Golfing for Fun list, please contact me at tjacobson@dc.rr.com or you can call me at (951) 797-3563. ~ **Tim Jacobson**

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572-5119 or Alan (951) 769-4202 for more information.

Ping Pong News: We want to thank Don Fant for supplying us with a new net for one of our tables. The old one was in sad shape and needed to be replaced. We are also happy to welcome Jim Jebbia to our group. Jim is our newest member and it is great to have him play with us. ~ **Niles Sundstrom**

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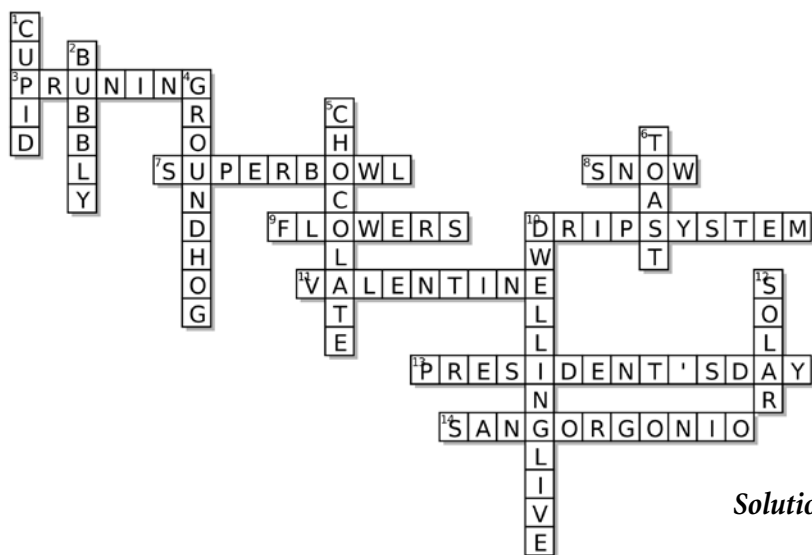
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