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MANAGER'S REPORT

By Jeri Mupo, Saphire Rhodes, Assistant General Manager

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A FOND FAREWELL TO JERI MUPO: Jeri started as the General Manager for Four Seasons at Beaumont back in February, 2014, and has made a positive impact on residents and staff alike. With over 25 years in the industry, Jeri brought insight and experience to the committee and board members she has worked with to assist in maintaining a community that is known as one of the best places to live in California. Jeri noted in her first Manager's Report she was "delighted to be offered the opportunity to work at the flagship of the K. Hovnanian's Four Season's Communities." Jeri saw the Community through two new facility openings, three elections, countless Board meetings and Town Halls, offering her unfaltering support and expertise to each. I am so proud to have been given the opportunity to train with Jeri as her Assistant General Manager over the past six months, and will miss her dearly. Please join me in saying a fond farewell to her and a thank you for all she has done.

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Sunday, Dec. 31 All facilities close at 5 pm.
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Holiday Traditions Throughout Four Seasons

By Irene Welker

*H*oliday traditions are the essential fibers that strengthen family ties and create the most precious of our treasured memories. No matter our belief system, the familiarity of our unique celebrations is what makes the holidays truly special. A diverse, eclectic community like Four Seasons is witness to a lot of those special holiday traditions. Here are just a few of those stories.

Nancy Justice is proud of her Jewish heritage. Sharing Judaism has become an important part of her life. "Being together as a family, lighting the candles of the menorah, and reciting the prayers are the most significant parts of the holiday," she said.

"When my mother was alive the entire family would gather at my parents' house for the first night of Chanukah. Some family members would return over the next seven days to help light the remaining candles and do the recitations. The menorah used was a wedding gift to my parents," she recalled. "When I became an adult, I would bring my own menorah to their home."

Nancy said that as a child she received presents on the first and last days of Chanukah. Laughing, she remembered that tradition changing. "My husband indulged our children and gave them presents every day of the holiday. This has become a custom my younger son carries on with his children."

Her grandmother made latkes (potato pancakes) every year, in the traditional manner, by hand grating the potatoes. Both she and her younger son continue this tradition.

Phil and Sue Felix are of Mexican descent. Sue is proud that she is a direct descendant of Juan Bautista de Anza, a Mexican military man who blazed a trail from Mexico to San Francisco in 1776 to claim the west coast and the port of San Francisco for Mexico. It is interesting to note that Bautista made camp between Borrego Springs and San Jacinto around Christmas time.

One custom they incorporate into their holiday season is making tamales, which brings the family together and keeps a centuries-old

tradition alive. Three generations gather together on a day between Thanksgiving and Christmas to make enough tamales for the entire family. Each participant brings something, masa, corn husks, meat, sweets, etc. A variety of tamales are made: meat, vegetarian, and sweet.

Phil explained, "Historically, whenever the Mexican troops went to war, the women would gather to make tamales. The troops could then eat while on the move."

Sue recalled another tradition. "When I was a child my family would always attend midnight mass. It always held a certain magic for me. I would think about Mary and Joseph and what they went through while traveling to Bethlehem." Sue added that she looked forward to getting home after mass as the family would gather together and talk over hot chocolate.

Ken and JoAnn Lutkus celebrate Christmas at their family homestead in Anaheim Hills. The entire clan, consisting of three biological children, three "adopted" children, spouses and 10 grandchildren gather for the holiday. Christmas morning starts with a big breakfast which includes ham, Swedish and potato pancakes, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cake.

After breakfast, it is on to the presents. First opened are the stockings filled by Santa Claus. Next the children open their gifts. They are then allowed to go play in another room. Last, but not least, the adults take their turns opening gifts. The family has grown so large that they have established a gift exchange.

Gary and Debbie Wells start the holiday season about a week before Christmas. Debbie, her daughter, and three granddaughters get together for a baking day. They bake at least 12 varieties of cookies. Platters of cookies are then given to friends and relatives.

On Christmas Eve, Gary and Debbie join the rest of their family, son, daughter, spouses, and four grandchildren at their daughter's home. They have dinner, attend church, and enjoy the Christmas lights in Brea. Either before or after Christmas another family gathering is held at the Wells home in Four Seasons. The children

open their stockings. Then Gary or the eldest granddaughter plays Santa handing out gifts, which are opened one at a time.

Joyce Allen starts the holiday celebrations at a large gathering of close friends and relatives on Christmas Eve. They have a potluck and the host provides the main course while guests bring side dishes and desserts. Grace is said before the meal begins. Desserts and coffee are brought out after the main course has been cleared followed by an evening of conversation, board games, and movies. Christmas morning starts with brunch followed by gift opening.

A New Year's Eve tradition in African-American culture is a Watch Meeting Service at a church, usually starting at 10 pm. The attendees pray until midnight, the stroke of the New Year. This service is a way of asking for blessing for the New Year and forgiveness of sins in the previous year. Traditional foods for New Year's Day dinner include black-eyed peas for good luck, gumbo, and corn bread.

Joyce said that at all gatherings, the elders are acknowledged and asked if the group can move forward with the festivities. They also remember those who have passed on.

Betty Ann James celebrates both Kwanzaa and Christmas. Her family is scattered now, but when the family lived close, the entire family, including her children, their spouses and the grandchildren would get together with Betty and her husband for both holidays.

Her oldest grandson, Edward, was born Christmas afternoon. From that year on, the family celebrated Christ's birth in the morning and the grandson's birthday in the afternoon.

The James family and their friends celebrated Kwanzaa together. The group rotated homes so each night was hosted by a different family member or friend. They gathered as a group to celebrate their heritage by wearing African dress and observing the principles of Kwanzaa. A typical evening consisted of lighting the candles in the kinara, accompanied by recitations, playing board and/or card games, then dinner. Dinner consisted of traditional African and Southern foods such as black-eyed peas, red beans and rice, sweet potatoes, corn bread, chicken and other meats.

No matter how you celebrate the holidays this year, I hope you enjoy rituals and traditions that bring you closer together, bridge the generation gap and create a lifetime of memories.



CHANUKAH OR HANUKKAH (JEWISH) DEC. 13 THROUGH 20

The Hebrew word Chanukah means dedication and the holiday celebrates the Maccabean revolt in Egypt and the re-dedication of the Holy Temple. The eight day Jewish Festival of Lights is celebrated with a nightly lighting of the menorah, a nine-branched lamp stand, to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in their temple. The lighting of the menorah is accompanied by the reciting of special prayers and singing songs.

Traditional foods include latkes (fried potato pancakes) topped with applesauce or sour cream. Children play with a top called a dreidel to win chocolate coins (gelt), nuts, or raisins.



LAS POSADAS (CHRISTIAN) DEC. 16 THROUGH 24

This is a predominately Hispanic holiday that celebrates Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. It is held over nine days. During the celebration, two people dress as Mary and Joseph. They are followed by a procession representing angels, shepherds, and pilgrims. Members of the procession carry candles and/or pictures of the holy family, children carry poinsettias. The procession is followed by musicians while everyone sings. Each night they approach a designated house which represents an inn or posada. The entry is lined with luminarias. Carols are sung every night at the end of the journey. At the end of the night aguinaldos (small bags filled with treats and candies) are distributed as parting gifts to the guests of the inn.

Traditional foods include sweet and savory tamales, cinnamon champurrado (hot chocolate), and bunuelos.

Children will break open star shaped pinatas to obtain candy and fruit hidden inside. Traditionally, children receive gifts on the last day of Las Posadas.



CHRISTMAS (CHRISTIAN) DEC. 25

Christmas is a religious and cultural holiday honoring the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the most widely observed holiday in the world, celebrated by the majority of Christians and culturally by non-Christians. Christmas has become an integral part of the holiday season.

The customs associated with this holiday are many and varied. People celebrate by going to church, giving gifts, caroling, putting up decorations including lights, a tree, wreaths, holly, mistletoe, and other nonsecular ornamentation. Sharing the day with family and friends is at the heart of this holiday.

Traditional foods depend on the cultural and ethnic background of the celebrant. A special meal with family and/or friends is a big part of this holiday.



KWANZAA (AFRICAN-AMERICAN) DEC. 26 THROUGH JAN. 1

Kwanzaa which means "First Fruits of the Harvest," is the only original African-American holiday. It was established in 1966 by Ron Karenga as a non-religious celebration for African-Americans to remember their roots, motherland, and to honor their ancestors. Kwanzaa celebrates seven principles of African heritage: Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. A different principle is celebrated each day of this festival by lighting the kinara, a seven-branched candle holder. The kinara holds seven candles, one black, three red, and three green. These represent the African flag. The lighting is accompanied by music and recitations. Symbols include a mat (firm foundation) on which other symbols are placed, fresh fruits and vegetables (the harvest), corn (each ear represents a child in the family), and a unity cup (honoring the ancestors). Homemade gifts are exchanged on the last day.

Traditional foods may include chicken and other meats, black-eyed peas, red beans and rice, sweet potatoes, collard greens, and corn bread.



URBAN WILDFIRES

Dave Sapsis, Research Program Specialist with the state's Fire and Resource Assessment Program, recently provided an assessment on the rapid spread of the wildfires in Sonoma "was not a giant front of flames sweeping out of the nearby hills and fields. Most likely, the fire was touched off by embers blown from a distance. Firebrands capable of igniting a house can travel more than a mile. When you've got firebrands going into every crook and cranny, they're going to find somewhere to start. Fire experts surmise that most of the damage was caused by fire spreading from house to house, leaving some parkway trees and things like trash cans oddly unscathed."

"Those houses are like highly concentrated energy packages

just waiting to ignite," said Donald Falk, a wildland fire researcher in the University of Arizona School of Natural Resources and the Environment. "In that wind-driven situation, I think the predictions of what's fire-safe and what's not kind of go out the window."

Similar urban conflagrations have been seen before. In 1982, an exposed electrical wire touched off a fire that was driven by Santa Ana winds through a four-block area of Anaheim, destroying 40 apartment buildings.

"We are seeing it happen more often," Moritz, the UC researcher, said. ~ *Len Tavernetti*

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'Tis the season FOUR SEASONS RESIDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

By Michael Saperstein

Many Four Seasons residents volunteer money, clothing, blankets and a great amount of time to Carol's Kitchen. They help serve and prepare food at six kitchens located in three different areas. A great amount of food and supplies are also donated by Albertson's, Aldi and Chipotle Restaurant. Carol's Kitchen was founded by Four Season residents Jim Ragan, who passed away in 2011, and his wife Arlene to honor their daughter who was killed by a drunk driver in 1996. Their goal was to honor her memory by feeding the homeless/hungry in this area. The three locations are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays serving more than 1,000 hot meals every week! Guests can also receive supplemental groceries and donated clothing that they may need. Four Seasons resident Marty Bauer is the CEO & President of Carol's Kitchen, Inc. Residents Frank and Jackie Bott, Joyce and Phil Reiswig, Andi Henderson, and Pete Antoine are a few of our Four Seasons community members who have helped to serve more than 60,000 meals in 2016! If this opportunity to make a difference interests you, please go to the website at www.carolskitcheninc.org or contact someone at Carol's Kitchen directly.

Veterans: The Beaumont Four Seasons Veterans Group headed by Irve Sturner holds no formal meetings, has no dues and has a website Honor Roll: fourseasonsvets.org with over 100 names of men and women here in our community. Len Tavernetti, our HOA Board President, does a great deal — meeting, attending and working with WWII, Vietnam and Desert Wars veterans, and especially those who were wounded. He also visits grave markers with flags on third Fridays every month. Each Veterans Day on Nov. 11 here in Four Seasons we have an activity to honor all vets.

The African American Cultural Club, Joyce Allen, President, Roxie Elliott, Vice President, help many community-based charities, send

cards and flowers to Four Seasons residents, AACC members who are sick or bereaved. Recently club members sponsored a luggage drive for abused children living at Childhelp® Merv Griffin Village. For the group's 2017 Gala Christmas Party every attendee is asked to bring a Christmas gift stuffed animal to be given to children living at Childhelp®. This group would like all Four Seasons residents to get involved. Call Joyce or Roxie.

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PET OF THE MONTH: FUDGE

My name is Fudge. I am a handsome 10 year old Golden Retriever. I love playing with my tennis balls, swimming, and taking long walks with my Dad, Paul. He is real good to me and makes sure I get lots of exercise and cookies every day. Did I mention that I love to eat?! That's why I need all those walks!

A long time ago my original owners had to give away me and my sister, Taffy. We were real lucky that a nice vet, Dr. John of the Banning Veterinary Hospital, found us a great home with Paul.

Four months ago I lost my beautiful sister, Taffy, to that bad disease called "cancer." I miss basking in the sun in the backyard with Taffy. We would always snuggle together close enough to touch. I wish Taffy was still by my side and in this picture with me. I know Dad misses her too and our great walks together on the Four Seasons trails. Taffy had so much fun getting down and playing with all our little dog friends along the way! Dad and I appreciate all the kind words of sympathy from our friends and neighbors after Taffy was gone. Everyone loved her – especially Dad and me. ~ *Paul Snyder*



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By Micki Rosen

DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 12 IS POINSETTIA DAY? In 1480 until his death, Aztec King Montezuma adorned his palace with Poinsettia, or “Cuetlaxochitl” as it was known by the Aztecs. The Aztecs used the Poinsettia’s sap to cure fevers and the leaves to make dye. Then, in the 17th century after the Conquistadors invaded Mexico, the blood-red flower became a part of Christian ceremony for the first time when it was used in the nativity procession, the Fiesta of Santa Pesebre. After being discovered in 1828 by Joel Roberts Poinsett, the Poinsettia became a popular specimen among botanists. In 1833 he named it “Euphorbia Pulcherrima” but after four years another botanist renamed the flower after Poinsett.



DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 12 IS GINGERBREAD HOUSE DAY? Ginger has been seasoning food and drink since antiquity. According to a French legend, gingerbread was brought to Europe in 992 A.D. by an Armenian monk. Gingerbread figurines date back to the 15th century. The gingerbread bakers were gathered into professional baker guilds. In the 17th century, only professional gingerbread bakers were permitted to bake gingerbread except at Christmas and Easter. The tradition of making decorated gingerbread houses started in Germany in the early 1800s. The first gingerbread houses were the result of the well-known Grimm’s fairy tale “Hansel and Gretel.” In modern times the tradition has continued in certain places in Europe.

DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 20 IS GO CAROLING DAY? Caroling has a long history in the world, potentially existing longer than Christmas itself and having moved into that religious practice from much older roots. Caroling is specifically used to reference those songs and traditions of Christmas. For many years it was a heavily practiced tradition that many people eagerly took part in, either by joining the carolers, or by avidly awaiting the arrival of carolers at their doorstep. Wassailing was another tradition that was similar in many ways, but was actually used to travel to the orchards and other places where cider was produced. It was believed that singing to the trees would promote a good harvest.

DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 24 IS EGGNOG DAY? The first time the term “eggnog” was ever used was in 1775 when Maryland clergyman Jonathan Boucher wrote a poem about the drink, which wasn’t published until 30 years after his death. The first printed use of the term was in 1788 in the New Jersey Journal of March 26th, which referred to a young man drinking a glass of eggnog. Eggnog may have developed from posset, a Medieval European beverage made with hot milk that curdled up when mixed with wine or ale and was then flavored with spices.



DID YOU KNOW THAT DEC. 27 IS FRUITCAKE DAY? Many historians believe that fruitcakes originated in Rome, and one of the earliest recipes listed pomegranate seeds, pine nuts and raisins that were mixed into a barley mash. Then there are records from the Middle Ages documenting that they added honey, spices and preserved fruits into the original mix. Starting in the 16th century, sugar from the American Colonies was added when the discovery was made that high concentrations of sugar could preserve fruits. Fruitcakes have an incredible shelf life — on a 2003 episode of the *Tonight Show*, Jay Leno sampled a piece of fruitcake baked in 1878 which was kept as an heirloom by a family in Michigan!



We had a lot of entrants for our new contest in the *Breeze*. Get The Joke is a simple contest... somewhere in this issue is a "joke" ad, article or other notice. You'll know it when you see it — it will be silly, over-the-top ridiculous or just plain goofy — and hopefully it will bring a smile to your face. When you find it, simply cut out and complete the box below and return to the Lodge Front Desk before the 9th of the month. One correct entry will be chosen at random to win a \$20 gift card to Smitty's. Happy hunting!

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YOUR COMMENTS

Nice having a community newsletter and keeping up with all the activities at Four Seasons. Barbara W.

The Breeze is one of the highest quality publications I've seen. Courtney & Stacey do a great job! Barbara W.

We appreciate the information provided in The Breeze. We also appreciate the attentiveness of Cindy and the staff! Great job! Leann M.

We love The Breeze. Would like it if you gave the location of the cover photos whereabouts in the neighborhood. Couldn't figure this month's out. Thank you. Darlene M. (We'll try!)

Fun Santa sounds like a relative who used to show up at our family

Christmas gathering every year... at least we think he was a relative... no one was ever really sure. Eileen Z.

Great contest. Steve R.

Apparently, I've had fun Santas at my house over the years... spending the night, eating my food - oh wait, those were my adult kids. Karen A.

The Beauty of Gratitude confirmed our choice for this community... it's home. Elizabeth W.

The picture alone is hilarious. Thanks for having Get the Joke! Helen H.

Pretty funny... not my kind of party, ha ha. Nicki M.

Get the Joke Entry Form

Resident name (first & last): _____ Phone _____

The Joke This Month: _____

Comments (about the joke, the *Breeze*, or whatever's on your mind!): _____

Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves, Activities Director

Happy holidays everyone! December is a flurry of events and parties, proving once again that we are the premier Active Adult Community. To start with, we have our big Holiday Extravaganza Show on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 pm, doors open at 6 pm. Please be sure you eat before you come, because the seating will be set for theater seating only. Hopefully you have already picked up your free tickets at the Lodge desk in order to gain entry. However, if you haven't, call the front desk and let them know how many tickets you're looking for so that they can put you on the waiting list. There will inevitably be those who can't make it, so don't give up.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, there will be the addition of a super cute and fun Golf Cart Parade! Anyone with a golf cart is welcome to attend and enter the "Most Festive Golf Cart Competition." There will be a Smitty's Bistro Gift Certificate award for the winner. All golf carts need to be lined up at the Lodge front door round-about for judging at 4:30 pm. The winner will be announced at 5 pm. After the prize is awarded there will be a Golf Cart Parade through the community, stopping at each one of the community facilities to show off all of the awesome golf carts. It'll be a fun prelude to the Saturday evening show at the Lodge.

Be sure to check in with the Let's Dance Club, AACC, and Wine Club if you are interested in going to one of our three huge holiday dinner galas and, of course, be sure to see if you can still get a ticket or two to attend the New Year's bash of the century at the Lodge.

If you like magic, you'll really appreciate the annual Holiday Magic Show in the Lodge Ballroom on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 pm. This is a free event and

worth every penny (ha ha ha)! The International Brotherhood of Magicians will be putting on this great show and they may end up with a guest magician from the Magic Castle as they did earlier. We have had some incredible shows, so you don't want to miss this one. Grandkids are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, Dec. 16 we have two special events for you. First is the Terry Fears Holiday Home Tour located on 1653 Lewis Creek. This is the "over-the-top" holiday house that everyone looks forward to visiting each year. Everyone is welcome to get this thrilling shot of Christmas cheer. It costs \$5 per person to take the tour and all proceeds go to Carol's Kitchen to feed the homeless. What a great way to give and get at the same time.

Have a fabulous holiday season and we'll look forward to all the great times to come in 2018!



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- 1 & 2 Holiday Extravaganza
- 8 Ballroom Dance Christmas
- 9 AACC Christmas Dance
- 12 Holiday Magic Show
- 21 Wine Club Holiday Formal
- 31 SC New Years Eve

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If you have seen an act of kindness or have received one, please share with the community. Let's spread gratitude! Just go to the Lodge lobby and fill out a gratitude note and put in the box marked "Art of Gratitude." Thank you!

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Sometimes Bad is Good

By Steve Benoff

Last month I reported how Apple ruined its excellent podcast app. I looked at several alternatives but found them wanting for various reasons so I stuck with Apple Podcast. I tried to adjust. If you use the default page on the new Apple Podcast it can be a real pain to play a podcast episode. With some effort, you can get the new app to act like the old one in some ways. Of course you can create a single playlist, but you can't see it like in the past and you can't edit it. The new Apple app is simply bad.

So I searched again for alternatives and found a podcast app called Overcast. It immediately appealed to me. Its default layout prioritizes playlists. But unlike Apple's podcast app, you can create multiple playlists. Like Apple, you create playlists by adding podcast titles. Once created, individual episodes are added automatically. And like the old Apple app, you can change the order of episodes on your playlist. Within the Overcast app there are settings options unlike those found in either the old or new Apple app. You can delete played episodes automatically or manually. With the Apple app you can skip back and ahead by 15 seconds. With Overcast, you can use 15 seconds or choose amongst four alternatives. Apple gives you two options in sorting its single playlist. With Overcast you have four sort options for each playlist. You can also choose priority podcast episodes. Like Apple, Overcast lets you decrease or increase the playing speed of podcasts, but Overcast allows a wider range of choices and more control within that range. It has features to boost the voice volume, shorten silences, and a four-choice sleep timer.

Surely, Apple is better than Overcast in some regard. Well yes. If I'm listening to a podcast and I get a phone call (three quarters of which are junk calls) the podcast stops and restarts automatically. Overcast stops the podcast but I must restart it manually. But that is the only feature the Apple excels in. Overcast matches or beats Apple in every other way. Overcast even appears on my car's screen when I use Apple CarPlay, an advantage not shared by most apps.



It turns out Apple did me a favor. With Apple's old podcast app, I was quite happy and blissfully unaware that a better app existed. It's only after Apple ruined its podcast app that I discovered Overcast. It's not only a good substitute for the Apple app, it's even better than the old one.

Every month I end this column with a request that you share your favorite apps with me. Alas, I receive very few responses. But I

appreciate those I do receive. I still use FlightAware when I travel as an excellent source of flight information.

Irene Welker referred me to an app called Vivino which she describes as "pretty useful." I agree. I installed it and found it useful immediately. It's a free wine app (the app is free, not the wine). It makes finding and ordering wines quite easy. It has a fabulous Explorer feature. You select a price range and a minimum rating score between one and five. You can choose one or more amongst six very broad wine types (red, white, sparkling, etc.) But you can narrow your search to regional style (Argentinian Malbec), food pairing, grape, country, and vintage year. I chose merlot with a top price \$10 (I can hear the groans, but I'm cheap) and a minimum rating of 2.6. I got 2,000 wines to choose from listed in order of rating. Each choice gives purchase options, highlights, and reviews. The magical part of this app appears when you press the camera icon on the app. Take a picture of a bottle of wine and the app identifies it with the same information provided by a search. There is a pinot noir and a merlot that I really like but can no longer find in local stores. Thanks to Vivino I now have online access to both of them. I'm not sure for whom Vivino is most valuable – the expert, the neophyte, or the cheapskate like me. Why don't you download it and judge for yourself.

Do you use an app you'd like to share with others, let me know at steve.benoff@verizon.net.





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G S Y T G Z H M X L L L Z J N M N L R H K A T	Ballroom Dance Christmas
L A M T L V A Z T M S T Z C Q L N D A Z L S M	Candles
K M F K L M N Z N M N E H T V L C R T Q N T R	Celebrations
H T T L Y M U Z D T Z T V L L V O G R K E E V	Christmas
O S P W Y N K A R A N I K L G N R G T G C D L	Corn
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D H B X R N H F P U C Y T I N U W L T P D I B	Elves
A C F F M I L H C E L E B R A T I O N S S N V	Family
Y E N L R H S B W Y D N R M P D M R D M A E D	Feast
E C C E M Y G T X V M K S N A X K R Q L M H L	Gifts
X N S Y W L P V M D L E R Y J D E H F N T O Z	Hanukkah
T A E H Z Y M X Y A L K M B G I Q Z W P S L B	Holiday Extravaganza
R D K N K X E L W D S A N R D X Z N H O I I K	Holiday Magic Show
A M T Q H N I A N A G V D E J X F G R Z R D R	Kinara
V O A R L M G A R I A R L L Y G Q N N M H A Q	Kwanzaa
A O L K A R C M C S J Z W Q H T A P B M C Y W	Latkes
G R N F N H H S W G E X N M R M Z V T G C P W	Menorah
A L P D Q F H Q N Z I V T A E K N Z N M C A L	New Years Eve
N L G R Y O J Y N M X F E N W H H X N J A R Z	Ornaments
Z A H P W Z N N W M X Z T H C K Z W Z N A T T	Santa Claus
A B S A N T A C L A U S K S M P D M H M W Y X	Taste d'Vine Holiday Party
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Puzzle created by Patty Jordan. Solution on page 66

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LODGE/RCN PARKING SURVEY COMING UP

Scenario 1: Large Event Parking

Have you ever planned to attend a large event at the Lodge, arrived 10 minutes early and can't find a legal parking space? Frustration mounts as neighbors' vehicles begin to line up behind you; all sharing a common thought, "But, I left early so I could find parking."

Scenario 2: Handicapped Spaces

You're looking forward to participating in the new class because your doctor recommends it for extending your range of motion. Your vehicle pulls into the lot and all of the handicapped parking is taken! Demoralized, you consider how much energy you'll have for class participation after walking from the parking lot.

"Our community is growing!" is a frequent observation. You've seen the construction and visited with new neighbors next door or down the street. Planning for the next big event or new class, you devise a perfect solution to the parking dilemma: you'll leave a half hour before the performance/class begins. Your neighbors and friends are like-minded, however, and do exactly the same! Frustration morphs into consternation as you briefly consider illegal parking on Four Seasons Circle. Worse yet, you decide that you cannot attend the class due to lack of handicapped parking.

But wait! There's an outlet for your concerns about Lodge/RCN parking: a parking solution survey. The HOA is proactively looking to address this symptom of our growth and will soon ask residents for your opinions, suggestions, and possible solutions. The parking situation survey will help us evaluate the situation and develop a

plan that addresses safety and access concerns. Planning now for the future will ensure that when the community is built out we will have parking and access already in place to best serve all our residents.

In preparation for the survey:

Consider the following regarding the two Lodge parking lots:

- There are 240 "open" parking spaces.
- Eight "reserved" parking spaces.
- 14 spaces designated "handicapped."
- Zero motorcycle spaces.
- Three "pedestrian" spots.

Think about this:

- Does size matter? Should parking spaces be one size fits all? Does a golf cart or motorcycle require the same parking space size as a SUV or truck?
- How many parking spaces of all designations could be constructed if the current parking lot was reconfigured?
- What if a shuttle service was provided for special events?
- Is it possible to project or calculate how many handicapped spaces will be required in the future?

Finally, participate in the **Lodge Parking Logistics and Space Allocation Study**. Participating in the upcoming survey ensures that you are part of the solution!

Watch the Daily Report for the survey availability and be prepared to review the educational materials that will accompany it. Once the survey is released, website users also will be able to access it at www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org on the Surveys page (under Board & Committees). ~ **Karla Noonan**

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FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee has undergone quite a change in membership since the first quarter of this year. Of the five Four Seasons residents that were members into April of this year, only one remains — our Secretary, Louvenia Ortega.

Since April, several new members have joined the committee. They include myself, Bruce Lewis, Stefan Just, Howard Lyon and, very recently, Larry Nail. Our Charter mandates a total of seven members. Our current membership is comprised of residents with extensive backgrounds in either facilities or project management, and we bring years of experience and new perspective to the committee.

Since May, the committee has functioned with an acting chair but, as we met a quorum at our October meeting, an election was held for chair and co-chair. I was elected as chair and Bruce Lewis as co-chair.

As chair, and with input from the community at large, I am committed to seeing that the committee fulfills the mandates of its charter by maintaining and improving, as much as possible, this beautiful community that we share.

We meet at 8:30 am on the third Tuesday of the month in the RCN building and welcome residents to bring us their ideas or concerns.

In future articles, either Bruce or I will provide updates on new projects and in-progress project status.

Lastly, on behalf of the Facilities Committee, I would like to wish the community a happy and safe holiday season. ~ *Richard Ladeira*



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PREPARING FOR AN EARTHQUAKE: A REFRESHER COURSE

Since we live in earthquake country, we've all seen articles like this before, but you may want to review and clip out this article. Refer to your copy of the Four Seasons Beaumont's Resident's Emergency Handbook, initially given to new residents but is also available online at www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org.

Before an earthquake:

Find safe spots in each room that you can reach in just a few steps, such as under sturdy desks or tables.

Keep a flashlight, a whistle, a plastic bottle of water, and an extra pair of sturdy shoes next to your bed. Having sturdy shoes is important as after an earthquake there will be glass on the floor.

Keep flashlights and extra batteries in several places.

Bolt top-heavy book cases, china cabinets, grandfather clocks, etc. to wall studs.

Hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors away from beds and couches.

Since electrical power may likely be lost, consider transistor radios and battery powered lanterns for use.

Have sufficient supplies of bottled water (minimum is one to

three gallons of water per person per day for drinking, cooking, and hygiene and one gallon per pet per day). Having enough of your own food and water for two weeks is essential as it is unknown how long support services will take to respond.

Don't forget your medications and pet medications. Do you have a two week supply?

Have the capability to boil water. There are numerous places (either on-line or local stores) for freeze-dried food that only requires boiling water placed in the food packet, stirred, and then is available to eat.

Have available personal hygiene items and a first aid kit.

Have copies of personal documents (medication list, insurance policies, proof of address, deed/lease to house, passports, birth certificates, etc.) and place in a waterproof container.

Have sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, emergency blankets, duct tape, cell phones and chargers, cigarette lighter or matches, work gloves and extra car keys available.

Have a sufficient supply of cash money in small bills as you may not be able to use your checks, credit or debit cards due to electrical power outages. Your favorite grocery stores, merchants and gas stations likely do not have back-up generators to power instruments to process debit and credit card purchases. ~ **Fred Weck**



LODGE COMMITTEE

We are very busy making sure that your Lodge functions well and remains a beautiful "face" of Four Seasons Beaumont. As with much of the community, the Lodge has been functioning for over 11 years now and is in need of some sprucing up. We are pleased to work in conjunction with the Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee to present several projects to the Board of Directors for approval. These projects include new flooring for the main building, expansion of the Craft Room and new furniture for the Lodge Conference Room. We hope to see these projects underway soon.

The data from the Salon Survey is now available to view online either directly through the website or from your Daily Report. As a result of this survey, the Board was able to better understand the requirements of the community.

We are proud to announce the Movie Theater will be presenting

pay-per view movies to be shown at all three showings on Saturdays for the remainder of the year. If this is shown to be beneficial to the community, the Board will examine the possibility of extending it permanently. The first movie to be shown in November was *Wonder Woman*. We hope many of you can join us on Saturdays to show your support of this venture.

I would like to thank the members of the Lodge Committee for their diligent hard work and commitment to ensuring that the entire community has the ability to enjoy our Lodge and all the activities within it. This is my last month as Acting-Chairperson, and we are in need of someone to fill that capacity. If you have an interest in volunteering your time to keeping things moving in and around the Lodge, please come to our next meeting on Dec. 27, at 11 am in the RCN Conference Room. ~ **Ann Blair**

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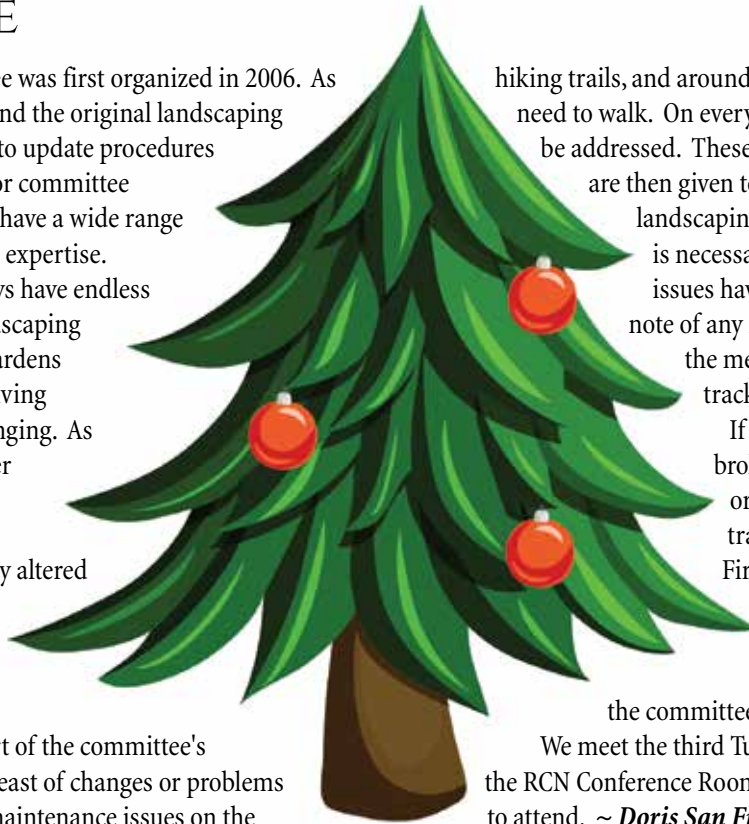
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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee was first organized in 2006. As our community has grown and the original landscaping has matured, it is necessary to update procedures and widen responsibilities for committee members. The members all have a wide range of experience and gardening expertise.

This committee will always have endless "to do" lists in regard to landscaping issues in our community. Gardens are never static, as they are living organisms that are ever-changing. As plants mature and grow taller and wider, it impacts the environment around them. Also, microclimates are easily altered as more homes are built and more streets added, which impacts the health of our plants.

Walking is an integral part of the committee's responsibilities. To keep abreast of changes or problems in residential landscaping, maintenance issues on the



hiking trails, and around our community buildings, we need to walk. On every walk, notes are made of issues to be addressed. These issues, plus recommendations, are then given to FirstService and the appropriate landscaping contractor in Four Seasons. It is necessary to then confirm that previous issues have been addressed and then make note of any new issues that have appeared in the meantime. The only way to keep track - we walk!

If you notice any problem (e.g., a broken sprinkler, dead tree branch, or possible safety issues on the trail), contact Jeff Jordan with FirstService Management in the RCN Building. This is helpful to the committee as there may be an extended time period before the committee will "walk" the area.

We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in the RCN Conference Room. All homeowners are welcome to attend. ~ *Doris San Filippo*

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HOW IS OUR HOA FEE USED?

The monthly HOA fee is used to maintain and operate the common properties owned by the Association. This is accomplished by allocating our Fee to a Capital Reserve Fund and the yearly operational budget. The \$210 HOA fee that we pay each month distributes \$50.66 to the Capital Reserve and \$159.34 to the Operational Budget.

WHAT IS THE CAPITAL RESERVE?

The Capital Reserve is specifically designated funding for replacement of common elements as they become old, worn and beyond serviceable life. Examples of these common items would include, flooring/carpeting, chairs, road resurfacing, repainting facilities, pool pumps, etc. We have a great many of these when you consider the number of buildings, pools, roadways/sidewalks, sports courts, and the associated furnishings.

A Capital Reserve fund is established following a well-defined process of identifying all the common items, determining life expectancy and estimating replacement costs. Funds are set aside to be available when replacement is needed in the future. This process alleviates the need to assess homeowners every time funding is required to replace common elements. It should be noted that these funds cannot be used for normal maintenance and repairs or to purchase new items that do not exist on our current property inventory. The Four Seasons Capital Reserve is sufficiently funded to meet our needs.

DOG POOP COMMITTEE

There are quite a few homeowners with dogs and, as we see everyday, they love their walks; both the dogs and their owners. We also know what a pain it is to clean up after your dog when it leaves a deposit in someone's yard. So we have formed a committee who's job it is to patrol the streets and front yards of Four Seasons. We're looking for members who:

- Enjoy the outdoors
- Have a small spade/shovel
- Like dogs
- Have good eye-sight
- Don't mind weird smells
- Own walking shoes
- Have bags
- Enjoy wearing latex gloves



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Cat poop will not be picked up. There is a separate Cat Poop Committee that is being formed for that purpose.

WHAT IS THE OPERATING BUDGET?

The Operating Budget is utilized for the day-to-day operations – maintenance, repairs and upkeep of the existing facilities and property. The budget is comprised of the following major line items:

1. Fixed costs
2. Landscape
3. General Maintenance
4. Pool Maintenance
5. Repairs and equipment
6. Utilities
7. General and Administration

As previously discussed in a *Breeze* article, the budgeting process for the next year begins in the middle of the current year. Expenses are tracked, cost changes are estimated, and a new budget is prepared for BOD approval. The budgeting process will determine whether there is a need to adjust the HOA fee.

A frequently asked question is: Where is there funding for new items that the Association does not have? For example, additional AED units throughout our facilities. A small portion of the Operating Budget has a line item for new, unidentified expenses. When new items are proposed, the Finance Committee will verify funding availability and recommend to the BOD. The BOD will approve based on priority criteria. ~ *Barry Ginnetti*



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ARC team wants to thank the homeowners and contractors who have attended our meetings to answer our questions in real time and help us understand the submitted Exhibit A plans so we can quickly approve your plans.

In the month of October, the committee reviewed 42 new or property amendment applications approving all 42 applications. The ARC members also completed 34 onsite reviews of completed work (Exhibit C) and granted two extensions for pending approved plans.

Q. Why do I have to submit photos with my Exhibit A and Exhibit C?

"A picture is worth a thousand words." This old cliché may seem a bit out of date, but pictures help our committee members make decisions about your proposed plans and approve completed plans. Each property has a file with all of the proposed and completed plans that are submitted over time. Exhibit A proposed plans that include pictures make it easy to understand what you or a contractor are proposing. Submitting the pictures with Exhibit C when your plans are completed provides a history of the completed work for the property.

For example, if you are proposing adding stone work on the front of your home, including pictures of the front of your home now and pictures of the proposed stone with your Exhibit A helps the

committee see how the colors blend with the current paint scheme. Providing pictures of the current state of the property also shows the committee if you have neighbors on all sides or if your back yard has a slope that was planted by the builder. This helps the committee members visualize how the proposed plans will impact neighbors and the community.

Once the work is completed, providing Exhibit C with pictures will complete the property file, which is given to the committee member assigned to the completion review. The committee member compares the proposed work with the pictures of the completed work prior to the onsite review, so they can identify any questions they may want to discuss with you.

Your property file is available at the Management Office. If you have purchased an existing property, we encourage you to stop by the office and review what is in the property file. This archive includes all Exhibit As & Cs with submitted plans and pictures.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) members would like to thank everyone who has expressed interest in joining our committee. We should have our current volunteer openings filled by year end.

ARC meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the RCN Conference Room at 8:30 am. ~ *Joanna Olsen*





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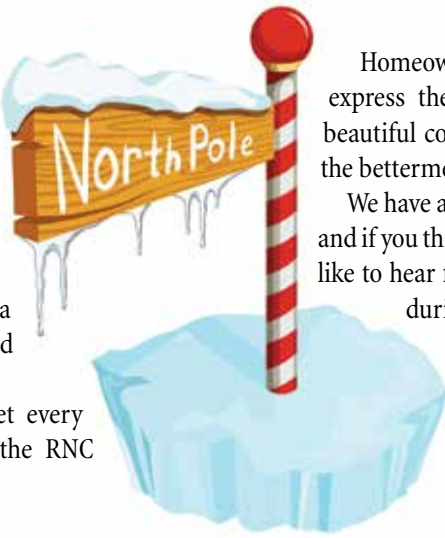
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RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas holidays and go about decorating our homes, we are reminded to be careful and decorate with caution and safety. Too many times have we heard about a homeowner falling off a ladder and sustaining a serious injury. Many of us don't have that balance we once had when we were younger. It might be a good idea to hire a handyman to put up your lights and decorations and be safe.

The Rules & Regulations Committee meet every second Tuesday of the month at 9 am at the RNC building.



Homeowners are welcome to attend our meetings to express their views, ideas and/or concerns regarding our beautiful community. The subjects discussed are always for the betterment of the Four Seasons.

We have a couple of vacant member seats in our committee and if you think you might be interested in joining us, we would like to hear from you. Remember to be alert and drive safely during these busy holidays. And if you see something, say something.

Happy holidays and a blessed Christmas to all our Four Seasons friends and neighbors. ~
Roman Dominguez

COMMUNITY PLANNING & TRANSITIONING COMMITTEE

This committee is making good progress in meeting its objective to carefully plan the HOA takeover from K. Hovnanian which is anticipated will occur within the next two years. The committee continued to discuss the 2018 budget plan, the options to handle parking lot surge capacity and building a relationship with the city

of Beaumont.

We welcome homeowners' interest. Our meetings are at 9 am on the fourth Thursday of the month in the RCN Conference Room. Please come visit us. ~ **Johanna Ballard**

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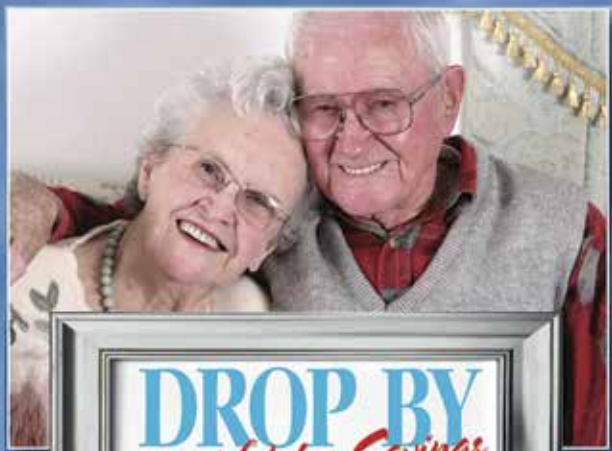
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SAFETY COMMITTEE

We have been working on a number of projects. Our recently approved projects have been repairing trip hazards, which is complete, increasing number of AEDs and relocating those already in place, which is in process, and crosswalks. Surveillance cameras at The Courts (our new recreation area), is a priority and our goal is to have the system in place in December.

The next AED training is Feb. 28, at 10 am. Our last training was a huge success and we are looking forward to training more residents on how to use an AED when necessary. It is important that all residents are aware of the location of the AEDs. The RCN building has one AED that is located on the wall between the restrooms. This AED will be relocated to the area on the wall by the TV. The Lodge will have two AEDs — the AED behind the Lodge desk will be relocated to the wall by the TV, and a new AED will be installed in the Ballroom. Two new AEDs will be installed in the outside areas at the Lodge, one will be located outside the paddle tennis courts with easy access both from the courts as well as from the Amphitheater area, and a second AED will be placed on the wall outside the restrooms for easy access from the pickleball, basketball, and shuffleboard courts. The Spa building has one AED that will be relocated to the wall on left of the door as you enter the building. The Summit AED will be relocated from the wall by restroom and exercise machines to the main lounge area. The Courts will have three AEDs — one will be located on the



wall outside the gym, one will be located on the outside wall of the spa building in the pool area, and the third will be located in the lattice shade area outside of tennis courts 2 and 3. Please make it a point to locate our AEDs so that you can be prepared in case of emergency.

Once again, please slow down when entering and while driving within our community. The biggest concern that is brought to the Safety Committee is the excessive speed of traffic. Many are reporting of near collisions in the main traffic circle by the Potrero gate. Reports are that as people are entering our community, they are not slowing down before entering the traffic circle, creating an unsafe condition. Do not assume that the car you see in the circle is exiting, many of those cars will continue to flow through the circle in order to continue on Four Seasons Circle to their home. Crosswalks will be completed soon so please adhere to the posted 30 mph speed limit so that our residents on foot can cross our streets safely.

The holidays are upon us. We would like to wish all residents a very happy holiday season. For your safety please remember to be aware of your surroundings while shopping, put all packages in your trunk or out of view, both in parking lots as well as in our community. Make sure your vehicle is locked.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. If you have any safety questions or concerns please join us. ~ Donna Lewis

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By Irene Welker

This hearty stew is rich in flavor and filling. All you need for a complete meal is some crusty bread and perhaps a side salad.

Tip: Remove the stems and gills from portobello mushrooms. To clean mushrooms use a paper towel or soft mushroom brush. Do not soak them, mushrooms absorb water. They can be rinsed under cool water after wiping.

Mushroom Bourguignon Stew



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound cremini mushrooms, cleaned and quartered
- 1 pound portobello mushrooms, cleaned, trimmed and cut into one inch chunks
- 3 Tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 5 cloves garlic, chopped
- 4 Tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups red wine
- 2 cups vegetable or mushroom broth
- 1 pound yukon gold or red rose potatoes, peeled and cut into half inch cubes
- 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, heat 1 1/2 Tablespoons of the oil over medium heat. Add mushrooms and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms brown and have released most of their liquid, about 10 to 12 minutes. This may have to be done in two batches. Do not overcrowd the mushrooms. Transfer the mushrooms to a bowl. Add the remaining oil to the pot and place over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot add carrots, celery, onion and garlic. Cook stirring frequently until the onion golden and the vegetables

are tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Stir in wine and simmer until the liquid is reduced by half.

Return the mushrooms to the pot and add broth, potatoes, thyme, pepper and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer, uncovered, until sauce is very thick, and potatoes are tender about 20 minutes.

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October's Gingersnap Pudding recipe author was misidentified. The correct author is Jean Pihl. We apologize for the error.

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"Animals are here. They are part of our environment. We can't change the environment, so we must learn to co-exist," said Jeff Villepique Ph.D., of the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, at the co-sponsored Neighborhood Watch and Tails and Trails event on Nov. 8.

More than 150 residents learned about reducing the conflicts between humans and local wildlife. Speaking predominately about coyotes and bobcats, Villepique explained that the problem is not peculiar to Four Seasons. It exists all over North America, even in large cities like Chicago.

The coyote is the most frequent threat for conflict because it is bigger, more aggressive and has more young in each litter. The bobcat can also be aggressive when it has kittens.

One problem with these two animals is that they can lose their fear of humans in several ways. For example, golf course grass attracts bunnies which are food for predators. As they hunt on the course, these predators often encounter humans and become accustomed to their presence. Unfortunately, some people intentionally feed the wildlife, thinking that they are doing a good thing.

"This is a bad idea!" Villepique said. "...and it is illegal in California."

Some people see coyotes as a lovable pet dog, and they see bobcats as cute kittens.

Other people see these two as rampaging marauders; outlaws bent on killing dogs and small children in a terror campaign.

"Neither is true," he said.

The main way to reduce conflicts with Four Seasons' wildlife is to make ourselves less attractive to bobcats, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, snakes and rats. He suggested the use of "exlosures," covered dog areas and "catios," enclosed bay windows and porch areas for cats (subject to CC&Rs, of course).

Also, residents should do everything they can to make them more afraid of humans, such as scaring them off with loud noises like whistles, horns and shouting. This makes contact less pleasurable.

Another suggestion was to reduce their food supply by covering garbage carefully, feeding pets indoors, watching pets at all times when outdoors, using a leash, fencing (within CC&Rs guidelines) and cleaning up any loose seed that attracts their prey.

Sighting wildlife doing no harm is not cause for Fish and Game to respond

other than noting a sighting in their records, but Beaumont Animal Control will remove certain dangerous wildlife.

Of course, if the animal is aggressive and tries to do harm residents should call 911.

The next community-wide event for Neighborhood Watch will be and Holiday Potluck Brunch, Dec. 13, at 10 am. See flyers and posters in the Lodge. For information about Neighborhood Watch, contact Anita Worthen at (951) 769-9858. ~ **Andi Henderson**





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Machine Quilting Open Studio Golf Cart Holiday Parade	3 10a 5p	Intercessory Prayer Curly Cues Bereavement Group Four Seasons Singers Watercolor Open Studio 8-Ball Club	4 9a 10:30a 1p 3p 4p 6:30p	5 10a 10:30a 1p	6 4p 5:45p 6p 6:30p	7 11a 4p 6p 5p	8 4p 6:30p	9 8a 10:30a 1p 1:30p 4:30p
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Machine Quilting 10a Lodge/Summit/Courts Closed at 5 pm	24	Christmas Day All Facilities Closed	25	26 Facilities Open at 9 am	27 4p 5:45p 6:30p	28 11a 4p 6p 6p	29 10a 6:30p	30 8a 10:30a 1p
Machine Quilting 10a Lodge/Summit/Courts Closed at 5 pm; Lodge reopens for NWE Party Ticket Holders at 6 pm; Office Closed	31	New Years Day All Facilities Closed	1	Knitting & Crocheting Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Performing Arts Club	10a 10:30a 1p 4p	Pack Walk (Summit) Amateur Radio Club 8-Ball Club	4p 5:45p 6:30p	Pack Walk (Lodge) Billiards for Fun Billiards for Fun Billiards For Fun

Below schedules may change, cancel or reschedule at any time. Check with Lodge Desk for updates.

Physical Exercise Schedule

EXERCISE			Advanced	T	3:45p
Conditioning	M/W/F	8:30a	Heart & Soul	W	4p
Beginning Conditioning	M/W/F	9:30a	Heart & Soul Intermediate	W	7:30p
Zumba Gold	T/Th	9:30a	HORSESHOES	W (Summit)	9a
*Yoga	M/W	5:45p	PING PONG		
*Pilates	T/Th	8:30a	All Level Ping Pong	M-Sat	10a
	Sat	9a		T	10a
*Kick Boxing	Sat	10:15a	Advanced Play	T	2p
*Water Aerobics at Lodge	M/W/F	10:30a	TENNIS		
Summit	T/Th	5:45p	Club Play Time	2nd, 3rd Th	5p
SUMMIT POOL (7 AM- 9 PM)			Tennis Meeting	3rd T	4p
Lap Swimming	Daily	7-9a	Play Day: Sat., Dec. 9 (open to all -not just members)		8:30a
Walking/Open Swim	Daily	9a-7p			
(except during Water Aerobics)			BOCCE BALL	T	9a
<i>*Need to maintain 10 or more participants or classes may be canceled.</i>				W, F	3p
<i>There is a fee.</i>			LADIES PUTTERS	M	6p
COURTS POOL (7 AM- 9 PM)				F	9a
Lap Swimming	Daily	9a-7p	PADDLE TENNIS	M	6p
Water Volleyball	Thurs	11a-12p		W/F	8:30a, 6p
DANCE				Sat	6p
<i>Let's Dance!</i>				Sun	8:30a, 6p
Beginners	M	6p	PICKLEBALL	M-Th/Sat	7a
Intermediate & Advanced	M	7p	Entry level	Th	6p
Practice	Th	6p		W	8:30a, 4p
<i>Line Dance</i>			SHUFFLEBOARD	M & Sat	9a
Very Beginners	T (odd months)	2:30p		Sun	12p
Intermediate	T	3p	BASKETBALL	F	5p

Class Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIME
ARTS & CRAFTS		
Ceramics	W	1p
	Sat	9a
Clay Class	Th	1p
	Sat	10a
Craft Group	Th	10a
Crafty Cardmakers	1st, 3rd Fri	1p
Drawing & Sketching	M	10a
	W	6p
BIBLE STUDY		
Women's Bible Study	F	10:30a
Life Guide Bible Study	T	7p
OTHER		
TOPS Weigh in	T	8a

Game Clubs

GAME	DAY	TIME
Bid Whist	1st, 3rd F	2p
Bridge	M	12p
Bridge for Fun	M, W	12p
Bunco	2nd, 4th F	1p
Canasta #1	Th	12:45p
Canasta #2	W	1p
Dominoes, Billiards	W, F	4p
Dominoes	W, F	5p
Duplicate Bridge	F	12:15p
Hearts	T	6p
Mah Jongg for Fun	M	12:30p
Mexican Train	M	12p
Mexican Train #2	1st, 3rd, 4th M	1p
Pan	2nd & 4th M	9:30a
Phase 10 Cards	2nd M	4p
	3rd Sat	3p
Pinochle	W, F	10a
Poker	T, Th	9a
Rummikub	Sun	2p

Meetings

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	DAY	TIME
Executive Session	Dec. 14	9a
General Session	Dec. 14	1p
Committee Chair Mtg	Dec. 18	10a
COMMITTEES	DAY	TIME
Architectural Review	Dec. 6	8:30a
	Dec. 20	8:30a
Communications	Dec. 20	11a
Comm. Planning & Transition	Dec. 28	9a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	Dec. 16	10a
Facilities Committee	Dec. 19	8:30a
Finance Committee	Dec. 26	1p
Landscape	Dec. 19	1p
Lodge Committee	Dec. 27	11a
Rules & Regulations	Dec. 12	8:30a
Safety Committee	Dec. 5	10a
Social Committee	Dec. 7	5p
OTHER	DAY	TIME
Breeze Editorial Board	Dec. 6	10a
	Dec. 11	10a

COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA

Please note that there will be only one screening this month due to the Christmas holiday.

Our only screening this month, on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 pm, is the film *My Love, Don't Cross that River* (S. Korea 2014, 1 hr. 26 min., English subtitles). Here is a brief description from Amazon.com: "A New York Times Critics' Pick and blockbuster in its native Korea, where it would go on to become the country's most successful film of all time (over \$34M at the Korean box office), *My Love, Don't Cross that River* presents an unforgettable story of true

love that transcends both generations and cultures. 100-year-old lovebirds, Jo Byeong-man and Kang Kye-yeol, have been inseparable companions for 76 years. Observing this fragile couple for 15 months, director Moyoung Jin acts as a fly-on-the-wall, capturing the tender moments of their twilight days as the two face the inevitable reality that their time together will soon be approaching an end."

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**

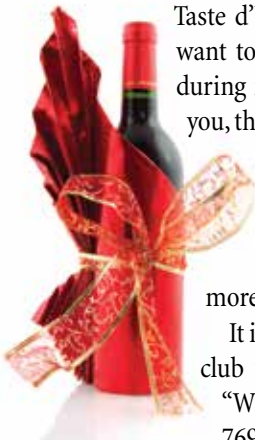
TASTE D'VINE

Cheers and Salud from the Taste d'Vine Wine Club. This is the time of year to celebrate, smile, create new memories and joyfully remember old ones. This year we tasted many different wines and varietals, discussed food and wine pairing, gained knowledge about various wine regions and styles, and stretched our senses and brains with fun and games.

2018 will be an exciting year for the Taste d'Vine Wine Club. As your Wine Club President for the past four years, it is with great pleasure to welcome Terry Hall as your new President of the Taste d'Vine Wine Club beginning January 2018. I want to thank everyone for your help and support during my Presidency. Most important, it is due to you, the amazing members of the Taste d'Vine Wine Club, that has made it the premier club that it is today!

Remember... Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance.

It is with this thought that the Taste d'Vine Wine club wishes you a joyous holiday season and a "Wine"derful New Year! Info., Gracy Luna, (951) 769-6337. ~ **Gracy Luna**



COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am to discuss topics about technological tools and applications that have become part of our world. The meetings are open to everyone and we welcome questions and suggestions for future meeting topics. We try to announce the current month's topic via email in advance of the meeting. Come on out and enjoy our informative discussions. ~

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CREATIVE DRAWING & SKETCHING CLASS



Teacher Rob Kelman

This is the perspective of our Artist of the Month, Connie Johnson.

The definition of flamingo, in World Book dictionary states "a large, web-footed tropical wading bird with very long and slender legs and neck, a heavy bent bill, and feathers that vary from pink to red." There's no doubt about it, color makes the beginning of a pleasant picture, featuring these

gawky birds, specifically when an azure blue water feature is added. To me, it's all about color that makes art sing.

Retirement gave me a chance to explore the world of art, which was far removed from what I did for a living. During vacations, both my husband and I liked to explore museums, but that was about it for me. My husband had a great affinity for photography, however, I was floundering around in regard to what to do with my spare retirement time. Fortunately, he discovered Rob Kelman's art classes. I signed up! It was a good experience learning to sketch in black and white, using pencils, but after a while, I yearned for some colors, specifically watercolors. Fortunately, I had some friends that were also interested in painting in watercolor, so we found another class in which to participate. A couple of years later, I started noticing that artwork of other "Artists of the Month" in the *Breeze*, were "in color," so I returned to Rob's class. During my first class back, I saw others in class using pastels, acrylics, colored pencil, and happily, watercolors!

I am so happy and now feel very much at home with color all around me. The talent of the other students is very stimulating, and they make me want to try harder as an artist.

Come around and see if Rob's classes are what you're missing in your life. You might want to join and be part of a "colorful" group of terrific people.

Classes are FREE. We meet on Mondays 10 am to noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Any questions, call Rob Kelman at (951) 992-9156. ~Rob Kelman



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The Veteran's Club at Four Seasons was formed in September 2013. Our mission is to recognize all the veterans living here at Four Seasons. To date we have 100+ neighbors recognized as veterans of the many wars our nation has endured. These veterans are recognized in our Honor Roll website, www.fourseasonsvets.org.

Our club is quite unique. We don't have structured meetings, collect dues, or costs to be involved. Your military service to our country has you a paid up member for life.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: December 7th, 1941

The Japanese military launched a surprise attack on the US Naval base at Pearl Harbor.

The attack sank or damaged over 14 naval vessels and killed over



2,300 military personnel.

Japanese Naval Marshall General, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, to the Naval Ministry... "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

"I can run wild for six months ... after that, I have no expectation of success."

Veteran sign-ups are on Wednesdays, 12 pm near the Bistro Lobby.

Contact me if you plan to attend. We will take your photo at the Wednesday Interview meeting for inclusion in the "Honor Roll" www.fourseasonsvets.org. Contact Irve Sturner, irve@verizon.net, (949) 422-9969. ~ **Irve Sturner**

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CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group will be taking a break for the holiday season and will be dark until Thursday, Jan. 4, at 10 am.

We have a great group who find a mutual interest in sharing ideas and learning from each other. We hope you'll join in the fun in 2018. If you have any questions about the craft group, please call Pam Kelley at (951) 769-7967.

We wish everyone at Four Seasons a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year. ~ **Barbara Paules**

CRAFTY CARDMAKERS

The Crafty Cardmakers meet on the first and third Friday of the month at 1 pm in the Craft Room. Each time we make three beautiful cards, have some snacks, and meet lots of new friends. We are learning new techniques and the class is for all levels, beginner, intermediate and advanced.

The cost is \$6 to cover materials and you only need to bring scissors and glue.

If you're looking for a fun afternoon, please join us!

Any questions, please contact me at chorbaparadise@yahoo.com or (951) 849-6336. ~ **Maryalice Chorba**

CERAMIC CORNER

Our participation on Wednesdays continues to grow as a result of the interest generated at the Craft Fair and growth in our community. Welcome to our new classmates, we look forward to seeing the creativity you bring to the class and growing fellowship among neighbors.

As we reflect over this last year, we want to thank all our existing classmates and team leads for their participation and support in 2017 and we look forward to new projects and fun in the coming year.

If you are looking for a new hobby, or want to create your own design, participate in a class project to create pieces for yourself, friends and family, come to the ceramics class. Drop by the 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 in the Craft Room and post a monthly schedule in the class room for your reference. Join us Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm or the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 1 pm. Please see class schedule for any exceptions.

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

As a reminder, Elise Fillman will be teaching a new class to learn how to work with ceramic-clay hand-building. Please come by the classroom for more details.

Information, contact Bob Powers at (909) 841-3293 or Elsie Fillman at (661) 414-6270. ~ **Pepsi Powers**



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

If any of our new residents are looking for a new hobby, or wish to brush up on an old one, come visit our group each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 am. We have hooks, needles, and yarn you can use for practice. There are several people to lend a hand. It's a relaxing time with fun conversations. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

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BUNCO

We play on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Bunco is very easy to play and it's a great way to meet new friends. We meet in the Lodge Card Room at 1 pm sharp.

Don't forget to grab a drink at Smitty's or even have lunch beforehand. Come and join us! ~ *Ema Hajdukovic*

MAH JONGG

Everybody is welcome to join us for Mah Jongg at 12:30 pm on Mondays in the Rec Center North. 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*

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 all are very welcome. 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 Linda Mendelson, at (951) 941-9100 or email Goldtoy@earthlink.net and I will answer any questions you may have. As are all card games, it is played with both skill and luck. ~ *Linda Mendelson*

CANASTA #1

Join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun while playing a game of Hand and Foot Canasta. We meet Thursdays in the Card Room from 12:45 to 4 pm. Table assignments are distributed at 12:45 pm. Each week, you may play with someone different, giving you an opportunity to meet new friends and/or visit with old friends. We supply the cards, so just bring yourself and a desire to have fun. If you don't know how to play, we are always happy to set up a teaching table — by the end of the afternoon you will have mastered the game. Come join us. ~ *Melody Seewoster*

PINOCHLE FOR FUN

Join us! Whether you are a seasoned player or new to the game, we welcome you. Pinochle is an exciting card game where you bid and bluff to name trump and take control of the game. This stimulating game is a time-honored favorite. Winning is not just the luck of the draw; it is a thinking game which teases the mind and keeps it sharp. We play with a Pinochle double deck of cards, Ace through 10s. We meet at the Summit Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Our Chair is Karen Farmer. Contact is Johanna Ballard; ballardlands@gmail.com or cell, (626) 372-7049. ~ *Johanna Ballard*

BRIDGE

Holiday greetings to all the residents new and old from one of the most successful, enjoyable card clubs here at Four Seasons: The Original Bridge Club. We enjoy the company of dedicated players who wish to learn and improve their skills of this challenging game. It is a wonderful way to meet new and interesting people and to share the time with enjoyable friends.

We look forward to gathering each Monday and 12 noon in the RCN building. Gordon Sheppard at (714) 390-2610 and/or Helen Shoemate at (951) 845-9312 have more information for all interested in joining or learning to play the game of bridge. ~ *Helen Shoemate-Gurley*

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

We are very fortunate here at Four Seasons to be able to accommodate the very successful ACBL Sanctioned game of bridge. The facility comfortably provides room for classes, 12 tables for bridge and a convenient snack room.

The club is expanding under the direction of Barbara Revels who is a skilled instructor and director. Call her at (951) 530-1523 for further information and reservations. We look forward to meeting one another each Friday at 12:15 pm in the RCN Building. Please call Helen at (951) 845-9312 for information regarding our club. ~ *Helen Shoemate-Gurley*

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BRIDGE FOR FUN

All of us in the Monday and Wednesday Bridge For Fun groups would like to wish all of our neighbors at Four Seasons a very happy holiday season and a great 2018! With the start of a new year, many of us look for additional clubs or activities to join. Why not consider learning to play bridge? Bill Guy is available give lessons, so give him a call. Lately, we seem to have more interest from new homeowners in learning the game. Our groups seem to be growing each month. On Wednesday we are fast approaching having five tables which is 20

people enjoying the game and each other's company. Many people seem to be intimidated by the game of bridge. Our "For Fun" groups understand that not all players have the same level of experience and we help each other learn through the experience of playing. So come check us out. We meet in the Card Room at 12 PM on Monday and Wednesday. Monday info., Bill Guy at (951) 845-5627. Wednesday info., Verina Rector (951) 769-1687. ~ **Tom Halley**



RUMMIKUB

Join us Sundays from 2 to 4 pm. Please try to show up at 1:45 pm as we always welcome help setting up. Have fun with new friends and old friends. Rummikub is played at a table with tiles and a holder for each player's tiles. Players begin with 14 tiles. Initially a player "goes down" putting out a group of at least three tiles totaling 30 points. If unable to play, then you must draw one tile from the remaining Rummikub tiles. Play ends when one person uses all their tiles. Remaining players then add the total numbers of their tiles for a score. Zero is the best score.

If you like Rummy and mah jongg, then you would certainly like Rummikub. We play in the Lodge Card Room. We also will set up a learning table for newcomers. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, call Lian Lee, (951) 907-3809 or Mike Saperstein, (951) 769-7909. ~ **Mike Saperstein**

HEARTS

All are welcome. The game is played with a single card deck, no jokers, and 52 cards. We play three, four, or five at a table. No scheduling necessary. We play on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Card Room next to the Library. A group has played here at Four Seasons for nine years. Seating is random draw, no partners, individual scores. It is easy to learn, harder to win. Players will teach. Games last approximately two hours. Lowest points win. If you have questions call Mike Saperstein (951) 769-7909. ~ **Mike Saperstein**

PHASE 10

We play the second Monday and the third Saturday of the month. Every week we have a training table and we welcome everyone. We start at 4 pm on Mondays and 3 pm on Saturdays. This is fun and we are friendly so come on down and check us out.

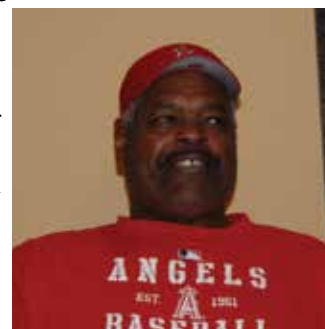
Contact: Cheri Howard (951) 756-1216 or howards1249@gmail.com. ~ **Cheri Howard**



DOMINOES

For October we had a brand new first time winner. Robert Steen was the champion for the month with 21 game wins. Robert and his wife moved to Four Seasons Beaumont back in May from Apple Valley. Robert joined the group in July and has let everyone know that he knows how to play "Bones." Congratulations to Robert on a great win and welcome to the group. Look out John, Lee, Reggie and Jesse! The competition is getting harder to be the domino champion. We also welcome Robert Turner who joined the group a couple of months ago.

Dominoes are played every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 9 pm in the Lodge Game Room. Come out and join us everyone is welcome. For more information call Jesse at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie at (951) 769-6463. ~ **Marvin Gaines**



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PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Regardless of how you observe the holidays, we would like to wish you a joyous good time. 'Tis the season for being with friends & family, hosting or going to parties, and toasting to a year gone by while looking forward to the one upcoming. The same holds true for us. We worked hard to bring you another successful year of FREE entertainment and pledge to continue to do so in 2018. Our Holiday Show is Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2. Doors open at 6 pm with the performance commencing at 6:30 pm. Our show will be a musical revue and we hope all who want to go will get their tickets at the Lodge front desk. If you have tickets you're not going to use, we ask you turn them back in so others can benefit from their use. This is usually a sell out, as this show has appeal to young and old, alike. It will begin with our ever expanding choir singing carols and seasonal songs. Our headliner will continue to enthrall with her incredible voice, song choices, and stage production. We will end the evening with our audience favorite, the Sing-a-Long. You'll surely still be humming, singing, and smiling as you leave the Ballroom in a great mood.

Singing for Seniors classes taught by Susan Youel are cancelled for December. I will update you when classes are scheduled to resume.

March 3 - Radio Show #1: If you want to be considered for a part, contact me at terimk@verizon.net or Tom Shelley at tomshelley1@frontier.com. Casts will be selected in mid-January with rehearsals starting at the end of the month.

May 25 & 26 - Comedy Show, titled, "Glad I'm Not Young Anymore."



A variety show with many acts, solos and groups, revolving around our growing older and wiser.

Aug. 24 - Radio Show #2

Sept. 29 - "Love, Marriage and Living Life:" This will be a compilation of short funny skits.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 - A USO Tour, Holiday Show: We will be integrating a USO type military show, the kind that Bob Hope used to do for the troops overseas.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our shows in 2017. You've been a great audience and we love entertaining you. There are costs associated with our performances (e.g., music, costumes, props, staging and more), so please continue to contribute what you can at our future performances so we can continue to offer you quality FREE entertainment. Any questions/comments, contact me at (951) 992-9156 or terimk@verizon.net. ~ Teri Meyers-Kelman



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LINE DANCING

Our Holiday Party was a great success. Thank you to our wonderful DJ, Dave Rohrbacker and his wife Janine, for all the work they did before, during, and even after the party to supply us with such great music.

December is such a busy, fun month for all of us. It is time to get together with family and friends. While it is a jolly season, it is also, for many, a stressful season. Remember to take time to relax, and to unwind. Music is helpful, no matter what kind of music you prefer; it relieves stress and is good for your soul. Take the time to listen to

the beat, tap your foot to the rhythm or get up and dance a few steps. Soon your mind is more relaxed and open to new ideas and thoughts.

There will be no classes on Dec. 26. I look forward to Jan. 2 when classes resume. Remember, there is a very beginner's class in January. Our class dances for fun, not perfection. Come give line dancing a try.

Meanwhile, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Is it possible that we are already saying goodbye to 2017? Doesn't it feel like it was just a short while ago that we said goodbye to 2016! So, as we begin getting busier, spending time with loved ones near and far, I want to take the opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. To those of you who will be traveling during the holiday season, may you all have safe journeys. I look forward to another year dancing with you. Thank you for all the support you have given me as your Heart and Soul Line Dance instructor. It has been my pleasure.

Our holiday celebration will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 4 pm until 7:30 pm. No line dance classes on Dec. 27. Our class will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.

Class schedule: Beginner, 4 - 5:15 pm ; Intermediate/Advanced, 5:15 - 6 pm.

See you on the dance floor! Info, call Priscilla Robles at (909) 239-6464. ~ **Priscilla Robles**



LET'S DANCE

The Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 8 pm is our last event of the year, so we hope you have your tickets and are joining us for an evening of good fun, good food, good music and good dancing.

After that, we'll take a seasonal break, with no dancing activities until Jan. 8, 2018. If you are ready to keep that New Year's Resolution to get healthy, come join our dance group on Monday nights for some great exercise and fun.

Our dances include Swing, Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Country Two-Step, Cha Cha and other dances. We start a new dance each month. While our professional instructors challenge us to learn new things, they also understand our limitations. With their patient guidance we

learn many steps and routines that can be used at weddings, dance parties, social events, on cruises and anywhere we can dance.

This club is for regular folks who like to dance. Nothing fancy. No judging or competition. We just do something that's fun together. Some have never danced, so they learn from scratch. Others have some experience so they improve on their dancing skills. Everyone is welcome and everyone enjoys learning to dance.

Happy holidays to each of you and we look forward to seeing you in the Ballroom on Monday nights in 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Info., Puring or Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333, or at purings@verizon.net. ~ **Sue Condurachi**



RAINBOW GROUP

The Four Seasons Rainbow Group is an informal opportunity for our LGBTQ neighbors and any other residents who are interested in meeting with us, to keep up to date, to meet new members and to have a relaxing dinner together. We usually meet in alternate months on the fourth Thursday. We don't have a dinner planned for December. We gather at

the atrium in the Lodge, then order any Smitty's food items that we want and, weather permitting, sit on the patio (otherwise, we find a convenient area to enjoy our food and company). Feel free to bring your own adult beverage, if you desire, and appropriate glassware. Everyone is welcome. Any questions can be directed to Dale at (951) 797-0364. ~ **Dale Beckes**

SEASONED SOLOS

If you are single and enjoy a variety of activities, then Seasoned Solos just might be the group for you. We currently have 20 plus members.

At each meeting we discuss what is going on in the Inland Empire and plan activities for the coming month, from local lunches and dinners to excursions to Presidential Libraries, Redlands Bowl, Metro Link trips into LA and the beach train to San Juan Capistrano. There's not much that we won't consider doing.

We meet on the first Friday of each month in the Lodge Craft Room at 6 pm.

For further information call Joyce at (951) 850-3055. ~ *Joyce Olson*



FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

While we are hard at work rehearsing for the Holiday Show, we are also learning songs which are new to the FSSingers.

The Holiday Show will be on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2. It is a family-friendly show and grandchildren are welcome. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

Shhhhhh! Don't tell anyone but we have some surprise visitors coming – one is green, one is jolly, one is icy and one has a red nose!

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



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BEREAVEMENT GROUP

I have been facilitating the Bereavement Group at Four Seasons for four and one half years, and I continue to be touched and amazed by what happens when a group of diverse people gather, listen to each other, share with each other and work toward a common goal, in this case healing. Even though each one is dealing with his or her own grief, the generosity of spirit everyone shows toward the others is remarkable.

Some who have already been through the 12 week "curriculum" come back, often bowed by the sadness of a new loss, or simply wanting to touch base again. Others don't leave after 12 weeks and remain for as long as they want or need to. And occasionally I'll ask someone to return for a while in order to support someone else who may be uncomfortable or struggling. Never has anyone refused to return. I find that wonderful.

As the holiday season continues, the Bereavement Group can feel safe and heartening. It can be a place to cry, to explore feelings, to talk about anger or confusion or loneliness, to comfort and be comforted. And we can talk about holiday rituals and give each other permission to change them, start new ones, or even avoid them this year. We learn that it is ok to put ourselves first for as long as we need to. It is

okay not to talk if we don't feel like it, or to leave the group if we feel our work there is completed.

Holidays can be difficult at the best of times. They can feel daunting and overwhelming while one is grieving. If what we have to offer sounds inviting, come join us. We will welcome you. All conversation is confidential, contained within the group.

For more information, you can call me first at (951) 922-0934 or email to lauriemlarson425@gmail.com.

We meet on Mondays from 1 to 3 pm in the Lodge Crafts Room.
~ **Laurie Larson**



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LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY

The study series from I Peter, Discipleship Lessons From the Fisherman, will continue on Dec. 5. We will have our Christmas Potluck and Carol Sing on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm at the home of Jim and Bertsie Seim. Regular participants will be contacted regarding coordination of the food.

We will break for the holidays for three weeks and resume regular

meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 pm in the third section of the Lodge Ballroom unless otherwise announced. We invite interested residents to join us in learning from God's Word. Please contact Doc or Letha Sellars with any questions or comments at (951) 797-3302 or docletha72@gmail.com. ~ **Doc Sellars**

"BELIEVE..." WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What an amazing trip we take each week as we "walk" where Jesus walked. This is a nine-week series, which will conclude at the end of January 2018. We are following Jesus' ministry from Capernaum, the Judean desert, Cana, Nain, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Gadara, Bethsaida, Decapolis, Magdala, Caesarea-Philippi, Mount Tabor, Perea, Jericho, many times to Bethany and Jerusalem, and more. We have compared the Four Gospels' accounts and why they differ, understanding that every person witnessing an incident would record it differently, according to what they perceived and heard. What a blessing it has been to walk where our Savior walked!

On Dec. 15 at 10:30 am we will have our last lesson of the year, followed by our yearly Christmas party and potluck in the first section of the Ballroom. Our potluck always features an abundance

of wonderful food and lots of laughter and conversation among the amazing ladies who attend. We will recommence on Jan. 5, 2018.

In February we will begin a new series on the more obscure (less read) books of the Bible, i.e., Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Naham, etc. It will be so interesting to study each of these minor prophets and their writings, and the discussions which ensue will hopefully be enlightening and beneficial to all that attend.

If you are interested in joining a women's Bible study that consists of really wonderful and beautiful women that follow Christ and His teachings, look no further. "Believe..." Women's Bible Study is a non-denominational study which meets every Friday morning from 10:30 to 11:45 am in the Lodge Game Room. Come join us! We'll be looking for you. ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**



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INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Greeting intercessors, friends and neighbors!

'Tis the season to be rejoice, because Christmas is a time of rejoicing and singing. Each year during the Christmas season we sing *Joy to the World*, I don't need to tell you that it's been a rough year, but now is the time to rebuild, and look forward to the new year, and we are praying that 2018 will bring love, joy, and peace to the world.

After adversity comes restoration, and we need resilience planning to bounce back from all that we have gone through this year, and our emotional strength will help us recover quickly.

"United we stand, divided we fall..." So let us come together and unite and collaborate, for if we stand in love, no foe will defeat us. Hard work and faith will build a strong nation.

Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors, and if you have faith, you will receive whatever you pray for. Come and join us at 9 am in the Lodge Game Room on Dec. 4. All are welcome. Merry Christmas. ~ **Cookie Bonner**



*Chanukah Party 2017
(L to R) Richard Hoffman,
Tsilia Hoffman, Sandi
Barletta, Nancy Justice
(Event Chairperson), Anne
Savy, Dr. Zee Knapp &
Ernie Knapp, Chairs*

CHAVURAH (HA-VU-RAH) JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB

Our movie nights, *Broadway — The Jewish Legacy, Part II* was on Nov. 19, and the last part will be on Jan. 21. Movies are held in the Lodge Card Room and Theatre — we're dark Dec. 17 for the Chanukah Latke Party and White Elephant Exchange at the Summit. Before each movie there is a 'nosh,' called the Bagel-Lox-Cream Cheese Bash, which starts at 6 pm. It includes delicious bagels and lox, and shared potluck desserts and drinks. Because of their popularity, we're moving the nosh location to the Card Room at the end of the hall past the Lodge Theater. The movie will start at 6:45 pm in the Theater with popcorn supplied by the club.

SPECIAL NOTE: There is limited seating in the Theater, and we were one seat short of filling up the movie for Part I, please R.S.V.P. for Part III in January. To make reservations, call Nancy Justice or Sandi Barletta.

The White Elephant Exchange is also on the evening of the Chanukah Latke Party, Dec. 17, at 6 pm at the Summit. Please wrap white elephant gifts. If the gift is new, its value should be around \$5 or a little over. Attendees who don't participate, can simply enjoy

everyone's exchanges.

To find out more about our events, Committee Members can guide you thru the maze of 'white elephants' and latkes servings for 8-10. Attendees can donate \$5 per person to cover expenses if they don't bring a serving. We hope to see everyone at these amazing events of the Chavurah Jewish Social Club. If you know of others who would be interested in joining us, let us know. Those outside of Four Seasons only have to contact any committee member with their names for Guard Gate Entry.

Contact any Chairpersons to learn more about our educational and cultural programs: Ernie & Dr. Zee Knapp, Founders, Co-chairpersons, (714) 423-4755; Nancy Justice, Social & Movie Chairperson, (951) 769-5804; Sandi & Joe Barletta, Social Committee Leads, (951) 524-023; Richard & Tsilia Hoffman, Event Committee Chairs, (310) 869-8069

For more information, to volunteer, or to make suggestions, please contact Nancy Justice or Ernie and Dr. Zee Knapp. ~ **Dr. Zee Knapp**

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KIWANIS CLUB OF BEAUMONT

On Halloween several members handed out candy at the sport park, this was the Beaumont Police Department "Trunk or Treat" to give kids a safe place to "trick or treat." Hundreds of kids lined up to walk to all the participants to get their candy.



It's December already and the year will soon be over. Several of our members also work with Winter Wish helping families in the community who need some assistance during the Christmas Season. The Kiwanis Club has taken on a family and will provide gifts for the children and food for the family. Also the club will give a donation to the Winter Wish Committee to help purchase gifts and food for several hundred children and families in our community that need assistance.

The Beaumont Kiwanis Club meets in the Lodge Conference Room every Thursday except for the first Thursday of the month. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm, if you wish to order food at Smitty's prior to the meeting come in early, about 5:45 pm, and come into the meeting early. You do not need to be a resident of Four Seasons to attend a meeting. Call Buzz and we will have your name added to the list for gate entry.

Due to the holiday season, the Kiwanis club will only meet on Dec. 14 this month. We will resume our normal meeting times in January.

For information about our events and attending a meeting call Buzz Dopf at (909) 208-0880 or come to a meeting on Thursdays.

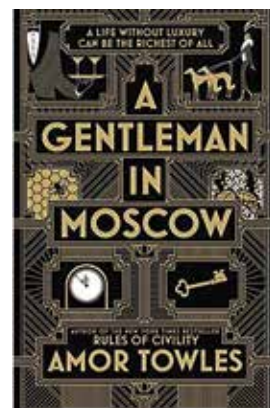
Have a happy holiday season! ~ **Buzz Dopf**

BOOK CLUB

A *Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles was published in 2016 and quickly became an international bestseller. Meet Count Alexander Rostov who, in 1922, is sentenced by a Bolshevik tribunal to house arrest inside the Metropol, a luxury hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Although he can't leave, he uses his wits and resources to bring "a glittering cast of characters" into his life. Who are your favorites? How did they help the Count "gain deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose?"

Come join in the conversation about this delightful book on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 9:30 am in the Lodge Conference Room. Everyone is welcome and newcomers are encouraged.

January's selection will be *Sunnyside* by Glen David Gold. For more information about the Book Club, please contact Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Sue Balt**



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AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HOLIDAY OF KWANZAA, a Celebration of Family, Community and Culture is the book written by the creator of Kwanzaa, Dr. Maulana Karenga.

In his book he states that, "It is out of the common values and practices of Continental African First Fruit celebrations that I began to develop Kwanzaa. But it was through the context of African American life and struggle that I completed its creation."

Kwanzaa is a Swahili word that means "first fruits"

Swahili is a language spoken all over eastern and central Africa. Dr. Karenga chose this language because he wanted African Americans to remember that the entire continent of Africa was their ancestral land.

Dr. Karenga uses Kwanzaa to introduce and reinforce Seven Value Principles known as the Nguzo Saba.

These values are: Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. Kwanzaa was also created to address the lack of national non-heroic holidays among the African American community.



Created in Los Angeles in 1966, Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. It is a cultural holiday verses a religious holiday; and is not meant as an alternative or replacement to Christmas as some people may believe.

Like all holidays, Kwanzaa has its own symbols and colors as well. There are seven symbols: crops, a mat, the candle holder, corn, gifts, the unity cup, and seven candles.

Kwanzaa colors are Red, Black, and Green-colors originally established by Hon. Marcus Garvey.

Black stands for the people, Red for our continuing struggle, and Green for the future we are building from our struggle.

Activities and procedures are: table set, gifts, a feast, crafts, a party, and a song. For more information, check out www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/celeb-procedures.

The AACC encourages you to become a part of a growing group of people striving to make a difference in our community. Our next meeting is Dec. 4, in the Lodge Card Room at 6 pm. For more information, please contact Joyce Allen at (951) 769-4354 or Roxie Elliott at (951) 769-2517. ~ **Regina Thomas**



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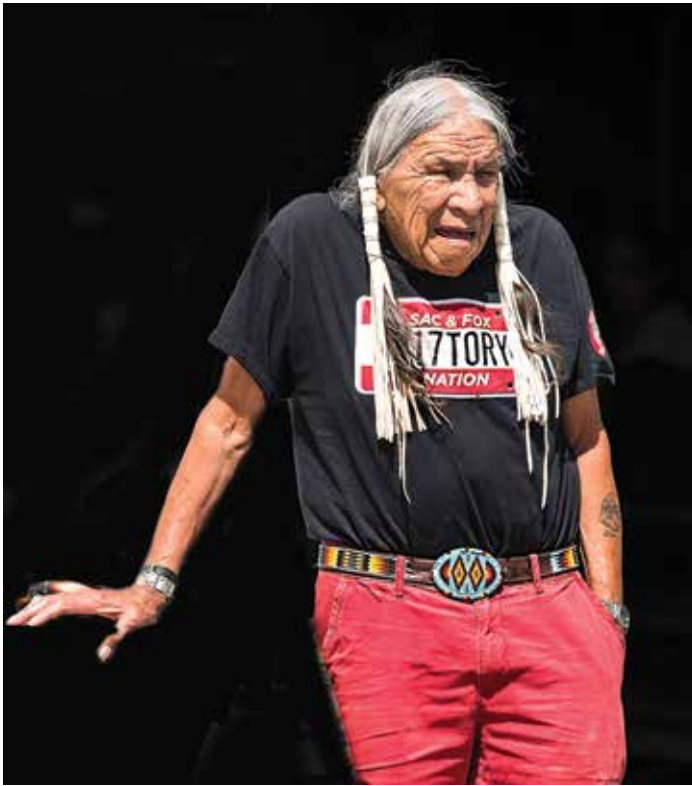
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The Camera Club took a field trip to Morongo's Pow-Wow.

Left: Photo by Irve Sturmer

Bottom Left: Photo by by Lyle Cameron

Below: Photo by Gerrie Karczynski



CAMERA CLUB

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the RCN Main Lobby Room; thus, our next meeting will be Dec 19.

Visitors are always welcome. We invite all photographers, regardless of skill level, to join us for our regular meetings, workshops, speakers, field trips, and in-house demos.

At our November meeting, the genre was MOTION, e.g. moving car(s), bicycle rider(s), sports players, birds in flight, all involving stop and freeze action with blur movement showing the speed. This was an interesting topic and many of us learned a lot.

TOPS

The holidays are here and we have made it through Thanksgiving and have only Christmas and New Years to go. That's not the best way to look at it but that is how we feel when it comes to our weight issues. You do have a way to help you get through it all with TOPS.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is here at Four Seasons and we have a great group of men and women that would love to help and encourage you in your weight loss journey. Attending a TOPS meeting and then joining our group might provide just the encouragement and motivation you need to get fit and healthy.

Our programs include discussions regarding nutrition, motivation,

Where has all of the time gone? It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already behind us and the December holidays will be here soon.

For the coming year, we'll be planning more in-house demonstrations of photo equipment and use of various types of photography software and workshops, both in-house and in the field, guest speakers, and much more.

Visit us to learn some tips and tricks for those holiday portraits.

We hope to see you soon. ~ **Lyle Cameron**

health, fitness and other related topics. A lot of our members have reached their goal and are enjoying their new lifestyle changes to maintain their weight. The month of October our biggest losers were Jardane Castles and Laurie Larson. Congratulations to you both. So if YOU have been thinking of improving your health and maybe losing some weight along the way come and join us.

For more information please 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**

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BILLIARDS FOR FUN

Yes, the operative word for the Billiards for Fun Group is FUN! However, this group is also focused, serious, intent and competitive, as evidenced in the photos below. Of course, there's laughter and encouragement added to the mix. Or, as an alternative, you could come by the Billiards Room any Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm or 1 to 3 pm and watch (we have two sessions).

On Nov. 14 we held our last quarterly tournament of 2017. You'll have to wait with bated breath, however, for the results in the January issue of the *Breeze*. (Although, to be honest, any of the members of this raucous group would spill the beans prior to January if you asked them.)

Yes, we have a few "table sweepers" (those players that are so good

they break the balls and run the table, leaving the other three players standing in shock and awe at their astounding prowess). If you want to know who they are, ask anyone in the club and they'll also divulge names (albeit hesitantly). And, yes, we have those that can sink the 8-ball on the break, and similarly leave the other players speechless and/or exuberantly congratulatory.

So, *Breeze* reader, don't you want to be part of a group with these amazing players? Oh, don't be intimidated. Did I mention we have almost-beginners in the group as well? We are a diverse billiards club and would encourage you to check us out. Don't be afraid. Really. Hope to see you soon! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*



Carlos Rivera shows grit and determination



Verina Rector demonstrates concentration



Ron Erickson exhibits a calm demeanor

THE 8-BALL CLUB

The 8 Ball in-house tournament this month brought out a full house of 14 players, so many we had to use two nights to finish the match. The first of the final set had Larry Rice undefeated squeaking by Ray Windhorn to stand by to begin game one. Ray dropped down in bracket to meet Dewey Allen who had been defeated once by Larry in regular play. When we picked up play on the second day, Larry Rice was pitted against Dewey Allen who suffered one loss which necessitated he beat Larry twice. Dewey broke the balls and sunk quite a few but gave up the ball to Larry. Larry proceeded to clear the table and became monthly champion of 8 Ball once again.

Brian Anderson was on fire during 9 Ball and pounded through the field of nine opponents entering the finals to face Larry Rice. Back and forth it went between the two until Brian got his shot on the 9 ball and sunk it for the win.

Exciting play this month as Larry Rice and Brian Anderson excel as champions for the month, congratulations to both players.

For information regarding the 8-Ball Club contact any club officer: Captain, Del Lyles, Sr., (951) 845-5114; Co-Captain, Roland Harrah (951) 267-3793, rolandthanh@msn.com; Thanh Harrah, Secretary/Treasurer (951) 267-3793, rolandthanh@msn.com. ~ **Roland Harrah**



*Larry Rice
championship form*



*9 Ball champ Brian
Anderson(R) with
Larry Rice*



*Dewey
Allen on the
break*



Second place winner, Jodi Wilson and first place winner, Bev Lunetta



Sandy Butler-Roberts shows intense concentration during the tournament



Bi-monthly luncheon at Guy's — 20 ladies attended!

CURLY CUES

The Curly Cues are at it again! On Oct. 23 we held our last in-house quarterly tournament of 2017. After a grueling and highly competitive morning session exhibition, Jodi Wilson came out the victor. (Although feeling opponent pressure and an intense desire to win, Jodi commented, "I'm never doing this again!") However, her morning session win didn't do the trick. She had to play the winner of the afternoon session: Bev Lunetta. And what a playoff it was! Jodi had already been worked over, winning six grueling games to Bev's four. Jodi mustered the energy and played Bev for bragging rights on the Curly Cues' plaque. As a result, Bev won first place and Jodi took second, and both contestants have their name on the plaque ~ you ladies rock! Or come by and check out the plaque in the Billiards Room for proof of their respective wins.

In November we held our Curly Cues off-site luncheon at Guy's Italian Restaurant in Banning and lots of good eats and fun was had by all who attended. Thanks to Lois Waugh for arranging the reservation; we all had a wonderful time.

On Dec. 5 we are planning our annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at Tukwet. Joy Collins and Lois LeMottee are busy planning the fun for all of us.

Hey, all you ladies out there! If you are interested in playing pool or learning how to play, come by the Billiards Room any Monday from 11 am to 1 pm or 1 to 3 pm (two sessions), and check us out. We would love to have you join this fun and giggly group! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS


The Wild Bunch 8-Ball Billiards Group is in the middle of the Fall Season of competitive league play and is proving to be the team to beat. We are looking forward to bringing the Championship Trophy back to Four Seasons and we are well on our way in doing so.

The Wild Bunch consists of some of the best players in the league: Larry Chase, Pete Antoine, Mike Corbett, Carlos Rivera, LeRoy Wright, Calvin Moore, and Gracy Luna. There are eight teams in the league, with 62 serious players, all vying for the coveted Championship

Trophy.

If you want to play serious, competitive pool, we invite you to come by the Billiards Room and join in the stimulation of competitive play. We do not play with partners; we play one-on-one with an opponent of your skill level. We are always looking for those who want to play competitively and, who knows, you just may want to change up your game and play on the team! ~ **Gracy Luna**

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HORSESHOE CLUB



By the time you read this article, we will have had Thanksgiving, our Fourth Quarter Tournaments and I will have all our Christmas decorations, trees and lights up. Wow, that was a busy November. The results of our Fourth Quarter Tournament will be announced in the January, 2018, *Breeze*, along with photos of the winners. Our membership has grown this year to 16 members, making our regular Wednesday morning sessions and quarterly tournaments very competitive, spirited and just plain fun. So, looking into the New Year, if you want to expand the fun you are already having just living here, come out and join us. You'll just love it, I guarantee it. Our December social will be hosted by Judy

and Ron Erickson, which will include dinner at The Bistro followed by dessert and Christmas beverages, and a lot of fun at their house. Everyone is looking forward to seeing all the lights and decorations because they do it up big. Even if you're not a member of our club and you just happened to read this article, you are invited to drive by 389 Irvine Park, you won't be disappointed. It's been a good year for our club with improvements for safety and playing conditions on our venue and several new members. Come on out and join us, we play every Wednesday at 9 am at The Summit. Our contacts are: Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**



BASKETBALL

Everyone is welcome. We meet at the basketball court starting at 5 pm on Fridays. Bring your energy and be prepared to have some fun. ~ **Richard Hoffman**

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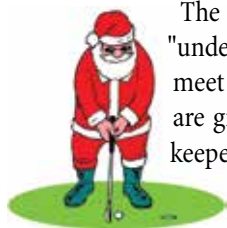
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LADIES PUTTERS GROUP



The Ladies Putters Group is excited about putting "under the stars" on Monday evenings. We also meet for daytime putting on Friday mornings. We are grateful for the wonderful team of LPG grounds keepers who set up a new course every week. The Ladies Putters Group has lots of fun playing and it's a great way to make new friends.

The first session of the LPG ended with a get together and awards party in November. Several putters received recognition for their hole in one accomplishments, as well as lowest score in one game.

Come join in the fun with the Putters, when we begin our next session on Jan. 8, on the putting green at The Courts.

Happy Holidays from the Ladies Putters Group! ~ *Judy Irving*



Happy Holidays from the Ladies Putters Group



Judy Irving showing the ladies how it's done



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Our trip to Truck Haven Trails

4X4 SEASONS

On Oct. 19, 13 Jeeps of the 4x4 Seasons off road group converged on the area west of Salton Sea known as Truck Haven Trails. Steep hills and high plateaus were enjoyed by the group. A desert picnic lunch followed.

Come and join us if you own a 4x4 or would like to ride along with one of our members. We meet the second Tuesday every month in the Craft Room at 7 pm to plan the upcoming run on the third Thursday. Any questions can be answered by Rick Brower at (951) 255-7119 or Don Fant at (951) 381-1972. ~ **Don Fant**

ALL SEASONS RV

The All Seasons RV group trip to Chula Vista this past October ran into unseasonably hot weather but it didn't affect our great time together. We always have a good time in the San Diego area. Kudos to our camp hosts (Katie and Paul Morris) and the rest of the group who helped with the pot lucks.

We are planning trips to Pechanga, Blythe, Las Vegas, Pahrump and more next year and would love to have you come along. We meet the second Tuesday in the Lodge, or you can contact our resident chef, Bob Cooper, at (909) 684-6388 or President, Ron Burke, at (909) 203-8005.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday. ~ **Larry Z**



D.O.G.

MY DOG IS AGGRESSIVE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Aggression is a normal part of the way all animals behave. Often people only consider aggressive behavior in a dog to be a problem when it reaches the extremes of biting, but it can include lesser degrees, such as “grumbling,” growling, snarling, teeth baring and snapping at the air without making contact. Bites too can vary from light touches with the teeth right through to inflicting serious injury.

Aggression is the outward expression of an emotion and can be used to communicate various intentions by the dog. Rather than being something that switches on and off suddenly, aggression is part of a range of behaviors that dogs have available to them to deal with life’s everyday challenges. Many of these behaviors are passive and it is only when the dog changes from trying to avoid a situation, through things like moving away or showing that they are not happy, to actively trying to manage the situation, that we term it “aggression.” When a dog has to cope with a particular feature of its life it has a number of options available to it. Aggression is simply a part of some of those options.

Sit down and work out the circumstances that caused the

aggression so that you can avoid them in the short term. What you do next depends on when, or towards what or whom, your dog is aggressive. Some dogs will only be aggressive in one context and others will show aggression in lots of contexts. The more often and the more contexts in which your dog is aggressive, the more difficult it is likely to be to treat. For example, if your dog defends high quality food, such as bones, with aggression, but shows no aggression over ordinary food, you may be able to deal with it by simply not giving it bones. However, the use of aggression can escalate quickly and the more that dogs use it, the more they are likely to use it in the future, so getting help early is crucial. Your veterinarian will be able to refer you to a qualified experienced dog behaviorist who will be able to guide you through changing your dog’s behavior.

Pack Walk Schedule (please, no retractable leashes):

Saturday: Leaves at 8 am from the Spa parking lot

Wednesday: Leaves at 4 pm from the Summit parking lot

Info., contact Patrick and his dog, Ricky Ricardo, dog_owners@yahoo.com. ~ **Patrick Gerety**

TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS

Looking back at 2017, we think about successes and failures. Our group is no different. We are pleased to say that our young group is off to a great start and we look forward to building our service group in the coming year.

Over the past 12 months...

We finalized our Mission and our Charter and we identified our initial leadership.

We facilitated numerous rescues and rehomes through social media and partnering with local rescues, animal control authorities, and our counterparts at Sun Lakes. Fostering, transportation, adoption, live trapping, and other services performed by our members have protected or saved the lives of Sophie, Daisy, Jimmy, Sassy, Jayco, Buddy, Sammy, Mimi and a number of other pets who came to our attention and care but, fortunately, did not remain long enough for us to know their names.

Our mission is infused with the spirit of service, helping neighbors experiencing temporary incapacity with fostering, assistance walking their dogs, or providing care for other pets.

Thanks to the generosity of our residents, we purchased a “live trap” to help secure lost pets and to trap domestic animals that have been spotted around the community. Their altruism also enabled us to secure our own universal chip scanner. Having these tools available 24/7/365 is invaluable when time is of the essence. In addition to the monetary donations that helped us with these purchases, we have received material donations of food and other equipment.

More than we would like, we have consoled friends and neighbors who have lost their precious companions during the year.

Rounding out our 2017 were the planning and sponsorship of the Annual Blessing of the Pets and working with our Community

Ambassador to share a program on coexisting with our wild neighbors.

Our efforts are enabled by a core group of passionate and dedicated animal lovers. We leverage our expanding social media, phone, and email networks to spread the word quickly. Our Facebook group is especially helpful, providing a platform for sharing great information on pet psychology, wellness, and other aspects of responsible pet parenting.

Residents do not need to be a formal member of our group or even own a pet to join. Check us out at Four Seasons D.O.G. | Tails and Trails on Facebook. You can also join our mailing list by emailing us at fsbtailsandtrails@gmail.com. ~ **Martha Baumgarten**





Bristlecone Pine Forest: Larry Anderson, Dianne Anderson, Jill Yanes, Steve Bennett, Rich Yanes, Bobbi Bennett, Tina Soeten, George Soeten



Woolly Mammoth at Mammoth Mountain: Steve Bennett, Bobbi Bennett, Jill Yanes, Rich Yanes, Dianne Anderson, Larry Anderson, Tina Soeten, George Soeten



We enjoyed a great trip to Huntington Beach



Ron Morgan, Steve Bennett, Bobbie Bennett and Tina Soeten



Susie Savaglio, Jill Yanes, Joanne Jones and Bobbie Bennett



Rich Yanes, Jill Yanes and Ron Morgan

ROADRUNNER RVERS

In early November, the Roadrunner RVers had a great trip to Huntington Beach. Good friends, good food, and good shopping.

Since the holidays are coming up, there are no trips planned until the spring. There are possible trips to Pechanga, Lake Skinner, and Golden Shores in Long Beach. April 8 through 13 is a trip to Palm Springs with a hiking trip to Taquitz Falls and the Tramway planned. Our meetings are at the Lodge on the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm. Please come and join us! Any questions please call Jane Jacobson at (951) 797 3563. ~ **Jane Jacobson**



Joanne Jones and Jane Jacobson



Two cool morning games in November, players watch as other end is throwing



*Collecting balls on a November afternoon .
(L-R) Bill Baker, Richard DiPoma, Marge Spies*

BOCCE BALL

Bocce Ball is played on new courts at The Summit. Play is 9 am Tuesdays, 3 pm Wednesdays and 3 pm Fridays. Hours will remain constant until the days are too warm. Many players and new residents come to play. Everyone, including guests and family, are welcome.

Play is now on beautiful tournament grade smooth accurate courts and sideboards. A small step-in makes it easy to enter. Smooth concrete surrounds the courts. All players are learning accurate and careful throws.

The game is easy to learn and we mix and match players, so no team is expert. We also change numbers on a team so no one is left out.

Bocce Ball is played several times a week at the Summit. Times change based on weather. Many groups play at various times. Call

The Summit desk (951) 769-6444 and ask the attendant for current times of play.

The game of Bocce Ball requires no specific skills or previous experience. You will get a little exercise and enjoy a beautiful view and breezes at the Summit, all while having a great time with a great group of people. If you are interested in learning the game, please join us at the Summit. Call for times.

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 call any of the contacts: Mike Saperstein: (951) 769-7909; Larry Anderson: (951) 846-3123; Jeannine Baker: (951) 797-0833. ~ **Mike Saperstein**

SHUFFLEBOARD

Morning starts at 9 am are cool. Shade is good on courts. Hours all winter and spring are Saturdays 9 am. Sundays 12 noon. Mondays 9 am. We often use a dust mop and spray to add ease and speed to disks. One game had four ends play and zero points. Defense skills are sometimes very good.

Beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs are the setting for shuffleboard play! Great game, fun, exercise with friends, all a few steps south of RCN Building at the Lodge. Equipment is now stored in the old tennis locker next to two of the old tennis courts. Ask for the key at the front desk. Everyone is welcome and learning. Who goes first? Which color disks go? How to strategize to block, kill other team's points, and score for your own team. Players use a cue (cue-stick), to push their colored disks down the court. The scoring diagram is divided by lines, into six scoring zones, with the following values: 10, 8, 8, 7, 7, 10-off. You hope not to land on 10-off.

All are welcome. Come join in the fun and learn. A few weeks ago, 100-point game took just nine minutes. Often a 100-point game can take 40 minutes. Players have learned defense. One player earned the nickname "The Terminator." Each time we play, we draw for "random mix" teams. For more information call Mike Saperstein at (951) 769-7909, or Larry Anderson at (951) 846-3123. ~ **Mike Saperstein**



L-R: Larry Anderson, Marty Rotman, Emile Pelletier, Diane Anderson



*Serving up
an ace with
Smitty's
pizza.
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TENNIS CLUB

Well, the pollsters weren't entirely correct, but what's new about that? The members of The Tennis Club's Committee elected at the Annual Meeting are Irve Sturner, Chuck Beckman, Bernadette Martin, Howard Lyon, and Steven Hovey. With that nice mix of new and veteran members, The Tennis Club is off to a great start for the 2018 season.

Chuck Beckman has accepted the role of Treasurer, as he is also the organizer for the monthly Play Days. He has opened up with a restructured play pattern making good use of the available courts. As he has it set up, the first 16 players, whether club members or non-member players, draw numbers to determine who will start play together and on which of the four courts. He has even managed to match the numbered Penn balls to the particular court. That may seem a bit anal, but it helps when the balls get hit onto adjacent courts. The play proceeds with no-ad games for 20 minutes, with the team with more games won splitting up and moving to the next court. On that court, the losers of the previous match split up and team up with the new partners, hoping for a better outcome than the previous set.

Chuck's arrangements were successful the first time out, and there was no waiting and little public grumbling. In fact, players even stayed around afterwards and shared pizza and beverages on the patio of the clubhouse. All in all, a beautiful day and a great start to the new year of The Tennis Club at Four Seasons Beaumont. It's almost worth being this old.

Bernadette Martin has agreed to take on the role of planning the club's social activities, such as club sponsored luncheons and other tennis-centered activities. She will also coordinate the Thursday evening doubles play that Barbara Miller used to arrange.

Howard Lyon will keep the records for the club and will maintain the membership roster and ball machine sign-ups and "owner" list.

And I will continue to write this drivel, but don't blame me. In a democratic election, you get what you deserve.

Special notice: In December the monthly Play Day will be the second Saturday of the month, in order to avoid the holiday weekends. In January, we will resume holding Play Days on the last Saturday of the month, beginning at 8:30 am. ~ **Steve Hovey**

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TAKE A HIKE CLUB

It was a nice late October day when the Take-a-Hikers took their second urban “hike” of the year. Urban walks tend to attract a larger group and even some non-hikers so our ranks swelled to 25 for the main event. We formed a caravan as we left Four Seasons and cruised up Pennsylvania Avenue to our first RR crossing. At the end we turned on to Oak Canyon and after crossing I-10 we were on San Timoteo Canyon Drive. Along the way, we passed the burn area from last summer’s wildfire and the zebra in a local farm. After two more RR crossings we arrived in Redlands and parked at the Kimberly Crest Mansion.

With an hour to pass before our tour, we explored Prospect Park with its view of Redlands and some of the historic homes of the early citrus farmers of this community. At the appointed hour, Kimberly Crest docents divided us into four groups for the tour of this home which was built in 1896 by Mrs. Cornelia Hill. In 1905, the Kimberly family (Kimberly-Clark) bought the property and added their touches. The house passed to their daughter, Mary Kimberly Shirk in 1920. In 1963, the property was passed to “The People of Redlands” (not the city) as an incentive to raise money to preserve the historical character of the park and grounds. Today it is operated by the Kimberly-Shirk Foundation and is registered as a Redlands Historical Landmark.

To find out where we are hiking in 2018, call or email Lynette Simonson at (951) 377-0392 or lynette.simonson@gmail.com. ~ **Len Tavernetti**



Take A Hike Club enjoyed a visit to Redlands' Kimberly Crest Mansion



Future site of our eight Pickleball courts. We have restrooms and a lovely shaded social area.



PICKLEBALL

Our fun-loving pickleball family at Four Seasons is so excited! The construction on our new courts began in November. We are converting the two old tennis courts into eight pickleball courts. We will finally have the room to really enjoy this incredible sport. No more sitting on the bench waiting for courts to open up. Now, with eight, we can have beginning courts, mid social player courts and advanced player courts. It will be a unique opportunity for us all to play together and at different levels.

Another bonus is we have restrooms right next to the courts! We also have a lovely shaded area and walkway for social activities and

special events. It is truly a win-win for all involved. The Tennis Club is happy at The Courts on the hill, and our dear paddle tennis friends will get their courts resurfaced and painted. They have been so generous to share with us for five years. Four Seasons now has three facilities to play court sports. Why not try them all?

We play Monday through Thursday at 7 am; Saturdays at 7 am; Thursday nights are for entry level players with instruction at 6 pm.

For info., contact Nancy Barnaby at rbarnaby38@verizon.net or (951) 845-0842. Come on out and meet some new friends. ~ **Marty Key**

PING PONG

Fun, Fitness, Friendship, and a Fountain of Youth! Now that the Ping Pong Club has been playing at various hours throughout the day, we have discovered that the new facility provides excessive glare through the windows, which impacts play for many players. Currently only very thin, translucent shades cover the east facing windows, and sheer drapes somewhat cover the double glass doors on the opposite side of the room. Our club decided to put together a proposal to our Facilities Committee to recommend window tinting. Not only will this provide a safer environment for our senior eyes, but it should help with energy savings as well.

Speaking of safety, I would like to remind players that ping pong can be a fast-moving, highly competitive sport, and injuries can, and have occurred. Please keep safety in mind before deciding to dive for that slam, or step over your doubles partner to get to the other side of the table. Always be aware of other players around you, as well as the green dividers intended to keep balls in the court. Be sure to wear appropriate athletic shoes

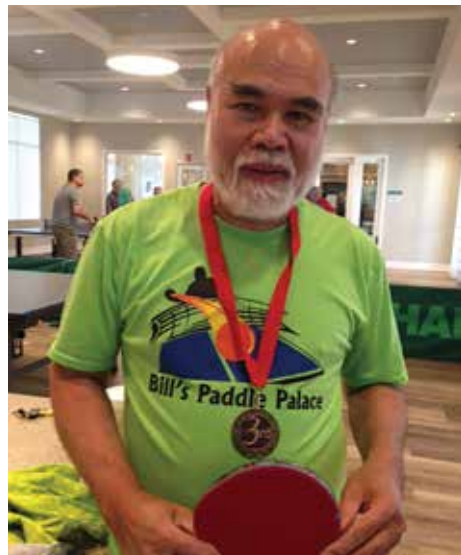
with good stability, and a grippy flat sole, without hiking or trail lugs that could grab the floor and send you flying.

Our recycling program continues to be successful - so successful that we are going to host a ping pong tournament and pizza party on Dec. 9. Starting at 1:30 pm in The Courts facility, we will have a club meeting. We will be recruiting for new committee members as three of our original members will be stepping down. If you are interested in promoting our club, be sure to speak up. We will start the tournament at 2 pm. We will play mixed doubles, double elimination, and award 1st place prizes. Pizza is planned for 5 pm. Keep those CA CRV recyclables coming in each first Wednesday of the month.

The New York Times posted an article March 7, 2017 titled, "Ping Pong as the Fountain of Youth." Lots of positive information describing why YOU should be playing. "Ping pong is one of the fastest racket sports, requiring muscular and cardiorespiratory endurance. Players need nimble footwork and upper body flexibility

to return balls that can fly over 60 miles per hour." "Ping pong's unique visual and spatial demands, strategy requirements and vigor may even offer benefits for the brain."

See you at the tables! ~ **Sandra Butler-Roberts**



Rony Tordesillas won a 3rd Place Bronze medal at this year's Oldlympics event in Hemet. Congratulations Rony!

FISHING CLUB

My frying pan is begging me to put fresh trout in it. December is the best time of the year to catch trout. My favorite place to go trout fishing is Yucaipa Regional Park. It is a 20 minute drive from our house and I usually catch some nice trout for dinner.

Diamond Valley is a great spot to catch just about any kind of fish you want to go after. You can rent a nice boat on Wednesday and you get a senior discount.

If you like ocean fishing the long range boats are the best bet. It gets a little expensive to go on one of these; however, you are almost always going to catch fish to put in the freezer.

The weather man says we are not going to have a wet winter this year. That is ok because last year we got plenty of rain to fill up all our fishing spots. I don't know about you, but I hate to fish in the rain.

Almost all of the articles I have written about fishing is in general. The next article I write I will get very specific about fishing equipment, bait, and where to meet here at Four Seasons to go on fishing trips to our local lakes. I believe that the more people that go fishing, the more fun you will have. I am thinking about putting up a poster at the Lodge to let all the fishermen and fisherwomen know the date and time we will be leaving for a local fishing trip. Almost all of my fishing buddies have cars or trucks that we can use to get us to the fishing grounds. Be looking for the poster and get ready to have a real fun time fishing.

Tight lines to all my fishing friends and remember: Live to fish and not fish to live. Merry Christmas to all and a very Happy New Year! ~ **Richard Carrasco**



PADDLE TENNIS

As we say goodbye to the summer, I hope everybody had a great one. I'm looking forward to cooler weather — it's perfect for Paddle Tennis.

When the Paddle Tennis Club started, I wasn't really interested in the sport because I was busy playing regular racquet tennis, and, as I heard more about it, I got curious and finally tried it. To my surprise, I had so much fun and found that I loved it! The bug bit me and I couldn't stay away from it. Always looking forward to playing time and to see my new group of friends. We have both male and female players (more males) and it's always fun when the women beat the guys (sorry, guys)!

Paddle Tennis is not all about power, it's more a game of finesse so it is relatively equal for both sexes.

Paddle Tennis is a fun sport and very easy to

learn. It's a small scale form of tennis. The rules and scoring are similar to tennis except that the server is allowed to serve only one serve. If it's a fault, the server loses the point. The court is smaller, the net is lower, and no double lines. The ball is depressurized, meaning it doesn't bounce as high as the regular tennis ball, and is played with a solid paddle. It's a great sport for players over 55 years of age as it improves eye-hand coordination and reflexes.

On top of that, we have a wonderful steering committee that keep us busy with all the activities and social functions. I encourage everyone to join, especially new homeowners and beginners. I guarantee, you will enjoy it, so come on down and play! If you have any questions please call Diana Ali, (909) 210-9357. ~ **Padoo Peralta**



Stefan Just, one of our newer members, was the winner of the recent American Paddle Tennis Association Singles Tournament held at Venice Beach. The Fall Open Classic Singles Tournament (Oct. 28 and 29) featured over 100 players in the four division contests. Stefan played six matches (73 games), reached the finals and was the winner (over 23 players) in the B division.

Stefan, owner of Just Custom Painting, has played tennis most of his life and became an active paddle tennis player about 20 years ago. In 2001, he entered the US Open Singles Tournament and placed third in the A division. He will be playing again on Dec. 2 in the Invitational Men's Singles Tournament, held in Venice Beach, this time competing in the A Division.

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Top: Palomar Observatory
Left: The Rainbow Café
Below: Law's Coffee Shop



MOTORCYCLE CLUB

October saw us riding on two of our favorite weekly day rides, one long and one short.

For our long ride we rode through Hemet, picked up Sage Road to 79 to 76, then up the twisties to the Palomar Observatory, then on to old 395 for lunch at the Rainbow Café.

For our short ride we rode down San Timoteo to Live Oak up to Oak Glen for a great breakfast at Law's Oak Glen Coffee shop; always

friendly and always delicious food.

Everyone is welcome! The riders meet weekly on Thursday in the Lodge parking lot at 9 am for a "Day Ride," or meet us at our monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in room one of the RCN building. We also do three to five day biker trips and once a year we do a "family" trip.

Info., Steve Sarchett, (951) 769-8004. ~ Steve Sarchett

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We welcome beginning and experienced birders. Our main activity is a monthly bird walk along our beautiful nature trails, which follow native riparian woodlands. We also take field trips to local birding hot spots, discuss backyard bird feeding, and share information on unusual species and behaviors.

In his presentation *Why Birding Is The Best Hobby*, Jeff Reiter states “an estimated 85 million Americans enjoy feeding, observing or photographing wild birds ... Birding's popularity is due in part to its simplicity ... all you really need is a decent pair of binoculars ... and a field guide ... the simplicity of birding includes being able to do it almost anywhere at any time.” If you enjoy nature but would like to “see” more, birding is the best gateway to nature interpretation and Four Seasons Birding Club is your gateway to birding!

We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8 am in the Lodge RCN Lobby, talk about birding, then we go on our bird walk from the Lodge. Bring binoculars or come to a meeting and ask about birding gear. For more information, email Steve Edelman at steve.h.edelman@gmail.com. ~ **Steve Edelman**



Every spring, thousands of birders, including many Amish birders, converge on Magee Marsh, Ohio, where warblers and other migrants stop to feed before continuing north across Lake Erie to their Canadian breeding grounds.

Bird of the Month

The most common bird at Four Seasons is the Lesser Goldfinch. Lesser Goldfinches are tiny, stub-billed songbirds with white wing patches and notched tails. Males are bright yellow below with a black cap; females and immatures are duller and lack the black cap. These birds gather in flocks of up to several hundred and feed on seeds and grains in weedy fields, budding treetops, and bird feeders in many habitats from the western U.S. to South America. Lesser Goldfinches are most common in California and Texas and are present year round at Four Seasons.

The male's breeding song is a jumble of clear notes mixed in with wheezes, trills, and stutters, lasting up to 10 seconds. When mingling in a flock, Lesser Goldfinches make a contact call that's wheezy and descending, given one or two notes at a time. Their songs and calls are a ubiquitous background on our club's monthly bird walks and sightings of these birds prompt, “it's just another Lesser Goldfinch” as we search for less common birds. Flocks of these birds move through our yards and landscaped areas and congregate at thistle feeders around Four Seasons.

Common as they are, Lesser Goldfinches are not as plentiful as might be initially assumed from Irve Sturner's photo taken at Four Seasons. Irve is President of the Four Seasons Camera Club and he used Photoshop to make one bird into three. Now we know what a male Lesser Goldfinch might look like to a cross-eyed cyclops! ~ **Steve Edelman**



*Three Male Lesser Goldfinches.
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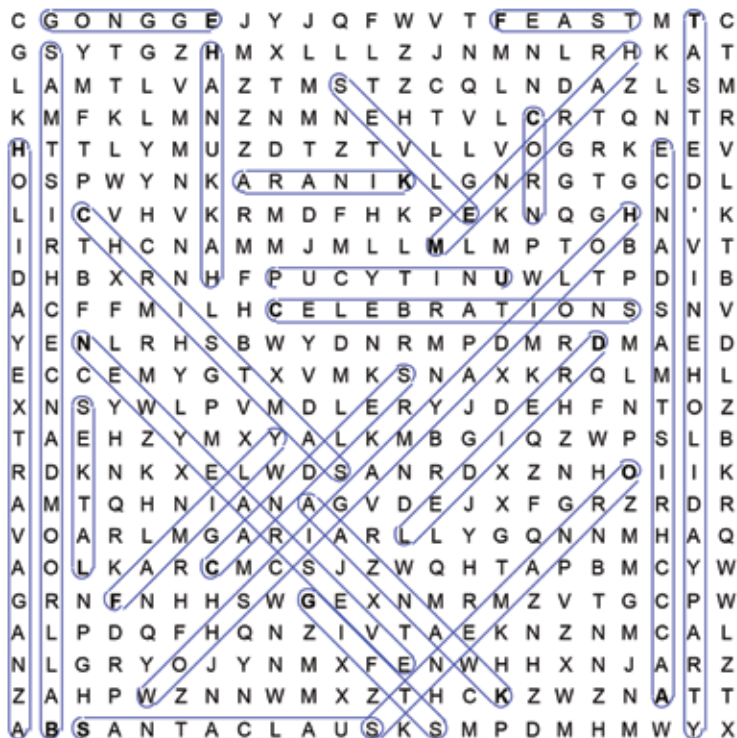
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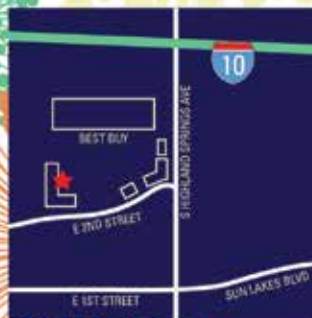


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