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District Delegate Candidates Nominated

By Leighton McLaughlin

A slate of candidates for district delegate positions has been nominated for the first of the two elections that lead to selecting two members of the HOA Board.

The district delegate nominees are: District 1, Martha Franck and Del Lyles, Sr.; District 2, Randy Balt and Bill Guy; District 3, Donald Fant and Betty Ann James; District 4, Niles Sundstrom, Vicki Howard and Fred Weck; District 5, Marion Herron and Chryle Howard; District 6, Brian Anderson and Howard Lyon; District 7, Lynette Simonson and Joyce Tautrim; District 8, Tom Halley and Pat Hilles, and District 9, Janet Hession, Cathy Rivera and Craig Weber.

Once elected the delegates cast the votes in the second election that elects the Board members. The delegates act much like members of the Electoral College in U.S. Presidential elections — with an important difference. Unless a majority of homeowners in their district cast ballots, the delegate vote all their district's votes as they see fit. It is quite possible that a single delegate can decide a close election.

A nominating committee of Cheryl Howard, Louise Lyon and Bev McLaughlin made sure there were candidates from all nine districts.

A delegate and an alternate will be elected from each district. There is one vote per household with the leading vote-getter becoming delegate and second place becoming alternate. The alternate acts only in the absence of the delegate. Ballots were mailed to homeowners Jan. 21. A list of the streets in each district is to the right of this article.

Two of the three homeowner seats on the Board are open in the following Board election. The two-year terms of members Jacque Sneddon and Wayne Staples are expiring. Sneddon is Board president and Staples is treasurer. Member Jean Sandoval, Board secretary, has a year of tenure left. A four member majority on the Board is appointed by builder K. Hovnanian Homes. That will continue until build-out, when all seven members will be elected from among homeowners.

Important dates in the election schedule are:

Feb. 11: Meet the candidates session.

Feb. 25: Delegate election. Quorum of 50 percent plus one required.

March 1: Deadline for applications to run for Board seats.

March 3: Reconvened delegate election with reduced quorum of 25 percent. (The Board appoints delegates for districts that fail to meet the reduced quorum.)

March 3: Meet the candidates session.

March 4: Ballots for Board election mailed.

April 7 (9 am): Delegates and inspectors of election meet to count ballots.

April 7 (1 pm): Delegates cast votes that elect Board members at Annual Members Meeting.

April 8: Election results posted.

Delegate Districts by Street

DISTRICT 1: 238 homes

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: 176 homes

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: 111 homes

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

DISTRICT 4: 148 homes

1471-1483 Four Seasons Circle
1523-1555 Big Bend
White Sands (odd addresses)
Bartram Trail
Bridle Trail
Chimney Rock
Green Creek Trail
Kings Canyon
Pipe Springs

DISTRICT 9: 123 homes

Arroyo
Belterra
Big Horn
Coronado
Edgebrook
Heatherwood
Lantern Bridge
Madera Creek
Saddlerock
Savannah Creek
Tattlesall

DISTRICT 5: 126 homes

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
Baxter Woods
Pierce Mill

DISTRICT 6: 194 homes

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: 115 homes

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

DISTRICT 8: 79 homes

Box Springs Trail
Broadriver Trail
Signal Peak
White Sands (even addresses)

Stan Sweeney Lends Community Emmy Winning Talents

By Patty Jordan

If you've attended any Four Seasons performances in the Ballroom or at the Amphitheater in the last year, you may have noticed the major improvement in the technical aspects of the shows. Some of that is due to a lot of new equipment, and some to having a real professional in charge of our sound system.

When Stan Sweeney was in high school in West Covina, he happily played guitar in a band and knew that he wanted music to be part of his life. Well, he didn't become a professional musician, though he does still play his guitars, and even got his old band together for a while in 1995. But sound has played a very satisfying role in his career in the entertainment industry, although it took quite a few years and a lot of interesting experiences to ultimately earn three Emmys for his contributions in sound engineering.

After he graduated from Edgewood High School in 1969, he continued his interest in music engineering when, in the early 70s, he took a class at Capitol Records. In 1974 he married his wife, Donna, and in order to support his family, delivered Arrowhead Water, though he still was most interested in sound engineering. One of his customers, who happened to be in the music business, introduced him to a sound company, Burns Audio. He worked for Burns for four years, delivering and setting up public address systems, often to major networks. As he set up these systems, he met sound engineers, who encouraged him to keep moving up the "sound ladder." Around 1979, he was hired by NBC to do the same sort of system setup that he did at Burns. At NBC he worked primarily on *The Tonight Show*, though he also did sports and game shows. His work as a

boom operator, moving the microphone on its boom anywhere it was needed for good sound quality, allowed him to travel the world. After a few years with NBC, he left to be a freelance boom operator. He worked on some feature films, traveled to Italy, did the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games for ABC, and then to Nagano for the Winter Olympics in 1998. He even worked at Ronald Reagan's inauguration! Stan worked on more than 30 shows and productions, way too many to list here.

After freelancing for a few years, Stan was hired as an official staff member at CBS, where he worked on *The Bold and the Beautiful* for 25 years, a job that he loved. However, after years of sometimes an hours-long commute to and from work, he decided that it was time to retire and really enjoy his proudest accomplishment, his family. Stan and Donna visited some friends at Four Seasons Beaumont and decided that this was a great place to land. They have three children and four grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. Stan loves to camp with his son in the High Sierra and his 12-year-old granddaughter joined them on their last trip. Stan and Donna love attending the grandkids' school and sporting events and having the time to enjoy being grandparents.

During his working years, Stan saw himself as more of a "support guy." Now he is our very own sound mixer and is enjoying this role very much. He enjoys working with his crew and with other Performing Arts Club (PAC) members. He is looking forward to working on a number of PAC events planned for 2016 and we are very happy, indeed, that Stan Sweeney is part of the team.



Above: Backstage at Emmy Awards in 2001. Sound crew for *The Bold and the Beautiful* (Stan is on the far left)



Above: The Sweeney family, Christmas 2015

Left: Stan's three Emmy Awards

PETS ARE SENIOR CITIZENS TOO

By Teri DiMarino-Davidson



Four Seasons is an “over 55” community that we all love. Many of us have called Beaumont home for nearly ten years, having moved here with everything including the family pets. There are some residents who are still enjoying the company of the pets they moved here with a number of years ago. And while we hate to see them age, it is inevitable.

I got a letter from a resident with a 14-year-old dog. She is also temporarily caring for a dog belonging to her son. The visiting dog is 13. Both dogs are showing signs of aging: diminishing eyesight and hearing (just like us!). The homeowner's concerned that both dogs have begun snapping, something new to both of them. She asked for some tips on caring for these senior pets.

It is always difficult to have a pet grow old. Many times we, as the owners, are not as aware of some of these changes because we see the pet every day and do not notice the subtle ways we alter our own lifestyles to accommodate the changes in the pets. Just like us, physical changes can keep a pet from performing certain tasks that we always took for granted. For instance, instead of them jumping happily onto the couch, they may sit by our feet and stare at us pitifully. We look at the dog and say “Do you want to come up here? Is that what you want?” and we help them up. What we have done is inadvertently alter an action to make it easier for the pet.

I'm not saying it's a bad thing, I'm just pointing out how easy it is for us to change our lives around our pets without really noticing it. We may change their diets to a different, softer food, potty breaks may become more frequent and we notice them sleeping a lot more... kind of like us! As a professional pet groomer for over 40 years, I may only see the pet once every six to eight weeks, so I really notice changes in their condition and/or behavior. The owner lives with these slow changes, so they rarely see the deviations like I do.

So what do we do to make our pets' Golden Years more comfortable? First of all, let's analyze the situation with the two dogs getting nippy with people. The resident dog in the household has had an intruder invade her home. While she may have been accepting of this visitor as a younger dog, her failing vision and hearing makes it difficult for her to be tolerant of the trespasser. The visiting dog, who is also experiencing diminishing eyesight and hearing, has been removed from his home and thrust into another dogs “kingdom.”

While they may have been friends in their younger years, pets deal in the “now” and this “now” is not comfortable. They need their own space and it is my hope that the humans are not taking a “be nice and play together” attitude toward them. It's asking a lot. They

need their own food and water dishes, preferably separated from each other. The resident dog needs her food and water kept in the same place. The visitor needs his own food and water in a different area, but in a place easy for him to find. Respect of the resident dogs' position in the household is a key and it may mean that the visitor has to back down a bit. This living situation is temporary so this shouldn't be difficult. The visitor needs to be respectful of the residents “stuff” including seating preferences with the humans.

While dogs are dependent, to a certain degree, on their sight and hearing, the main sense that really tells them what's going on is their sense of smell. A dog's sense of smell is something we, as humans, cannot grasp. They can smell up to three parts per million, making them invaluable when it comes to bomb sniffing, search and rescue or drug work. When we make a pot of chicken soup, we smell the entire delicious pot of soup. A dog smells chicken, celery, carrots, onions, salt, pepper, bay leaf, beans and whatever else you may have put into your pot. Dogs get more information with their noses than they do with their eyes or ears.

You may ask what that has to do with these two dogs getting snippy with people. Well, both of these dogs are experiencing a weakening of their vision and hearing. Dogs can actually do quite well with blindness and deafness. They don't sit around and feel sorry for themselves. They have to get up and find their food and water. If you have not moved it around, they will smell their way to it.

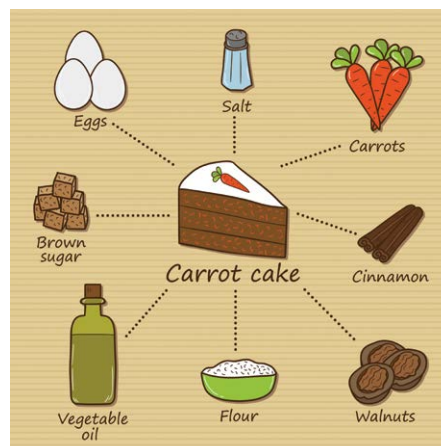
If they have gone totally deaf that can be an issue if the owner is touching them when they are sleeping. If awakened suddenly, they may startle and snap. The best way to wake a sleeping deaf dog is by gently placing your hand in front of their nose. They register the scent and awaken gently without being frightened. If that sense of smell is failing, the dog becomes disoriented and can become defensive. The dog may be losing the only effective sense it has left. This is sometimes the answer as to why older dogs lose their appetite and become picky eaters. Dogs assess their food with their noses and the food may not smell as stimulating as it once did. We begin to add things to entice the dog to eat when all it may take is heating it in the microwave for 30 to 60 seconds to enhance the smell for them.

Back to our two roommates... It is my opinion that these two dogs both have taxed senses and limited patience. They are old. They are having to share and they don't want to do that. I would not leave these dogs alone unsupervised. The dogs are feeling threatened and may be taking it out on anybody trying to tell them what to do. And while snapping at the owner should never be taken lightly and a correction and expression of your displeasure should be made, these dogs are into a personal, instinctive survival mode. Giving each dog their own personal time and space should help the situation, but don't expect miracles. Live and let live.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Micki Rosen

DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 3 IS CARROT CAKE DAY? Carrot cake has been made since the Middle Ages, when sugar and other sweeteners were rare and very expensive so people used sweet vegetables to flavor their puddings. This technique became practically obsolete for several hundred years, but resurfaced in the 20th century. During World War II, the British government rationed many luxury foods and household staples including sugar. To appease the nation's sweet tooth, the Ministry of Food promoted recipes for carrot puddings, carrot-filled pies and carrot cakes. Today, many families in the UK still serve carrot cake on Christmas Day.



DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 6 IS ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST DAY? Ice Cream for Breakfast Day was created in the 1960s by housewife Florence Rappaport from New York – the exact year is unknown, but it is suspected that it could have been 1966, as an enormous blizzard hit that area that year. The idea behind the day was simply that Florence's six children were exceptionally bored one cold and snowy February morning, and she had to come up with something to entertain them. The following year, Florence's children reminded her of the day so they could celebrate again, and the day became a tradition from then onward. The holiday really caught on thanks to Florence's grandchildren, who have traveled extensively – the day has been celebrated all around the world!



DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 8 IS OPERA DAY? Operas have been captivating audiences since the sixteenth century, and this highly revered art form continues to gain new enthusiasts today. There is no better time to celebrate your passion for opera than Opera Day. If you have yet to develop a passion for opera, this is the perfect day to begin. If you can't find an opera locally, check YouTube for performances by the likes of Verdi, Mozart and Wagner.

DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 18 IS DRINK WINE DAY? A glass of wine a day keeps the cardiologist away, or so they say. That may be the reason there is such a thing as Drink Wine Day, but who's to say we needed a reason to gurgledown a glass of our favorite zesty Bordeaux anyway? Well, whoever thought of proclaiming a Drink Wine Day certainly pleased the gods, and one in particular: Dionysus, or Bacchus to the Romans – god of merry making, wine, theatre and ecstasy. Santé!



DID YOU KNOW THAT FEB. 27 IS STRAWBERRY DAY? Strawberry Day was created to celebrate those little red fruits bursting with sweet perfection. A gift from Chile in the 1700s, garden strawberry plants made their way to North America in the 1750s. The plant is fairly easy to grow and seems to flourish anywhere in the world. If you'd like your own homegrown strawberries this summer, make sure your plant has full sun and sandy soil. Strawberry fields forever!

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Lemon-Pepper Shrimp Linguini

I can highly recommend this recipe of linguine tossed in a lemony wine and shrimp mixture. It's easy to make, done in minutes and is absolutely delicious.

Chef's Corner

By Randy Balt

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 (8 oz.) package linguine pasta
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1½ Tbsp. garlic, minced
¾ cup chicken broth
½ cup white wine
1 lemon, juiced
¾ tsp. lemon zest
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
5 Tbsp. sweet cream butter
4 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1½ Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
Parmesan cheese, shredded

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add linguine, and cook for 9 to 13 minutes or until al dente; drain.
2. In a large saucepan, warm oil over medium heat, then sauté garlic about 1 minute. Mix in chicken broth, wine, lemon juice, lemon zest, salt, and pepper. Reduce heat, and simmer until liquid is reduced by about 1/2, about 3 minutes.
3. Add shrimp, butter, parsley, and basil into the saucepan and mix. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, until shrimp is opaque. Stir in the cooked linguine, and continue cooking 2 minutes, until well coated.
4. Top off with grated Parmesan cheese.
5. Option: Use a prepackaged frozen seafood medley in place of the shrimp, and perhaps add capers.



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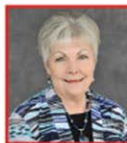
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February Word Search

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Candidate	HOA Election
Champagne	Karaoke
Chocolate	Love
Clouds	Mountains
Cozy	Presidents Day
Cruising	Radio Show
Fireplace	Rain
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Friendship	Snow
Frost	Travel
George Washington	Valentine Dance
Gospel Concert	

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A Memorable New Year's Eve: Writer's Club Contest Winner

The Writer's Club held a contest with the theme, "What was your most memorable New Year's Eve?" Out of all of the wonderful submissions, Judges Roland Harrah, Sharon Bond and Michael Rothberg, chose the following contestants as this year's winners: Betty Vitatoe won 1st Place, Diane Bibo and Pat Cummings tied for 2nd Place and Jean Lawrence won 3rd place. On behalf of the Writer's Club, we'd like to share the winning story.



L-R: Pat Cummings, 2nd place tie; Betty Vitatoe-Brooks Muhammad, 1st place; Diane Bibeau, 2nd place tie; Jean Lawrence, 3rd place; Joseph Laurin, Writer's Club captain. Irve Sturner, Photographer

A MEMORABLE NEW YEAR

By Betty Vitatoe-Brooks Muhammad

A memorable event is always looked upon as a wonderful occasion; a moment that may take one's breath away or that is remembered with, joy, enthusiasm, excitement, and all other characteristics that feed the spirit with pleasure. Seldom or never is it associated with sadness or displeasure. However, a memorable experience may be one that is unusual and sets the stage for thoughts or emotions that stir the very core of the mind, heart and soul. Such was a New Year's incident that I experienced many years ago.

When I was a young child, my mother seldom received many guests into our home. She had friends and family members but they were not frequent visitors. Yet, there was one lady who would come just about every week and sit in the kitchen. She would stay for hours; sit in the same chair at the kitchen table, talk with my mother throughout the day, and smile at me and my siblings. She had a peculiarly warm and tender, closed-mouth smile. She seemed to be always smiling at me when I would enter the kitchen. I personally internalized that smile and interpreted it as favor she extended to me more than to my other seven siblings. We referred to her as Miss Netta.

The last time I saw Miss Netta was on New Year's Eve, 1956. I was 8 years old. We were excited about the egg nog we would drink later that night, the sparkles we would get to light, and the opportunity to stay up late. Miss Netta was there and must have left sometime before dark to walk home. She lived about five blocks away from us

and always walked to our house and back to hers. That evening we wished her a Happy New Year and continued to anticipate the night's activities. At 12:00 a.m., we knelt to pray, then shouted Happy New Year to each other, rushed to phone my oldest sister to extend New Year's greetings to her, and filled our cups with egg nog. Some of us were able to add a teaspoon of rum to our delicious once a year beverage. Then it was outside to light the sparkles and watch the fire flicker and die. We laughed and enjoyed each others' company more than at any other time of year. We finally retired to our beds, happy for the time we had just spent together, and looked forward to a fantastic New Year.

When I woke up the next morning, my mother was in the kitchen preparing breakfast, as usual. After greeting her, she informed me that Miss Netta had died. DIED?? I was astonished; literally, almost in shock. How could we have had such a nice celebration a few hours ago and now you tell me that Miss Netta was dead. She was just here. We wished her a Happy New Year. This was my first experience with death of a loved one. I had not known anyone who had died before this. It was a very difficult moment for me. I was NEVER going to see that loving smile again; never. The moment was accompanied by confusion, insecurity and fear; knowing that at any moment one can simply die and that there was nothing that we could do about it. No one explained any of this to me. Why would something like this happen. What kind of God would allow this?

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For many years, that incident haunted me. It was so subtle, and the thought was so insidious. My mind was always preoccupied with the idea of death. It was something I could not understand, had no control over, and feared greatly. For years, it made me so unhappy; and particularly at each New Year.

In 1965, my father became very ill. He was a joyful man who loved to play games with us and dance to Bobby Blue Bland's "Don't Cry No More." I always looked forward to his coming home at night because we would stay up late while he taught us a new math brainteaser. My father was once a big man until cancer invaded his body. I remember how sad I was when he told me that he had been sent home from the hospital to die. During his illness, my sister became pregnant.

It was another New Year's Eve. Could this become another Miss Netta moment? My father's condition had become increasingly worse and my sister began to have labor pains. We took our sister to the hospital then returned home. At that time, no one was allowed inside the delivery room other than the medical staff so there was nothing to do at the hospital. The normal routine was to call the maternity ward to see if the baby had been born. At home, we rejoined our mother as she cared for my father. Suddenly, my father's condition grew worse and we had to call an ambulance to take him to the hospital. We followed the ambulance in the family car. Shortly after

midnight, my father passed away. Immediately, we called upstairs in the hospital and learned that my sister had just given birth to a baby girl. We were hurt and sad; yet, ecstatically joyful. I experienced pain and needed a healing. Our niece was an absolutely beautiful baby, and her birth helped to drown the sorrow of losing my father. As we prepared for his funeral, we were thrilled at the gift of the new baby. My father would have loved her.

That incident brought me face to face with life and death. I learned that everything and everyone will change. I learned that in every death, there is life. In every ending, there is a new beginning. In sadness there is joy; somewhere deep within, waiting to rise, thrive and start a new life cycle. I learned that fear must be overcome if life is to be a pleasant journey. I learned to seek knowledge and wisdom about the things in life that confuse you, or cause discomfort, distress, and unhappiness. I learned that we have within us the power to overcome all adversity and that we can overcome if our desire to do so is great enough. I learned how important it is to help others, especially young people, understand loss because it is painful to not be able to share deep fearful emotions. I learned to make every moment and every day with others meaningful, enjoyable, and lovable. I learned to live.



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Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves, Activities Director

February is here with bursts of entertainment throughout the month. Our “W-FSB Live Radio Show” on Friday, Feb. 5 in the Lodge Ballroom is a nostalgic evening of watching old-fashioned radio theater played out with real sound effects and people: actresses and actors. It’s so nice every once in a while to return to a simpler time when life was silly and not nearly so complicated. Check the Lodge for the exact time. There is no cost for the show.

If you enjoy traveling as well as good pricing, you’ll definitely want to check this year’s Travel Expo on Friday, Feb. 19 from 4 to 8 pm. There will be multiple vendors from cruise ships to riverboats to bus tours and more. Once again there is no cost to attend and you might get some neat ideas for places that

you didn’t even know you might want to go to! See you in the Ballroom.

The African-American Culture Club will be sponsoring another inspiring Gospel Concert on Saturday, Feb. 27 in the Lodge Ballroom from 4 to 6 pm. Last year there were a lot of good singers and a show well produced by our wonderful Cookie Bonner. This year promises to be even better so don’t miss it if you enjoy heart felt soulful music. It’ll be a “toe-tapping good time.”

Keep your eyes on the calendar for all of the other events and opportunities for fun and entertainment and have an absolutely fabulous February!

2016 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 5 Radio Show
- 13 Valentine’s Dance
- 19 Travel Expo
- 20 Karaoke
- 25 District Delegate Election
- 27 Gospel AACC Concert

MARCH

- 3 Meet the HOA Candidates
- 4 Piano Night
- 11 Lodge Game Show
- 12 Karaoke
- 19 Willie Nelson Show
- 23 Appreciation Brunch
- 25 Sock Hop Line Dance

APRIL

- 1 Variety Show
- 7 Annual Meeting - HOA Election
- 9 Karaoke
- 29 Desert Boogie Dance
- 30 HOA Garage Sale

MAY

- 6 Piano Night
- 14 Magic Show
- 15 Amphitheater Concert
- 20 Desert Boogie Dance
- 21 Karaoke

JUNE

- 3 Desert Boogie Dance
- 4 Karaoke
- 10 Piano Night
- 12 or 26 Amphitheater Concert
- 18 Luau

JULY

- 2 Tennis Wimbledon Party
- 4 4th of July Celebration
- 15 Desert Boogie Dance
- 17 Amphitheater Concert
- 23 Summer Fun Dance
- 30 Karaoke

AUGUST

- 5 AACC Motown Show
- 13 Country Western
- 19 Desert Boogie Dance
- 20 Karaoke
- 21 Amphitheater Concert
- 26 Piano Night
- 27 Magic Show

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Tennis US Open Party
- 17 Karaoke
- 18 Amphitheater Grand Finale
- 30 Piano Night

OCTOBER

- 7 Love & Marriage Pac Show
- 8 HOA Garage Sale
- 15 Craft Boutique
- 18 Tennis Banquet
- 21 Radio Show
- 22 Karaoke
- 29 Oktoberfest

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Karaoke

DECEMBER

- 2 & 3 Holiday Extravaganza
- 9 Ballroom Dance Christmas
- 10 AACC Christmas Dance
- 13 Holiday Magic Show
- 15 Wine Club Holiday Formal
- 23 Karaoke Kristmas
- 31 New Years Eve



Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

Welcome to the New Year! We not only started 2016 with days of storms, but the California Legislature approved many new traffic laws which took effect Jan. 1.

Assembly Bill 53 requires that children under age two must be secured in a rear facing child safety seat. Previously only children under age one were required to ride rear-facing. Current law requires that children under age eight must be in an approved child safety seat. This law takes effect Jan. 1, 2017.

Also in 2017 anyone involved in a traffic crash in which an injury occurs or if there is property damage in excess of \$750 must report the incident to the DMV by filing the appropriate SR-1 form. This

was later revised by Senate bill 491 to raise the threshold amount for reporting accidents to \$1,000.

Senate Bill 491 clarifies the existing law by specifically prohibiting the wearing of headsets or earbuds when operating a motor vehicle or bicycle. The obvious intent is to allow the driver or cyclist to hear sirens, horns and other safety alerts.

Mark your calendars. The La Quinta Arts Festival is March 3 – 6. Plan to buy your ticket early. While you are marking your calendar, make a note that daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 13.

Thoughts from Maxine: “Take every birthday with a grain of salt. This works even better if the salt accompanies a Margarita.”



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

New Year's Eve is over and the dinner dance was a big success!

The decorations were something from a dream and the committee and volunteers worked like beavers to make it so. They spent two days and a lot of hours getting it ready for your enjoyment.

Unfortunately dinner was not up to our expectations but I believe this was the only downfall to the evening.

The band did a great job and the dance floor was always full.

This year we are trying to give more variety to our events. We are offering a True Willie Tribute on March 19. I saw this show last year and was amazed. True Willie looks, sings and jokes just like his namesake and we expect a sell-out crowd. We can only seat 350 people, so get your tickets early. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, Feb. 9 and are \$20.

Also plan on a Vintage Fashion Show in April and a fantastic Luau in June. Keep an eye on the *Breeze* for further information on these events.

I mentioned earlier the volunteer help we had for New Year's Eve. I can never name them all or thank them enough for all their hard work. These ladies give a lot of time to make this fantasy come true and most were not even coming to the party. If you would like to get in on the decorating party please give me a call at (951) 769-2774 or talk to Cindy at the Lodge. We are still short a member on the committee so if this interests you, please fill out an application at the Lodge. We meet the first Thursday of the month in the Lodge. ~

Melody Seewoster

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 8 at 8 am in the RCN Conference Room.

There are openings for new Landscape Committee members. There will be many opportunities in 2016 for you to be part of the working committee helping to keep Four Seasons lush and beautiful. Pick up an application at the desk in the Lodge and return it to the Lodge attendant.



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee held its regular meeting on Dec. 29, 2015. The minutes from the November meeting were presented and approved. The Financial Statements for November were reviewed and reflected the following significant items: Net Income for the month was \$20,141 and total reserves were \$5,210,654. The Accounts Receivable (delinquencies) were \$48,242. Our total HOA expenses for November (excluding reserve allocations) were \$221,567. This was under budget by \$58,680. The Front Yard Cost Center expenses for November 2015 were under the monthly budget by \$3,507. The Springdale Cost Center Expenses for November 2015 were under the monthly budget by \$141. The Finance Committee

recommended that all CDs coming due in February be reinvested not to exceed a six-month term at the highest prevailing rate recommended by FirstService Investments. There were three Vendor Proposals presented and recommendations forwarded to the HOA Board. A report on the Accounts Receivable was given by Wayne Staples indicating that one large account was foreclosed on Oct. 5; a second that was scheduled to be foreclosed was postponed. The total number of delinquent accounts remains 0.69 percent of the total homes in the community.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Feb. 23, at 1 pm in the Lodge Conference Room. ~ **Noel Myers**

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

We make every effort to review each applicant promptly, but since the committee does not meet every week, it might take a couple of weeks to process some applications.

The committee has 30 days from receipt of a valid submission within which to respond to the homeowner. This does not obligate the ARC to approve within that time, but a response must be made one way or another. Happily, most applications are within the guidelines and are approved.

However, note that the ARC does not issue verbal approvals. A homeowner's project may be approved at an ARC meeting, but the homeowner must wait for the written letter of approval prior to starting work.

Regardless of how anxious a homeowner is, or how much pressure there is from a contractor or supplier, work must not start until the homeowner gets the approval letter. For example: trenching, underground pipes or conduits, forming, earth work, planting, and/

or delivery of supplies and materials must not take place until the approval letter is received.

This is more of a precaution to protect the homeowner than it is an arbitrary restriction. Often ARC places conditions on the work. Those conditions are spelled out in the letter of approval and can affect the proposed work. They can also affect the scope, means and methods of the contractor's obligations to the homeowner.

If the contractor starts work without knowing and conforming to the conditions, some of the work might be wasted, and the homeowner must then pay extra to make it right. Also, by starting work too soon it is possible that the homeowner inadvertently violates the regulations of the HOA and the architectural guidelines. We try to avoid those negative situations and make improvements as easy as possible for homeowners.

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Homeowners are always welcome. ~ **Carl Buschmann**

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE



The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) held several planning meetings prior to hosting a Town Hall meeting on the subject of Preparing for El Niño which was on Jan. 13, after the press deadline for this article. Several guest speakers from outside our community gave their perspective on the cause, and likely effects that El Niño will present to our residents. More details of the Town Hall meeting be presented in the March, 2016 *Breeze* which will summarize some of the key aspects of the event.

Several residents accused the EPC of arranging for the 4.5 earthquake on Jan. 6 and the subsequent 3.8 inches of rain that fell

in three days that same week, as a way to boost attendance for the El Niño Town Hall the following week. This is not true. However, Bill Patzert, a climate scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena was quoted in the *Press Enterprise* newspaper that the three days of rain we experienced Jan. 5 through Jan. 7 should be considered "like a preview or movie trailer" of what's to come, especially during late January, February and March. Let's get ready!

The EPC's next meeting will be Feb. 16 at the Lodge. We are always looking for residents who like to have fun and work together and volunteer to better prepare our community to handle, among other things, earthquakes and rainstorms! ~ **Fred Weck, EPC Co-Chair**

BISTRO COMMITTEE



The Bistro Committee did not meet in December.

The Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 am in the Lodge Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend. ~ **Bill Taylor**



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Here we are at the start of another new year. I wonder what you have planned?

Mark your calendar for the Neighborhood Watch meeting Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 10 am in the Lodge Ballroom.

Our General Manager Jeri Mupo will give an overall presentation and address concerns in the neighborhood.

Thanks to all who attended the Neighborhood Watch potluck social in December, we had a great turnout. We will have to give ourselves more room next year as we expand and new faces join us. Speakers Brenda Knight and Elizabeth Urtiaga from the city of Beaumont and PD Corporal Josh Galbraith did a wonderful job of updating us on various city issues and we will ask them back again to answer more of the residents concerns in the not too distant future.

Some future speakers include California Highway Patrol, Riverside

County Sheriff and Pass Area Historians.

If you have a subject you would like us to address please do not hesitate to come along to one of our meetings held bi-monthly at 10 am in the Ballroom.

Please beware of others as you drive around our beautiful community, especially keeping to the speed limits; stop at the stop signs; yield for traffic already in the roundabout (circles) and please stay on the sidewalks for your exercise. Walking on the road is hazardous to you and others.

We rely on our friends and neighbors to “see something, say something” if they are concerned about an issue. Keep the Beaumont police general number on your cell phone for quick dial, (951) 769-8500. Happy New Year! ~ **Susan Wilson**

BEAUMONT BLOOMS

Lupines are a wonderful old-fashioned flower. There are annual and perennial varieties of lupines. They bear very large, showy spikes covered with unusual pea-like florets on long, sturdy stems. Colors include white, red, pink, blue, yellow, lilac, violet, and apricot. They will grow quickly to a height of 2 to 3 feet.

Consumed throughout the Mediterranean region and the Andean mountains, lupines were eaten by the early Egyptian and pre-Incan people and were known to Roman agriculturalists to contribute to the fertility of soils.

In the late 18th century, lupines were introduced into northern Europe as a means of improving soil quality and by the 1860s the ‘Garden Yellow Lupine’ was seen across the sandy soils of the Baltic coastal plain.

Growing lupines is as simple as planting seeds or cuttings into a sunny area with well-drained soil. If planting lupine from seed, scratch the seed surface or soak seeds overnight in lukewarm water to allow the seed coat to be easily penetrated. Seeds of the lupine plant may also be chilled for a week in the refrigerator prior to planting.

Lupine will do well in average soils and in cool weather. The soil should be loose and lime free (they do not like lime). Keep the soil moist to feed their quick growth. Water them during dry periods, once or twice per week. Adding a general purpose fertilizer once a month before blooming will result in bigger plants and blooms.

Tips: Apply a thick layer of mulch to help retain soil moisture, cool roots, and for winter protection in colder regions. Deadhead spent blooms to prolong the blooming period.

Note: Garden articles and photos are from multiple on-line sources. ~ **Len Tavernetti**



Left: A single lupine

Below: A field of lupines



SENIOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE *Interest Group*

The New Year has arrived bringing hope for our efforts to bring convenient and economic transportation to all those 65 and older.

We hope that the senior citizens of Four Seasons will be our support group by attending the T-Now (Transportation Now) meetings. T-Now is the citizens' group sponsored by the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) to support public transportation. T-Now meets the first Thursday of every month and lunch is provided.

The RTA needs to know that our seniors are interested in more convenient and economic transportation. Please call Brenda or Richard Teeman at (909) 594-8487 to volunteer to attend – whether once or all 12 times a year. We need you.

Another important thing is for you to fill out our Transportation

Survey, available at the Lodge. Put your comments at the bottom to make your needs for now and the future known. The form is also available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/passtransitseniors.

These surveys are so important that we are having them printed up in quantity and presented at all club meetings in Four Seasons and every other senior community in the Pass. We will not have any progress on our senior transportation issues without a large return of the forms.

Attending T-Now meetings is the best way to have our voices heard. Please help by attending and get in on the ground floor of having a say in the growth of our senior community transportation.

~ **Brenda and Richard Teeman**

DESERT BOOGIE *Interest Group*

Our group meets in the Lodge Ballroom and is free to attend.

Desert Boogie is a place to dance with or without shoes; however you like, with or without a partner, to a wide variety of music.

All ages are welcome; a supervising adult must accompany children.

We recommend casual, lightweight, comfortable clothing that you can easily move in.

A “warm-up” period from 5:30 to 5:50 pm is designed for stretching or finishing your meal. Dance music will play from 5:50 to 8:30 pm

This year, we meet April 29, May 20, June 3, July 15 and Aug. 19.

As mentioned, we play a variety of music. Our DJ's goal is to please

everyone and keep the dance floor jumping with an evening full of wonderful beats, tempos and melodies to move your body. While the music is predominately from this millennium, multiple decades are represented. Expect to hear unfamiliar music along with an occasional old favorite or an updated version of an old favorite.

As an example, the preliminary playlist for January represents music from five continents, six decades, 24 countries, and 33 genres.

For many decades David J. Brown a/k/a DJ Brown was a DJ playing monthly at a weekly dance in the Boston area. Since relocating to California, he has played at dances in Lake Arrowhead and Ventura.

~ **David Brown.**

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS *Interest Group*

Do you want to improve your English skills; or do you know someone who wants to? Jan White, a Four Seasons Resident and former English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher for the Los Angeles School District, is going to offer a class mid-January. If you have an interest in improving your English or know someone who does, please either sign up in the Lodge or give Jan a call at (951) 797-3700. The class is expected to start in the middle of this month and continue until April or May, depending on student preference. We will meet for 1-1/2 hours one day per week. Students' personal schedules will also be considered in determining which day of the week we will meet. Call Jan with any and all of your questions. Thanks for reading; I hope to hear from you! ~ **Jan White**



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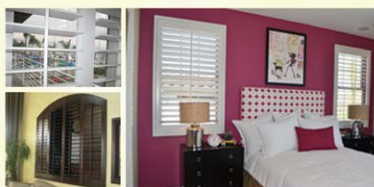


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7 Pan 9:15a Bridge Bridge for Fun Mexican Train Group Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Curly Cues Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	8 Pan 9:15a Bridge Bridge for Fun Mexican Train Group Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Curly Cues Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	9 Book Club Knitting and Crocheting Computer Tech Group Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Hearts All Seasons RV 4x4 Seasons	10 Take a Hike 8a N Watch Steering Comm Pinochle Wild Bunch Billiards Bridge for Fun Canasta #2 Dominoes Radio Club 8-Ball Club	11 Wild Bunch Billiards Canasta #1 Meet the Candidates Night Roadrunners RV Classical Music Club	12 Pinochle Duplicate Bridge Wood Carvers Group Dominoes 8-Ball Club	13 Billiards for Fun Valentine's Day Dance All Day
14 Counter Culture Cinema 6p	15 Bridge Bridge for Fun Mexican Train Group Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Curly Cues Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	16 Knitting & Crocheting Billiards for Fun Hearts Camera Club	17 Pinochle Wild Bunch Billiards Bridge for Fun Canasta #2 Power Team Dominoes Radio Club 8-Ball Club	18 Wild Bunch Billiards Canasta #1 Taste d'Vine Fishing for Fun	19 Pinochle 10a Duplicate Bridge Bunco Bid Whist Wood Carvers Group Travel Expo Dominoes 8-Ball Club	20 Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Karaoke
21 Private Party All Day	22 Pan 9:15a Bridge Mexican Train Group Bridge for Fun Mah Jongg for Fun Bereavement Group Curly Cues Four Seasons Singers 8-Ball Club	23 Knitting & Crocheting Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Performing Arts Club Hearts	24 Pinochle Wild Bunch Billiards Bridge for Fun Canasta #2 Meet with Jean Dominoes Radio Club	25 HOA ELECTIONS 9A-5P Wild Bunch Billiards Canasta #1	26 Pinochle Radio Club Duplicate Bridge Wood Carvers Group Dominoes Radio Club 8-Ball Club	27 Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Gospel AACC Concert
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FEBRUARY 2016

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

Physical Exercise Schedule

EXERCISE

Conditioning	M/W/F	8:30a
Beginning Conditioning	M/W/F	9:30a
Zumba Gold	T/Th	9:30a
*Yoga	M/W	5:45p
*Pilates	Th	8:30a
*Pilates	Sat	9a
*Kick Boxing	Sat	10:15a

SUMMIT POOL (7 AM- 7 PM)

*Water Aerobics	M/W/F	10:30-11:30a
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Lap Swimming	Daily	9-10a, 1:30-2:30p, 5-6p
Walking	Daily	12:30-1:30p
Open Swimming	Daily	10a-12:30p, 2:30-5p, 6-9p

**Need to maintain 10 or more participants or classes may be canceled*

DANCE

Ballroom Dance

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

Line Dance

Beginners	T	3p
Advanced	T	3:45p
Heart & Soul Beginning	W	4-5:25p
Heart & Soul Advanced	W	5:30-6p

HORSESHOES	Th (Summit)	8-9:30a
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PING PONG

All Level Ping Pong	M-F	10:30a-1:30p
	T/Th (when room available)	6:30-8:30p
	Sat	11a-1:30p

TENNIS

Club Play Time	2nd, 3rd Th	5-9p
Tennis Meeting	3rd T	4p
Play Day (check www.fsbrc.org for date)		8:30a

BOCCE BALL	T	9a
	W	3p

PADDLE TENNIS	M	4-8p
	W/F	8:30-10:30a, 4-8p
	Sat	4-8p
	Sun	8:30-10:30a, 4-8p

PICKLEBALL

Morning	M/T/Th/Sat	8-11a
	W	8:30-10:30a

FOLK DANCING	F	7p
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Schedule may change, cancel or reschedule at any time. Check with Lodge Desk.

Class Schedule

CLASS DAY

TIME

LANGUAGE

*Spanish 1	T	10a
*Spanish 2	T	11a
*Spanish 3	T	12p

Instructor Paty Bushnell

ARTS & CRAFTS

Ceramics	W	1p
	Sat	10a
Drawing & Sketching	M	10a
	W	6p
Watercolor	M	6p
<i>Call for class availability: (951) 849-6987</i>		
Machine Quilting	Sun	10a-4p
Craft Group	T	12-3p

BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study	Fri	10:30a
Life Guide Bible Study	T	7p

OTHER

TOPS Weigh in	T	8a
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Association Meetings

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAY

TIME

Executive Session	Feb. 11	9a
General Session	Feb. 11	1p

COMMITTEES

DAY

TIME

Ad Hoc Technical	<i>Meets on an as needed basis</i>	
Architectural Review	Feb. 3	9a
	Feb. 17	9a
Bistro	Feb. 23	11a
Communications	Feb. 3	10a
Proofing	Feb. 10	10a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	Feb. 16	10a
Finance	Feb. 23	1p
Landscape	Feb. 8	8a
Rules & Regulations	Feb. 9	9a
Safety & Facilities	Feb. 2	9a
Social	Feb. 4	5p

CRAFT GROUP



The Craft Group made ponchos at our last meeting.

Hope you're thinking of joining us on our craft adventure. In the month of January we created a handmade poncho for the young and old. If you decide to join us, during the next few months we will be making rock art, painted glass, handmade holiday cards and garden art.

If you have any questions please contact Pam Kelley at (951) 769-7967 Hope you join us soon.

Don't miss out on the fun and friendship! For information call (951) 769-7967. ~ **Pam Kelly**



KNITTING & CROCHETING

In December the group went to Maze Stone in San Jacinto for our Christmas luncheon. There were 13 of us, which was not the full group, but a good time was had by all. We have not yet discussed our 2016 project. In the meantime we are working on individual projects and enjoying our get-togethers every week. If you are interested in learning a new hobby, come join us on Tuesdays from 10 am to 11:30 am. New members are always welcome. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

CERAMIC CORNER

If you are looking for a new hobby, or want to create a unique piece for the upcoming holidays, come to the ceramics class. You can create your own design or participate in a class project to create pieces for yourself, friends and family.

Drop by the Lodge Craft Room to see our monthly ceramics class schedule and learn more about our upcoming class projects.

Come and join in the fun, we meet twice a week in the Craft Room

on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.

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BALLROOM & SOCIAL DANCE

Valentine's Dinner Dance is here – Saturday, Feb. 13 at 4:30 pm in our Ballroom. Entertainment and dance music by the popular Skyline Xpress band. This event includes a full dinner and some exceptionally unique and special prizes. See the poster in the Lodge for more details or call our club captains. This event sells out quickly, so make a date now and enjoy a nice Valentine's.

There were over 150 guests at our Christmas Dinner Dance, and along with good food, music and dancing, we were treated to some very special entertainment. With choreography and guidance from our professional dance instructor Cindy, and lots of practice, 12 of our club members presented a graceful and beautifully executed Formation Waltz. Bravo!

We are now doing the Foxtrot, which has nothing to do with trotting foxes! The dance originated in 1914 by Vaudeville actor Harry Fox, born in Pomona, California. As part of his act, Harry "trotted" to ragtime music, which people then called "Fox's Trot."

Today, Foxtrot is done in a slow, smooth, syncopated rhythm, which is Social Dancing at its best – good for weddings, cruises, parties or just about anywhere. Interested? Come on Monday nights to our Ballroom and give it a try.

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



Our Fabulous Formation Waltz dancers, with instructor Cindy Finley in the middle



Ballroom dancing is just knowing a few good steps and routines and having lots of fun

LINE DANCING

The class participation for January was phenomenal. Thank you all for participating. Now that the New Year is underway, we are reviewing our well known dances before learning new ones. Most of us feel rusty after so many weeks off. Luckily, our feet remember the dances once we do a quick review.

New dancers are always welcome and the beginner's class is taught more slowly, one step at a time, so you can learn the basic dances. A big thank you to the more advanced dancers that step in to assist

when they see someone having trouble mastering a step.

If you have ever considered trying line dancing, please stop by and give it a whirl.

If you feel you are not sure, just stop by and watch. You will find a group of very friendly people who have a lot of fun and always welcome newcomers.

Join us in the Ballroom any Tuesday afternoon at 3 pm for beginners or 3:45 pm for the advanced group. ~ **Martha Franck**

SEASONED SOLOS


Attention all singles! Come join us for fun and adventures. We attend concerts, plays, miniature golf, picnics, luncheons and much more. We meet to make plans on the first Friday of each month in the Craft Room. Meetings are at 6 pm. For information call Monica Sarafian at (951) 922-8805. ~ **Toby Davis**

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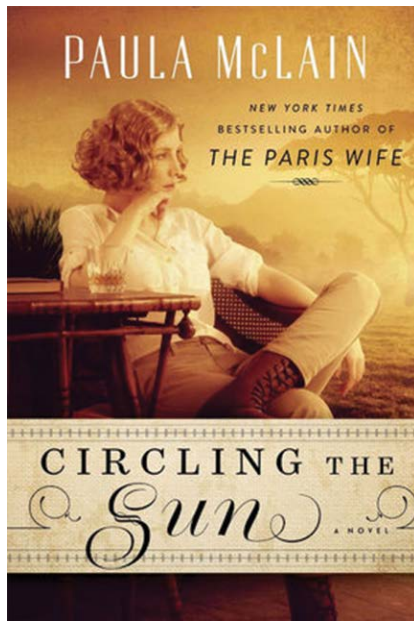
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BOOK CLUB

Come join us at 9:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 9 when we will discuss *Circling the Sun*, by Paula McLain. Author of the bestseller, *The Paris Wife*, McLain returns with her new novel, transporting readers to colonial Kenya in the 1920s. Considered a star of historical fiction, McLain presents another beautifully written and powerful story of love and adventure.

At the novel's center is Beryl Markham, the headstrong daughter of a British colonial who is more comfortable among the people and animals of her adopted Kenya than in the homes of its landed gentry. When Beryl's mother leaves the family and her father gives up the farm, she marries a gentleman farmer too disreputable and drunk to be much of a husband. Seeking more companionship from her horses, she becomes the first and greatest horse trainer in the region.

Although Ms. Markham eventually becomes the first woman to fly across the Atlantic from east to west, McLain only gives us glimpses of that. Instead Beryl is noteworthy more as a complex woman who lives defiantly on her own terms. Readers will truly understand what made this woman "so far ahead of

her time, believe(ing) she had the power to soar." With her sharp eye for detail and style, McLain captures the complex relationships and rigid social conventions of the 1920s and 1930s, along with the beautiful and breathtaking vistas of Africa.

All are welcome, whether you come to share your ideas or just listen and see what book club is all about. The March selection is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hanna.

For further information, please contact Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Alex Woodcock**

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

If you are interested in learning more about improving your photos on your computer and cell phone, there will be a special meeting on Feb. 9 at 10:30 am in the Ballroom. Joe Ligori and Irve Sturner will

discuss the basics of digital cameras (DSLR), mirror-less, point and shoot and phone cameras. Admission is free and all residents of Four Seasons and guests are welcome. ~ **Phil Jaffe**

WRITERS' CLUB

The contest about "Your Most Memorable New Year's Eve" was a success, primarily for the high quality of the submissions. It made the task of the judges — Michael Rothberg, Sharon Bond and Roland Harrah — more difficult. They were given each text with a number instead of the name of author. Still, the judges felt that all the contestants should be proud of their submitted stories.

The final result based on points was the following: First Place

to Betty Vitatoe-Brooks Muhammad; Second Place, a tie, to Diane Bibeau and Pat Cummings; Third Place to Jean Lawrence.

The official announcement of the winners was made at the last meeting of the Writers' Club. The next meeting is in the Lodge on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 1:30 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. ~ **Joseph Laurin**

KARAOKE

Party time: What can you do on a Saturday evening to meet with friends or make some new ones? I know what you can do on at least one Saturday night a month. Come down to the Lodge Ballroom after 5:30 pm on specified Saturdays, check the *Breeze* or call the Lodge front desk to verify which night is karaoke night.

Yes karaoke night. I am proud to say we put on a heck of a show. This is not your bar room Karaoke, where a bunch of drunk guys get up and try to sing, OH NO. We have a group of pretty darn good singers who sing songs across many genres, some of which are

bound to please your musical palate.

Our last karaoke was a blast, for three hours from 5:30 pm to 8:30 we ate, drank, sang, danced, visited and laughed. If that ain't a party, I don't know what you'd call it. We invite you to join us on Saturday night Feb. 20 at 5:30 in the Ballroom, it's party time again!

Oh, and did I mention it's FREE! (Just provide your own food and drinks)

Oh ya, and you don't have to sing, but you're always invited to give it a shot. ~ **John, Jerry and Dave "The Karaoke Herdsmen"**



Photo taken in Alesund, Norway last summer by our Camera Club member Bill Christelman

CAMERA CLUB

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Craft Room at the Lodge; thus, our February meeting will be Feb. 16. Visitors are always welcome. We invite all photographers, regardless of skill level, to join us for our regular meetings and field trips. Members are always eager to help and teach.

For the January meeting, the assignment was "snow." Due to the January El Niño rains which brought snow to the higher-elevations,

we had some great local snow pictures and also, some from foreign locales.

Now that the busy holiday season is behind us, drop into one of our meetings to see what we're doing and how we can help you become a better photographer. We hope to see you soon.

Any questions, please call me at (951) 849-6987. ~ **Lyle Cameron**

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FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

The Singers are working on a surprise for the upcoming Comedy Show in the Ballroom on Friday evening, April 1 – no joke!

Any questions about the Four Seasons Singers, call (951) 797-3466 or email me at bawasco@dc.rr.com. ~ **Barbara Wasco**



RAINBOW GROUP

The Four Seasons at Beaumont Rainbow Group meets in alternate months for casual dinners. This will allow our LGBT neighbors and friends to socialize, update each other on what we have been up to and to discuss social issues. We don't plan a dinner for February. When scheduled, we gather at Smitty's, order whatever dinner items you wish and have dinner either on the patio, weather permitting, or in the adjacent Conference Room. Should you wish to enjoy your own beverages, please feel free to bring whatever you desire. If you have any suggestions or 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**

D.O.G.

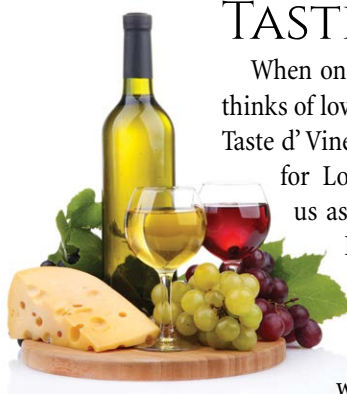


D.O.G, the Dog Owners Group was officially organized on Jan. 1 and already has over 100 members.

Our purpose is to promote responsible dog ownership at Four Seasons. Our first meeting was held Jan. 7 to establish goals and objectives for the future. Meetings will be held as needed in the future.

Our meetings will feature speakers about dog grooming, dog obedience, dog health issues, and more. All Four Seasons residents who have an interest in having the best possible relationship with their dog or are interested to learn about the responsibilities of potential dog ownership are encouraged to join.

Contact Patrick Gerety at (951) 769-7626. Email to dog_owners@yahoo.com. ~ **Patrick Gerety**



TASTE D'VINE

When one thinks of the month of February, one thinks of love and a glass of your favorite wine. The Taste d' Vine Wine Club is excited to present "Wine for Lovers" at our February meeting. Join us as we enjoy some very special "Wine for Lovers" on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 pm in the Ballroom. Bring an appetizer such as bread or crackers and cheese, your own favorite bottle of wine if you wish, and a glass or two for tasting and sharing. Members \$5, guests \$10. ~ **Gracy Luna**

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**

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LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY

LGBS will resume meetings at the Lodge Ballroom on Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 7 to 8 pm. Doc Sellars will be facilitating a six week bible study series on The Holy Spirit. We will primarily focus our attention on the Book of Acts, and the apostle Paul's teachings on the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is our hope that we can develop a fresh understanding of the role of the Third Person of the Trinity in our Christian lives. We strongly encourage participation so that we can learn from each other.

ALL are welcome! Please contact Doc or Letha Sellars at (951) 797-3302 or docletha72@gmail.com with any questions or comments. Blessings in Christ! ~ **Doc Sellars**

"BELIEVE..." WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wow! It's hard to believe, but we are now beginning our third year of "Believe..." Women's Bible Study

This is such an amazing group of Godly women. And we are growing, not only spiritually and in friendships, but in numbers as well. What a blessing.

In January we began our new 2016 outline by discussing "A Godly Woman is Healthy." We discussed what the Bible does and does not say about nutrition, how important it is to exercise and drink sufficient water, get a good dose of sunshine and fresh air, get plenty of rest and how spirituality plays a crucial role in overall health.

We are implementing several new groups (intercessory prayer, discussion, etc.), and the women have all volunteered to join one or

more, and to help where needed. As I said, this is an amazing group of wonderful women.

If you have been curious how this study might be beneficial to your life, please drop in and visit us. We would welcome you with open hearts and arms, and hope you would stay and become part of the group. This is a non-denominational study of any translation of the Bible, there is no homework (although a list of scriptures is given the week before, so each woman would have time to review them before the lesson), there are wonderful discussions, and hopefully each woman leaves uplifted and spiritually energized. We meet every Friday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the first section of the Ballroom. Please come check us out! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

CREATIVE DRAWING & SKETCHING CLASS

The perspective of the Artist of the Month
Thomas Herron:

A Journey With Many Miles To Go

Prior to meeting Rob Kelman, I always thought of my drawings as nice pictures. He taught me to appreciate what I draw, which led me to appreciate the work of my fellow artists, all of whom have inspired me to reach the karma I now enjoy.

Frequently Rob reminds me my drawings reflect the many years I have spent within the engineering profession. He explains they display an abundance of fine detail and precise accuracy as well as tell a story.

The Zebra is probably my favorite wild animal, and the drawing which I call "The Crossing" depicts an animal prepared to wade across a river which most likely is infested with predators. That is how I see my fellow artists, especially those who may never have put pencil to paper for decades. They stride into the river with their first drawing which is usually an elephant, and emerge

unharmd at the other side.

If you are capable of writing words on paper, which is the first basic step to drawing, then drawing an elephant should not be a daunting task. The artists under the guidance of Rob will support you. I am sure the pleasure you will achieve sharing your first drawing with us will ensure your progress

to new heights.

Come join us and start your own journey into the world of art with other encouraging artists and an insightful instructor. Classes are Mondays 10 am to 12 noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. If you have any questions call Rob Kelman (951) 992-9156 or cell (602) 571-0414. ~ **Rob Kelman**



Work by the Artist of the Month Thomas Herron



TOPS

It's the beginning of a new year and you may be thinking "what am I waiting for?" I would really like to lose some weight or at least get healthier. TOPS is here at Four Seasons to help and we have a great group of men and women who will make you feel comfortable and provide encouragement to help you reach your goal. Actually, we have quite a few couples who have joined together which can be helpful as you are there to support each other. TOPS is also quite affordable with a yearly membership fee of \$32 and \$3 per month chapter dues.

Our first meeting this month will be Feb. 2 and will be a

rededication program at the Summit. This will be a great reminder for all of us about why we joined TOPS in the first place.

Anyone may attend and, as always, there is no obligation to join at your first meeting. As I said this meeting will be at the Summit with weigh-in at 8:30 am and the program at 9 am. We will also have some healthy snacks. We generally meet each Tuesday in the Ballroom with weigh-in from 8-8:30 am and the meeting 8:30-9:30 am.

For more information contact our chapter leader and Four Seasons resident, Cathy Calhoun at (951) 849-2614 or Rosalee Strong, TOPS Area Captain at (951) 845-9313. ~ **Cheryl Burke**

JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB

We welcome residents who want to connect to Judaism, its culture, and celebrations. Members enjoy social, cultural and religious get-togethers, connect to other organizations in-and-around the community, engage in exciting seasonal celebrations, and attend Lodge and private home settings to taste varieties of Far Eastern and Mediterranean foods and drinks, as well as attend festive holiday neg Shabbat (dessert).

We plan outstanding, joyous celebrations of events around Thanksgiving, the Harvest Festival, Passover, Purim, and Hanukkah,

the Festival of Lights. Members have attended movie nights, holiday celebrations, and committee meetings at private homes to plan events in Redlands and Sun Lakes, as well as meetings at our Lodge Card Room, on various occasions 6 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

For more information about these events, and to be put on our email lists, please contact us at: chavurah.time@aol.com, or to talk to a real person, (714) 423-4755, Dr. Zee 'Rachel' Knapp or Lynn Matthews at (951) 845-7990. ~ **Dr. Zee Knapp**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Grief is universal. Eventually, everyone will lose someone close to them, and they will experience grief.

In many countries and in many cultural or ethnic groups, there are familiar rituals in place that help to process the grief and provide comfort. Unfortunately in this country, death is often looked upon as failure rather than as a part of life, and grief is something to "get through" as soon as possible. And after about six months of grieving, we are supposed to achieve closure. And then it's time to move on, to get back to the old life, to keep moving forward.

I am frequently the grateful recipient of various articles about grief, about care taking, about death. Friends forward something they have found online or in a magazine or newspaper, as do current and past participants in the Bereavement Group. This week I received an article about the concept of closure, about that magical event that is supposed to happen at some appropriate time after the death of a loved one.

I wish I could just copy the article here. It is written by a doctor at the City of Hope, who sees death frequently in his practice. His name is Stephen J. Forman and the subtitle of his article says, "As a cancer doctor, I see death — and see how the loss of a loved one is a

part of each person's life forever."

In his experience, as in mine, the wound caused by the loss of a cherished person will be a part of the survivor's life forever. The memory of the lost loved one will be evoked by a song, a smell, a sight, a place, or a date on the calendar. There is no closure, no finality that will put a stop to these events. And who would really want that, anyway? These memories occur because of the love we carry inside, because of the fullness of the relationship we once had.

We talk about this frequently in our group. About how living our life to the fullest honors all that the person gave us and taught us. And how these poignant memories keep us connected to the lost loved one. It's not something to be shunned, or to be "gotten through."

If you would like to learn more about the process of grief, about how it can enrich your life and touch you in heartfelt ways, come join us. We meet on Mondays in the Crafts Room at the Lodge, from 1 to 3 pm. We make the room private, and all conversation is confidential.

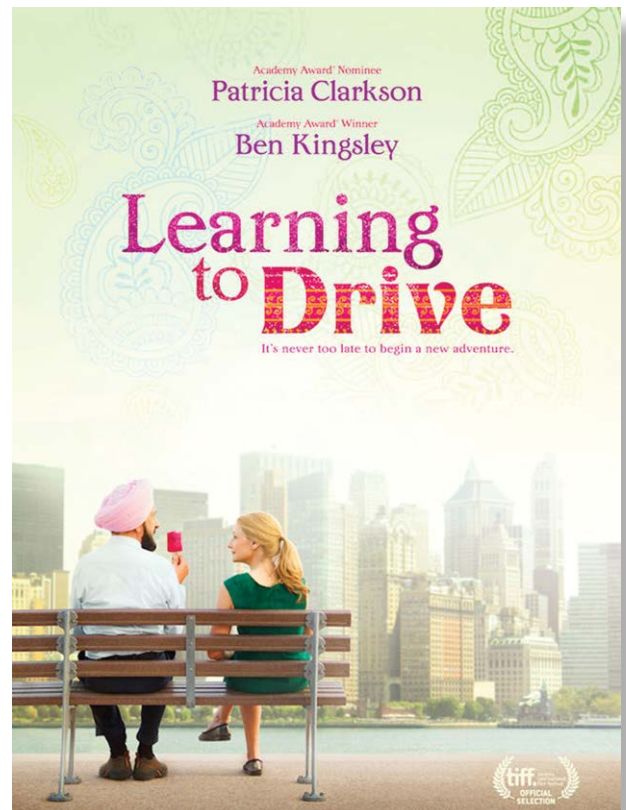
You can just show up or you can speak with me first. My telephone number is (951) 922-0934 and my email is lauriemlarson425@gmail.com. ~ **Laurie Larson**

COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA

It's Academy Awards month – have you seen all the nominated movies? Because the Academy Awards show falls on one of our regular screening dates Feb. 28, we will have only one screening this month:

Our only February screening, on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 6 pm, is the film *Learning to Drive* (UK 2014, 90 minutes, English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: “Wendy (Patricia Clarkson), a self-absorbed New York book critic, is shocked to reality by the sudden end of her marriage. Always dependent on her husband for driving, she must now learn to take the wheel on her own. Her instructor Darwan (Ben Kingsley) is a Sikh Indian who watches with alarm as his pupil falls apart at the seams. He himself is contemplating an arranged marriage with a woman he has never met. As these two lives intersect, both will change in unpredictable ways.”

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



AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

The AACC has appointed a new chairperson, Joyce Allen and a new recorder Shairon Nevilles. Roxie Elliott will be the co-chairperson. The new appointments were unanimously approved by members present. Each person will serve a minimum of two years. Delene Houston will remain as the treasurer with Wanda Valentine acting as backup treasurer. A standing ovation was offered to Betty Ann James and Warren Hurd for a job well done!

The AACC cordially invites new neighbors to our community and all current members to our 2016 meet and greet wine and cheese mixer. Our resolution is to get acquainted with the new and reacquainted with the old in 2016. The date is Monday, March 7 at 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Card Room the Lodge.

Johnetta Driscoll is attempting to organize an excursion to the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. A large bus that can hold 56 people will be rented and will pick up residents at the Lodge. The organizers asked interested parties to sign up as soon as possible, so that a block of seats can be reserved for Four Season residents. The cost of the excursion is \$80 and tentatively will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Interested parties should sign up no later than Feb. 1 and the payment deadline is Monday, March 7. The flyers and sign-up sheets can be found in the Lobby of the Lodge at the informational desk. The tickets are going fast; sign up now — you don't want to miss out. For more information please contact Johnetta Driscoll (951) 922-6039.

Cookie Bonner and I are preparing for the second annual Multicultural Gospel Fest which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 4 pm in the Four Seasons Ballroom. This program is open to all residents, families and friends at no cost. Last year's program was a success and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the

2016 program. For more information contact Cookie at (951) 769-7679. Let's come out and support our own Cookie Bonner and team!

Dorothy Cole announced to save the date for the third annual Gala for the Natalie A. Cole-Reagins Education and Cancer Research foundation. This year's theme is the Monte Carlo Royale - Illumination and Inspiration Gala, on April 23 at 6 pm at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside. The cost is \$75 which is tax deductible. For more information, visit www.natliefoundation.org. Let's all come out and support this foundation!

Les Mays Handyman services will conduct a presentation on home maintenance and remodeling during our March 7 meeting at 6 pm. Please inform your neighbors at Four Seasons. Some of the older homes will be 10 years old this year; signs of wear and tear are beginning to show. Feel free to go to his website at www.leshandyman.com for questions and answers.

Roxie Elliott will complete the Part II Boot Camp titled “Last Will and Testament, Trusts.” The boot camp will be held in the Lodge Card Room on Monday, Feb. 1 at 5 pm. Look for the flyers and reminders in the Lodge. If you are interested in attending, call Roxie at (951) 769-2517. A headcount is very important to ensure enough handouts are available for everyone in attendance. As a reminder, all family, friends and neighbors are invited.

Congratulations to Willie Houston who was ordained Sunday night Jan. 3, as a deacon at Trinity Baptist Church in Moreno Valley. Dee is now a deaconess.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, contact Joyce Allen at (951) 769-4354. ~ **Wanda Valentine**



BUNCO

As I write this article we are definitely in the midst of winter and I assume that when you read this it will still be cold. Don't let that keep you in the house. Come on out and play Bunco. This month we will be playing Feb. 5 and 19. We have a great time and you will meet some very nice ladies. So grab a friend or neighbor and come join us. We play at 1 pm sharp in the Card Room. Don't forget to grab a drink at Smitty's or maybe even lunch beforehand. See you then. ~ **Cheryl Burke & Suzanne Roldan**

MAH JONGG

Everybody is welcome to join us for Mah Jongg at 12:30 pm on Mondays in the 1528 Building. We accept beginners and offer coaching for those who have not played in several years. A current Mah Jongg card is required but you can borrow or copy one until you get your own. 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 10 am to 1 pm in the Card Room. Newbies and oldies are welcome for fun and socializing. Info., George Soeten, (951) 797-0254. ~ **George Soeten**

PAN

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

BRIDGE

Someone once said, "It isn't what you know, it's who you know that can make all the difference in the world in which you live."

Four Seasons has an abundance of talented, resourceful people available to assist you with information about the bridge world. It is a game of dedicated, conscientious players who enjoy the game of rules that challenge the mind.

We meet at 12 noon every Monday in the Recreation Center North building. We look forward to having you join us.

For more information, call Helen at (951) 845-9312. That elusive Grand Slam can be yours with practice and skill. Good luck. ~ **Helen Shoemate-Gurley**

BRIDGE FOR FUN

Bridge for Fun meets on Mondays at 12 noon sharp. On Mondays Bill Guy will present a 30-minute review of most used conventions starting at 11:30 am. Verina and Bob Rector plus Bill Guy have been working very hard on a new system to keep track of players scores for recognition of winners. This has required much time and effort setting up a computer spread sheet system. I have recently noticed that a few of our newly-trained players would benefit from the Monday review and getting back to bridge basics. One rule of bridge is if you have trump control lead trump early to avoid trump ins. And secondly, don't invent your own systems. Bid your best suit first. We play in a party bridge format rotating partners and tables. We discuss our favorite conventions with our partners.

A few of our members have recently had major falls. We wish them speedy recovery.

Monday info., Bill Guy (951) 845-5627; Wednesday info., Verina Rector (951) 769-1687 or Phil Irving (760) 447-0007; Duplicate info., Halley (760) 898-3215. ~ **Dr. Phil**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

We are so fortunate here at Four Seasons to be able to accommodate a large and progressive Duplicate Bridge Club. The setting is comfortable and has room to expand for the growing interest of players. We meet at 12:15 pm on Fridays in the RCN Building.

This is a sanctioned game in order to obtain ACBL Master Points.

Please call Candice Parrish at (951) 530-1523 for an appointment. ~ **Helen Shoemate-Gurley**

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 Thursdays, 1 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. 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**

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Welcome to February, the month of LOVE. I would LOVE to see you at The Lodge on Friday, Feb. 6, at 6 pm, coming to see the Performing Arts Club present two radio shows.

Tom Shelley, the producer of the shows, can better explain what the shows are all about... "We've all seen the pictures and films of families in the 1930s and 1940s sitting in the parlor and 'watching' radio. What were they looking at? Did they know something we didn't? Did they know that soon we WOULD be watching radio but we would call it 'television'?"

"Maybe what they were imagining was what fun it would have been to be in the audience at the radio station where their favorite shows were being broadcast. Most of us never got that opportunity. But now you can change that! We are inviting you to the studios of WFSB Radio right here at the Four Seasons Ballroom to, finally, have that experience... (sort of).

"On Friday, Feb. 6 at 6 pm we will present two old radio show episodes, one each of *Gunsmoke* and *Blondie*. Our actors will portray the various characters on stage, in front of microphones, holding



scripts, just as you would have seen in any one of hundreds of radio studios around the country in the 1930s, 40s, & 50s. When we hear people comment that they can close their eyes and recall listening to these shows as a child, we know our mission is complete. Believe me, we have as much fun presenting these programs as you have listening to and watching them."

So, come on out and join us for a fun evening of radio nostalgia. Who knows, maybe it will jog a few fun childhood memories for you as well." Thanks, Tom, that was extremely well said.

Next up for this fun group, after our radio show, is the comedy variety show on Friday, April 1! Make sure to put this one on your calendars; John Horning is producing this show and it is sure to be spectacular. Trust me, you don't want to miss it.

If you have any questions, please email terimk@verizon.net or call (951) 992-9156. ~ **Teri Meyers-Kelman**

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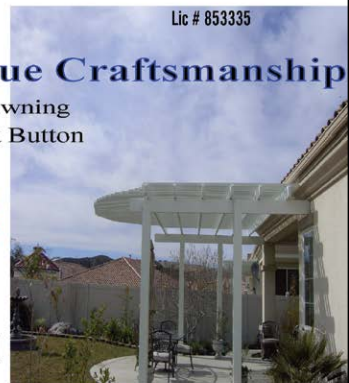


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HORSESHOE CLUB

January was mostly waiting for the rain to stop so we could play again. Our January social was also canceled because all members were just "partied out" after the holidays. We'll pick this up again in February with David and Barbara Thomason being the hosts. We are all looking forward to the rest of 2016 with usual weekly play on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. A first quarter tournament will be scheduled and announced at a later date. So if you are interested at all, please come out and help us get this new year rolling.

For information, please contact Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**

WOOD CARVERS CLUB

Our club still is collecting some additional members, which is great! There are several different projects by the class members - caricatures, relief carvings and chip carving. We continue learning how to keep our knives and chisels sharpened and ready for use.

All are welcome to bring their skills and projects to share in the chip making experience. We meet from 3 to 5 pm in the Lodge Craft Room. For more information, contact Harry Henderson at (918) 497-6490. ~ **Harry Henderson**



DOMINOES

The Christmas season is a time for celebration, surprises and miracles. Reggie Fuqua was the domino champion for the month of December with 13 wins. It has been nearly a decade since Reggie won anything, including golf. This was truly a surprise and a holiday miracle. Congratulations Reggie on winning the championship.

In December the domino Christmas party dinner was served. The food was overflowing with a large variety of meats, chicken, ham and beef stroganoff. Beverages, snacks, desserts, tacos and pizza were also served. Thank you all for bringing food items to share.

Dominoes are played every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 9 pm in the Lodge Game Room.

For more information call Jesse at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie at (951) 769-6483. Come out and play dominoes and make some new friends. ~ **Marvin A. Gaines**

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TABLE TENNIS

You never know what visitor is going to show up at ping pong. Even though December is the busiest time of the year for him, Santa took time out on Dec. 21 to play a little ping pong with us and to give out a little gift to everyone. It didn't even matter if they had been naughty or nice. Our Ping Pong Club owes a big thanks to Santa for all the things he has done for us. Some of those things include giving us nets, balls, dividers, and fixing broken tables. Some people don't believe in Santa and think that this visitor was really Don Fant dressed up as Santa, but as for the people in the picture above, they believe.

Whether you believe in Santa or not, we would love to have you join us at ping pong. You can find us in the aerobics room Monday through Friday at 10:30 am and Saturday at 11 am or on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm. Please contact Niles Sundstrom at (951) 572-5119 or Alan Chan at (951) 769-4202 if you have any questions or need more information about your Four Seasons Ping Pong Group. Contact Neil Edelbaum (760) 877-5619 for more information about night time ping pong.

~ *Niles Sundstrom*



Santa himself played a game with the Table Tennis club

RACQUET CLUB

The December Play Day was more of a Nay Day. On the Saturday following Christmas Day, the turnout for the Play Day turned out to be just Irve Sturner and Larry Martin. And while those two are good enough to play men's doubles on their own, mixed doubles were pretty much out of the question. Not even the reliable Ambassadors Mickey and Howard Nelson showed up, retaining their usual prize drawing detritus for a more propitious day. Weather permitting, that day could be Saturday, Feb. 27, and all tennis-playing residents are welcome to come out at 8:30 am and join in.

Also a casualty of the weather and busy schedules, the Thursday evening doubles play has been placed on hiatus until March or April. When it's time, Barb Miller will again set up the matches for those nights.

One of the Four Seasons Beaumont Racquet Club's founding Committee members decided to pack his racket and tennis balls and relocate. Romy Villena, an all-around good guy and skilled tennis

player, has left Four Seasons and the Committee. That means the Club has also lost Romy's daughter Aba an accomplished tennis player and coach, who provided valuable and fun clinics on several occasions. Club members interested in supporting the Racquet Club by serving on the Committee are encouraged to contact Irve, our Committee Chairman, or Committee members Barbara Miller, Howard Lyon and Steve Hovey.

For those interested in watching world class tennis rather than just playing, ticket sales for the BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament are still going on for the March 7 through March 20 event. The top men and women professionals will participate in this tournament played nearby at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. There is free admission for the March 7 and March 8 qualifying rounds, and those players are incredible, too. Information and tickets are at www.bnpparibasopen.com

Our club website is www.fsbrc.org. Check it out. ~ *Steve Hovey*



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PADDLE TENNIS

It was a cold, wet January and the weather was more conducive to indoor sports. Most of our play was reduced to the 2 pm session when you could feel a little of the warmth from the sun. Robert Norwood is back on a regular basis after his successful hip operation and the "bio" hip is giving him the edge at the net. The level of play has been increasing and we could form at least 6 double teams to play competitively with some other senior communities. We are trying to set up a friendly tournament with another community in the Temecula area and time of writing we are waiting to hear from them. We have a really friendly group and if you can move and swing your arms, you are a good candidate for Paddle Tennis. For information, call Diana (909) 210-9357 or Alan (310) 251-9269. ~ **Diana Johnson Ali**

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If you have any questions, call Richard Hoffman at (310) 869-8069, or inquire at the Lodge. ~ **Richard Hoffman**

BOCCE

The game of Bocce Ball requires no specific skills or previous experience. You will get a little exercise and enjoy a beautiful view at The Summit, all while having a great time with a great group of people. Playtime schedule is Tuesdays at 9 am and Wednesdays at 3 pm.

If you are interested in playing, we will be happy to meet with you

about 15 minutes before the game to go over the rules and let you have a little pre-game practice. If you would like to schedule your first practice session or if you have any questions, please contact: Mike Saperstein at (951) 769-7909, Larry Anderson at (951) 845-8003, or Jeannine Baker at (951) 797-0833. ~ **Mike Saperstein**

ROADRUNNER RVERS

Happy New Year to you all! Our next meeting will be the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm. Since our December meeting at Pat and Gordon's home, we have voted to continue having the RV meetings in our homes. Bill and Tanya Guy have offered to host our January meeting. If you wish to join us, please call me for more information. We'd love to tell you about our fun and easy-going group and meet you. Upcoming trips are to Parker-Havasut City in January, Yuma in February and Pechanga in March. A lot of us are gone in April and May. Any questions? Please call Bill Guy at (951) 845-5627, or Jane Jacobson at (951) 797-3563. ~ **Jane Jacobson**

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ALL SEASONS RV

An unplanned trip over New Years was attended by several club members. Destination was Ocotillo Wells near the Salton Sea. A number of us had Jeeps and were able to take advantage of the off roading in the area. A successful trip with good times and as usual

great food. January outings included the Havasu Balloon Festival and Quartzsite. Our next meeting will be in the Lodge on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 pm. Hope to see you there. Happy New Year! ~ **Ann Williams**

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Suzanne & Dave Roldan going through the Arches at Coral Wash

4X4 SEASONS

No trip was taken in December because of the holidays. However, part of our group that has RVs went to Ocotillo Wells over New Year's. This gave us an opportunity to spend a few days exploring Truck Haven. Steve Kenyon led the group and made it exciting for all of us. Most of us had never been off-roading in that area. Now that the holidays are behind us, we are back on track for our monthly rides.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, please join us for our meeting which is held the second Tuesday of the month at

7 am at the Lodge. Our monthly trip is usually the third Thursday of every month. We meet in the north parking lot of the Lodge at 8 am. 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 (most of the time). If you have any questions call Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Steve Kenyon at (951) 660-1366. ~ **Bob Cooper**

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BILLIARDS FOR FUN

This group started the year off right, amidst lots of fun, laughter and good-natured competition.

On Feb. 2 we will have our next in-house tournament. Each session will pull peas to determine partnerships, and the winning partnership from the morning session will compete with the afternoon session's winners, to determine the pair that gets their name on the perpetual winners' plaque for the month of February. It's always a lot of fun, and some of our players have become incredibly and astoundingly proficient at this game. I kid you not, some of the bank shots and defensive shots are professional grade!

The Billiards for Fun group plays every Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm and from 1 to 3 pm. There are also two informal practice sessions

on Saturdays at the same times as Tuesdays. Come check us out — we have a lot of fun!

The "Curly Cues," an all-women's billiards group, began on Jan. 11 with about 16 members. We hope to grow to two sessions for the women as well. Some of the women already have a handle on the game, and others are beginners. One of the leaders plays a game with the more experienced group, and the other teaches the beginner group, and the next week we switch. If any of you women readers would be interested in joining this group, and learning to play this fun game, we play every Monday from 2 to 4 pm in the Billiards Room. Come by and check us out! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**



Above: Dee Kelch demonstrates her skills



Left: Ken Gomer lines up his shot

THE 8-BALL CLUB

On a cold winter's night, 13 8-Ball Club members met to wage a battle for the monthly in-house 8-Ball tournament championship.

Amazingly enough, for four rounds, both Thanh and Roland Harrah remained undefeated, but alas they had to play each other. Thanh won that match up, propelling herself into the finals and sending Roland crashing into the losers column where Roland had to find a way to win against Kenny Payne, one of our premier players. Somehow Roland prevailed and now the final matches could begin. Due to the double-elimination format, Roland had the daunting task of beating Thanh twice since she was undefeated on the day. Game one went to Roland and, at the risk of great bodily harm he was established as the winner by taking the second game as well. Thus it was, for the first time ever, a husband and wife were in the finals

together. As it was, so let it be written into the annals of history, the Harrah clan ruled the day.

9 Ball in-house tournament play was similar to 8-Ball this month. Both Larry Rice and Leo Babin were undefeated by the field of 11 players, then Larry beat Leo. Leo from the losers column prevailed against Ray Windhorn to then return to the finals against Larry.

This final match was over in one game as Larry won the first game and champion title for the month. Congratulations to Larry and to his worthy opponent Leo.

The Club Officers are Captain Del Lyles, Sr. at (951) 845-5114; Co-Captain Roland Harrah at (951) 267-3793 rolandthanh@msn.com; Thanh Harrah, Secretary/Treasurer at (951) 267-3793 rolandthanh@msn.com. ~ **Roland Harrah**



Leo Babin for the win



Larry Rice lines up his shot



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Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in room 1 of the RNC building. Come join us. ~ **Howard Lyon**

PICKLEBALL

Happy new year and welcome to 2016! Our recent cold and frosty weather has not put a chill on our pickleballers. Many of our players are busy practicing for one of the largest pickleball tournaments in California. This tournament will be held in Palm Desert on Friday, Feb. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 21. With over 300 players, this USBPA sanctioned event should be really fun. And now for little humor.

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5. Pickleball will help us solve some of the world's biggest problems (most likely not).

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If you have any pickleball questions, please contact Nancy Barnaby at (951) 845-0842 or rbarnaby38@verizon.net or Irma Peterson at (951) 845-1068, retiredtcher@gmail.com. ~ **Irma Peterson**

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Our December hike is always a night hike here at Four Seasons to enjoy the wonderful Christmas lights of our residents and the spectacular urban lights of our valley. We start at the Summit and proceed along Four Seasons Circle to Plymouth Rock. Here we start to climb, zigging and zagging from cul-de-sac to cul-de-sac up the hill. This year many houses were covered in polka dots of green or red lights from hidden projectors. The hazy atmosphere was not as clear this year as in the past but the views from the hilltop were still captivating.

Once on Mesa Verde we started downhill in the same fashion. Our group this year numbered two dozen plus one canine. We were well bundled up and since our customary Beaumont breeze stayed home, it made the sojourn very enjoyable as we grouped and ungrouped. We were new members and old timers exchanging information about our experiences here at Four Seasons.

Back at the Summit some members elected to proceed onto the Lodge and commence partying while the hearty ones continued hiking. It was downhill on Bloomington Park, north to the lighted flamingos on Signal Peak then back to the Summit to conclude the hike. Then we all joined the indoor picnic with ample desserts and beverages.

To find out where we are hiking in 2016, call or email Lynette at (951) 377-0392, lynette.simonson@gmail.comurban. ~ **Len Tavernetti**



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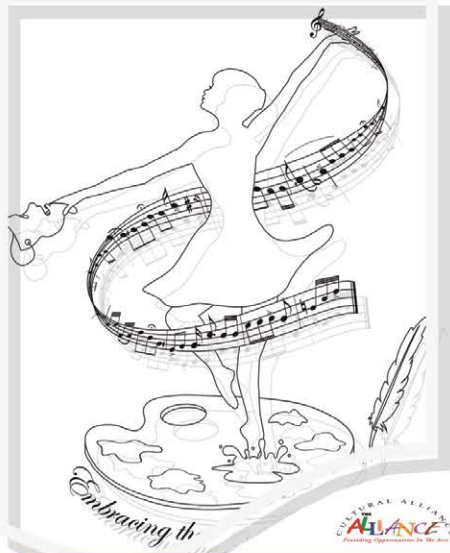


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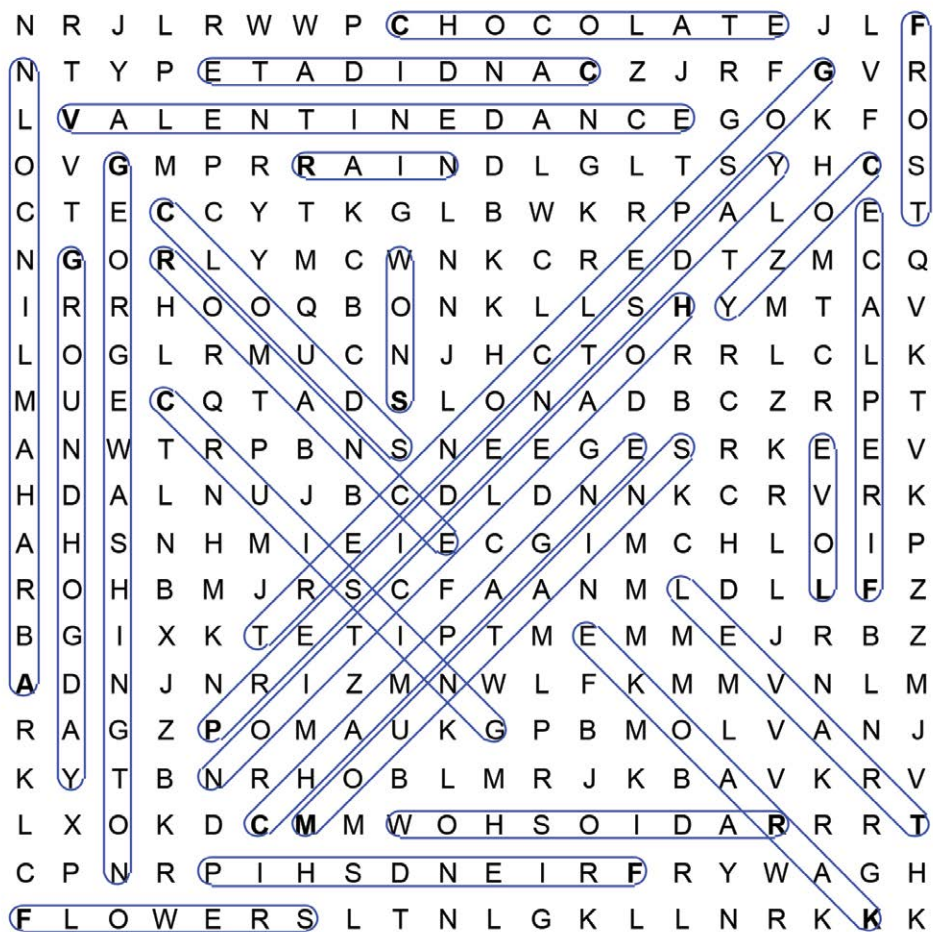
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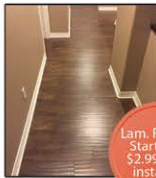
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