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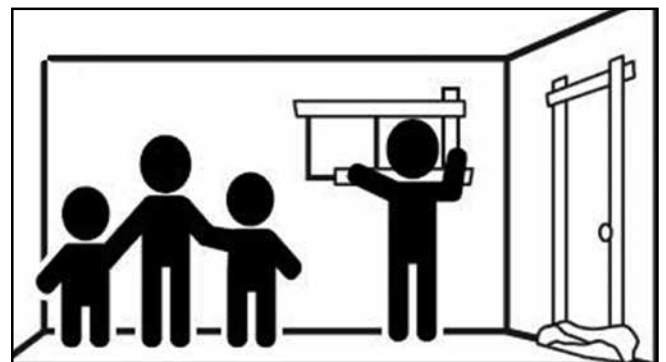
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Committee Seeks District Delegate Candidates

By Leighton McLaughlin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

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

DISTRICT 4

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

DISTRICT 5

120 Slippy Rock Creek
122 Slippy Rock Creek
124 Slippy Rock Creek
126 Slippy Rock Creek
128 Slippy Rock Creek
130 Slippy Rock Creek
132 Slippy Rock Creek
134 Slippy Rock Creek
138 Slippy Rock Creek
139 Slippy Rock Creek
140 Slippy Rock Creek
141 Slippy Rock Creek
1505-1518 Big Bend
Bloomington Park
Buck Springs
Calvert Park
Mission Trail
Spanos Park

DISTRICT 6

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

DISTRICT 7

Arches Park
Blowing Rock
Irvine Park North
Peters Canyon Park
Rock Mountain Park
Santiago Oaks Park
Shining Rock
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DISTRICT 8

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‘PERMANENT PAPER’ SCULPTURES AT LODGE



Winter

By Leighton McLaughlin

The striking sculptures on the Lodge grounds are the work of Gail Chavenelle, who employs a unique technique to create them.

She began sculpting with paper. “I loved paper cutting and paper folding, but then I had children and they spilled milk on my work,” she said. “I knew I needed something more permanent.”

Now she cuts her creations out of commercial sheet steel



Blue Woman



Lovers' Stroll



Butterfly Run



Dancer



Guitar Player



Audubon Friends

with a plasma torch and then shapes them with her hands, pliers and leather hammers into three-dimensional statues.

Her background — a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's in computer education — would not seem preparation to become a sculptor. But with the help of artist friends and a “generous blacksmith,” she became one.

She uses either stainless steel because it won't rust, or mild sheet steel that is coated with a powder and heated in an oven to prevent rust. This “powder finish” is similar to the finish on

continued on following page

DID YOU KNOW?



By Bobbie Eckel

Did you know that Jan. 3 is the Festival of Sleep Day?

The timing could not be better. We have survived the busy holidays and it is definitely time to catch up on some extra hours dozing. It is usually cold and snowy this time of year (except in Southern California). The daylight hours are limited; darkness comes quickly. While it is not recommended that you sleep “on the job” (unless you are a mattress tester), it is a good idea to allow your body more rest after the strenuous months of November and December. Enjoy the day; think of it as a well-deserved short hibernation.

Did you know that Jan. 4 is Trivia Day? This is a special day to amaze your friends with trivial facts – which may not be extremely important, but are fun to share. The whole month of January is full of tidbits of knowledge: Paul Revere was born in 1735, Samuel Morse demonstrated the telegraph in January of 1838, Batman appeared on television in 1966, the dental drill was given a patent in 1875, the American Baseball League was founded in 1900, and beer was first sold in cans in 1935. For a longer list of fun trivia facts, explore the Holiday Insights website. Your friends will enjoy your information, too!

Did you know that Jan. 18 is Winnie the Pooh Day? The day was created to commemorate the birth of A.A. Milne in 1882. (Allan Alexander Milne, which name I am sure only his mother used!) created the delightful bear and his pals, Christopher Robin, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet and Roo. I suspect that most of us have read the books to our children and grandchildren – and enjoyed the antics of the “bear of little brain” and his patient friend Christopher Robin. If you are lucky enough to have children around you on this day, find a copy of Winnie the Pooh and read it to them.

Did you know that Jan. 18 is Thesaurus Day? Peter Roget, the author of Roget’s Thesaurus, was born on Jan. 18 in 1779. The thesaurus has been an important part of student and graduate writers for many decades. Using the references in the book, a writer can find synonyms for words, which avoids a lot of redundant verbiage. The book also lists antonyms, which help to clarify the words for some readers.

Now you have extra trivia for Jan. 4... and a lot of good memories, I hope, about Winnie the Pooh and the times you used a thesaurus.

Sculptures: continued from previous page

outdoor equipment like lawn mowers or golf carts. Her work is equally at home indoors or outside exposed to the elements.

She gradually graduated from paper to sheet steel and plasma cutting. Her first metal sculptures were made from metal flashing — like the stuff used in aluminum siding. It was easy to work with because it could be cut with scissors, but it wasn’t very sturdy.

She experimented with heavier metal, cutting it with a welder’s torch or heavy shears — then an “engineer friend” told her about plasma technique. “It makes a much thinner, finer line,” she said.

She begins with a flat sheet of metal. “I use different thicknesses,” depending on the size of sculpture, she said. Then she draws an outline on the sheet with a magic marker. “I buy the markers when the kids go back to school and they’re cheap,” she said.

Using the outline she cuts out the basic form then shapes it into its final, three-dimensional, curvilinear configuration. Many of her works are from a single sheet of metal.

“I think of them as permanent paper,” she said.

Her pieces on the Four Seasons Lodge grounds portray the seasons of winter and summer, a strolling pair of lovers, marriage, birds, butterflies and other natural beauties. All of them have a human figure at the center, but Chavenelle, of Dubuque, Iowa, also depicts animals. “I love horses, the line becomes hair, the tail and the mane.”

“I love the curl as the strips of metal become wild hair. I am awed as a turn of a metal head creates an intimate moment between lovers or parent and child. It is my joy to speak with a metal voice.”

To contact Chavenelle or find out more about her art, please visit her website at www.chavenellestudio.com.

Manager's Update

By *Jeri Mupo, General Manager*

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Recreation Center North (the former Sales Office) has begun renovations. All construction should be completed around the end of February. We appreciate your patience regarding the dust and noise.

BUILDING UPDATE FORUM

K. Hovnanian has agreed to provide monthly community updates before each Board meeting. The forum will be held from 12:45 to 1 pm in the Ballroom on the second Thursday of each month. The purpose is for K. Hovnanian to answer any submitted questions.

Please submit any questions that you wish to have answered at the Forum by 12 pm on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting. This will provide time if your question requires research.

DOLLARS & SENSE

At the Dec. 11, Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the following expenses:

- Tennis/Paddle Tennis Court fence painting = \$10,200
- Exterior Lodge re-lamp project = \$3,290
- Sign replacement/purchase = \$4,384.80

SPRINGDALE PAINTING PROJECT

The Springdales are scheduled to be painted beginning Jan. 5, and should be completed by Feb. 25. Individual notices will be sent to each Springdale homeowner with their scheduled date.

We look forward to seeing a fresh look!

WINTER FROST

It's hard to believe that winter is upon us and the cooler weather will soon be coming. Please be careful when walking on the sidewalks in the morning. They may be slick with ice and/or mud.

Library Books Need To Be Returned

It's January and time for that New Year clean up after the holidays. Be sure to locate those Four Seasons library books you've been meaning to take back to the Lodge, so that they can be included in our library wide reorganization project. Thank you for making the effort to help us this month. ~ *Martha Benoff*



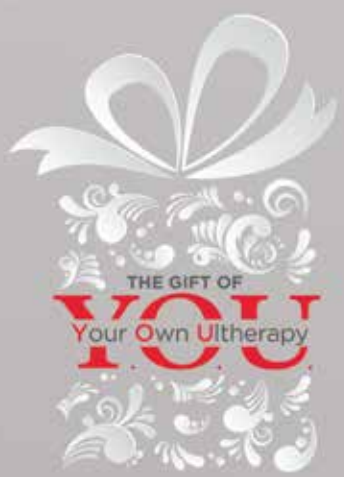
*Chef's
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By *Randy Balt*


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Fascinating Tid-Bits of Pet Lore

By Teri DiMarino-Davidson

We think we know everything there is to know about our own pets, but there is always something that makes us take a step back and say "Ah ha!"

- Walt Disney had a Poodle named Lady.
- Kublai Khan, who established the Yuan Dynasty of ancient

China, had over 5,000 mastiffs, the most dogs ever owned by a single person. (Imagine HIS kibble bill!)

- Greyhounds can run up to 45 miles an hour and are the fastest canine on the planet. (These gentle giants are 45-mile-an-hour couch potatoes.)
- Chinese Cresteds were made popular by the vaudeville performer, Gypsy Rose Lee.
- There were 12 dogs aboard the Titanic. Three survived: two Pomeranians and a Pekinese.
- The Lundehund is a Norwegian breed that hunts Puffin birds on steep terrain. They have six toes on each foot that keep them firmly planted on the rocks.

And now something for our cat lovers...

- Did you know that a cat will sleep up to 16 hours a day? (Must come from living at Four Seasons!)
- A male cat is a "tom," a female is a "queen." A group of kittens is called a "kindle" and a grouping of adults is a "clowder."
- Outdoor cats' lifespan averages at about three to five years while indoor cats will live 16 years or longer. (Another reason to keep them inside!)
- Cats prefer their food at room temperature: not too hot or not too cold. (Well la-de-da.)
- And we all know that while dogs have "owners," cats have "staff."

DOG SHOWTIME! We all know that dog shows are the beauty contest of the canine world. But so much more goes on at these exhibitions. There are the conformation classes where dogs are judged against a breed standard or blueprint and the best dogs receive the highly coveted championship points. Then there are the obedience and agility classes. These are the "Einstein" and "decathlon" classes for dogs where they dutifully obey specific obedience commands or go through a maze of obstacles and are graded on their performance. In all instances, it's all about the dogs and the people all having a great time. Well, have you ever been to one? Dog shows are held every weekend through the United States and, chances are, climate permitting, there is

always one near you.

You are lucky, because the Kennel Club of Palm Springs has their annual, two-day show on Jan. 3 and 4 at the Empire Equestrian Park and Polo Grounds in Indio. There is also an array of specialty shows on Jan. 1 and 2 at the same location.

If you have nothing to do on one of those days and have an interest in attending, you can get a schedule of breeds, their times and their rings by going to the superintendent's page at <https://www.jbradshaw.com/>, go to the left side of the page and click "Shows," scroll down to the dates, find the Kennel Club of Palm Springs and click on that. Go to the "Judging Schedule" tab and that will give you the times and ring numbers of all of the breeds and events.

The sport of showing dogs can be a very intense and an all-consuming hobby, as we all think our own dogs are the best. But it's enjoyable seeing the dogs and their owners and handlers all having a good time. Please contact me at DearTabby1@aol.com if you have any questions regarding the sport of dogs or these local shows and I will be happy to walk you through the judging schedule.

Dear Tabby

Dear Tabby;

Why do my dogs feet smell like corn chips?

"Frito Feet" is a common name for this naturally occurring odor on our dogs. If you like the smell of corn chips or popcorn, you are probably enjoying this. It's like puppy breath, but you may not sniff quite as closely after I tell you what that is.

Even the cleanest of dogs have tons of bacteria on their skin, kind of like us. And, like us, the folds and creases in a dog's feet, coupled with moisture from grass and licking along with "stuff" they step in, is a perfect petri dish for this bacteria to flourish.

According to an article in *Mental Floss Magazine*, all these micro-organisms give off their own distinct odors (they're what give us BO), and the popcorn/corn chip smell on some dogs could be the fault of yeast or the bacterium *Proteus*, which are both known for their sweet, corn tortilla smell. Or it could be the bacterium *Pseudomonas*, which smells a little fruitier, but pretty close to popcorn to most noses.

"Frito Feet" is a totally natural curiosity and nothing to be alarmed about, unless the smell is so overpowering you suspect something is wrong. Dog's feet should never be red, sore or cracked. If you walk on our trails, check your dog's feet after each walk to assure he has not stepped on anything sharp or split a pad in his adventures. And while you're there, take a good sniff!

Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves, Activities Director

January is a month of new beginnings, and nothing begins a year better than exploring new interests and checking out new involvements.

This a great month to get acquainted with the more than 70 clubs, groups and classes that are the “added value package” to living here. Since we have the best residents in Beaumont here in the Four Seasons community, it makes sense that we would also have the best clubs, groups and classes around, since you folks make up those gatherings.

There are so many talented and “time-generous” folks who are willing to share with their neighbors their organizational skills, their informational skills, sports and craft interests as well as many other personal giftings. Come and bring your curiosity to learn something new or share your expertise with others who are grateful to learn.

Perhaps you simply just want to build some new friendships playing sports or billiards, cards or dominoes or bunco or horseshoes or poker? Maybe you want to travel with others on motorcycles, or in RVs or on ships or planes (Travel Club) or basketball (get it? traveling?).

Some of you may be looking for a new creative outlet, like the performing arts, or singing in the choir, singing at Karaoke, crafting or doing ceramics or knitting or quilting or painting or drawing and sketching or even photography! Maybe you want to learn new subjects like history or genealogy or Spanish, Bible studies or computer-driven technology like laptops, smart phones, tablets and software? (I so want to break out in song... “and a partridge in a pear tree!”)

This might be your year to get as healthy as you can be, starting with some weight loss help with our TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) groups. Maybe you just need to tone and firm up for better health. If that’s the case, then for you we have tennis, ping pong, paddle ball, pickle ball, bocce ball, hiking, ballroom dance, line dance, Heart and Soul dance, Yoga, aerobics, water fitness classes, Zumba, kick boxing, or Pilates!

How about indulging in a little cultural refinement through

the Wine Club, Classical Music Club, the Counter Culture Cinema Club? Maybe your passion is Community Service? Neighborhood Watch, Emergency Preparedness or any of the other HOA Committees would love to have you participate. I hope by rattling off so many of our involvements here that you go away from this article being really impressed with how much there is to do here!

Start marking your calendars for the upcoming 2015 events, so you don’t miss any of the excitement. There is a calendar on the facing page showing you many of the events we have for you. More will inevitably be coming and you’ll hear about them as they do.

One of the first 2015 events is the “Resolution Fit Camp and Zumba Party” here in the Lodge Ballroom on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm. This is sponsored by our fitness class provider, “For-The-Health-of-It.” It is a neat way to get an introduction or small taste of what some of the fitness classes are like. Just show up and get ready to move.

For those of you who would like to promote your business, starting this January, we will be reinstating the website business card advertising on our HOA, www.Fourseasonsatbeaumont.com website.

Over the last year while we were planning our new website format and then implementing new features, we purposefully did not do much advertising of this opportunity. Now that the website format is well established we can get back into the swing of things, by accepting your business card for a very inexpensive advertising fee. The cost to advertise on the site is only \$5 per month in six month increments (\$30) or 1 year (\$60) available during January and then again in June.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, come on down to the Lodge and sign up anytime in the month of January.

This year is bound to be your best year yet as you boldly go where you haven’t been before and expand your personal, educational and fitness horizons. I’m looking forward to being there with you!

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JANUARY

- 10 Resolution Fit Camp & Zumba Party
- 21 Meet & Greet
- 22 Water Town Hall Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 Black History Event in Movie Theater
- 8 Gospel Concert
- 14 Ballroom Dance Valentine's Dinner
- 15 Black History Event #2
- 21 Heart & Soul Party

MARCH

- 7 Social Comm. (SC) Mardi Gras
- 14 Club Fair
- 20 Friday Night Live (PAC Show)
- 25 Appreciation Brunch
- 28 Magic Show

April

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

MAY

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

JUNE

- 6 SC Tea & Fashion Show
- 14 Amphitheater Concert
- 18 Juneteenth
- 26 Art-O-Rama Show

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

October

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

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 20 Friday Night Concert

DECEMBER

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

A Post Holiday Poem

Found by Bobbie Eckel on the Internet

*Twas the week after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste.
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.*

*When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
So away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip*

*Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore --
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!*

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Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

Happy 2015! It seems almost impossible that we have traveled through another year. Now we have to learn to write a new number for the year, too. Be patient with yourselves. Writing a new number takes a bit of time – something like becoming accustomed to a change from Daylight Saving to standard time again. The body adjusts slowly...

LIBRARY BOOKS The librarians at the Lodge would like to remind us all to locate the Four Seasons library books which you may have taken home to read. The books need to be returned to the library so they can be included in the library-wide reorganization which is starting in January. Begin the year with a resolve to return your books when you finish reading them. Having our own library in the Lodge is a privilege; we need to respect it and remember to share pages responsibly.

WATER SAVINGS Four Seasons is committed to saving as much water as possible. We know we can only water our plants two days a week, unless we are using drip irrigation. It would be a good idea if you find various ways which work to save water in your household, to share them with the rest of us. For example, I have discovered that I can use the water in the dogs' bowl, which is changed one or two times a day, to help hydrate the few plants in the yard. I simply store the "stale" water in a watering can and use it when necessary. If you have water-saving tips, please send them to the Communications Committee and we will be sure the ideas are disseminated.

SENIOR SCAMS We seem to have a new spate of scams being played against our senior population. The current one involves someone calling claiming to be a male grandchild who needs money to get out of jail or clear an accident claim. We had "the" call a few weeks ago and I took the phone from my husband, who was clearly

concerned but did not know what to do about it. We have numerous grandsons as well as great-grandsons, so I began to ask questions such as: "And your name is? And your birthday is?" The caller realized that the scam did not work and quickly hung up. I reported it to the Beaumont Police who said they are primarily concerned if you actually send money to the person on the phone. The Beaumont Police Department, however, would like you to report an attempted scam on the non-emergency line (951) 769-8500, just because they want residents to know that the Police Department is there for us.

BOARD UPDATE At the Open Session of the BOD December meeting, General Manager Jeri Mupo announced that Director Kevin Metcalf will be available at 12:45 pm before each Open Session to provide information to homeowners regarding construction updates. Residents are asked to submit questions for the K. Hovnanian Director by Tuesday before the meeting.

REC CENTER NORTH The old sales office, the Recreation Center North, will undergo interior remodeling starting in the next week or so. The plan is to have the building completed by sometime in February.

Thought for the day: If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.



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Tuesday, January 13 @ 2 pm or **Thursday, January 22 @ 10 am**
Great for anyone soon-to-be or recently eligible for Medicare or for anyone curious, this class covers the steps to get started, what to expect and the benefits you are entitled to.

LIVING ON LESS

Thursday, January 15 @ 10 am
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This class covers smart money management tips & tricks and internet savings anyone can use!

E-BOOKS & TABLETS

Tuesday, January 20 @ 10 am
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Bee happy



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5 WISHES: An Alternative to the Advance Directive, Tuesday, January 27 @ 10 am

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VETERANS BENEFITS

Thursday, January 29 @ 2 pm

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Town Hall Meeting Addresses Water Issues

The speakers at a Town Hall Meeting in the Lodge Ballroom on Dec. 16 addressed the issue of saving water, which also saves us money.

Drought is not a new condition for California. It has been part of the rain cycle since records have been kept. However, as our population increases and water consumption increases, we need to be more concerned about how we can save water during the dry spells.

Likening the water systems to tuning up a car so that it runs more efficiently, the first speaker, Susan Savolainen, who has spent 20 years as a landscape manager and a certified landscape irrigation auditor, walked the audience through 11 simple steps to save water in our landscape. She started by taking a careful look at the water irrigation systems that we use, pointing out the need to check the pipes and valves for leaks, note the water pressure (add a regulator if necessary), adjust the sprinkler heads, making sure that the nozzles match

and adjusting the controller program for maximum efficiency. She gave reasons for adding mulch to flower beds and shrubs, aerating the lawns annually to improve water infiltration, using slow-release fertilizers and being aware of the ratio of the ingredients in the fertilizer used.

Our own Landscape Committee Chairperson Len Tavernetti, followed with an overview in detail about the methods Four Seasons uses to maintain the common area landscape. His specific knowledge of our systems was quite impressive. He not only described the irrigation systems, he described the number of controllers and sprinkler types that are in use and the manpower required to maintain them.

If you missed the presentation, you might want to talk with your neighbors about the simple steps suggested or plan to attend a meeting or two of the Landscape Committee to learn more about how we are conserving water in our community.
~ **Bobbie Eckel**



THE PASS AREA VETERANS EXPO

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

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

Representatives from many agencies, schools, businesses and other organizations will be there with information, contacts, resources and benefits. Loma Linda VA and Riverside County Veteran Services will be able to check status and help with claims.

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

For more information, contact Anita Worthen at abirdr82@aol.com or Altie Holcombe at holcomb5570@roadrunner.com. You may also like us on Facebook. ~
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A colorful promotional poster for Tukwila Canyon Bar & Grill. The poster features various offers for different days of the week. At the top, it says "20% OFF YOUR BILL EXCLUDING ALCOHOL" for 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Below this, there are sections for "LIVE MUSIC & DINNER SPECIALS" (5:00 PM to 9:00 PM) with a "50% OFF WINE BY THE BOTTLE" offer, and "TUESDAY SENIOR NIGHT" (3:00 PM to 8:00 PM). There are also "WEDNESDAY STEAK NIGHT" and "THURSDAY FISH FRY" (3:00 PM to 8:00 PM). A "FRIDAY WINE & DINE" section is at the bottom left. The "RISE & SHINE SENIOR BREAKFAST" (6:30 AM - 11:00 AM) offers "10% OFF BREAKFAST". A "SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR" is also listed. On the right side, there are prices for "ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH & CHIPS" (\$11.95) and "DOMESTIC DRAFTS" (\$2.50), "CRAFT/IMPORT DRAFTS" (\$3.50), "WELLS" (\$3.50), and "OFF HOUSE WINE" (\$2.00). At the bottom, it says "Experience ALL THAT TURKEY CANYON BAR & GRILL HAS TO OFFER" and "FAIRWAY CANYON & TOURNAMENT HILLS RESIDENCES RECEIVE 10% OFF IN RESTAURANT". The address "36211 Champions Drive Beaumont, CA 92223" and phone number "951.845.0014" are at the very bottom, along with the website "tukwila-canyon.com".



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Happy New Year! May the new year bring you happiness, good health and lots of new Four Season friends!

The storms have arrived and we are getting that much needed rain. Remember to submit an application for your gutters to the ARC Committee before they are installed. Gutters

are required on all solid patio covers.

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Happy New Year Everyone

As of yet the New Years' Eve Gala has not taken place although it looks like it is going to be a big success and as of this writing we are busy putting the finishing touches on all of our plans. Hope you didn't miss it.

Next month I will also give a final report on Winter Wish. I

can say that as always Four Seasons went way beyond anyone else in the spirit of giving. By next month I will have the total figure on how many families and how many children were in the program plus how many name tags Four Seasons took. I can tell you right now it was a lot more then last year.

Looking forward to the new year. ~ **Melody Seewooster**

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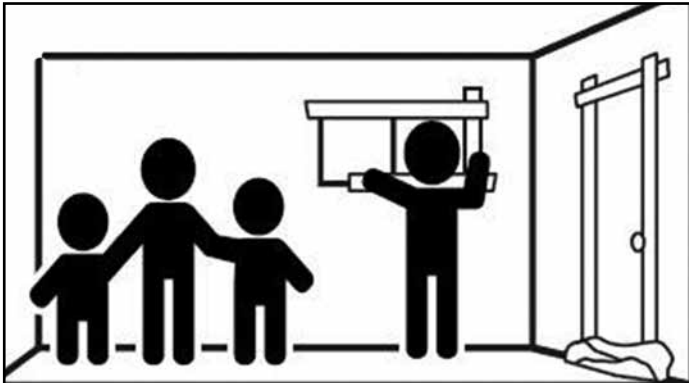
Senator Mike Morrell (California District 23) and Debra Williams (Building Resilient Communities president) have brought together community leaders and representatives from various faith-based and government groups in an effort to improve disaster response planning for the Inland Empire. Collaboration and networking among emergency personnel, local leaders and faith-based organizations is critical to ensure that people receive the basic assistance they need following a disaster. Plan on attending this informative meeting in the Lodge Ballroom at 6 pm on Jan. 22 to learn how you can help the Four Seasons emergency preparedness team respond to a disaster. ~ *Jean Sandoval*



Senator Mike Morrell and Debra Williams

SHELTER IN PLACE

If chemical, biological or radiological contaminants are released, either accidentally or intentionally into the air, “shelter in place” is the process of completely sealing a room temporarily to create a barrier between you and the potential contamination outside. During a chemical disaster or unsafe air conditions, the safest course of action is to take shelter in a sealed room for several hours until the dangers outside have been controlled and the air is deemed safe by officials.



How Will I Know When to “shelter-in-place”?

Fire or police department warning procedures could include:

- “All-Call” telephoning – an automated system for sending recorded messages, called “reverse 9-1-1”
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts on radio or TV
- Outdoor warning sirens or horns
- News media sources – radio, TV, and cable
- NOAA Weather radio alerts
- Residential route alerting – messages announced to neighborhoods from vehicles equipped with public address systems

How Do I Prepare?

- Choose a room in advance for your shelter. The best room is one with few windows and doors: a bathroom or a closet. Stay on a floor above ground, not a basement room as many chemicals are heavier than air.
- Find out if warning systems will be tested in your area; determine if you can hear or see sirens or warning lights from your home.
- Develop a family emergency plan and practice regularly.
- Have your disaster kit, water, pet supplies, etc. within the area where you “shelter-in-place” (refer to the Residents’ Emergency Handbook for supply list).
- Have a flashlight in every room of your home.
- Have plastic sheeting, large plastic bags, a tall step stool or broom with long handle and duct tape in the room.

How to “shelter-in-place” at home

- Close all windows and exterior doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems; close the fireplace damper.
- If you are told there is a danger of explosion, close the window shades or curtains.
- Family and pets immediately go to room designated for “shelter-in-place”.
- Tape plastic sheeting around doors and windows; use plastic garbage bags to cover exhaust fans, vents, outlets and heat registers.
- Jam towels in the crack under the door.
- Stay in the room and listen to the radio until you are told it is safe to come out.

~ *Gillian Boucher, Transportation Team Leader*

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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

That rarest of phenomena in Four Seasons, rain, paid us a visit in early December. The late fall storm delivered just under three inches of rain on our community. We had a similar rainfall in 2013 followed by sparse rainfall for the season. In 2009 a good rain in December was followed by good rainfall in early 2010, so predictions for our 2014-2015 rainfall amounts are not reliable. Nevertheless, the opportunity to turn off our irrigation system for a week was welcome. Heavy rains cause runoff but will recharge our ground water reservoirs.

With soggy ground the trails made of decomposed granite become untrafficable and residents should alter their routine by not walking on them. After a few days our maintenance crews will have them back in shape but attention needs to be given to low spots

where water may puddle.

The heavy rains also caused leaves to drop from the trees all at once, clogging drains and making sidewalks slippery. January frost will add to the danger for early morning walks and residents can't be too careful during this time of year. It is time to cover backflow devices with blankets. Local hardware stores sell wraps for pipes at backflow devices. Although our average low temperatures are in the mid-30s, we can have a hard freeze. On Jan. 12, 1949 the low was 11 degrees.

Several of our young pine trees have been vandalized by topping. They will be replaced. It is unfortunate that the Association has to bear the cost for these actions but we will continue to maintain landscape plan of the developer that attracted our members to buy and settle in Four Seasons. ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



Backflow covered with blanket on Beaver Creek



Trail damage after December rain



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SAFETY & FACILITIES

A number of old and new items were covered at our December meeting.

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

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

closet is submitted for bids. An application for a solar pool heating (at Rec Center Two) rebate is submitted. The Ballroom cabinet refinishing is submitted to the Finance Committee for funding. New floor mats have been installed at the Lodge. The pool renovation project was funded by Finance and is submitted to the Board of Directors.

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

Our next meeting is Jan. 6, at 9 am, in the Lodge. ~ **Dennis Gray**

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Rules & Regulations Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 9 am in the Conference Room and all residents are invited to attend the meeting. If you are a new homeowner you were given a copy of our Community Guidelines, which can be daunting at first glance. Once you have recovered from "the move," sit down and review the booklet. A great deal of time and thoughtful consideration went into creating the guidelines we observe here in Four Seasons.

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. ~ **Barbara Miller**



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We had our annual holiday brunch on Dec. 10 in the Lodge Ballroom. It was a great success enjoyed by all with wonderful food, decorations and lots of holiday spirit. After welcoming everyone, Anita Worthen introduced our speaker, Corporal Galbraith of the Beaumont Police Department, who gave a short and very informative talk about dealing with panhandlers in our city. He explained that we are a generous community and the word has been spread among the panhandlers to come and we will give. Galbraith explained the many reasons we should

not do so, and how to deal with the situation.

There was a special sign up table for anyone who would like to be a block captain, along with a poster showing those streets still in need of one. If anyone is interested in being a block captain or co-block captain, contact Jill Anderson at (951) 760-3063.

Neighborhood Watch is very excited to begin a new year. ~
Jill Anderson

BISTRO COMMITTEE

We discussed the following at our November meeting:

- Kitchen repairs and modifications are progressing on schedule.
- The door to the freezer has been temporarily fixed and we are in the process of having it replaced.
- We will explore expansion ideas for the Bistro with Smitty.
- Please do not take chairs from the Card Room, Library or the Bistro into the Conference Room for dining. Standard chairs are now being provided.
- The Ballroom is available for additional seating when needed.

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

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FINANCE COMMITTEE



Items discussed at the November meeting: The financial statements for October were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: net income year-to-date was \$164,104 and total reserves were \$4,605,888. The accounts receivable (delinquencies) was \$51,171. Our total HOA expenses for October (excluding reserve allocations) were \$200,774. This was under budget by \$54,062. The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for October 2014 were under the monthly budget by \$3,967. The Springdale Cost Center Expenses for October were under the monthly budget by \$106. There were nine CD renewals reviewed and a recommendation to renew at the best prevailing rate not to exceed six months was sent to the Board. There were two vendor proposal presented and sent to the Board with recommendations for approval. Accounts Receivable update, there are no new delinquencies.

General Manager Jeri Mupo provided the following input to financial reporting issues noted

at the last meeting:

1. Telephones: This inquiry remains a work in progress. Subsidiary phone numbers are not yet matched to the function; however, progress is being made and a report should be available by next meeting.

2. Electricity: We are in a high cost tier for our electricity usage, likely because our usage levels are high. Air conditioning zone balancing is a large source of the problem. Jeri will bring in the A/C service contractor to assist in resolving the issue. Wayne Staples gave an update on the RCN (Rec Center North) project. The contractor has been selected and the contract sent to the vendor for acceptance. Work was scheduled to commence Dec. 1.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Jan. 27, at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

~ Noel Myers

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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

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

Line Dance

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

HORSESHOES

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| W | 10a |
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PING PONG

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

TENNIS

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| 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

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| Tues | 9:30a |
| W | 3p |

PADDLE TENNIS

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

PICKLEBALL

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



Class Schedule

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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| Ceramics | W | 1p |
| | Sat | 10a |
| Drawing & Sketching | M | 10a |
| | W | 6p |
| Watercolor | M | 6p |
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| Machine Quilting | Sun | 10a |

BIBLE STUDY

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| Women's Bible Study | Fri | 10:30a |
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| TOPS Weigh in | Tues | 8a |
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Committee Meetings

| COMMITTEE | DAY | TIME |
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| Architectural Review | Jan. 7 | 9:30a |
| | Jan. 21 | 9:30a |
| Bistro | Jan. 27 | 11a |
| BOD Exec. Session | Jan. 8 | 9a |
| BOD General Session | Jan. 8 | 1p |
| Communications | Jan. 5 | 10a |
| Proofing | Jan. 12 | 10a |
| Emergency Prep (EPC) | Jan. 20 | 9a |
| Event Systems | <i>Meets on an as needed basis</i> | |
| Finance | Jan. 27 | 1p |
| Landscape | Jan. 12 | 8a |
| Rules & Regulations | Jan. 13 | 9a |
| Safety & Facilities | Jan. 6 | 9a |
| Social | Jan. 8 | 5p |

Sneak Peek at February

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

TASTE D'VINE

We have a great event scheduled for our January meeting, which will take place on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6 pm in the Lodge Ballroom: Keyways Winery from Temecula will be here to present some of their delicious wines for tasting and to educate us on their wine making process. We will be pouring varietals and blends that you will want to experience.

The Taste d'Vine Wine Club is the largest club in Four Seasons with more than 130 members and growing as new residents join the community. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm in the Lodge Ballroom where we combine wine education and tasting with socializing and fun entertainment. Join us! ~ *Gracy Luna*



AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Amateur Radio operators establish and operate organized communication networks locally for governmental and emergency entities, as well as non-

commercial communication for citizens affected by disasters. They are very active after disasters that often damage regular lines of communications due to power outages and destruction of telephone, cellular and other infrastructure-dependent systems.

Many radio amateurs are active volunteers with local public safety organizations. In some disasters, radio frequencies are not coordinated among relief officials. Amateur radio operators step in to coordinate communication when radio towers and elements in the communications infrastructure are damaged.

Amateur radio operators have informal and formal groups to coordinate communication during emergencies. At the local level, hams participate in local emergency organizations, and organize local "traffic nets" using VHF (very high frequencies) and UHF (ultra high frequencies). At the state level, hams are often involved with state emergency management operations. Hams operate at the national level through the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), which is coordinated through FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and through the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), which is coordinated through the American Radio Relay League and its field volunteers. Ham operators participate in Skywarn, under the auspices of the National Weather Service to provide emergency weather information.

Many national organizations have formal agreements with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and other Amateur Radio groups including:

- Department of Homeland Security — Citizen Corps
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- National Communications System (NCS)
- Salvation Army (SATERN)
- National Weather Service
- Association of Public Safety Communications Officials

We are fortunate at Four Seasons to have a radio club, W6FSB, which comprises an aggregate of experienced radio communicators. The club consists of seasoned licensed Amateur radio operators, state-of-the-art ham radio equipment and community volunteers utilizing FRS (Family Radio Service) radio communication. Club members traditionally have their own equipment that can be used during disasters or emergencies and may consist of base, mobile, field, or hand held transceivers. We have been active in establishing radio communication protocol, processes, procedures for the Four Seasons at Beaumont Emergency Preparedness Program. The club also is behind the effort of establishing the use of FRS radios in the community for emergencies, neighborhood watch reporting, and general recreational use. Club volunteers also provide FRS training and familiarization, operation, and use of the radio. The FRS training by qualified W6FSB instructors is open to all interested organizations, clubs or individuals. ~ *Alfred Blair, KK6IGU*

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For the December meeting, the assignment was to bring a black and white picture photographed according to the guidelines presented in the November meeting. As always, this is an optional assignment. The members do not have to do it but it is a great learning experience if they do. Wow, some beautiful black

and white pictures were presented at the meeting as evidenced by the attachment by John Baeyertz.

It is hard to believe that the holidays are now behind us. Where did all of the time go?

In future meetings, we'll be discussing the pictures we took over the holidays,

various ways of presenting them, and lots of additional topics, workshops, and field trips.

Hope to see you soon. For further information, please contact Lyle Cameron at (951) 849-6987. ~ **Lyle Cameron**



By John Baeyertz: The famous cypress tree along the 17 mile drive at Carmel, CA

SPANISH CLASS

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

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



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BUNCO



Happy new year! This month we will be playing Bunco on Jan. 8 and 22. With all the new homes in Four Seasons I know there are many of you that have not come out for Bunco. Make it your resolution to come join us and meet some of your neighbors. We have a great time and you will be happy you came. We meet at 1 pm sharp in the Card Room. Don't forget to get a drink at Smitty's or maybe 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**

BRIDGE

All levels of bridge players are welcome on Mondays at 12 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 want to learn the game, lessons will resume in January. 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**

WED. BRIDGE

We start at 12 noon and emphasize the learning, fun, and comfort. You can agree on your conventions with each partner as you rotate in a party bridge format and scoring. Our group is looking for new members and we have a substitute list. You can watch and learn. Bridge is good for the brain. Bring your smile! Info., Verina at (951) 769-1687 or Phil at (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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Wow! The holidays have come and gone. The Lodge looked its best ever. Good job! Oh, and the program was fantastic. The perfect kick off to the holiday season. I hope you and your love ones had a wonderful Christmas and fun New Year's Eve.

My decree for you... 2015 be a year of good health, fun with family and friends, your dreams and hopes come true, and this is the year you finally get out and enjoy our beautiful community and all of its clubs and amenities. You deserve it!

Our Christmas Gala was sold out. Thank you for such great participation. I can't wait to share our evening with you. I will let you know everything in the next issue. Stay tuned.

The Multicultural Evening of Christian and Gospel Music is Sunday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 7 pm. It is a completely free event. We really hope all the community will participate and attend. You can still sign up if you have a talent — singing, playing an instrument or piano, praise dancing, gospel music, etc. The last day to sign up is Jan. 15. All in our community are encourage to share their talent. Let's make this event a true reflection of our community spirit and togetherness. The event is hosted by AACC, Cookie Bonner, and the Beaumont Social Club Director, Cindy Graves. Refreshments will be served. Contact Cookie for more info., (951) 769-7679.

Our first meeting for 2015 is Monday, Jan. 5, at the Lodge in the Card Room. We are still in the process of planning for year 2015. We are looking for new members, ideas and talents. Please come and join us. We are open to all. Contact Betty Ann James at (951) 769-572-5538. ~ **Roxie Elliott**

“BELIEVE:” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Un-believe-ably, the “Believe...” Women's Bible Study began a year ago, on Jan. 3. To date, we have enjoyed 50 lessons, lots of laughs, close sisterhood, and beautiful Bible messages. Each woman that attended in 2014 has been a true blessing, each bringing incredible depth of faith, wisdom, knowledge and insight.

From March until Dec. 19, we studied *1 Corinthians 13:1-7*: how we show our love for God by treating others with true Christian love ~ what it means to have it, how to get it and then shine its light on those around us. Our final lesson on Dec. 19 was a reflection on each of the lessons and what the women learned from them. Before the *1 Corinthians 13* study began, each member filled out a card containing what attribute they wanted to strengthen from this study. That card was then placed in a sealed envelope with their name on the front. On Dec. 19

DOMINOES

Carl Carson was the big champion for the month of October, winning the most domino games. Carl was also the winner in August. He decided on spaghetti for the entrée of the month. Our president, Reggie Fuqua, put on his apron and fixed two huge pots of spaghetti that did not disappoint anyone. The ingredients Reggie uses in his secret spaghetti recipe are unknown, but the results always produces a tongue twisting, soul satisfying meal. Way to go Reggie!

Both Carl Carson and Solomon Hayes have been playing dominoes on a superior level. These two guys have both won twice in the last six months. The rest of the players are going to have to get into their arsenals and bring out the big guns to stop them. Maybe some players need to go to domino school and take a refresher course, myself included.

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

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**

the sealed envelope was returned to them, enabling that woman to make a personal assessment of how much they have grown. Also, each woman was given a special gift in remembrance of this study, and then dismissed to enjoy the Christmas party, which consisted of a potluck, program, and lots of other surprises.

Also on Dec. 19 the participants in the Secret Sister Project discovered the identity of their individual Secret Sister who left all the wonderful surprises on their doorsteps. It was a fun and rewarding experience for every giver and recipient.

We will reconvene for a whole new study on Jan. 9, at 10:30 am in the first section of the Ballroom. Come join this amazing group of beautiful Christian women. This is a non-denominational study for all women, no matter their level of biblical knowledge. We'll be looking for you. ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

LINE DANCING

Thank so many of you for attending the holiday show last month. The line dancing group was excited to be able to perform for you and your families. Many of the dancers have been dancing less than a year. They really worked hard to learn a complicated dance. I am really proud of them and I hope you enjoyed the performance.

Here we are again, the start of a new year and maybe a couple of pounds heavier and feeling sluggish after all the holiday parties. Don't despair! Get moving! Take a walk at least three times a week for 30 minutes, park the car a little farther out from the store, and consider dancing.

If you are looking for exercise and fun, join us. Line dancing is not very stressful on the joints and most dances can be adapted for knee and/or hip problems. Recently there have been seven to nine brand new dancers and I have started having a very beginning dance class from 2:30 to 3 pm. I will continue this through the end of January. It is for people with no experience at all. I teach the basic steps and you learn two or three dances. The regular beginning class is from 3 to 3:45 pm, and the advanced class from 3:45 to 4:30 pm. The advance class is for experienced dancers only, as I do not take much time on demonstrating the steps. This group is usually working on a new dance. Please remember to be on time and to bring water with you... you will be glad you did.

I teach the classes for free, but ask for a \$1 donation which goes to the Performing Arts Club.

This year, donations so far have been \$766, (one more class to go). For the past three years the donations have been over \$2,000. Come dance, it is exercise and helps the Performing Arts Club. ~ **Martha Franck**



Line dancers at the Christmas show

HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Happy New Year to all my dancers, past and present. I hope that 2015 brings each you good health. May you get the opportunity to explore and experience new things that will keep you happy and relaxed. I look forward to another year of bringing fun dances. See you on the dance floor.

Class hours are Wednesdays from 4 to 5:25 pm for beginners and 5:30 to 6 pm for intermediate. ~ **Priscilla Robles**



The Skyline Xpress band will be performing at our Valentine's Dinner Dance. These guys and a gal are really good, perform a wide variety of music, are in great demand, and they love to perform for us at Four Seasons.

BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Our Christmas Dinner Dance sold out while there were still folks wanting to attend. We limit the seating so you have space to move around the tables and the dance floor doesn't get too crowded.

These are excellent events, and since we sell out we're giving you notice of our next fantastic soiree, our Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14 at 5:30 pm.

Take a night out and go on a date. Invite your spouse, friend, cousins, aunts and uncles, and enjoy a complete dinner, great fun and lots of dancing.

Information for this event will be posted in the Lodge, and tickets will go on sale early this month.

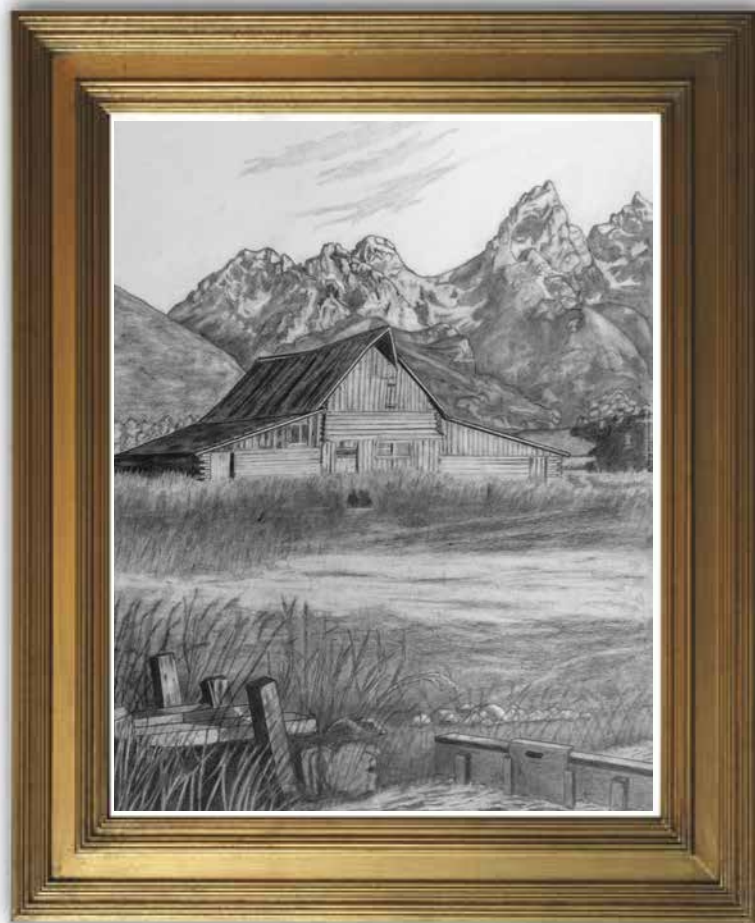
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Classes are Mondays 10 am to 12 noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Just stop by and get started. ~ **Rob Kelman**



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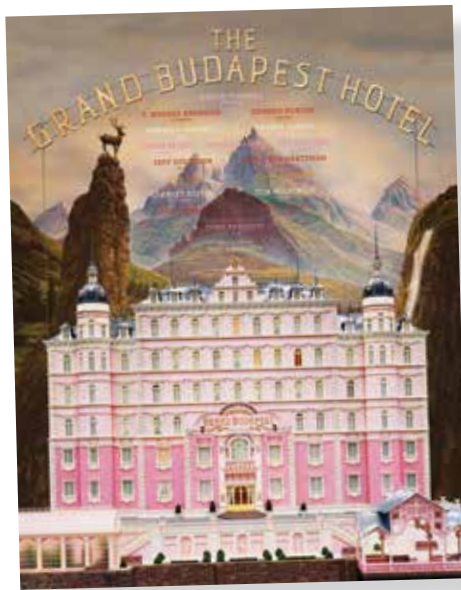
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COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA

We have twice-monthly screenings of movies you may not find at your Cineplex: indie films, foreign films, documentaries, etc. Check us out!

Our first January screening, on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 6 pm, is the film *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (USA 2014, 100 minutes, English). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: “*The Grand Budapest Hotel* recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune — all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing continent.”

Our second January screening on Jan. 25 at 6 pm, is the film *Chef* (USA 2014, 114 minutes, English). Here is a brief description from IMDB.com: “Carl Casper is an acclaimed chef with a family life that seems as decaying as his artistic freedom. Those frustrations boil over into a raucous viral-videoed public confrontation against a restaurant critic who panned his cooking of food that his boss ordered him to make

against his instincts. Now with his career ruined, Carl’s ex-wife offers an unorthodox solution in Miami: refit an old food truck to offer quality cooking on his own terms. Now with his young son, Percy, and old colleague Martin helping, Carl takes a working trip across America with that truck to rediscover his gastronomic passion. With Percy’s tech savvy and Martin’s enthusiasm, Carl finds that he is creating a traveling sensation on the way home. In doing so, Carl discovers he is serving up more than simply food, but also a deeper connection with his life and his family that is truly delicious in its own way.”

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 February: *The Skeleton Twins*, *Words and Pictures*. 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 2015! Hope your holidays were great and you're holding to some of your New Years resolutions. In fact, I'd like to offer you one more. Repeat after me: I will get more involved with the Performing Arts Club." Job well done! Now, I expect to see you at either our upcoming audition or offering your assistance as crew, stagehands, producers, directors, writers, or our desperately needed sound engineer/technician. Being part of one or more shows doesn't make you committed to attending meetings on a regular monthly basis, unless you want to. Producers, directors and writers will need to attend meetings during the couple of months preceding their shows but not beyond.

If you've ever been on a stage, even dating back to grade school, this is your opportunity to regain that feeling again. Is being on stage on your bucket

list? If everyone reading this dares one friend to audition for "Friday Night Live," we'll hopefully have lots of new talent to showcase at our next show. C'mon! I dare you to do it!

"Friday Night Live," a take-off of Saturday Night Live, will be March 20, 6 pm. It will feature an opening monologue, newscast, several skits, musical and comedic acts. We would also love to have a rock and roll band.

Auditions for "Friday Night Live" will be held for all acts on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6 pm, in the Lodge Theater. Some scripts will be available for the spoken word auditions. For musical and comedic (magician, ventriloquist, comedians, etc.), please bring your own material. The audition sign-up sheets are in the Lodge lobby across from the desk.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Last month I told you what was coming up but

not when. Since you know that the Performing Arts Club has been bringing you better entertainment year after year, I strongly suggest you get your 2015 calendar and write these dates down:

March 20, 6 pm: Friday Night Live
May 30, 6 pm: Radio Shows
July 4: Patriotic/Americana Show
Aug. 14, 6 pm: PG-55+ Comedy Show
Oct. 23, 6 pm: Radio Shows
Dec. 4, 6 pm: Holiday Show
Dec. 5, 6 pm: Holiday Show

Plus there is a possibility for one or two additional Friday Fun Nights. Not too bad for free entertainment! I think the next time I see my fellow members I'll give them a pat on their backs. Good job, all!

Any questions, terimk@verizon.net. ~
Teri Meyers-Kelman



LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY

We will resume Tuesday evening meetings on Jan. 13, at 7 pm in the Lodge Ballroom. Doc Sellars will be facilitating a six week study of New Testament verses dealing with the themes of resurrection and the kingdom of God. We will rely heavily upon N. T. Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope*, and the book's study guide will be available for purchase (optional/\$9) at the first meeting. Everyone is welcome! Please call Doc or Letha Sellars with any questions at (951) 797-3302. ~ **Doc Sellars**

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WRITERS' CLUB

Our Dec. 2 meeting was less well attended than we might have hoped, due in part to the weather. We read, then discussed, a blog posting on the subject of why we write, and why we **SHOULD** write. We also discussed questions relating to how to edit and revise our writings, and how to deal with inspiration vanishing as soon as we sit down to a blank page or a blank screen.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 1:30 pm. It will be in the third section of the Lodge Ballroom, unless otherwise announced. We may have one or more in-depth discussions about our writing projects, or we may discuss a book or article helpful to writers, or we may have a round-table Q&A session. Our agenda is not yet set as of publication time.

The 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. Please attend if you have a question about something you are writing, or if you are still trying to decide what to write. Remember, writing is how we communicate our thoughts and feelings in a semi-permanent form.

Will we see YOU at our Jan. 6 meeting? ~ **Phil Bond**

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

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

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Many of us know something about computers, but most of us would love to learn a lot more. Today we're all challenged with needing to know more about new technology from our computers, tablets, and smart phones and that's exactly what this club is all about. It's just regular people getting together to swap technical tips and tricks as well as hopes of bringing in computer educators who specialize in different software, apps, and devices to share with our members. We are very open to having any computer savvy residents, come and join us and perhaps share their ideas on topics that they (you) might be familiar with. Topics that are being considered for meetings are: computer, tablet and phone photography, helpful device maintenance, Google apps, Facebook tips, Twitter uses, website building, email helps, as well as G.P.S. and maps (among the many other things). We want to hear from you if this sounds like something up your alley.

Please come on down to the Lodge and fill out an application for the Computer Club so that we have a better idea what potential members would be most interested in.

Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 1 pm in the Lodge Ballroom.

If you have any questions or any ideas I'd love to hear from you. Contact Phil Jaffe at (360) 271-7114 or e-mail me at philjaffe872@gmail.com. ~ **Phil Jaffe**

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DISCOVERY CLUB

In 1271 Marco Polo, his father and uncle left Venice to visit the Kublai Kahn in China. It was 24 years before they got back home again.

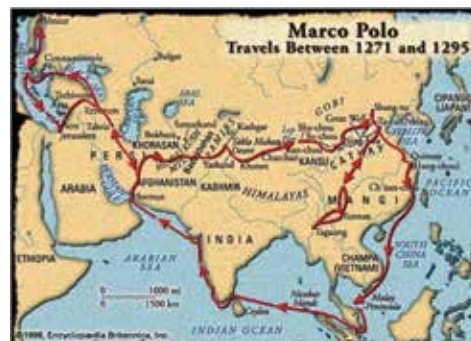
For the return trip to Venice, Kahn sent 14 immense ships and 600 men with the Polos. It took about two years for the voyage, but there remained only two ships and 18 men when they finally arrived. What happened to the other ships and men is still a mystery.

Marco's stories are recorded in a book called *The Description of the World*. It

was so popular that Columbus took a copy on his journey to the New World. On his death bed, Marco was asked to elaborate on or recant his story, and he said, "I have not told half of what I saw."

While our life's stories are not as grand and exciting as Marco's, they are still very worthy stories. But unless we write it down, who will ever know? With nothing for future generations to read, our life's story will disappear 30 to 40 years after we're gone.

Start now. When you remember an



event or experience you had, especially while growing up, write it down. Don't worry about organization, just get it on paper (or into your computer).

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



All Seasons RV crazy holiday shirt party

ALL SEASONS RV

We are residents who participate in RV trips. In the past we have traveled to many fun and interesting places. If you would like further information on future trips, you can contact, Ann Williams at annwilymz@yahoo.com to be added to the email list. You can also attend one of our meetings the second Tuesday of the month in the Ballroom at 6 pm. Our next meeting will be Jan. 13. ~ **Rick Brower**

SEASONED SOLOS

During December the Seasoned Solos enjoyed the Christmas program at the Lodge, the Magic Show at the Lodge, breakfast at Smitty's, a Christmas Party at Monica's with an ornament and cookie exchange, and lunch at Grand Oaks.

Events to be discussed at the January meeting include the Street Fair in Palm Desert, miniature golf, American Legion

Dinner, and lunch at Hawk's Head in Oak Glen.

We welcome new members. We have one planning meeting each month followed by enjoyable outings. Our meetings are the first Friday of each month at 6 pm in the Craft Room in the Lodge. ~ **Mary Castle**

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FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

We worked hard on the holiday program and now we will be taking a break from January to March, 2015. Time now for us to enjoy our lives as we live in this place that's like cruising on land! Look for upcoming rehearsals in future editions of the *Breeze*. For further information, you can contact Barbara Wasco (951) 797-3466 or email at bawasco@dc.rr.com. ~ **Barbara Wasco**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement Group has concluded the four week break and will resume meeting Jan. 19.

Coincidentally, Jan. 19 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This day of remembrance is an annual event, on the third Monday of every January.

It is interesting that as a nation we openly grieve and memorialize the loss of a person who has been important to our country, yet as individuals we so often do just the opposite.

As a nation we display our myriad feelings, talk about the immense loss, talk about how this person changed so many lives, openly remember him every single year.

Yet too frequently as individuals, we feel ashamed of our grief. "What's wrong with me?" or others ask, "don't you think

RAINBOW GROUP



We are continuing informal social evenings. We hope this will allow as many of our LGBT neighbors and friends, and their friends, to get together with us. Our next social will be on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 6 pm. Let's congregate at Smitty's and we can then determine whether outdoors on the patio will be plausible (there are heaters there if the wind is not too bad). We have also reserved the Board Room for that time as well in case we need to move indoors. Please order whatever dinner items you wish and then enjoy each other's company and conversation while having dinner. Should you wish to enjoy your own beverages, please feel free to bring whatever you desire. If you have any questions, please call/email Dale at (951) 797-0364 or dale.beckes@gmail.com; or Barbara at (951) 845-6246 or bamerton@alumni.ucla.edu. ~ **Dale Beckes**

you should be over it by now?" as if there is a timeline to adhere to.

So we clam up, hide our feelings and tears even from family and close friends, and soldier on, privately wondering why life is so bleak and if "this" will ever end.

If you have experienced loss and think you might want to feel free to cry, talk, laugh, rage, sit quietly, express yourself openly in a safe environment, then come join us. We will welcome you.

We meet Mondays from 1 to 3 pmin the Lodge Crafts Room.

Just show up, or you may call at (951) 922-0934 or email to lauriemlarson425@gmail.com. All contact is confidential. ~

Laurie Larson

TOPS

Well it is the beginning of a new year and time to make some resolutions. Losing weight might be one of them. If you would like to lose a few pounds or just like to live a healthier life style TOPS might be just the ticket.

TOPS is very affordable (\$32 per year membership and \$3 per month chapter dues). There was just a \$4 increase as of Jan. 1. 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, Area Captain at (951) 845-9313. ~ **Cheryl Burke**



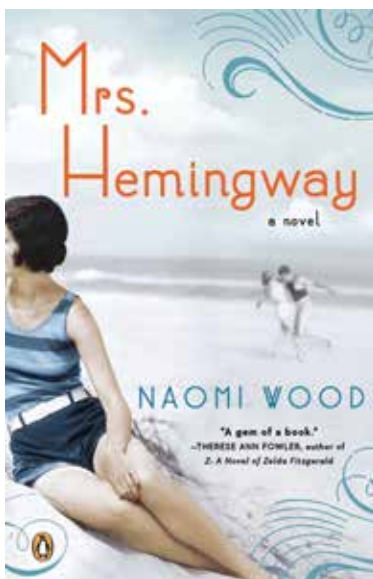
KARAOKE

The schedule for Karaoke Nights for the upcoming year is as follows: Jan. 10, 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**

BOOK CLUB

Everyone knows about Ernest Hemingway: the tormented legend, the larger than life adventures, the drinking, the womanizing... but what do we really know about each of the wives he left the previous wife for and the relationships they shared with him and with each other?

Mrs. Hemingway by Naomi Wood, our book for January, is a meticulously researched, yet fictionalized, account of these complex and interesting women. It moves in time from the Roaring Twenties through the early 1960s. Narrated by each of the four wives, it reads



as a story as one watches Hemingway try to reconcile each abandoned wife to the new wife, and it explores the relationships that develop between these very different women who share only one thing in common: Ernest Hemingway.

We will be discussing this fascinating book on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 am. We hope you will join us for the meeting that will be led by Julie Stayner. Also, mark your calendar for Feb. 10 when we will explore *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. For more information about us, please call Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Julie Stayner**

BEAUMONT BLOOMS

They are not the first, but they are the true first sign that spring has arrived. They have poked their green stems out of the warming ground and captured our attention with yellow, orange and white blossoms. Daffodils (photos right) are members of the amaryllis family growing from bulbs that over-winter in fields and gardens. They are long-lived and often mark the outer foundations of bygone flower beds where homes once stood. The exact origin of the name for daffodils is unknown, but it is often linked to a Greek word for intoxicated (narcotic) and the myth of the young man who fell in love with his own reflection. The English word daffodil appears to be derived from asphodel, with which it was commonly compared.

The species are native to meadows and woods in southwest Europe and North Africa with a natural nursery in the Western Mediterranean, particularly the Iberian Peninsula. However both wild and cultivated plants have naturalized widely, and were introduced into the Far East prior to the tenth century. While historical accounts suggest narcissus plants have been cultivated from the earliest times, they became increasingly popular in Europe after the sixteenth century, and by the late nineteenth century were an important commercial crop centered primarily in the Netherlands. Today fields of daffodils can be spotted throughout the countryside.

Daffodils do well here in Four Seasons and bulbs should be planted as soon as they become available in the late summer, before the ground freezes. Actually, here it rarely does. But, the earlier the bulbs are planted, the better the roots will grow before the cold ground fosters well-nourished bulbs in the spring. The bulbs should be planted in clumps. Adding organic fertilizer, such as bone meal, to the hole before planting is advised. There are two times to fertilize, according to *1,000 Gardening*

Questions & Answers — spring, when there is new growth, and fall, when the roots are storing food. In both situations, the plant is using a lot of energy and will benefit from either a well-balanced fertilizer or compost to maintain nutrition. In late spring the stems should be cut when one-third of the leaves are yellow, which means the bulb has stored enough food. Dig around the daffodils and take out a clump of bulbs. Replant sturdy bulbs immediately. ~ **Leonard Tavernetti**



CRAFT GROUP

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

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

CERAMIC CORNER

We not only work with ceramic paint but also acrylics. Come join us in the fun.

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



KNITTING & CROCHETING

The group turned in nine children's blankets to the CHP office in November, and may have a few more by the end of the year or January. They were greatly appreciated. We also had our annual Christmas lunch in December, which is always a fun get together. We may try to include another project for the new year, such as scarves, baby blankets for the hospital, or hats for the VA hospital, which has been requested. Come join us on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

MACHINE QUILTING

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

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PADDLE TENNIS

Hope we all had a great holiday. We planned a New Year's Night for New Years' Eve and it was fun and entertaining. During the Holidays many family and friends visited our courts to watch the fun; we even put some to work sweeping the courts, as you can judge in the picture of Kaleb who was visiting his grandfather, Diego. Actually Kaleb wasn't sweeping he was just holding up the broom (right).

As you can tell by the picture of Syed Ali and Gary Campanella (right), we may be a little confused on what to wear during this cold weather to play Paddle Tennis, but it really doesn't matter just come as you are — only fun of the play seems to be the consensus here. Keep in mind we may all have to work around the weather so if it's raining (or just too darn cold) during our scheduled time, then wait until it clears and call Jim (951) 769-5525 and he can make a few calls to our players to see who would be interested in off-time play and to inquire if courts are available. Or if you would like to make your own plans, call Diana at (951) 769-5012. She has a list of players with phone numbers.

I had the opportunity to take some pictures (right) from a helicopter in December of our beautiful Four Seasons. For anyone interested please call me at (951) 769-5012 and I can forward to your email address or smart phones copies of aerial views of our beautiful Lodge, tennis courts, pool and of course the paddle tennis courts.

So as always... welcome all, good play, good times and good exercise. ~ **Diana Johnson Ali**



Left: An ariel view of our courts



Above: Kaleb is put to work when he visits Grandpa



Left: Syed Ali and Gary Campanella

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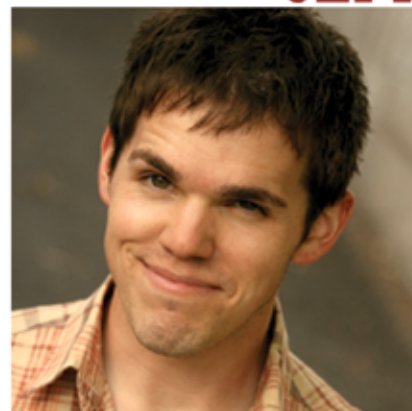
DANA EAGLE



Dana was a stand-out on this season's **Last Comic Standing** on NBC where Roseanne called her work "Fierce!" adding, "You remind me of my daughter but I like you anyway." Her empowering self-deprecation (nerd empowerment) has also been seen on **Comedy Central**, **The Late, Late Show With Craig Ferguson** (CBS), **Comedy Central**, **The Tonight Show With Jay Leno** (NBC), and **Comics Unleashed**, where she became a contributing writer. She has taken several trips overseas to perform for the troops in the Balkans (2006) and Iraq (2007, 2009, 2010). Eagle's one-woman show **Stones From Glass Houses** was featured at the **HBO US Comedy Art Festival** and its sequel **Mood Disorders: A Light-Hearted Romp Through Crippling Depression** premiered at the Los Angeles Theater Festival. She appeared in an ABC Pilot with Jason Alexander and was the host of Comcast UNConventional, Showtime NEXT, and E! Entertainment Network's, E! Life Lessons. Eagle began her career in musical theater but was asked to leave.

JEFF

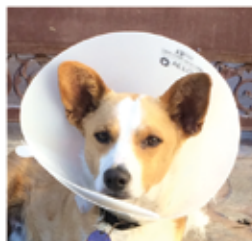
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RON RUHMAN



Ron is a professional comedian who headlines all over North America. **He has opened for Leon Redbone, and Judy Tenuta, and appeared on numerous television shows including "America's Funniest People."** In 2006 Ron traveled to New Orleans where he worked alongside Katrina Relief workers during the day and entertained Katrina victims at night. Ron has been called a "high energy Seinfeld". He brings a very energetic style to the stage as he shares his interesting slant on day-to-day life in an act that is clean, smart, and very entertaining.



DOUG

Doug will not be performing. However, his mommy, Courtney Taylor, will be hosting. She is trying to start a rumor that Mariah Carey weeps uncontrollably while eating. At **EVERY** meal.

Jeff MacKinnon is an important comedian who refines the art of stating his opinions as facts. He has been featured on **NBC, CBS, MTV, Sirius XM, ManiaTV!, Comedy.TV** and on the **Comedy Central "Comics To Watch"** showcase. He is a writer for MTV's "Ridiculousness" and most recently featured on YouTube sensation "Epic Rap Battles of History." In 2011 alone, he performed at festivals around the world, including the prestigious **Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Bridgetown, SF Sketchfest, Boston International, and Laughing Skull**. Jeff is also a founding member of Collective network's Recycled Babies Sketch Comedy and Groundlings-bred sketch group Hot Ice! His ability to create material on the spot led him to become a regular performer on Set List, an internationally-acclaimed live improvised stand-up show that airs overseas on SkyAtlantic. **His first televised stand-up comedy special called "Special!" will air in 2015.**

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BILLIARDS FOR FUN

Our group is bursting the walls of the Billiards Room! Consistently we have over 20 members playing billiards on any given Tuesday. Although we have a wonderful time together, this group has the potential to grow even more with all the new homes being built. Therefore, proactively, we voted on a few changes. Beginning Jan. 6, we will be holding two sessions of the Billiards for Fun Group: (1) 11 am to 1 pm; and (2) 1 to 3 pm. We will still pull peas at each session, and the rules of play will be the same, but we are hoping we won't be stumbling over each other anymore, and no team will have to have a "bye." There is already a practice group held on Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, spearheaded by Mike Saperstein, as well as a women's group that meets every Monday from 2 to 4 pm for instruction and/or practice, led by Dee Kelch.

As a last hurrah for 2014, our group met at Ron and Judy Erickson's home for an amazing evening of laughter, camaraderie, fun and lots and lots of great food and spirits. It was a party to beat all parties! (We're secretly hoping Ron and Judy volunteer to make this a yearly event.)

We received Board approval to mount our own bulletin board and group photo in the Billiards Room, which was

accomplished in December. We're very proud of them, so come check them out the next time you pass the Billiards Room. (See our group photo above.)

Now that we have so many options to choose from, we welcome anyone interested in joining a great group of wonderful people who enjoy the game, while honing their billiard skills and making lasting friendships. We'll be looking for you! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*

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HEARTY HIKERS

November is the time of seasonal change at Four Seasons. The morning of the 12th was gloomy with a low marine layer and 50 degree temperatures greeting the Hearty Hikers. A few were still attired in summer dress gambling on warmer weather as we headed east. By Morongo we had passed the cloud shoreline and blue sunlit skies promised a great day for hiking at Whitewater fish hatchery.

This traditional cool season hike follows the trickling stream up a wide boulder strewn valley for several miles. The absence of any meaningful rainfall for many months meant the trail was well marked with basketball size rocks that would be bowled away when heavy rains mounted a formidable flood. The hike starts in the river bed and serpentines across the muddy silt-filled water course, eroding evidence of San Gorgonio's eventual demise.

There were 18 hikers shedding outerwear as we climbed 400 feet toward the red dome about one hour above the hatchery. Here, water bottles and snack bags were pulled from fanny packs and belt holsters while the important discussion of lunch options ensued. The group then hopped across a narrow stream branch and trekked a hundred yards to the main water flow. Faced with the prospect of wading into the chilly stream, a decision to reverse course was made.

Hiking speed increased on the downhill return trip but was abruptly halted when a ferocious tarantula was found astride the trail. Cameras were brought out to record this encounter with native desert wildlife that would be fodder for tales during future hikes. The tarantula, moving at the pace of a speeding glacier, finally allowed the group to escape to the parking lot. Engines were started and the caravan headed for In-and-Out in Morongo to plot our December Christmas night walk at Four Seasons.

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



Back row L-R: Susan and Geoff Wilson, Fred Hofer, Barry Morgan, David Kershaw, and Robert Gundermann. Middle row L-R: Frieda Hofer, Larry Anderson, Bev and Walt Webster, Lana Gundermann, Jim Sein, and Jerome Liebenberg. Front row L-R: Sue and Bob Cooper, Mary Liebenberg and Lynette Simonson.



Bev and Barry on the trail.



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MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Our members all share the joy of riding. There are several forms of riding; from short local trips to day long excursions to multi-day adventures. There are several types of motorcycles on which to enjoy those rides; from short range sport bikes to full on touring machines. For such a small group of riders here at Four Seasons we have folks who like different types of riding and different types of bikes. We have an eclectic collection of motorcycles representing several manufacturers and styles of machines. Here is a partial list of our regular riders and their bikes:

Ron Morgan has a "Can-Am." This is a three wheeled machine. They don't fall over at stop signs and are well suited for both short and long distance riding with lots of storage and comfort.

Howard Lyon has a BMW K1600GTL. This is a "touring" machine. Lots of storage and comfort.

Dan Lanphere has a Triumph "Trophy." This is a "sport touring" machine. Storage, comfort and pep!

Bob Howard has a Victory "Cross Country." This is a "bagger" cruiser/touring machine.

Steve Sarchett has a Yamaha "Raider." A 113 Cubic inch

"cruiser."

Joe Ligori has a Honda "Valkyrie" this week. He changes motorcycles on a rather regular basis so we all enjoy seeing what he is riding this week. The Valkyrie is a six cylinder beast.

Steve Bennett has a Yamaha FJR1300. This is a Sport Tourer.

Harley Davidson, and its various models, is well represented by Rob Jack, Rick Brower, Bob Jones, Mark Lassen, Gordon Shepard and Leonard Peck. The Harleys range from small sport models to full on "baggers."

So you can see that if you like motorcycling you will fit right in with this varied group of riders and machines. Come on out to our next meeting and say hello. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the Lodge Ballroom.

We generally try to ride each Thursday. Some days fare or just a short breakfast or lunch ride. Some days are full day rides to local sights or events. Most Thursdays we leave the Lodge at 9 am and return to Four Seasons in midafternoon.

We invite all riding enthusiasts to come join us for some motorcycle camaraderie and sight-seeing on the Thursday rides. ~ **Howard Lyon**

4X4 SEASONS

Our monthly trip is always the third Thursday of every month. We meet in the north parking lot of the Lodge at 8 am. We did not take a trip in August because so many members were out of town; however three of the members were camping in Big Bear with the RV group. We spent two days riding the trails. One trail took us to the homestead of William Holcomb. His daughter was the first child born in the Big Bear area. William Holcomb also was the first person to discover gold in Holcomb Valley which resulted in the gold rush of the 1860s. We also explored the John Bull Trail which we discovered is a little too extreme for our vehicles, and we had to turn back.

Anyone who has a four-wheel drive vehicle is welcome. Most of the trips are on state service trails designated as four-wheel drive. We do not do extreme off-roading. If you do not own a four-wheel drive vehicle, you are more than welcome to ride along. Call Bob Cooper to make arrangements, or with club questions, at (951) 769-6352. ~ **Bob Cooper**

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RACQUET CLUB

With the new year just underway, the Racquet Club Committee has developed its plan for special activities for 2015. The first special event will be another “Red versus Blue” Independence Day team competition, conveniently scheduled for Saturday, July 4. Shortly after that battle royal, will be a Play Day with an attached hosted lunch, plus Wimbledon watching on Saturday, July 11. August will just be hot and have a regular Play Day without food on Saturday, Aug. 29. But come September, wait a week, and we will have another hosted lunch in conjunction with the U.S. Open on Saturday, Sept. 5. On Oct. 20, we will hold our annual meeting, including committee elections, and again, this is an occasion for us to party and eat. So, be sure to put all of these dates on your busy social calendar.

During 2015, Play Days will continue to be scheduled for the last Saturday of every month. Play Days are an opportunity for all Four Seasons Beaumont residents to participate in

social, fun tennis matches, irrespective of one’s level of tennis expertise. However, at the December Play Day competition was keen and intense, because the Nelsons were holding a ticket pulling drawing again. As each game winning player received one ticket per victory, chances of winning the drawing prize improved with every triumph. Nevertheless, despite a paucity of tickets, the winning ticket belonged to Victor Flores. He became the proud owner of a bamboo wind chime, sure to annoy his neighbors during our frequent Beaumont breezes.

The Racquet Club Committee will continue to hold its meetings at 4 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. These meetings are held in the Board Room at the Lodge. Members are welcome to attend, and then they can be first in line for Taco Tuesday dinner at the Bistro.

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



This could be your best friend or neighbor hiding behind their paddle. Why don't you come out and join us and see for yourself?

PICKLEBALL

Happy New Year to all! The pickleball players continue to enjoy the exercise and friendships we are building. It has been windy, cold and even the rain has tried to make us house bound; but we get the call of the courts and cannot stay away. This game is truly addicting!

Tips from a pro- How to win at doubles !

Doubles in pickleball requires patience, discipline, and encouragement. But most of all it is about having fun! In pickleball the early bird does not always get the worm. The team with the most patience will often win the game. Pulling the trigger too soon creates unforced errors. Well seasoned players will take advantage of a team/player that lacks patience and it is not hard for them to identify such teams/players. Always have happy feet and don't plant yourself. Reaching for balls instead of moving to them results in more errors. Practice trying to get a nice, long, hard deep serve return. Those drop shots on or near the back line are very tough to return. Pickleball, like everything else in life, needs to be fun! Compliments and encouragement will take you further and will relax your partner. Remember-practice, practice, practice! Drill, drill, drill! Go out and HAVE FUN.

Happy New Year from all the joyous picklers! Come try us out! Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 am. Info., Marty Key, (562) 331-0817 or keeksmail@yahoo.com. ~ **Marty Key**

THE 8-BALL CLUB

Dewey Allen is one of our original 8-Ball Club original players and is one of the best, if not the best player we have; when he is hot, he's hot. Dewey has played and loved our sport for over 60 years and is a very, very good competitor.

Just playing with Dewey you can learn so much, and we appreciate playing with such a seasoned player.

This last month Dewey won both our 8-Ball in-house tournament and the in house 9-Ball tournament. Congratulations on those wins Dewey!

We practice together at 7 pm on the first and third Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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 now on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Our “traveling tournaments” are the second and fourth Monday of the month. The second Monday, we travel to Solera in Hemet and the fourth Monday they come here. Check the message board in the Billiards Room for any changes of dates or locations.

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

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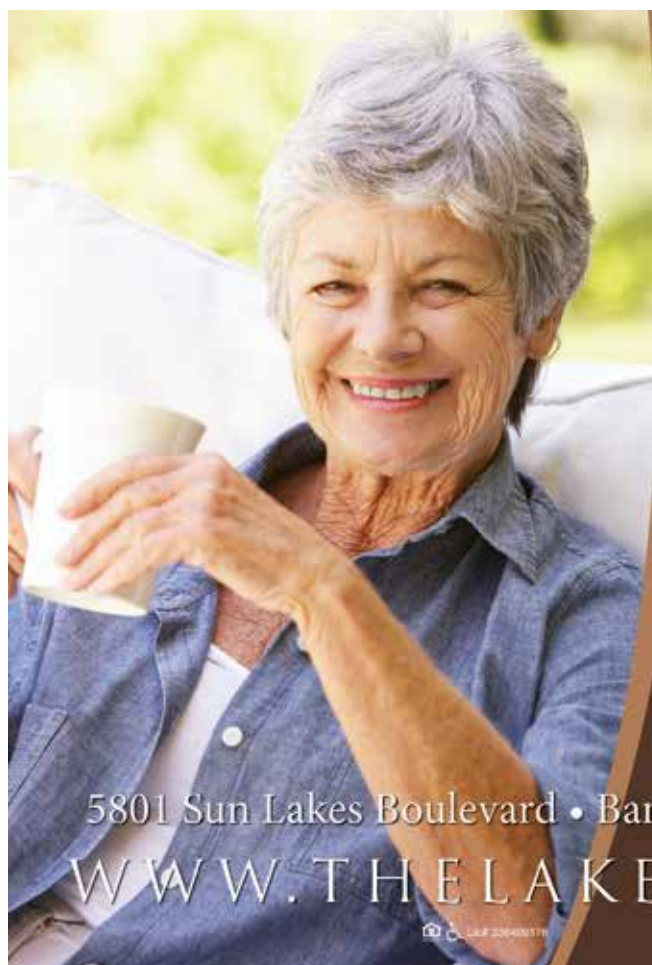
In November we changed to our winter hours. We are playing on Tuesday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm. There are occasional rain days so check the Lodge for current information. For those of you who have never played, please join us. Skill is not a prerequisite, and it is a lot of fun. If you have questions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



HORSESHOES FOR FUN

The holidays have come and gone and celebrations and good times were had by all club members and spouses. Our December social event consisted of dinner at Smitty's followed by a Christmas Lights Home Tour of three club members' homes: Rich and Jill Yanes, Ron and Judy Erickson, and ending at Brian and Jill Anderson's for dessert and a rousing game of LCR. What a great way to celebrate the holidays and reflect on the fun and competitive games of horseshoes played in 2014.

We wish all a very happy 2015. Please consider joining our group of horseshoe slingers. You'll have a great time, guaranteed! We meet every Wednesday at 10 am at the horseshoe venue. 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**



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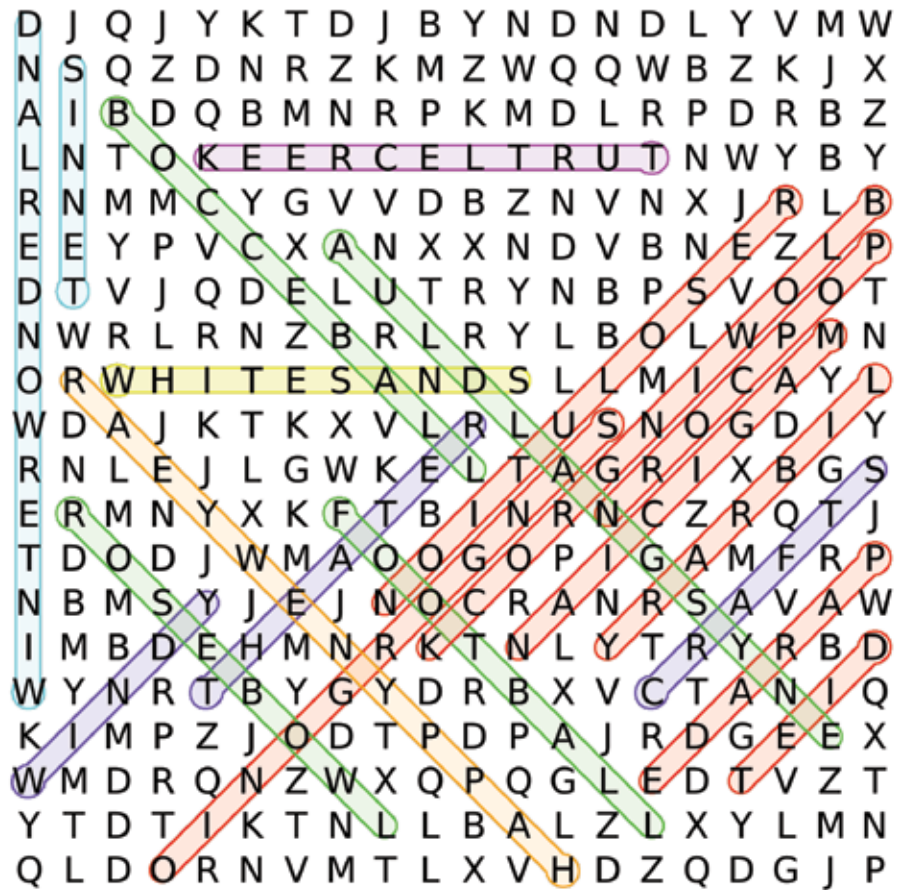
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2. Table tennis became an Olympic medal sport in the 1976 Summer Olympics.
3. Table tennis is the most popular racquet sport in the world.
4. Top players often smash the ball at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour.
5. A modern table is 9 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 2.5 feet high. The net is 6 inches high.
6. South Korea is currently the world power in table tennis.
7. The table tennis paddle may be of any size, shape, or weight.
8. The first person to 21 wins in table tennis.
9. Loop, Flick, Drive, Chop, and Block are types of ??? in table tennis.
10. Rules were changed in Olympic Table Tennis to stop what country from monopolizing the sport and winning the gold, silver, and bronze medals?

1. True: The sport was believed to be harmful to the eyes.
2. False: It became a medal sport in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.
3. True: A lot of people think it is tennis but it is table tennis.
4. True
5. True
6. False - China currently is the world power in table tennis.
7. True
8. False - It used to be true but now 11 points wins the game.
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