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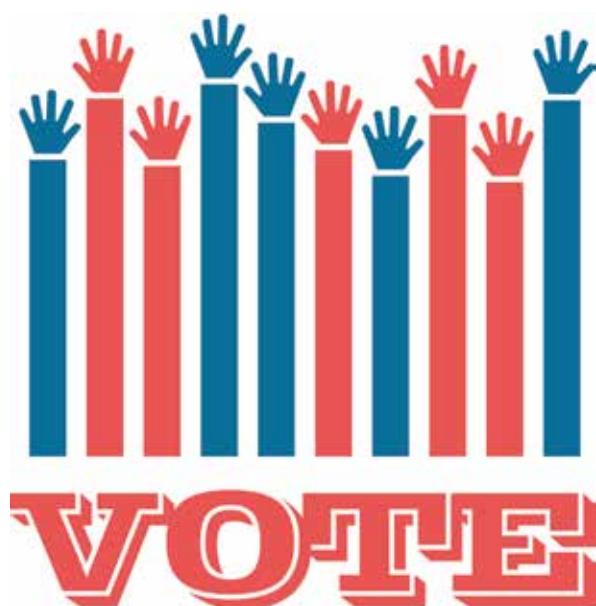


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MANAGER'S REPORT

By Eric Zarr, General Manager

BUILDER AREA OUTSIDE POTRERO There have been many questions over the years as to what will happen to the piece of land to the west of the main gate on Potrero. I can definitively say that the plan for this is not finalized yet by the builder. This area was mapped out for 26 home sites. However, the builder has not finalized if these would be part of Four Seasons or a separate, albeit small, community. Ideas abound for this area, such as an RV park for Four Seasons, another Lodge, an Emergency Preparedness area, and a large dog park. Nothing has been determined yet by the builder, but once it is we will get the word out to everyone as quickly as possible.

ELECTION UPDATE By the time you read this the election will be well under way. If you have turned in your ballot, thank you! If not, please make sure to turn in your ballot with your signature on the green envelope. California Civil Code calls for the election to be handled in this matter with the double envelope system. There are four seats open in this election. Please see our website, www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org for up to date information.

BALLROOM UPDATE The Builder has completed the warranty repair work in the Ballroom! Yeah! The Association has scheduled to replace the Ballroom flooring from April 23 through May 4. If the schedule changes we will post notices in the Lodge, website and Daily Report.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE At the March 8 Board Meeting, the Board approved to proceed with member comments on a proposed rule change regarding flag poles. Specifically the new rule would be: "Flags on residential properties less than ¾ acre: maximum number of flags: three; maximum number of flag poles: one; maximum height of flagpoles: 20 feet; maximum area of each flag: 40 square feet (measured one side only). No flags displaying commercial messages, images or symbols may be displayed in residential zones." The purpose of this change would be to align the Four Seasons Beaumont rules with the city of Beaumont's rules. If you would like to comment on these changes, please submit them to the Board of Directors in writing prior to April 12.

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Candidates for the Board of Directors

By Laurie Larson

Four residents are running for four seats on the HOA Board.

Incumbents Claudeen Diaz and Len Tavernetti are running for the re-election. John Noonan and Edward Paules are running for what will be their first terms.

Tuesday, April 17 (and April 18 if necessary) is the Board of Directors Election Day from 9 am to 5 pm. The Annual Meeting will be at 1 pm on Thursday, April 19.

Profiles of the Board candidates begin below:

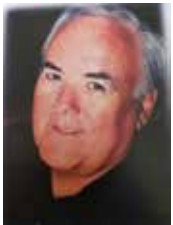


CLAUDEEN DIAZ Chief Financial Officer
Claudeen Diaz had an overarching goal when she ran for her first term: to improve the responsiveness of the Board to the members of the community.

She thinks that responsiveness is better because communication between the Board and the residents has greatly improved, but she is still concerned that some

homeowners think that there are things being kept secret. She wants to be sure that everyone knows that “the only things discussed in the closed sessions of the Board relate to lawsuits, employees and delinquencies. Other items are brought to open session. There is nothing secret.”

Diaz sees Transition — the process through which K. Hovnanian hands total responsibility for Four Seasons



JOHN NOONAN John Noonan is excited to be a candidate for the Board of Directors. He sees the impending transition - when K. Hovnanian turns total control of Four Seasons Beaumont over to the HOA - as the most important issue facing the Board and the community today.

He has been through a transition before, one which was not planned or executed well, and he wants to use his

knowledge and know-how to ensure a good experience for this community. “I don’t ever want to see something like that again,” he says, referring to the transition at the HOA where he and his wife Karla used to live.

“The Board must follow the specific plan that K. Hovnanian has filed with the city of Beaumont,” he explained. “Otherwise the HOA could be held responsible



EDWARD PAULES Ed Paules is running for a position on the Board of Directors out of a sense of patriotism - a loyalty to the needs of Four Seasons Beaumont.

“My first response when the idea was presented to me was ‘no.’ But I have been involved in the community in a number of ways since my wife and I moved here late in 2015,

and when I saw that an important unmet need existed, I changed my mind.”

He believes that his involvement in the community gives him perspective on its needs, and the best approaches to address those needs.

Paules spent one year on the Architectural Review Committee during which time he helped write several



LEN TAVERNETTI Board President Len Tavernetti wants community members to know that “we’re in pretty good shape.”

Running for a second term, Tavernetti expresses pleasure with the work the Board has done to help ensure a financially healthy and well-run community. “We have a good reserve account, there are good people in management and on the

committees, and our housing prices are favorable.”

Good communication is key, he believes. But regardless of improvements that have been made by the Board in the past two years, he says, “there is never enough. People want to hear everything.”

To that end, Tavernetti has overseen a significant web upgrade and the institution of the Daily Report, an online

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Beaumont over to the HOA — as the most important project the Board will have. “The Board must ensure that we are taken care of safely and that Four Seasons Beaumont is maintained as it is supposed to be.” Her goal is that “in ten years the community will look as good as it does today.”

All of the work of the Board is “for the best of the community,” Diaz states.

Diaz loves that there are “lots of residents here with such good ideas.” Although she says, “homeowners can be as involved as they want to, but they don’t have to,” she also thinks that “if you complain, do something. Join a committee. Don’t just complain.” And she believes “that the greatest thing the Board has done is to encourage more community members to become involved with the work of the community.” It is her opinion that this has been achieved in part because of term limits. “Although the process of instituting term limits was not perfect,” Diaz says, “the Board is working on it, trying to make everything better.” She believes that “more people are coming to the Board meetings and residents feel more comfortable with Board members.”

“We may be retired, but our brains haven’t stopped.” Diaz made this comment when she was running for her first term. She thinks it is so relevant to her ongoing view of community members that she wants it repeated.

She is, and always has been, a person who enjoys lots of activities. That is part of the appeal of Four Seasons Beaumont to her and it is a great part of what she sees herself offering as a Board member — lots of experience in different areas both inside and outside the community.

Diaz made clear her love for her previous employment as general manager for two water companies and of six departments for a municipal water district. She carries her management experience to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District where she sits on the Board, and of course to Four Seasons Beaumont as a Board member.

Additionally, she taught accounting at the college level and brings that expertise to the community as Board Treasurer.

Although Diaz puts a great deal of time and effort into her Board position at this community and also at the water district, she also takes the time to play “cards, dancing, wine club. Four Seasons Beaumont offers them all. This is a wonderful place to live.”

John Noonan, continued from page 7

for unfinished business.”

Looking not only to the future but also to the present, Noonan addresses what he sees as the main problem in the HOA: “Committees are overburdened. They have too much work or perhaps they don’t know how to streamline their work. It is difficult to recruit new members. Remember - committee members are all volunteers and they are our neighbors. They need to be treated respectfully.”

Noonan has thought about approaches to help committee members streamline their work. “Each committee should have a new mission statement which would address the best ways to achieve its goals. If the members need assistance in formulating the new plan, they should ask previous committee members for help.”

He thinks that there has been too much turnover in committee membership due, in part, to the implementation of term limits. “Too many new and fresh ideas can stymie processes,” he believes. “Good ideas have been lost in committee turnover.” He thinks that Board members could also help committee chairpersons learn how to streamline the work. He does not want to see people overburdened. “Board members are there to work for homeowners,” Noonan states. “We all have the same goal: to maintain and enhance the beauty and the value of our homes in the community.”

Noonan sees another potential problem for the HOA. “Finance will be an issue,” he asserts. “Adding The Courts has placed a temporary burden on finances. And the Conservancy is an added expense. New homes may pay for the shortfall. But we will need to look closely at expenditures.”

“I have seen an association in dire financial straits. I don’t ever want to live through that again.” Noonan grimaces as he makes that statement. “If a Board member doesn’t have the guts to raise dues to keep finances intact, they should not be on the Board.”

He has thoughts about the Board and communication. “There needs to be more discussion about issues in the open Board meetings. Decisions have already been made. The decision process should be shared in front of the community members at the meeting.”

Noonan plans once a month town halls to let residents know what’s going on. “I would love to do that,” he smiles.

He has experience in front of audiences. A singer, he performs Karaoke and also participates in PAC performances.

An athlete, he bowls in a traveling league and plays softball, also in a traveling league.

“I’m not much of a reader any more,” he says. “I prefer to remain physically active. That’s another thing that’s so terrific about Four Seasons Beaumont. There are so many wonderful activities to choose from.”

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amendments to the guidelines.

He spent another year on the Community Planning and Transition Committee. In this year, he compiled a transition checklist which he says was distributed widely. And he wrote a memo on the Conservancy.

These committee memberships and these activities have been preparation for what he sees as by far the most important objective of impending Board focus: a smooth and successful transition.

Paules refers to himself as “a news junkie.” That is demonstrated in the community as he frequently attends the monthly open Board meetings in order to keep abreast of community events.

He joins in some community events by singing. “I sing a middling tenor with the Singers group.”

He also enjoys writing. “I am in the Writers’ Club, giving and receiving help with our books in process.” Indeed, he has a book completed and awaiting publication. The subject: a history of the financial crisis of 2008.

He and his wife Barbara also attend the wine club regularly.

Paules brings a strong financial background to his candidacy. He spent five decades in the banking and finance industry. Describing his views he says, “I have tendencies to be a Scrooge when I have fiduciary responsibility for other peoples’ money.” He says he is a pragmatist: “Get it done on time, on budget.”

Aware that Board communication is a hot topic at the present, Paules says that he finds the communication adequate. Referring to the various tools available to provide that communication he says, “One must take advantage of what is available. It is not the Board’s job to do other people’s work.”

He believes in term limits. “They force people to get out of their comfort zone.” Limiting the time a person can spend on a committee helps them to explore other options and to join other committees.

But Paules also believes that implementing term limits may have had a contrary effect to what was intended. “Rather than increase volunteerism they may have temporarily caused some apathy because they were implemented too fast.” That is an issue that deserves attention, in his opinion.

Aware that some residents chafe under the rules and regulations implemented for the common good in a community, Paules says, “I also appreciate that many of the rules we face are designed to maintain the physical appearance of and financial health of the community, to preserve our investment in our properties, and to maintain the community quality of life. Of course, sometimes one has to be understanding of unique circumstances. But in an official capacity I will not usually be overly accommodating to rules breakers.”

Paules wants community members to be aware of his views prior to election so that there are no surprises. Since his primary goal as a Board member would be a smooth transition, he is making efforts to have his priorities and views understood from the very beginning. “Communication is always a problem during transition,” he says. “I would like to do my part to make that better.”

communication which is available to all Four Seasons Beaumont homeowners.

He also is planning two Town Halls: a State of the Association to be held on Board election day and one about the Dog Park.

As a previous committee member - he was chairperson of the Landscape Committee for six years - Tavernetti has experience-based opinions about the role of committees in the HOA. “Committees are to carry out what the Board wants/needs to do. They must be in sync with Board wishes.”

To achieve those goals, there must be good communication between the Board and the committees. “The Board must be open to second opinions but it needs good feedback,” says Tavernetti. The problem with all of this good and necessary communication is that it requires too many meetings, he believes, and it is a problem to which he is turning his attention.

One effort to cut down on meetings, yet ensure the flow of important information, has been the appointment of a Community Ambassador. Now vital information to and from outside private and government entities such as the city of Beaumont can be communicated by the Ambassador without a meeting being necessary.

Another effort to improve communication and increase valuable feedback through homeowner participation has been the implementation of term limits. “Six years should be the maximum amount of time that someone should serve on the same committee,” says Tavernetti. “After that, step aside and let someone new have a chance to bring in their knowledge and skills.”

He admits that the implementation of term limits was not as smooth or successful as originally envisioned, but effort is being made to improve the process.

Tavernetti also would like to get club members together to discuss common problems and develop common interests. He envisions two councils, one for indoor and one for outdoor activities. These councils would be more effective at solving problems than individual clubs could be.

Turning his attention to another of his many interests, Tavernetti discusses the impending opening of the bridge. He can picture the big celebration that is being planned. “There are going to be decorated motorcycles and golf carts in a long serpentine all the way from the Lodge to the Summit,” he exclaims. “We need a name for the Bridge, perhaps one that would illustrate its purpose - linking the older part with the newer part of the community.”

Tavernetti, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, demonstrates the same level of interest and commitment to veterans as he does to this community. He maintains 26 grave markers in Redlands, he goes to the VA Hospital once a month where he visits vets and takes gift bags, and he is in communication with Inland Empire cities regarding the Purple Heart Organization activities.

He is a walking encyclopedia of botanical information. He loves plants and trees and spends a great deal of time in his garden, which is beautiful and prolific.

“I would love to serve on the Board for one more term, then turn the job over to someone else,” he states. “I think term limits are valuable for Board members and committee members, both.”

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About Dr. Robert S. Krage, D.C.

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Due to the overwhelming response, this offer will be good for the first 25 callers. If the lines are busy, please keep trying.



DID YOU KNOW?

By Micki Rosen

DID YOU KNOW THAT APRIL 6 IS CARAMEL POPCORN DAY? There is something about combining the buttery sugar goodness of caramel with the light airy nature of popcorn that just creates an amazing flavor combination you can't stop eating. Caramel popcorn's history goes back 150 years and came to pass during a period where there were a number of patents being granted in the US that all had to do with adding candy to popcorn. Eventually caramel corn found its way onto the midway and has been a staple of carnival and fair treats ever since.



DID YOU KNOW THAT APRIL 11 IS CHEESE FONDUE DAY? Fondue has been around as a concept for hundreds of years, but cheese fondue is generally recognized to have come into existence in 1875 when the original recipe was published. Before then there was a dish called "fondue" but it was more like a scramble, as there were eggs and sometime truffles mixed in. The early cheese fondues had an issue because the sauce was continually trying to separate, but right around 1905 cornstarch was introduced to Switzerland and that solved the problem.

DID YOU KNOW THAT APRIL 17 IS HAIKU POETRY DAY? Haiku poetry was originally found as the opening to another form of Japanese poetry called a Rengu. It took until the mid-1600s for Hokku, the form Haiku was found in at this time, to start appearing independently from its Rengu roots. In the late 1800s Hokku was renamed Haiku. The person responsible for bringing Haiku to the West was Hendrik Doeffer of Denmark. As commissioner of trade in Nagasaki in the 19th century, he developed a love of the three-line, 17-syllable art form. It wasn't greatly received initially and took until the early and mid-1900s for English Haiku to appear. I wrote one for you:

*The Four Seasons life
In Beaumont is wonderful;
Enjoy it people!*

DID YOU KNOW THAT APRIL 8 IS ZOO LOVERS DAY?

Zoo is short for zoological garden, and is mostly used to refer to the modern concept of a zoo. Prior to this the term "menagerie" was used; the oldest collection of this sort was found during an archeological dig in Egypt. The oldest modern style zoo was established in 1752 at the order of Emperor Francis I in Vienna, Austria. It was intended solely for the viewing pleasure of the imperial family, but was extended to the public in 1765. The next zoo to open was in 1775 in Madrid, and then another in Paris in 1795. Zoos became a symbol of a country's wealth, but have since become a bastion for some of the lost species of the world.



DID YOU KNOW THAT APRIL 21 IS AUCTIONEERS DAY? Auctioneering is one of the world's most ancient professions, having begun more than 2,000 years ago. The very first auction was held about 500 B.C. in Babylon. The late 17th century saw the establishment of the world's oldest, still-practicing auction house, Stockholm's Auktionsverk. America's first president, George Washington, was a big fan of scoring himself a hot deal via the mallet. Since the 1950s, the auction has expanded to include a plethora of financial institutions and marketplaces. These days, of course, there's eBay.



Thank you for all your entries... We had nearly 30 this month! We loved all the comments, too.

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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MARCH'S WINNER:

Elizabeth Westbrook

Go to the Lodge to collect your gift card!

YOUR COMMENTS

I'll volunteer my husband to wear a "bait" suit! Elizabeth W.

I think the picture is Harry H in his Halloween costume! Claudia R.

Great article. I sent it to my friend Tim who is a Big Foot enthusiast. I told him we have everything at Four Seasons! Dan & Katie E.

Ha ha ha ha. I sew... A peacock suit would be great. I look forward to the Breeze every month. Lon and I love living here. This community is the best place we have ever lived. As military dependents growing up... we know! Karen R.

Too far-fetched a club to be real! Joanne & Jerry T.

Definitely would be a great club to join if only it was a real club... hahahahaha. Gracy L.

Love all the jokes! This one was great! Kathy C.

Great work... keep it coming! Joyce B.

I'm glad we have this magazine. We are new residents and it helps me to know what activities (and times and dates) are available to us. I keep it on my coffee table all month! Jane S.

Love the Breeze! Great looking magazine! Was easy to find the joke... clever. Bev M.

I've got a couple of ideas: Cheerleader club; New rule: Too many injuries on the courts - helmets recommended/required! Tina S.

I think I will sign up to wear a bait suit. Big Foot - really? Harry Henderson - really? This is very funny. I loved it. Bob F.

This big guy really knows where to step out in style. Look out, we're coming "fur ya!" Marty R.

Big Foots like pretty colors? Ha! Horseback riding is loved by Big Foot?! Renae S.

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

I am sort of feeling like my Activities Director Corner with upcoming events for the month has become a wish list rather than a real list of what is actually taking place. Don't worry though, that situation is soon to change! No really... April (cross fingers) will be the very last month of big renovations for the Lodge, and May will be the month of rejoicing, dependable calendars and peace on Earth. I sure hope that the innuendos of April 1st are not a foreshadowing of things to come, jinxing the promise of Ballroom bliss. In any case let's go forward with our event intentions, and, if we all think positively, it's bound to happen.

If you are a new member to the community, then half of you will have received an invitation to the "New Homeowner Orientation and Dessert" taking place in the Ballroom on Thursday, April 5 at 6 pm. The rest of you newbies will receive an invitation for next month on Thursday, May 3 at 6 pm. The same informative material will be shared, but our list was so large we needed to split the group to make the meeting as comfortable for everyone as possible. Please RSVP if you're able to attend.

We are looking for people with new ideas, a passion to make this community as great as it can be and people who enjoy camaraderie, teamwork and the fun of seeing worthwhile projects come to fruition. If you are one of these rare birds, then we invite you to come and join us on Tuesday, April 10 from 4 to 6 pm in the Lodge Ballroom for our Committee Membership Drive. Come have some pizza and discover

which committees would be a good fit for you. We have some awesome involved neighbors for you to meet that are already part of committees. They are warm and welcoming and look forward to sharing with you the kinds of things that their committees are doing and are more than willing to answer any questions you may have. I'll see you there!

Festival of Cultures: Calling all of you international travelers or folks from various parts of the world; we could sure use your involvement! The Festival of Cultures event is in the Ballroom from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on Saturday, April 21. We need memorabilia and traditional garb representing as many countries as we can get for our display tables. We will be showcasing a Foods From Around the World tasting table and we will be giving out free tickets to taste various wines from around the world... yummm! A folk dancing demonstration and a Celtic harpist will provide even more entertainment to this fun community event. Sign up in the Lodge Lobby to join us.

Don't forget that April 28 from 9 am to 2 pm is the month for the huge and ever-successful HOA garage sale. If you are interested in participating you need to come on down to the Lodge and fill out the participation form for your city of Beaumont garage sale permit with advertising (\$7). The last day to sign up is Sunday, April 22.

Hooray! May is on its way! Good things ahead!

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Expressing Gratitude in Four Seasons

I am so grateful for the Believe... Women's Bible Study Group. Since joining this loving beautiful group of women, I have been so blessed, grown in my faith, grown in friendship and grown more love in my heart. Thanks Eileen Gilbert-Antoine and all the other doers, givers and fill in leaders.

Bless you.

~ Connie Mendoza

I am very grateful to the FirstService Staff for decorating this beautiful box and giving us a chance to show our happiness with others. ~ Anonymous

So grateful for Felipe who cleans the Lodge, so faithfully and with a smile. Thank you Felipe for your hard work.

~ Sally W.

Thanks Ms. Luna for a wonderful wine club.

Jim and I have been extremely touched by the prayers, texts and calls from our Four Seasons friends regarding our daughter Marla's craniotomy surgery. Please note that she is recovering but slow healing is anticipated. God bless all of you!

Thanks for the amazing pickleball courts! Soooo much fun!

I owe my life to my wonderful neighbors. If they had not rescued me from my serious fall, I would not be here today. I'm so appreciative of what they've done for me. Their love and support has been unwavering. Thank you Henry and Mary for checking on me; Maggie, Sue, Wanda and Roxie for support; and Les for rescuing me. Thank you for all your cards, flowers and support.

~ Irene White



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 "The Box of Gratitude." Thank you!

Pets of the Month: Jagger & Kona

Happy spring! My name is Kona (aka Noriko's Can't Hold Her Licker). I am a 3½ year old Standard Poodle and I LOVE being pink! Thank goodness my mommy is a professional groomer and she knows how to do this kind of stuff. Everything she uses on me is totally non-toxic and pet approved, so I know it will not hurt me. I am an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen as well as a Therapy Dog International Certified Therapy Dog. It makes me so happy to see the smiles on people's faces when the "Pink Poodle" arrives at the medical offices.

The big guy to my right is my nephew, Jagger, (aka Noriko's It's Only Rock n' Roll), the newest addition to the family. He's only 10 months old and he may be bigger than me, but I still rule the household! He listens pretty well and is working on his self-control so he can be a therapy dog, like me, but he still needs some fine-tuning. I'm sure he will do just fine, as he is a real social butterfly.

Our favorite pastimes are playing with balls, frisbees and other assorted toys. Dad keeps us well supplied with those things. When the weather is good we enjoy taking our mom and dad (Teri and Jeff Davidson) for walks around Four Seasons and we love taking rides in the car regardless of the destination. We really like short rides around town so we can hang our heads out the windows and look for our friends in other cars, something we can't do on the freeways. But what we really enjoy is our time on our boat out at the river. We



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love the water, and the sandy beaches where we can run and play all day while Mom and Dad sit and watch us while drinking their beer.

Making friends is high on our priority list and even strangers can approach or pet us without concern. If you see us out and about, please stop us and say "hi." ~ Teri and Jeff Davidson

If you'd like your pet(s) to be featured in Pet(s) of the Month, please contact Alex Woodcock to schedule a photo session at 909-705-9540 or alexexpressionsphoto@gmail.com.

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Gracy & Pam's Faves

By Steve Benoff

This one's for you Gracy and Pam.

Each month I end my column with a request for your favorite app. Occasionally I'll get a response. Recently I heard from Gracy Germany and Pam Torkkola. This month they are taking over the column so to speak with their suggested apps.

Gracy's favorite apps are **GasBuddy** and **Sigalert**. GasBuddy uses your location and tells you gas prices at stations near you. The app gives you quite a bit of control over the information it provides. You choose the order of stations displayed. You can set the order to be by distance away from you or by price. Each station includes its location and distance away. You choose the type of gas (e.g., regular) and you can narrow the search by brand. I selected Arco and was given prices for stations in Beaumont, Banning, Hemet, Calimesa, and Yucaipa. The last station listed didn't have a price. Instead it showed a box labeled "Report Price." In this case it provided a way to report or confirm prices at that station. That's how **GasBuddy** updates its information. App users report prices at gas stations they use or pass by. In fact, along with brand, prices, type, location, and distance, the app tells you how long ago the price at that particular station was last reported. This app is a keeper for me. I now use it regularly, and since it saves your last parameters, each time I open the app I'm given Arco prices for regular gas near my location. When I was in Palm Desert recently, I found price variances of 12 cents a gallon amongst stations nearby.

Gracy's other favorite, **Sigalert**, is amazing in its capabilities. Of course, it shows freeway traffic in the familiar green-yellow-red format. It shows traffic incidents like Google Maps but importantly it shows when the incident was reported. Many mapping apps show stale information. (Apple Maps, by the way, gives not only start time but also the projected end time for an incident.) **Sigalert** tells how long ago the report was made. It also shows work zones for freeway work. It shows traffic speeds at each exit and shows camera images from Caltrans cameras along freeways. The main limitation of this

app is that it's restricted to freeways. Google and Apple mapping apps give you street traffic. But for freeways, **Sigalert** is extremely comprehensive.

Whether you're walking on a trail or down the aisle of a big box store, Pam has an app for you. Her suggestions are **AllTrails** and **RetailMeNot**. Here's what Pam has to say about **AllTrails** – "Based on one's current location, this app lists trails in the area. Trails are designated easy-moderate-hard so a person knows what they're getting into before hiking unknown terrain. I'll bet those in the 'Take A Hike Club' are familiar with the app." If you want to see a beautifully-designed app, download **AllTrails**. It's fabulous. Each hike is expertly described including length in miles, elevation gain, whether it's out and back or a loop. It also includes other useful info – e.g., dogs on leash, birding, views, waterfalls, wild flowers, wildlife, and if the hike is on private property. Location information is, of course, provided. This app is a great resource whether you're a serious climber or a casual walker.

Here's how Pam uses **RetailMeNot**: "Instead of keeping track of individual store's specials or coupons, I regularly check for discounts in this app. I can be in Bed Bath & Beyond or Target and open the app to discover last minute savings. I have never had an experience where a retailer does not honor the online savings." We are all looking to save money, but just as important, we don't want to pay more than other shoppers. This app looks like it will satisfy both objectives.

Pam also mentioned, "For those new to the area, I have discovered the app **Palm Springs**." The app has seven categories – stay, play, nearby, shopping, dining, events, and deals. I've been a regular visitor to Palm Springs for over 65 years and love it. It's close by and undergoing a long-awaited revitalization. Why not check out this app to see what you may be missing?

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

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Welcome to FourSeasonsBeaumont.org

How many of you are using our Four Seasons website to find information? Our new and improved website is now officially in use and the Communications Committee members are excited to share with our residents how to make the best use of our site.

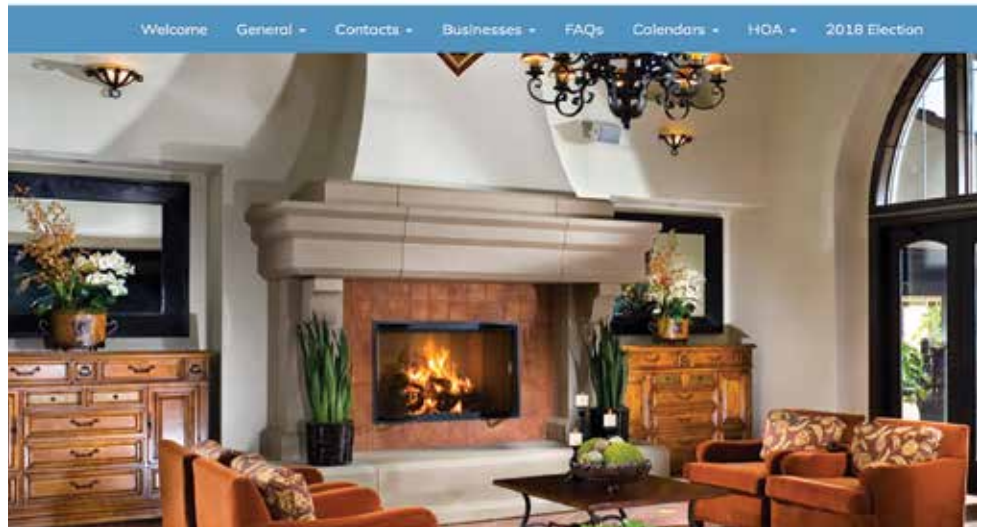
The biggest advantage to using the website is that we can make changes, keep it up-to-date and, along with your help, keep it as current as possible. Also, we can maintain all of our information, past and current, in one place. We realize there are many levels of experience with using technology among our friends and neighbors, and I would love to bring everyone on board in knowing how to use this valuable resource. I'm writing a series of "How to..." articles that will meet the needs of our community. We had a great turnout at the Website Orientation meeting on Jan. 24, and we learned that it would be beneficial to provide more training on an ongoing basis in order to make the most of this service.

Let's get started! First, our new website design is now "adaptive" so you can use it on computers, tablets and cell phones. (Note: On a small screen, the menu looks like a "hamburger," or three parallel lines.) Whichever device you are using, you will need to open a browser, such as Google Chrome, Safari or whatever you use to go to the Internet. Type into the search bar at the top: fourseasonsbeaumont.org with no spaces, exactly as you see it here.

If you were given a user name and password, but have forgotten it, you may contact Nelly at the FirstService Residential management office, and she can help you. If you never have logged in before, you may click on the **Register** button at the top of the home page. When you click on **Register**, you will be taken to a website application form. By logging on with your user name and password, you will be able to access the residents only areas of our website.

Now, you should be looking at the Welcome page, sometimes called the "landing page." You will see scrolling photos of our facilities. In the blue bar above the photos, you should see the word **Welcome** and then six words with small arrows after them. These are menus. When you click on or touch a menu,

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such as: **General, Contacts, Businesses, FAQs, Calendars, or HOA**; a list of choices will drop down (if you are using a cell phone, you will need to click on the hamburger (three line icon) to view the menus as a list). At this election time, you will see a special menu "**2018 Election**." During the Board of Directors election season, this link will give you updates on all election-related material. Click on this link and you will be taken to a page with dates, daily updated tracking, and past Meet the Candidate videos.

At any time to get back to the landing page, just click on the **Welcome** link. On the Welcome, or landing page, you will find some "quick links" just below the scrolling photos. The most popular links are here: **Area Contacts, Smitty's Bistro, and Movie Schedule**. In the Welcome to Four Seasons at Beaumont! narrative below you will see some words underlined and colored blue. You can try clicking on any of these and see where they take you. Remember, you can't get lost; just click on your back button to get back to the Welcome page.

Let's practice! Say you want to find the phone number to the Lodge. This is a very important number so you will find it by clicking **Area Contacts** on the Welcome page, then scrolling down to the listings under "F" to find the Four Seasons important phone numbers. And, if you are using your cell phone to do this practice, you can click on the blue phone number and it will dial it for you!

(Just tell them you are practicing using the new website).

Another important section on the Welcome landing page is the box with three dark blue bars. The top bar has the **Daily Report | Breaking News**. Click on this bar and you will find the latest information from the recent Board of Directors meeting, how to subscribe to the Daily Report in your email, and important deadlines and notices.

The next bar is **Upcoming Events**. Do you want to know when the next Karaoke night is? You'll find it on this list. And for more detail, click on **View All Events**.

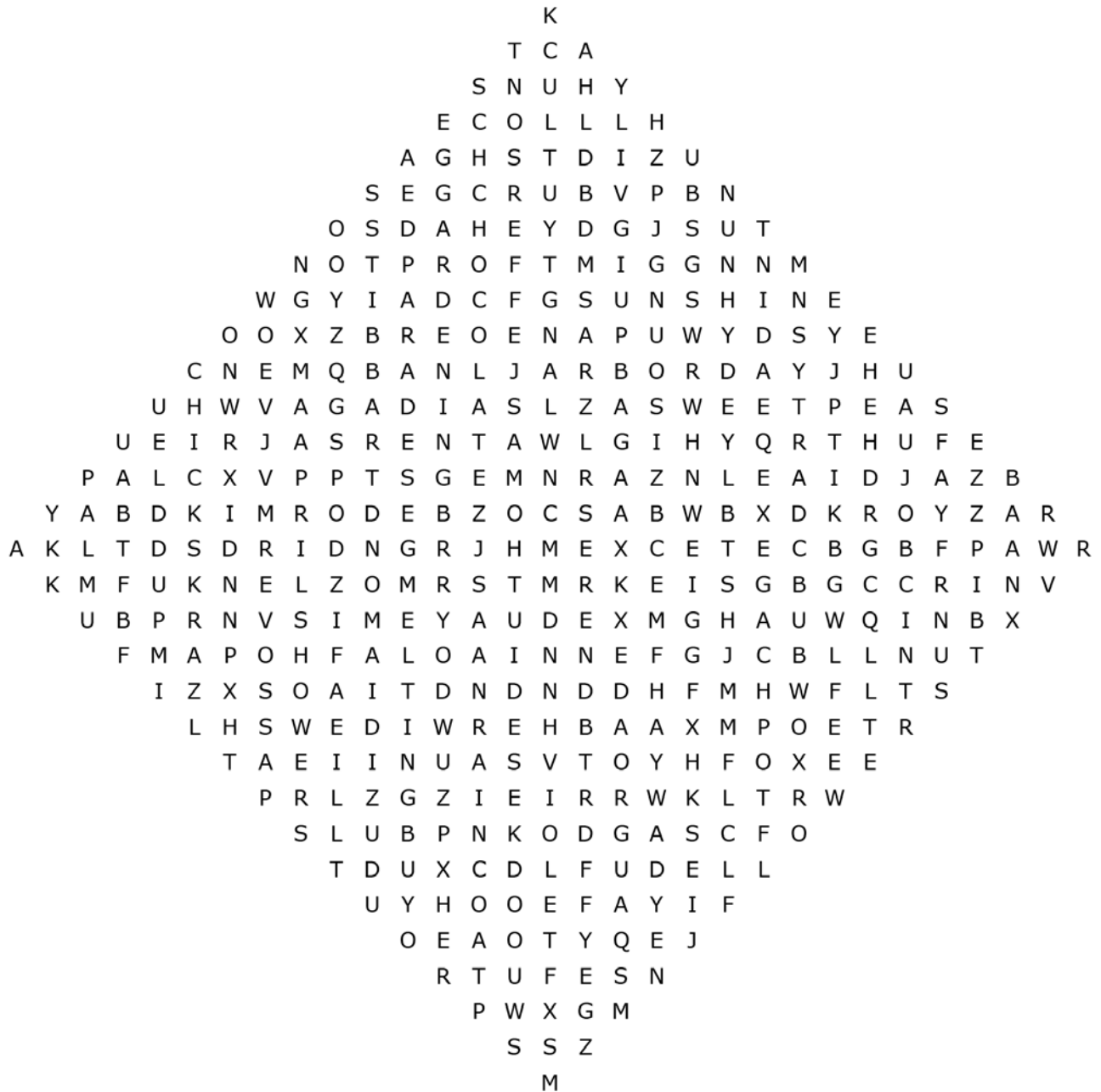
The third button is **Weather**. Oh my gosh! Is it really 73.9 degrees right now? And you can click on the **Additional Information** link and it will take you to Weather Underground for the current conditions in Beaumont.

There is so much information on our Four Seasons community website that we have barely scratched the surface! And the more you try out the links, the easier it will be to navigate. Don't be afraid to explore and see what you can find.

Next time, we will explore the other drop-down menus on the site, as well as how clubs and groups can use the website to update their information. I hope you found this article helpful. Please let me know if there are any requests for future articles covering specific questions you may have. Enjoy! ~ **Sandra Butler-Roberts**

April Word Search

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.



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Sunshine
Tax Time
Thomas Jefferson
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Violet

Puzzle created by Jeff Davidson. Solution on page 62

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The committee welcomes Joe Barletta and John Baeyertz as new members. They were ratified by the Board of Directors at the open meeting held on Feb. 8. Both new members bring a wealth of facilities management experience to the committee and we believe they will serve the committee well. Sadly, however, Stefan Just resigned from the committee due to outside commitments. The committee thanks Stefan for his service during his time with us and we will miss his expertise.

At our meeting on Feb. 20, in accordance with our charter, members were assigned Areas of Responsibility. Area ownership implies more frequent visits (i.e. inspections) of the area of responsibility. Thus, maintenance issues and smaller problems can be nipped in the bud before they become big, expensive problems.

The repairs to the Lodge by the builder have been completed and,

by the time of this publication, the carpeting and tile renovations should be at or near completion. Please check the Four Seasons Daily Report for up-to-date information on the project. Also, the project to modify the canopy for the pickleball courts was completed on Feb. 26.

Our committee has several proposals still in the review process. In light of the current financial situation, it is expected that proposals with merit and having reserve funds will be approved by the Facilities Committee and forwarded to the Finance Committee for its approval. In addition, it is expected that we will consider new (capital) expenditures that have merit and approve them on a priority basis — safety being the top priority.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am in the RCN building, Activity Room 3. As always, we welcome residents to bring us their ideas or concerns. ~ **Richard Ladeira**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Greetings! Mentalist Mark Stone thrilled and delighted our Four Seasons Residents with his performance. We had another sell out crowd! A big thank you to Pepsi Powers, Jeanette Pacheco, Linda Cunningham, Sandy Buelna, Bob Powers, and Marion Herron for assisting me with this production. Another big thank you to Cindy Graves and Danya Lynd for all of their behind-the-scenes work.

We will have another exciting Paint Night on June 2 so mark your calendars and be on the look out for the April flyer with information about ticket sales. This event will have limited seating and tickets will sell out quickly. ~ **Pamela Morales**



Don't miss our June 2 Paint Night!



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee held its regular meeting on Feb. 27. The financial statement for the month of January was reviewed and recommended for BOD approval. Highlights of the January financial report follows.

Total Assets are \$8,397,194 including checking \$182,147 and reserve assets \$6,640,443. Operating money market and CDs totaled \$1,457,751. Total Liabilities at this time are \$360,244 and Total Equity of \$1,396,507. There was a net income loss for the month of \$26,241. Although this net income loss is considerably lower than previous months, the committee continues to closely monitor our Net Income for recommendations to the BOD. Previously the Finance Committee recommended and the BOD approved use of money markets and CDs to offset the net income losses. Front yard cost center expenses were under budget by \$3,864 and Springdale cost center expenses were over budget by \$809.

Eight vendor proposals were reviewed. Five were recommended for board approval and the other three will be revisited after follow up research. Committee persons and Board Liaison, Claudeen Diaz, were present. Three homeowners and four committee persons were in attendance. There is an opening on the Finance Committee. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting in April. ~ **Barry Ginnetti**

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RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Let's go to the movies! We love hearing those words because movies have been an important part of many of our lives. Some of us may remember going to Saturday matinees at the local theater. A double feature for the admission price of \$1. Hard to beat except here at Four Seasons at Beaumont where movies are free.

We are lucky enough to have a movie theater in the Lodge. The 22 seats are very comfortable. Movies are played every day at 11 am and 3:30 pm. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, there is an additional evening showing at 6 pm. Seating is first come/first seated and popcorn is available for the 11 am and 3:30 pm showings. New movie schedules are posted every Sunday with both printed flyers in the flyer rack in the Lodge and online at fourseasonsbeaumont.org. There is also a special movie phone line that you can call and hear what is playing each day along with some information about the movie. The telephone number is (951) 769-4928.

Our CC&Rs include a set of rules governing the usage of the Theater. You may bring in only popcorn, candy and beverages and

what you carry in, please carry out. You must be courteous and respectful of the staff and all other movie goers. And (although this should go without having to say it), please turn off your mobile device. The Theater is also available for Association special events and Board approval is needed if the event will conflict with the daily movie schedule. Association committees and Board approved clubs may reserve the Theater for special showings which may not conflict with the daily schedule. The Counter Culture Cinema Club and the Chavurah Jewish Social Club along with other clubs usually show monthly or semi-monthly movies for the enjoyment of the residents.

If your favorite movie hasn't been shown, and you want to see it, no problem. You can request movie titles for showing on a future day by advising the Lodge Attendant.

So go to the movies. You can even request a blanket from the Lodge Attendant before the movie begins. Wow! Free movies, popcorn and blankets... this is even better than those double feature Saturday matinees! ~ *Margie Chadburn*

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Spring forward and fall back. We need to utilize our time changes as reminders to check the batteries on our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Check your home and auto emergency kits for expiration dates and completeness. Your home should also be inspected to uncover things that could become a problem during an emergency.

In the event of an earthquake all of your storage and file cabinets should be secured to the wall. Heavy items should be stored below eye level to keep you from getting a concussion. Entry ways and exits must be kept clear to allow for a quick exit. Your pilot lights on your stove and water heater must be kept clear of wood and paper that could start a fire. Limit the use of extension cords and do not extend them across high traffic areas where they could become a trip hazard.

You should do a thorough inspection of your utilities. Make sure your electrical cords are properly connected and grounded to keep

them from sparking. Ruptured gas lines are potentially the most dangerous things in your home. Do not rush to immediately shut off the gas! Using that shiny new tool will shut off the gas but acting too quickly may force you to become the barbecue king until the Gas Company can restore service to your home.

Waterline breaks will force you to use your emergency water supply. The recommendation is one gallon per person per day. So, for my family of three it would mean three blue seven gallon containers of water. Using larger containers would require a pump. You cannot flush your toilet without water so you must use an alternate method of collecting your waste. You can use a five gallon bucket lined with plastic bags with a toilet seat attached to fill the bill. If you are interested in learning more about emergency preparedness, EPC meets the third Tuesday of the month in the RCN Conference Room at 10 am. ~ *Mike Mendoza*



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Architectural Guidelines and Standards were developed from a number of sources. One of the major sources is the Beaumont City Code. Parts of the city code have been incorporated directly into the Guidelines. When those parts of the city code change, the changes are reflected in the guidelines.

Recently, Beaumont added a requirement that all single family residential properties must contain "a minimum of two 24-inch box shade trees within the front yard setback." (A 24-inch box is 2' x 2' x 2'. It is larger than 5 and 15 gallon containers.)

Members of the Architectural Committee and FirstService Residential (our management company) discussed this requirement with Shane Scissons, Permit Technician, for Beaumont.

Shane stated that the requirement for newly constructed and/or landscaped residential yards is two trees. Any yard that only had one tree when the ordinance was passed is not required to plant

an additional tree. However, once a front yard has two trees, the homeowner may not remove one without replacing it. In the event that there are three trees in the front yard one may be removed.

If there is any type of tree replacement or removal, the city must be notified by the homeowner so that a code enforcement agent can drive by and check that there are still two trees in the front yard. K. Hovnanian is currently including two trees in all new landscaping.

All applications submitted to the ARC must show the location of existing front yard trees as well as any plans to move or replace the existing trees.

Please be advised that it is the homeowner's responsibility, not the landscape contractor's, to notify the city. If notification is not made the city will hold the homeowner responsible, not the landscaper or contractor. ~ *Steve Cooley*

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SAFETY COMMITTEE

Our March meeting focused on the crosswalk project and its impact on traffic speed, particularly on Four Seasons Circle. More cars are slowing at the crosswalks to check for pedestrians. We encourage all residents to be aware when approaching the crosswalks and mindful of the 30 MPH speed limit within our community.

Remember that walking is the number one activity for most residents, and a large number are walking their dogs, so safely crossing the road is essential.

It may be necessary to install additional signage in the middle of the crosswalks drawing attention to the fact that state law requires

traffic to yield to pedestrians.

The Emergency 911 Phone has been installed at The Courts.

Other topics discussed were training for the AED machines and an alert system for those using the sauna who may overstay the recommended time and need assistance.

It was also noted that a lot of trash has collected in the water basins in the conservation areas next to the trails.

If you would like to attend the next meeting to raise any safety concerns please join us at 10 am at The Courts on the first Tuesday in April. ~ **Geoffrey Wilson**

COMMUNITY PLANNING & TRANSITION COMMITTEE

This committee is making good progress in meeting its objective to carefully plan the HOA takeover from K. Hovnanian which is anticipated to occur within the next two years. The committee heard the preliminary Lodge parking lot capacity study results, the progress on a dog park installation and a study of amphitheater

modifications. Formulation of a Four Season's HOA master plan will begin.

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**



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Most of us, especially plant lovers, have experienced landscaping challenges of Beaumont. Extreme heat during summer, freezing temperatures in the winter, the omnipresent wind, less than ideal soil conditions, land contour, and pockets of microclimates in Four Seasons are all stressors on the vegetation that we so carefully plant.

These challenges are also faced in the large HOA-maintained areas throughout our community. So, how are the plants selected for these areas?

Initially, landscaping choices are made by the builder and its landscape consultants and approved by the city of Beaumont. Some original choices have proven successful, while others have not.

The Landscape Committee works with our three landscape contractors to enhance and improve on these original choices. In some instances, original landscaping provided by KHOV is supplemented with additional plant material. Plant choices that have proven unsuccessful, for a variety of reasons, may be replaced with options that have proven more successful in other areas of our

community.

In choosing these plants, committee members consider landscape continuity within a specific area of Four Seasons, additional interest in flower or leaf color, size and shape of the plant, purchase costs, long-term maintenance costs, and drought tolerance.

For many of us, the beauty of the landscaping at Four Seasons was a large factor in our decision to purchase a home in this community. From the manicured front yards of the cost center homes to the more natural trail areas, members of the Landscape Committee make regular checks during our group walks and during walks by individual members in specific areas to assure that things continue to meet our high "Four Seasons nice" expectation. While every choice may not suit the particular landscape tastes of every homeowner, we continually strive to assure that both existing and new residents will continue to have a beautiful community in which they can take pride.

Group walks happen every Friday morning-join us some time! ~ **Steve Stoecklein**

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Brownie Hacks

By Irene Welker

For those of you who do not know about food hacks, they are something that makes cooking a dish easier. They essentially make the ordinary into something extraordinary. Here are three of my favorite hacks for brownies.

Brownie hacks start with packaged brownie mix. Brownies are the perfect base for creating more elaborate treats. Use whatever brand or flavor of mix you prefer, then add decadent ingredients such as chopped candy bars, caramel, chopped nuts and/or chocolate, cereal, marshmallows, cookies, etc. The add-ins and toppings are unlimited. To get you started, here are three of my favorite brownie hacks.

All three recipes call for a mix that will bake in a 9" x 13" pan.



Sour Cream Brownies

From Sunny Anderson of Food Network

INGREDIENTS

- 1 18-20 ounce package brownie mix (plus required ingredients), I used dark chocolate flavor
- ½ Cup sour cream
- 2 Tablespoons light brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon sugar (make your own mixing ¼ Cup sugar in with 1 Tablespoon cinnamon)
- 2 drops vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

- Make brownie mix according to package directions. Transfer to a baking dish. Do not bake.
- In a small bowl, stir together the sour cream, brown sugar, cinnamon sugar and vanilla. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls randomly around the top of the batter.
- Drag a skewer or knife through the sour cream areas and batter areas to make random streaks and swirls.
- Bake and cool according to package instructions.



Sweet and Salty Brownies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 18-20 ounce package brownie mix (plus required ingredients), I used chocolate fudge flavor
- 2 Cups Party Mix, such as Chex mix, divided

DIRECTIONS

- Make brownie mix according to package directions. Stir in one cup of the Party Mix. Transfer to a baking dish. Sprinkle the additional cup of Party Mix over the top of the batter.
- Bake and cool according to package instructions.

Decadent Chocolate Mint Brownies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 18-20 ounce package brownie mix (plus required ingredients), I used milk chocolate flavor
- 1 3.5 ounce bar Ghiradelli Dark Chocolate Peppermint Bark, chopped
- ¼ Cup Andes Creme de Menthe Thins. Chopped
- 2 ounces Dark Chocolate topping, such as Smuckers

DIRECTIONS

- Make brownie mix according to package directions. Stir in the chopped chocolate.
- Bake and cool according to package instructions.
- When the brownies are completely cooled, warm the chocolate topping. Drizzle with a spoon over the baked brownies.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our next Neighborhood Watch General Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 10 am in the Ballroom.

We have been told of numerous vehicles on Mesa Verde Park driving through the stop sign and entering the roundabout on Four Seasons Circle. There have been several close calls with other vehicles. Please come to a complete stop before entering the roundabout.

Neighborhood Watch will be scheduling AED training at Four Seasons in the near future. There will be an sign-up list for those interested. This is an important piece of equipment with easy to follow instructions, and has been credited with saving lives. Sign up and we will contact all interested residents when we have a date.

MEDICARE ALERT: Starting April 1, Medicare will be starting a year-long project to replace our current Medicare cards, converting to alphanumeric numbers instead of our Social Security numbers. The new card will be sent to you in the mail. You do not need to request one or do anything. You do not need a temporary card.

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Be safe and protect your personal information. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Medicare, call the police to let them know the scammers are working our area. Never give your personal, bank account or credit card information to anyone claiming to be representing Medicare.

As usual, if you see something, say something. ~ *Jerry Monahan*







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CLASS, GAME, MEETING SCHEDULES

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

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	April 12	9a
General Session	April 12	1p
Committee Chair Mtg	April 16	10a
COMMITTEES	DAY	TIME
Architectural Review	April 4	8:30a
	April 18	8:30a
Communications	April 18	11a
Comm. Planning & Transition	April 26	9a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	April 17	10a
Facilities Committee	April 17	8:30a
Finance Committee	April 27	1p
Landscape	April 17	1p
Lodge Committee	April 25	11a
Rules & Regulations	April 13	9a
Safety Committee	April 3	10a
Social Committee	April 5	5p
OTHER	DAY	TIME
Breeze Editorial Board	April 4	10a
	April 10	10a

Calendar changes?
Please complete a Meeting Change Request Form found on the website or at the Front Desk in the Lodge by the 8th of the month to make it in for the following month's calendar.

1 Easter Sunrise Service at the Summit 6a 	2 Intercessory Prayer 9a Curly Cues 10:30a Bereavement Group 1p Four Seasons Singers 3p Watercolor Open Studio 4p AACC Meeting 6p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	3 Knitting & Crocheting 10a Billiards for Fun 10:30a Billiards for Fun 1p Committee Membership Drive 10 All Day Book Club 9:30a	4 Nbrhd Watch Steering Mtg 10a Singing For Seniors 3p Pack Walk (Summit) 4p Amateur Radio Club 5:45p Motorcycle Club 6p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	5 Take a Hike 8a Cue 4 Two 4p Cue 4 Two 6p Kiwanis Club 6p New Homeowner Orientation 6p	6 Private Party Summit All Day Wild Bunch Billiards 12:30p Seasoned Solos 6p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	7 Private Party Summit All Day Private Party Ballroom All Day 8a Birding Club 8a Pack Walk (Lodge) 8a Billiards for Fun 10:30a Billiards for Fun 1p
8 Machine Quilting 10a Counter Cultural Cinema Club 6p	9 Curly Cues 10:30a Bereavement Group 1p Four Seasons Singers 3p Watercolor Open Studio 4p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	10 Knitting & Crocheting 10a Computer Tech Group 10:30a Billiards for Fun 10:30a Billiards for Fun 1p Writer's Club 1:30p All Seasons RV 6p 4x4 Seasons 7p	11 Nbrhd Watch Gen Mtg 10a FRS Radio Group 12p Singing For Seniors 3p Taste d' Vine Steering Comm 4p Pack Walk (Summit) 4p Amateur Radio Club 5:45p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	12 Board of Directors Meeting 1p Cue 4 Two 4p Wine Club Special Meeting 5p Kiwanis Club 6p Roadrunners RV 6p Classical Music Club 7p	13 Wild Bunch Billiards 12:30p Line Dance Party 5:30p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	14 Pack Walk (Lodge) 8a Billiards for Fun 10:30a Billiards for Fun 1p
15 Machine Quilting 10a Chavurah Social Film Club 6p	16 Curly Cues 10:30a Bereavement Group 1p Four Seasons Singers 3p Watercolor Open Studio 4p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	17 Knitting & Crocheting 10a Billiards for Fun 10:30a Billiards for Fun 1p Camera Club 6:30p	18 Singing For Seniors 3p Pack Walk (Summit) 4p Amateur Radio Club 5:45p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	19 Cue 4 Two 4p Kiwanis Club 6p Cue 4 Two 6p Taste d' Vine 6p	20 Community Family Radio 10a Wild Bunch Billiards 12:30p 8-Ball Club 6:30p	21 Pack Walk (Lodge) 8a Billiards for Fun 10:30a Billiards for Fun 1p Festival of Cultures 5:30p
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Zumba Gold	T/Th	9:30a
*Yoga	M/W	6p
*Pilates	T/Th	8:30a
	Sat	9a
*Kick Boxing	Sat	10:15a

PADDLE TENNIS

Beginners	M	2p
	T	11a
	W/F	8:30a, 2p
	Sat	2p
	Sun	8:30a, 2p

PICKLEBALL

	M/T/Th/Sat	8a
	W	8:30a, 4p

DANCE

Let's Dance!

Beginners	M	6p
Intermediate & Advanced	M	7p
Practice	Th	6p

Line Dance

Very Beginners	T (odd months)	2:15p
Intermediate	T	3p
Advanced	T	3:45p

Heart & Soul

Beginners	W	4p
Intermediate	W	5:30p

SHUFFLEBOARD

	M & Sat	9a
	Sun	12p

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		5:45-7p
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		10:30a-12p
		5:45-7p
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THE COURTS:

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POOL HOURS

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Water Volleyball	TH	11a-12p

PING PONG

All Level Ping Pong	M/ W-Sat	10a
	T	10a
Advanced Play	T	2p

TENNIS

Club Play Time	2nd, 3rd Th	5p
Club Meeting	3rd T	4p
Play Day	Last Sat. of Month	8:30a

LADIES PUTTERS

	M	6p
	F	9a

**Classes have a fee associated with them and must maintain 10+ participants or classes may be cancelled. Contact The Lodge front desk for further information*



CREATIVE DRAWING & SKETCHING CLASS

*This is the perspective of
our Artist of the Month*

Teacher Rob Kelman Carol Teague:

Before 2017, if someone had asked me if I liked to draw, my response would have been, "I don't know." With the teaching skill and direction of Rob Kelman, I have been able to revise my answer to, "yes, I love to draw!"

Rob's drawing class has helped me to discover a new talent and also a new way to see life. With his gentle guidance and his keen sense of shadows and light, I have been able to draw things that have given me great satisfaction and pride.

My hope is that my drawing of John Lennon will remind us all of his dream of love and world peace. Imagine.

Come join us. We meet Mondays 10 am to 12 noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Rob is also teaching Paint Time at Brew Rebellion, 33 S. San Geronio Ave. in Banning. Please call (951) 992-9156 for more information. ~ **Rob Kelman**



Artist of the Month Carol Teague

TASTE D'VINE

Taste d'Vine Wine Club's Ray and Sharon Geiser will be discussing the ABCs of wine (Anything But Chardonnay or Cabernet). They will be researching various wines and this will give us all a chance to try something other than our go-to standards.

Our meeting will be held April 19 (the third Thursday of the month) in the Ballroom. Doors open at 5:15 pm with the meeting starting at 6 pm. Please bring a favorite wine to share with your table along with an appetizer such as crackers, cheese, fruit, desserts or anything in between, along with two glasses for tasting.

Members \$5, guests \$10 and non-resident guests \$15. For info., please contact Terry Hall (714) 369-0828, Terryhall005@gmail.com; or Barbara Mull at BarbaraRN1973@gmail.com. ~ **Terry Hall**



COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

The Computer Technology Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the RCN building. We try to announce the current month's subject via email before the meeting. We encourage discussion and suggestions for future meetings.

Topics vary monthly. We try to present instruction, hints, tips and tricks for the currently popular devices and applications.

Come on out and learn some valuable stuff for your devices. ~ **Howard Lyon**



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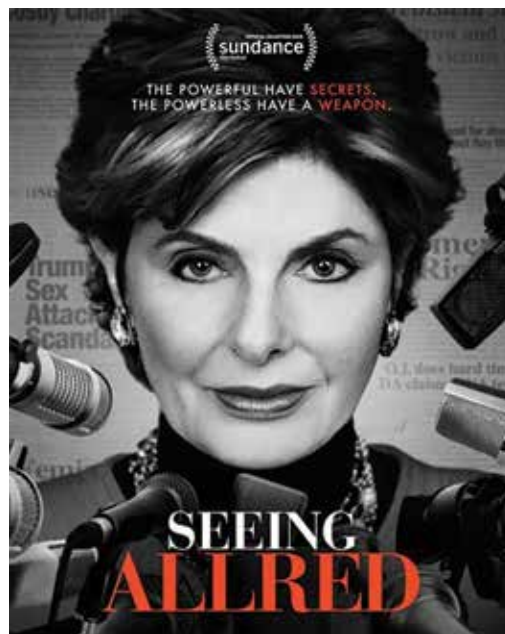
COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA

Come join us for two really interesting small films. The first film was nominated for an Academy Award, and the second was just released.

Our first monthly screening on Sunday, April 8 at 6 pm, is the film *The Florida Project* (USA 2017, 1 hr. 51 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "Set over one summer, the film follows precocious six-year-old Moonee as she courts mischief and adventure with her ragtag playmates and bonds with her rebellious but caring mother, all while living in the shadows of Walt Disney World."



Our second monthly screening, on Sunday, April 22 at 6 pm, is the film *Seeing Allred* (USA 2018, 1 hr. 36 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "Women's rights attorney Gloria Allred takes on the biggest names in American culture as coverage of sexual assault allegations in the media become more prevalent." This documentary is the fascinating story of Allred's life and career.



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**



FOUR SEASONS VETERANS

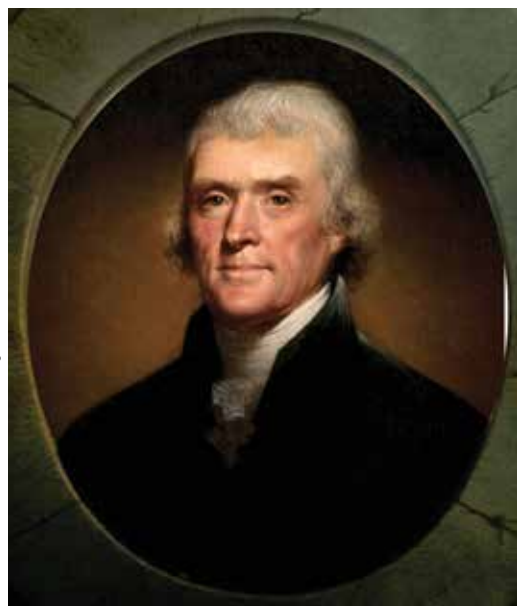
Join the Veterans Club and be recognized as a veteran of any branch of military service on our "Honor Roll," at www.fourseasonsvets.org. We meet every Wednesday at 12 pm in the Lodge. Please contact any Lodge staff or myself at irve@verizon.net or call (949) 422-9969. ~ **Irve Sturner**

Presidents & Forefathers



April 30, 1789: George Washington was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City to become the first President of the United States.

April 13, 1743: Thomas Jefferson was born. He was an author, inventor, lawyer, politician, architect and one of the finest minds of the 1700s. He authored the American Declaration of Independence and later served as the third U.S. President from 1801 to 1809. He died on July 4, 1826, the same day as John Adams.





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CERAMIC CORNER

Back by popular demand, our "Vintage Lace-Like" cup and saucer (right) project is scheduled for April 25, and the class is already filled. We are now taking interest sign-ups to see if we can host a second class in May. Please come by the class if you have any interest in participating and we can provide a status update for a second class and project information. ~ **Pepsi Powers**



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Our group is coming along nicely on the baby blankets for the hospital. We will have a large number to donate by July. We have had a couple of new residents join us in the last month, so the group keeps growing. Anyone interested in learning or refreshing skills, please join us each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 am in the Lodge Craft Room. ~ **Dorothy Payne**

CRAFTY CARDMAKERS

The Crafty Cardmakers meet on Fridays at 1 pm in the Craft Room. The first and third Fridays are our usual class where we make three cards. The second Friday is a technique class and the third Friday is a project class. These classes are more involved and will include two cards.

The cost for all classes is \$6 and that includes all materials and envelopes. You only need to bring your own glue and scissors.

If you're looking for a fun and productive afternoon, please join us and, if you have any questions, please feel free to either call or email chorbaparadise@yahoo.com; (951) 849-6336. ~ **Maryalice Chorba**

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group is looking forward to spring and gearing up with some new projects. We have made "sugar eggs" to bring a bit of spring into our homes or to excite a special little one in our families.

We look forward to welcoming you any Thursday at 10 am. If you have any questions please call Pam Kelley at (951) 769-7967. ~ **Barbara Paules**



Panoramic sugar egg made in the Craft Group

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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. Please be on time! ~ **Emma 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. ~ **Pam Morales**

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. ~ **Karen Farmer**

BRIDGE

It is spring once again and we are celebrating our 12th year of gathering for a game of bridge here at Four Seasons. The original bridge club is made up of dedicated players interested in the art of communicating the rules of the game to their chosen partners. It is a game of continuing education through practice, reading, and sharing information. We also offer a nutritious simple lunch for the enjoyment of our special group.

We invite you to join our group each Monday at 12 noon in the RCN Building. For more information call Helen at (951) 845-9312 or Gordon Sheppard at (714) 390-2610 for classes available at all levels of experience with a professional instructor. ~ **Helen Shoemate-Gurley**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

How fortunate we are here at Four Seasons to be able to accommodate the very successful ACBL sanctioned game of bridge. Our facilities comfortably provides room for classes, 12 tables of bridge and a convenient snack room.

Our club is expanding under the direction of Barbara Revels who is a skilled instructor and director. Call her at (951) 845-1523. We look forward to meeting one another each Friday afternoon at 12:15 pm in the RCN Building. Please call Helen at (951) 845-9312 or Gordon Sheppard (714) 390-2610 for more information regarding our club. ~ **Helen Shoemate-Gurley**

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Even a potluck is fun at Bridge for Fun

BRIDGE FOR FUN

The Wednesday Bridge for Fun Group had our potluck in February at the home of Harry and Carroll Oliver. We enjoyed pizza and salad provided by the group and each brought a delicious appetizer or dessert. There were a lot of laughs as we played bridge word scramble and Geri Ralston won with getting all of them right except for one. Go Geri! We enjoy each other's company every week while playing bridge, so it is even more fun when we periodically all get together and eat and, yes, have a little wine and beer!

The Bridge for Fun group meets each Monday and Wednesday at noon in the Card Room. For information about Monday's game call Bill Guy at (951) 845-5627. Bill is also available to teach the game to new players that want to learn. For Wednesday's game call Verina Rector at (951) 769-1687. ~ **Tom Halley**

RUMMIKUB

Join us Sundays from 2 to 4 pm. Please try to show up by 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 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**



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**

DOMINOES

Sometimes good domino players get in a slump and they disappear for a while; then, suddenly, they make a big comeback. Robert Manuel has been out of the spotlight for a while, just grooving and chilling. But in February he showed up and was the domino champ, winning with 18 games. Congratulations to

Robert...keep on winning, man.

Dominoes are played every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 9 pm in the Lodge Game Room. Come on out, join us, and make some new friends. For more information call Jesse at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie at (951) 769-6483. ~ **Marvin Gaines**

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Robert Manuel won 18 games to become the February Champion

"You Know You're Old" The Comedy & Talent Show New Date! May 18 & 19

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Please Take Note: The Talent/Comedy Show scheduled for April 27 and 28 has been changed to May 18 and 19. Due to the new wood floor and carpeting scheduled for installation, the Ballroom has been deemed unusable for shows and meetings. Please go to your calendars to make note of the change. This show is going to be the talk of our community. It's going to be loaded with funny skits, stand-up comedy, songs, and more. The Producer, John Horning, has proven over several years that he is the man for the job. Every show he has produced has been a blockbuster!

Radio Show last month - We would like to thank every member of the audience for coming out during an evening of cold and inclement weather. You are appreciated! A special "thank you" to Producer, Tom Shelley, for another wonderful show. ~ *Teri Meyers-Kelman*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: John Horning is a prominent member of the Performing Arts Club. While he produces many of our shows, John's talents go way beyond producing. He's written many skits, is a great comedy actor, sings, and is an accomplished magician. He has performed numerous times and is a member of the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood.

John's career was not in theater. He was an actuary (a financial mathematician), for decades before moving to our community, where he has lived for the past 10 years. Before deciding to move here, he was starting looking at active adult properties, with the intent of purchasing a home a few years later. However, he fell in love with Four Seasons and chose to buy a house here, years ahead of his original plan.

John Horning got the acting bug performing in high school plays. Besides acting, he's also an avid spectator, going to see many professional theatrical performances. When Four Seasons had its first talent show, approximately nine years ago, he volunteered to do some magic tricks. At the time, we didn't have a stage, special lighting, and a barely functioning sound system. Much has changed since then. After that first show, John became a regular entertainer and has been part of the Performing Arts Club. Ideas for new shows come to him in the middle of the night. Fortunately, he has trained himself to wake up and write them down.

John's other hobbies are taking singing and piano lessons. He is also an artist who loves to paint.

Thank you, John, for being a very active member of the Performing Arts Club. You are appreciated! ~ *Teri Meyers-Kelman*

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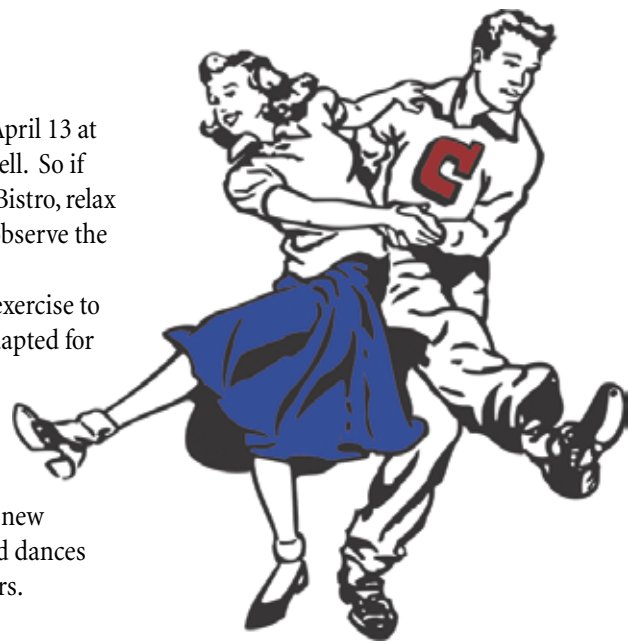
LINE DANCING

Come on everyone... You are invited to a FREE SOCK HOP, in the Ballroom, Friday, April 13 at 5 pm. Although mostly Country line dancing, we will have a variety of other music as well. So if you are not busy, join us. Bring your own favorite beverage to go with dinner from The Bistro, relax and enjoy the music. We will furnish glasses, water and ice. This is the perfect time to observe the dances and meet some neighbors.

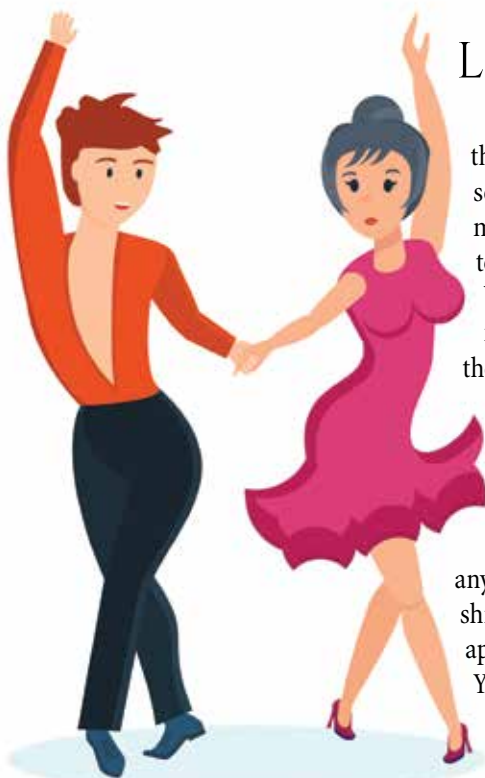
My personal theory is that all music is good for the soul. Add dancing and you have exercise to keep you healthier and stimulate your mind. Country line dancing, especially, can be adapted for minor mobility issues. We call them variations and no one seems to notice the change.

The regular line dancing class is held on Tuesday in the Ballroom. Very Beginning dancers (in odd months only) 2:15 to 3 pm, Intermediate 3 to 3:45 pm, and the advanced from 3:45 to 4:30 pm. I take more time to instruct in the beginner's class and go slowly so that you may learn the steps. The intermediate class gets instructions with new dances and a quick review of dances as needed. The advanced class is more complicated dances with far less instruction. Please bring water and wear shoes that will slide on wood floors.

Hope to see you at the Sock Hop! ~ **Martha Franck**



LET'S DANCE



Our dance for the month of April is the Cha-cha – a fun, lively dance with so many ways to express yourself. The music for Cha-cha is always popular too – it started in the 60s and brings back memories of some fun times for many of us who came of age during those years.

In Cha-cha there are many familiar steps and patterns that may be familiar from Rumba, Waltz and Foxtrot. Additionally, Cha-cha has something you don't get from any of the other dances... to dance in shine position. This is when you dance apart without touching your partner. You can use this dance at other dances where no one is dancing in a "hold" position (or dancing together) and

actually have something to do with your feet besides just jumping around. We know you're going to have a lot of fun with this dance and we look forward to seeing you at class! P.S... We do our Cha-cha at a slower pace so everyone can do it!

Reminder: we have free practice sessions on Thursdays at 6 pm in the Ballroom (if available) or RCN room. We help each other review the steps we learned on Monday. It is a great opportunity to get to know the other club members as well. Remember, the more you practice, the easier and more FUN dancing becomes. Give it a try!

See you in the Ballroom Monday, April 2 from 6 to 7 pm for beginners; 7 to 8 pm for intermediate and advanced. Classes are a bargain price of \$10 per person for professional instruction. Contacts: Puring or Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333 or at purings@verizon.net. ~ **Sue Condurachi**

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LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY

This month, Doc Sellars will continue to facilitate our study of I Peter - Discipleship Lessons from the Fisherman. All interested residents are invited to join us in learning from God's Word and sharing our joys and concerns.

We meet every Tuesday at 7 pm. Our regular meeting location is the third section of the Ballroom. We will notify participants of any room changes by email. 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

The first of February “Believe...” Women’s Bible Study began studying the lesser-read books of the Bible, beginning with Titus, Philemon and Jude in the New Testament. The last of February through the end of May will be devoted to our study of the “minor prophets” in the Old Testament: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. We intend to learn all we can from each of these prophets, to ultimately understand the importance of God including them in the Bible for our benefit today.

On Friday, June 1 we will begin a four-week series on “Blessing Blockers.” What are they, how do they block blessings, and why do

they block? We expect a lot of class participation in these lessons, gleaned from the ladies’ vast experience.

June 8 we will hold our “spring” potluck luncheon. The theme is yet to be determined, but the ladies always look forward to these semi-yearly parties, when we have a lot of time to eat amazing food and socialize with our sisters in Christ.

Ladies, if you have been looking for a Bible study to join, please come check us out. This is an amazing group of beautiful, Godly women who love the Word of God. We meet every Friday from 10:30 to 11:45 am in the Lodge Game Room. Hope to see you soon! ~

Eileen Gilbert-Antoine



INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Greetings friends, neighbors, and the intercessory prayer group. We are calling for all intercessors to come and pray with us for our grandchildren, and great grandchildren. They are the hope for our future. This is the time when we must stand together unified in prayer.

Our grandchildren are taking a stand and we must stand with them. Ronald Regan said: “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same or, one day, we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free. So, do we stand with them, or leave it all up to them?

We must be optimistic for the future of our grandchildren and encourage them. Those who think negatively will be left behind.

We meet every first Monday in the Game Room at 9 am. Come and join us. Looking forward to seeing you. Men are welcome. ~ **Cookie Bonner**

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CHAVURAH (HA-VU-RAH) JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB

On Friday night April 6, the Chavurah will gather at the home of one of the members to celebrate the last weekend of Passover with a semi-traditional Seder (adding modern elements). Passover is the celebration of the freedom of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt, through the leadership of Moses. It has become a tradition with the Chavurah to gather at a home during this time of year. This will be our third Seder.

On April 15, we will be resuming our Bagel and Movie Bash. The movie for this month will be the *Frisco Kid*. We canceled the March movie due to the construction in the Lodge.

Anyone still interested in participating in the Seder is welcome. If you have any questions about our club please feel free to call Nancy Justice at (951) 769-5804.

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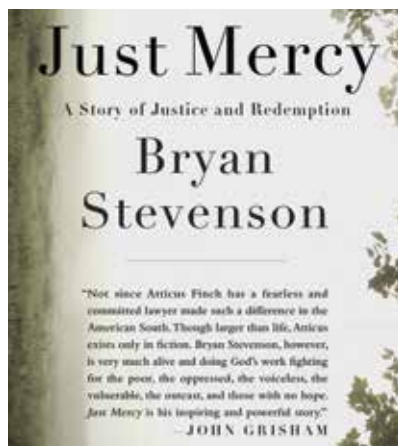
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BOOK CLUB

John Grisham compares Bryan Stevenson, an attorney and the author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, to Atticus Finch. Ironically, the case of Walter McMillan, which is detailed in this non-fiction book, occurred in Monroeville, Alabama, Harper Lee's hometown. An African American man, Walter McMillan was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a white woman, even though he clearly could not have committed the crime. Stevenson has devoted his life's work to representing those, who, like McMillan, the justice system has not delivered justice.

Just Mercy was named among the Best Books of the Year by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Time* and others. It is also the recipient of many literary awards. Join us in the Lodge at 9:30 am on Tuesday, April 10 to discuss this moving memoir.

Looking ahead, our May selection will be *Camino Island* by John Grisham. For more information about the Book Club, please telephone Doreen Sanders at (951) 769-1913. ~ **Doreen Sanders**

WRITER'S CLUB

Wine, sparkling juice, fruit and chocolate enticed about 25 people to attend the Writer's Club reception despite a cold night in February. Guests socialized and mingled and then enjoyed an interactive question and answer session with current Writer's Club members.

Current club members first described their writing process, phobias and success followed by questions from the attendees. Topics included publishing, overcoming writer's block, working with an editor and marketing strategies. A representative from Victory Publishing attended the reception discussing general publishing concerns.

The club members also celebrated their publishing success. Four out of the five members in attendance have published in the last year. The fifth member is finalizing his book and getting ready to submit

for publishing. Another member who was not in attendance also has published.

The reception was conducted to generate interest of the newer members of our community and to determine if changing the meeting time to early evening would encourage them to attend. Several good ideas will be evaluated at the next regular Writer's Club meeting. The club currently meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm in whatever room is available. April's meeting will be on the 10th.

We encourage you to join us if you are just merely curious whether you write poetry, lists or custom birthday cards, the Writer's Club is for you. ~ **Karla Noonan**

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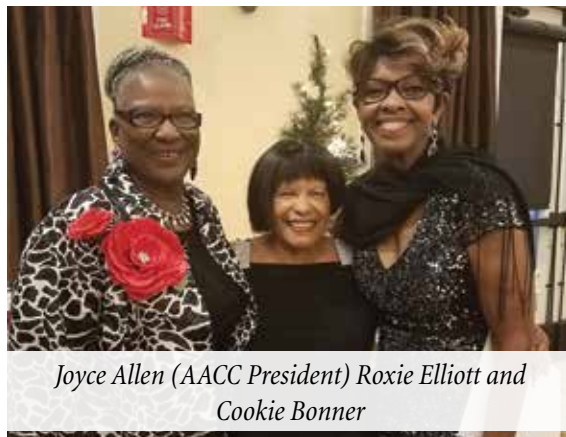
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Volunteering can keep you happy and healthy: Have you ever gone to an event you really enjoyed and thought, "Wow, I have some great ideas that could make this event even better? It would be fun to become a part of a team that can produce events like this!"

Working on a committee is much more than just volunteering. It can be a source of personal and professional growth; you can make new friends, learn new skills, meet new people, or just feel good about yourself.

Being part of a committee can provide a way to reduce sickness and stress because purposeful activities like coordinating events, helping others or doing things you love, along with good conversation actually helps produce a "health promoting" chemical that boosts the immune system.

Research has proven that social isolation is one of the leading

causes of depression in seniors. Loneliness can easily turn to feelings of worthlessness and despair. Interactions and conversations play a very important role in controlling negative thoughts, thereby ensuring mental well-being.

The AACC is best known for putting on fabulous Christmas Galas, and we are actively recruiting enthusiastic committee members to work on this year's team. If this seems like too much, we have a few smaller events like the International Festival on April 21 and the Juneteenth Celebration that need your assistance.

Create more fun in your life by joining a club that is striving to make a difference in our community. We meet the first Monday of the month 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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CAMERA CLUB

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the RCN Main Lobby Room; thus, our April meeting will be April 17.

Last month, I wrote that the Four Seasons Birding Club invited us to join them for a field trip to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We took them up on their offer and, in the words of our chairperson, Irve Sturner, "the 'Birders' did a wonderful job educating the camera club members on a variety of birds we encountered on our joint outing to the wetlands. John Hansen, Larry Colby, Roxy, and I enjoyed the photo shoot day with the Birders. Kudos to both clubs enjoying a very nice morning with nature and sharing expertise with each other."

Camera Club member Steve Edelman, who is also the Chairperson of the Birding Club, said, "we identified 33 bird species, including 10 species of duck and several species of shorebirds, raptors (hawks), and egrets. Highlights included several White-faced Ibis, a tree full of Tree Swallows, and a rare White-tailed Kite. The Camera Club got some good photos of our sightings and had some great opportunities for wildlife photography." See the Birding Club article in this issue.

In our February meeting, we showed photographs from the above-mentioned joint field trip and also, since "birds" was the monthly genre, club members also showed some of their non-field trip bird photos.

Our March meeting had not yet been held at the time of this writing, but the assignment was Portraiture photography. I'll report on this topic next month.

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

hardware and software demonstrations, guest speakers, field trips, and more. We hope to see you soon. ~ *Lyle Cameron*



This collage was designed by our chairperson Irve Sturner using the photos of camera club member Larry Colby in a joint field trip we took with the Four Seasons Birding Club in February to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area

FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

The Singers have started our preparations for the May Performing Arts Club Show, "I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore." It will be held on Fri., May 18 and Sat., May 19. This is a free show put on by the Performing Arts Club and the Four Season Singers will be a part of the show.

If you would like to join the Singers, 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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RAINBOW GROUP

The Four Seasons Rainbow Group is an informal opportunity for our LGBT neighbors (and any other residents who are interested in meeting with us) to keep up-to-date, meet new members and to have a relaxing dinner together. We meet every month on the fourth Thursday. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 26 at 6 pm. We gather at the atrium in the Lodge, order any Smitty's food items that we want and then move to the Lodge Card Room. 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

KIWANIS CLUB OF BEAUMONT

On March 8, we installed two new members into our club. These members are not Four Seasons residents, but they live and work in Beaumont. These younger members will bring a lot to our club with new ideas and the willingness to help our community.

On April 21 the Beaumont Recreation and Park District will hold its annual fishing derby at the ponds in Cherry Valley. The fishing derby on Saturday morning from 8 am to 12 pm is for the young kids up to the age of 16. Beaumont Kiwanis club donates floating bait to the kids and we assist them with their fishing equipment, if needed. Kiwanis members will show them how to tie their fishing hooks to their line and how to cast their line into the water. We have a lot of fun watching the young kids fish and receive prizes for the biggest fish and other prizes.

Several Beaumont High school students have applied for the Kiwanis Scholarships. All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee. The scholarships will be awarded May 17 at Beaumont High School at Senior Awards Night.

We are also working on our 13th Annual Cherry Fest Car &



Motorcycle Show which will be held May 26 at Stewart Park at Ninth & Orange in Beaumont. Entry forms may be obtained online at www.beaumontcherryfestival.org, or Southern California Car Culture. The Cherry Fest Car & Motorcycle Show is one of our biggest fundraisers. Last year we had 175 cars on display and several motorcycles. We had several hundred people came out to view the cars and motorcycles. We also have a BBQ of hotdogs and brats.

We are looking for new members. The more members we have the more service we can do in the community and helping the children of the world.

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 p.m. Many of the members come early and order at the Bistro and eat prior to the meeting. You do not need to be a resident of Four Seasons to be a Kiwanis member.

For further information, Call Buzz Dopf at (909)208-0880. Hope to see you soon! ~ *Buzz Dopf*

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

We are classical music lovers with an interest in sharing our love, knowledge, and interest in classical music. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Theater. We listen to and watch musical selections on the big screen. Each month we focus on a particular work or several selections of one composer. We also discuss current musical performances in the area. We welcome new members. Contact Steve Benoff at steve.benoff@verizon.net or (310) 413-4896. ~ *Steve Benoff*



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*

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Bob Becker and Mike Fisher won first place in the BFFG tournament



Johnny Ramirez and Bob Semler take second place

BILLIARDS FOR FUN

We have been busy participating in tournaments here at Four Seasons. On Feb. 12, the Curly Cues (CC) invited the Billiards for Fun Group (BFFG) for their semi-annual challenge: The “guys” of the BFFG against the “girls” of the Curly Cues. It was quite a challenge, since the BFFG had a “last pocket” handicap. (Just to give them more of a challenge, of course. Not to give the CCs any advantage. Right?) Sigh! In spite of the handicap, the BFFG guys prevailed as winners represented by David Thomason and Johnny Ramirez (see the Curly Cues article on the next page for more information). Congrats to all our amazing players! You all played your hearts out and were really nice to the CC ladies as well.

On Feb. 20, the BFFG held its quarterly in-house tournament. The first session winners, Bob Becker and Mike Fisher, returned at

2 pm to play the best two out of three against the afternoon winners, Johnny Ramirez and Bob Semler. Bob and Mike came in first place, followed closely by Johnny and Bob. It was a really fun tournament and all the players enjoyed the competition.

Hey all you billiard players out there who want to join the BFFG in the hopes of challenging our newest heroes — please come by the Billiards Room in the Lodge any Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm or 1 to 3 pm (we have two sessions) and play at least three times in the next three months to qualify for our next in-house tournament scheduled for May 22. We need you! And, we also have an informal practice session every Saturday open to the community in the same time slots. Bring your pool stick (or use one of ours) and come join the fun! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*

THE 8-BALL CLUB

Eight players were present to vie for the monthly 8-Ball In-House tournament; a few of our other members were sick and a few were travelling but we resolved to have a good time anyway. Thanh Harrah was victorious in three rounds of play but fell to her husband Roland Harrah. From the loser's column she defeated Brian Anderson to jump back into the finals against me, undefeated in five rounds. It was a hard fought win but I succeeded in winning game one and so Roland Harrah took the honors for the monthly 8-Ball Champion.

Nine Ball saw Ray Windhorn emerge undefeated in six rounds. Meanwhile I became his opponent in the finals after one loss to Gary Christie who sunk the 9 Ball on the break (good job Gary). I went on to win five straight games to meet Ray in the finals. Alas, Ray was victorious and secured the monthly 9 Ball Championship. Congratulations, Ray!

We have a great team and wonderful times playing the games we love so 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**



Top left: Thanh Harrah shoots

Top right: Roland Harrah and Ray Windhorn

Left: Thanh and Roland Harrah

CURLY CUES

Our Curly Cues had a busy month with tournaments.

On Feb. 12 we played the guys in our Billiards for Fun Group. We gave it our best shot, but they beat us. Our top Curly Cue team was Tracey Laykoff and Jane Slamer against Johnny Ramirez and Dave Thomason for the BFFG.

Congratulations, guys. The ladies are getting better and better so we'll get ya next time.

On Feb. 26 we hosted our first outside tournament against the Side Pocket Sisters from Solera in Hemet. Before getting down to business we started the morning with coffee and pastries during a short meet and greet period. We found out quickly we had a lot in common and were very well matched. Our top team was Joy Collins and Beverly Lunetta. Unfortunately, the Side Pocket Sisters took the final game but they are looking for a rematch in May.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our honorary member, Dave Martin, also known as CC Martin.

New members are always welcome. We have two sessions on Monday from 11 am to 1 pm and 1 to 3 pm. We are willing to help those who have never played.

Please call Leta at (626) 695-0798 or Pat at (714) 325-5280 if you have questions. ~ **O'Leta Ramirez and Pat Semler**



Left: Jane Slamer & Tracey Laykoff

Bottom Left: Dave Thomason & Johnny Ramirez

Bottom Right: Honorary Curly Cue Dave Martin



CUES FOR TWO

Cues For Two is a couples billiard group and is really growing in size! In April we will be adding a second session from 4 to 6 pm as we have had so many show up for our 6 to 8 pm session we have had to have couples rotate in, which means they have to wait to play. A second session will avoid this and everyone will get to play without waiting.

Our first tournament was scheduled for March 8 but had to be rescheduled due to Lodge renovations. Winners will be announced

in the May issue of the Breeze.

If you're looking for a fun way to spend quality time and meet other couples, this is the group you want to join. Many great friendships have been formed here and we always have fun!

Hosted by Johnny and Leta Ramirez, (626) 695-0798 and Bob and Pat Semler, (714) 325-5280. Please call if you have questions. ~ **O'Leta Ramirez and Pat Semler**

BASKETBALL

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WHEELBARROW GROUP

The Wheelbarrow Group meets Wednesdays at 5 pm (October through March), 6 pm the rest of the year at The Summit. We have warm up exercises, timed races, tournaments and, of course, pot lucks.

Our winners for the March 14 five mile tournament were Delilah and Hedley Lamarr. There was a brief controversy at the finish line as another set of competitors accused them of using performing enhancing drugs, but it turns out they were both just drunk on rum, which is a legal, and often encouraged, substance in the sport of wheelbarrowing.

For those of you who don't like to compete and just want to enjoy the fresh air and fun of wheelbarrowing, we have a more casual subgroup called "Wheelbarrowing for Fun" and they meet on Tuesdays at 5 pm. Bikinis/speedos are mandatory uniforms for this group.

If you would like to participate, find a partner and join us! ~ *Cleavon Little*

TOPS

It's April and the outdoor pool is heated and ready for use. I don't know if that scares anyone else but it does me (really Cheryl you need to get over it). I do have my TOPS meeting and support group that will make it easier to deal with this year. We have a great group of encouragers and get a lot of inspiration from all those who have been successful on this, often difficult journey.

In the month of February our biggest losers were Marty Bauer who lost 4.2 pounds and two runners up, Jardane Castles and Patricia Pendergraph, who both lost 2.8 pounds. We also had many interesting topics during the month including getting 10,000 steps and why this should or should not be our goal. Relaxation techniques reduce stress, one of the reasons that some of us eat. There is also a

group challenge to lose five pounds by June.

TOPS is also very affordable with a yearly membership fee of \$32, which includes a magazine with a lot of great information which we receive bi-monthly. Chapter dues are \$3 per month. We meet at the Lodge on Tuesday mornings with weigh-in from 8 to 8:30 am and the meeting 8:30 to 9:30 am. You may attend one meeting with no obligation. You really need to come and see what we are about. Look at it this way: You have nothing to lose but weight and you may gain better health along the way.

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

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LADIES PUTTERS GROUP

Hot weather and a mild winter created a long putting season for the Ladies Putters Group. Stiff winds, soaking rain and snow were the only times that caused a cancellation of the putting of this determined group!

We celebrated our second-session winners at our General Session Awards party at the Summit on March 22. Several ladies received special recognition.

Many Ladies Putters will be volunteering at the LPGA Women's

Golf Tournament at the Tukwet Canyon Golf Club in early April. We will get to see the future stars of the LPGA!

The Putters of Four Seasons invite all ladies to join the Ladies Putters Group. We meet on the putting green at the Courts on Monday evenings at 6 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am. We play 9 holes and most games are finished within one hour. See you on the green! ~

Judy Irving

HORSESHOE CLUB

"April Showers bring May Flowers," so they say, and we've had a few showers, so I'm looking forward to May. But let me tell you about our First Quarter Tournaments: Our Doubles was held the last week of February with Jim Samples and partner John Hyland taking first place, and Dave Roldan and partner Larry Haig coming in second. Our Singles was held the first week of March with Rich Yanes taking first place and Harry Henderson coming in second.

Our monthly socials for 2018 began in February with Dave and Barbara Thomason being our hosts for dessert after dinner at The Bistro. Very well done Dave and Barbara. I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't solicit new members. If you are interested just a little bit, come out and give this sport a try; you may like it and the group of great guys in our club. Women are welcome, also. We meet every Wednesday at 9 am at The Summit. Contact Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**



A few members of the Horseshoe Club



(L-R): Jim Samples and John Hyland took first in Doubles



Singles winners (L-R): Harry Henderson (2nd) and Rich Yanes (1st)



RV Club plays bingo at Pechanga



Happy birthday to Luanne Kenyon and Rick Brower

ALL SEASONS RV

Have you been suffering in the frost and snow and Beaumont breeze? Are you looking for a warmer climate with fun things to do. Well come with us? We just came back from Pechanga RV Resort.

Above is a picture of the lucky group playing Bingo. Dave was a big winner along with Luanne and Natalie. We also celebrated Luanne's and Rick's birthdays at dinner with the group.

We are planning trips to Bishop, Desert Hot Springs, Borrego Springs, Yucaipa Regional Park, Sedona, and more this year and would love to have you come along. We meet the second Tuesday at 6 pm in the Lodge, or contact our resident chef Bob Cooper at (909) 684-6388 or President Ron Burke at (909) 203-8005 for more information. ~ **Larry Z**

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Older adults can achieve the same benefits from dog ownership as younger folks. For example, a survey of adults 60 years and older showed that dog owners walk more than non-owners and have lower blood triglyceride levels. Pet owners are also more likely to remain more active than non-owners.

Senior dog owners enjoy improved physical activity, spending more time outdoors and walking about twice as often as non-owners. Older dog owners also experience less stress and loneliness, better nutrition, and a stronger focus on the present.

Seniors in mobile home parks in central California were asked to take typical daily walks. Dog owners walked once with their dogs and once without their dogs. Walkers carried a hidden tape recorder to monitor conversations during these walks. Non-owners tended to talk about health problems and the past, while dog owners were more likely to talk about their dogs and present day events. Walking with the dog also promoted light, social banter with the dog during the walk when not speaking with other people. Therefore, walking with a dog tends to promote a healthier focus on the present and not on one causing health concerns in seniors.

The health benefits of having a pet include: reduced risk of allergies, asthma and eczema, lower blood pressure, a stronger heart, improved fitness, and greater calm for Alzheimer's patients.

For example, simply petting an animal can cause one's blood pressure to drop. A study was done where hypertensive stock brokers were instructed to either pet an animal or take a hypertensive drug to help quell their mental stress. Those who adopted an animal had a better reduction in blood pressure than those who took a hypertensive drug.

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CAT TALES... THREE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CATS

For those of us who own cats, we've learned to interpret their every distinctive meow, sound, and behavior. Cats are unique in so many ways, from the shape of their eyes to the reasons they purr. Here are three interesting facts about cats that remind us why they're such amazing creatures and companions:

1. Cats don't only purr when they are happy. While cats purr when they're happy or satisfied, they also purr in stressful situations, and this has spurred research about what purpose it serves. Researchers have determined that cats purr at frequencies between 25 and 150 hertz, a frequency range that can improve bone density and promote healing. According to Leslie Lyons, a professor at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis, cats may purr as a way to stimulate their bones and muscles without expending energy or stressing their bodies. In other words, purring is a means of communication and a potential source of self-healing.

2. Cats are possibly the only mammal that can't taste sweetness. Cats, including lions, tigers and domestics, lack the amino acids that make the DNA for the gene allowing them to detect sweet tastes. Researchers believe this may be related to the fact that cats are

There are many health benefits of owning a pet. The companionship of pets can help manage loneliness and depression. Pets can increase opportunities to exercise, participate in outdoor activities, and socialize. Therefore, regular walking or playing with pets can decrease blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and triglyceride levels. Remember, healthy pets = healthy people!

Dawn Marcus, M.D.

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- Saturday morning, 8 am, meet at the Spa parking lot
- Wednesday afternoon, 4 pm, meet at the Summit parking lot (please, no retractable leashes)

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dog_owners@yahoo.com. ~ **Patrick Gerety**



primarily carnivores and are descended from a long line of meat-eaters and have no need to detect the sweetness that is found in carbohydrates or plant-based sources of food. However, many of us have cats that love sweets (mine likes cake, ice cream, and anything raspberry flavored). Researchers attribute this to cats enjoying the sensation of creaminess, fat, or tartness, and not the sweetness of the item.

3. A cat's brain is biologically more similar to a human brain than it is to a dog's. Both humans and cats have identical regions in their brains that are responsible for emotions. We have a similar overall brain structure as well, according to Nicholas Dodman of the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Just like humans, cats have temporal, occipital, frontal and parietal lobes of their cerebral cortex. Cats seem to think in the same pattern as humans, too, partly owing to the similarity of neurotransmitters, which are used in conveying data. Cats receive input from the basic five senses and process that data just as humans do.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 25 in RCN 3. Contact us at fsbtailsandtrails@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Four Seasons DOG | Tails and Trails. ~ **Toni Adams**



Pickleball players had fun at the Loma Linda Pickleball Tournament in January



Gold medalist Janelle Von Kleist

PICKLEBALL

January and February were busy months for our pickleball group. Many of us participated in the Loma Linda Pickleball Tournament in January. It was a fun event and we had several of us medal. Janelle Von Kleist won gold and Gracy Luna won silver in the woman's round-robin event. Richard Carrasco won gold in the men's round-robin event. We are so proud of their victories!

In February, many of us played in the Palm Desert Senior Games. This tournament is very tough with serious competition from other picklers all over the country and snow birds too! None of us received a medal, but several made it to higher brackets. Good experience and fun for all. Thanks to those family members and other team mates that came and cheered for our players. Of course the lunch out afterwards is always a good time.

We continue to have growing numbers as more people at Four Seasons discover this fantastic sport. We play every morning from 7 am. Also, for new players, we have drills and basic instruction on

Tuesdays at 9 am and Thursday nights at 4 pm.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Nancy Barnaby at (951) 845-0842 or rbarnaby38@verizon.net.

Here are some tips to think about when playing!

When serving: Get up to line, decide on your serve, relax, then serve! Never talk and never hurry!

Hitting and moving: Do not rush and run through your shot to get to the kitchen line. STOP hit and move up as you can.

Ball coming: STOP get yourself set up and in position to strike the ball. Always strike the ball in front of you or beside you-never behind you.

Stand at kitchen line and think: Give me the ball! Give me the ball! This way you will always be ready - look for the ball every time. You have to want that ball every shot.

Happy pickling! ~ **Marty Key**

PADDLE TENNIS

Some new players may be confused by our play style. Sometimes we play a set, sometimes one game. Sometimes we rotate one player in, but other times we bring in two. Over the years that we have been playing, we have developed some guidelines that insure all players get equal play time regardless of level of play. It is no fun to be sitting on the bench while other players play multiple games. So the following guidelines ("rules") have been approved by the Paddle Tennis Committee:

These are based on how many players are present and available to play at any given time. This may change at any time new players arrive or players leave.

Four players present: Play one set (first team to win three games); Change teams until each combination of players have played together

Five players present: Play only one game, then rotate a player in from the bench.

Six players present: Play two in two out,

winning team remains until they win three games in a row then the next team can request the players to split or they can challenge the current winners. It is up to the new team coming in to decide.

Seven players present: Same as with 6, but incoming team should include the player sitting the longest on the bench.

Eight players present: Same as four players present, just use two courts. The two winning teams then play each other. The "second place teams, play each other. After, two sets, mix up the teams. A set is first team to win three games.

Nine players present: Play only one game, rotate extra player in between the two courts.

10 players present: Same as 6 players, two in and two out using both courts.

11 players or more: Same as 9 players. Play only one game, rotate extra player in between two courts. Player sitting longest on the bench rotates in first. ~ **Diana Ali**



I came to live at Four Seasons full time in 2010 and the first activity that attracted me was Table Tennis. It was there that I was invited to play the game of Paddle Tennis. I didn't know anything about it, had never handled a tennis racket... but I tried and was hooked. I can see the advantage the tennis players have, so it has been a slow process. I'm doing a lot better now and join other beginners on Tuesdays at 11 am. It's fun and we invite anyone new to Four Seasons to join us. ~ **Paco Paez**



Post play pizza party



Sachia Vickery wins qualifier at BNP Paribas Open

TENNIS CLUB

March came in like a polar bear. Whether it goes out like a lamb, you will know when you receive the *Breeze*. Despite a wintery chill, we had a great February Play Day on a sunny, wind-free morning. The courts were full and everybody was getting in to games and matches. Afterwards, some gathered at Smitty's for pizza and camaraderie.

The BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament was held March 5 to 18. Many members and other tennis fans went to Indian Wells for the first two days for qualifying and practice rounds. The qualifiers who were trying to play their way into the tournament draw played some amazing tennis, exerting their full energy and power on every shot, even as they were having to race left and right to return the exacting shots of their opponents. Qualifying for the tournament is important, because then the players can make some money and not have to pay \$25 to park. One disappointment was that left-hander Rafael Nadal withdrew from the tournament because of an injury to his "poor widdle wristy-wrist." What a namby-pamby. I have a bad knee, a bad elbow, a bad shoulder, a bad back-hand, a bad attitude, and an inflated prostate, and I still play. Not well, of course.

As of the press deadline for the *Breeze*, final planning for our March 10, first ever Social Inter-Club Tennis Event involving Four Seasons Beaumont and Sun Lakes Tennis Club players is underway. Plans are for Mixed Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Men's Doubles matches. Planned for after the matches is a barbecue lunch for players, friends, and guests. Thanks to cooperation from our Ping Pong colleagues, the lunch was to be held in the Multipurpose Room at The Courts.

Other activities have included the start of a "Newbies" tennis group for new and restarting tennis players with tutelage from Irve, Chuck, and other Club leaders who actually have something to teach. Those sessions are on Saturday mornings.

Not necessarily club activities, but there are other tennis playing opportunities throughout the weeks, including a Ladies Group that Bernadette Martin convenes on certain Tuesdays. There are also groups that play on most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Sometimes there are opportunities to join in, so come out and ask the players about it.

And we have monthly Play Days on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 9 am until the weather heats up. ~ **Steve Hovey**

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Congratulations to Niles Sundstrom and his doubles partner Agus, who took home the silver medal for the over-75 bracket at the Palm Desert Senior Games on Feb. 8.

Due to lack of interest, the women's singles and doubles tournaments were canceled. Stay tuned next month for the results of the men's singles and doubles tournament. A mixed doubles tournament will be upcoming during the May/June time frame. Information and sign-up sheet will be posted at The Courts. Come join the fun. ~ *Tracey Laykoff*

FISHING CLUB

When I was a young man I use to fish at least twice a week or more. My main goal was to go out and catch the biggest fish and always get the limit. When people told me they liked to fish because it was relaxing and enjoyable to be with their good friends I thought that was crazy. When people caught one or two fish they would tell me that was more than enough for them. I always believed that the main reason to go fishing was to catch fish and plenty of them.

Now that I am a little older my ideas on fishing has changed. I no longer want to get up before the sun comes up and go fishing. I want to sleep and enjoy my warm bed as long as possible before I go fishing. I want to take as many of my friends with me as possible so that I can enjoy their conversations while we are fishing. When I go fishing out of town I want to stay at a four star hotel and enjoy all the comforts of home. I refuse to fish in the rain or snow. Bad weather keeps me at home safe and sound.

Don't get me wrong I still love to catch fish. The difference now is that I go fishing to relax and enjoy my good friends that go with me to experience the joys of fishing. When I see kids fishing and catching fish I get excited and happy for them. I know that when they grow up they will remember the great times they had fishing when they were young.

Believe it or not, fishing does have its rewards. I went to Lake Wolford with my friend Dennis Boozer and we caught a three and a

half pound catfish. For the month of February, we caught the whopper of the month. We got a free boat rental and a free one-day pass to fish. I wasn't expecting to get anything, so that was a wonderful surprise.

The old saying that life is short is very true, especially when you are in your golden years. It is a good time to enjoy life to its fullest and go and catch a few fish.

Tight lines to all my friends and remember to give some of the fish that you catch to your friends or neighbors. It is always better to give than to receive. ~ *Richard Carrasco*



Ted Troia and Lou Steiner, newest members of fishing club, trying their luck for trout at local lake

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MOTORCYCLE CLUB

It's been a very dry winter and, yes, we need the rain! However, we are making the most of it by taking some incredible winter weekly rides that are usually reserved for the warmer spring and summer months. This includes recent day trips to Big Bear and San Clemente, among others. And speaking of spring and summer, we have some great multi-day rides in the works. Our week-long ride to Utah is on schedule for May and we are in the planning stages for a two-day trip to Solvang in July. And, of course, it's never too early to be planning trips for next fall. Plans are well underway for a four-day run to Laughlin in November in addition to a two-day run to Jacumba (east of San Diego near the Mexican border) that is still in the planning stages. 2018 is really shaping up to be a good year for the club.

We are very pleased to welcome four new members: David Burchartz has been joining us on our weekly rides on his sweet BMW K1200; Scott Snyder is also one of our new members and a regular weekly rider on his beautiful Victory Vision; Mark Snyder joined us recently on our Big Bear ride on his Honda Gold Wing and our newest member is Bill Steele on his new shiny blue Harley Davidson Low Rider. Welcome aboard gentlemen!

Also, congratulations to Paul Bricker and Howard Lyon (both are past-presidents and long-time members of the Four Seasons MC). Paul and Howard recently attended the Southern California Motorcycle Association Awards Banquet. Both qualified for awards. Paul was recognized for completing the "California Adventure Tour" that requires visiting twenty-four national parks and monuments in California. He did all this on his Harley Davidson Street Glide. Howard was recognized for completing the "Three Flags Classic"

that requires riding from Canada to Mexico in four days. Howard accomplished this on his BMW K1600GTL. Well done!

We ride every Thursday (weather permitting). We meet at the Lodge parking lot around 8:45 am for a briefing and we are on the road promptly at 9 am. These are generally around 150 to 200 mile rides including a casual lunch. It all makes for a fun time spent with friends sharing a love of motorcycles; we are usually back home by mid-afternoon. If you would like to know more about our group, a great way to do this is by joining us on one of our Thursday rides. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our club president, Terry Humble, at (951) 381-1354. ~ **Jim Ayala**



Members relaxing after arriving in San Clemente, enjoying lunch at the San Clemente pier. Clockwise from left: Rich Wayne, Bob Howard, Ron Morgan, Jim Ayala, Scott Snyder and Terry Humble.



The whole crew enjoyed the Oakmont Trail in Redlands

TAKE A HIKE CLUB

Our February hike consisted of a three-mile R.T., dirt trail with moderate elevation gain at Oakmont Trail in Redlands. The hike was led by Bev and Walt Webster. A very light sprinkling of rain added to the enjoyment of the walk and we found time to stop occasionally and enjoy the beautiful views. Oakmont Trail is a two to three mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Redlands, that offers scenic views. The trail is rated as moderate and primarily used for hiking, walking, trail running, and horses. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

Hungry after our hike, the group drove to George's Market in Calimesa. George's Market features an absolutely authentic German deli and the food was delicious. Good food, good friends and good conversations added up to a terrific hiking experience.

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

BIRDING CLUB

We welcome all birders to start or hone bird ID skills. Our main activity is a monthly bird walk along our nature trails, which follow native riparian woodlands. We also take trips to local birding hot spots, discuss backyard bird feeding, and discuss unusual species and behaviors.

The Camera Club joined us for a field trip to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We identified 33 bird species: 10 species of duck and several species of shorebirds, raptors (hawks), and egrets. Highlights included several White-faced Ibis, a tree full of Tree Swallows, and a rare White-tailed Kite. The Camera Club got some great photos of our sightings (see their article this month).

During our March bird walk, we identified 16 species. The highlight was a female Anna's Hummingbird sitting on a teacup nest in plain view. Other highlights included a Coopers Hawk, American Goldfinches, and a soaring Red-tailed Hawk, the first sighting of this common species on a club bird walk.

We meet the first Saturday of the month at 8 am in the RCN Lobby, discuss birding, then go on our bird walk. Bring binoculars or just come to a meeting and ask about birding gear. Sometimes our schedule changes, so before coming to a meeting and to receive club communications, email Steve Edelman at steve.h.edelman@gmail.com. ~ **Steve Edelman**



San Jacinto Wildlife Area field trip with the Birding and Camera Clubs



*An adult female Anna's Hummingbird nests along Trail A.
Photo by John Hansen, Birding Club member.*

Bird of the Month

Many residents have hummingbird feeders and most hummers at the feeders are Anna's Hummingbird (adult male photo inset, courtesy Marilyn Meadows Photography). Like most hummingbirds, Anna's are mostly iridescent emerald green. The adult male has an iridescent rose-pink throat, called a "gorget," that looks black unless the light is just right (see photo). The adult female, such as the bird photographed on its nest during the club's March bird walk, has a few red feathers on the throat (see photo). All immature birds have a pale throat.

Hummingbirds are New World animals. Christopher Columbus wrote about them and wondered if they were a cross between a bird and an insect! Later, hummingbirds became fashionable ornaments in Europe. Native Americans held them in high esteem



with legends of them poking holes in the night sky that became the stars. When temperatures fall, Anna's and many other species of hummingbirds enter "torpor" — their breathing and heart rate slow and their body temperature falls. In courtship displays, males climb 130 feet into the air then swoop to the ground with a characteristic sound they produce through their tail feathers.

In the first half of the 20th century, they bred only in northern Baja and southern California, but the planting of exotic flowering trees together with a warming climate have allowed the Anna's Hummingbird to expand its breeding range north to southern Canada. Anna's Hummingbirds are present here year round. ~ **Steve Edelman**

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BOCCE BALL

Bocce Ball is played at the Summit: 9 am Tuesdays, 3 pm Wednesdays and 3 pm Fridays. Hours remain constant until the days are too warm. Everyone is welcome, including guests and family.

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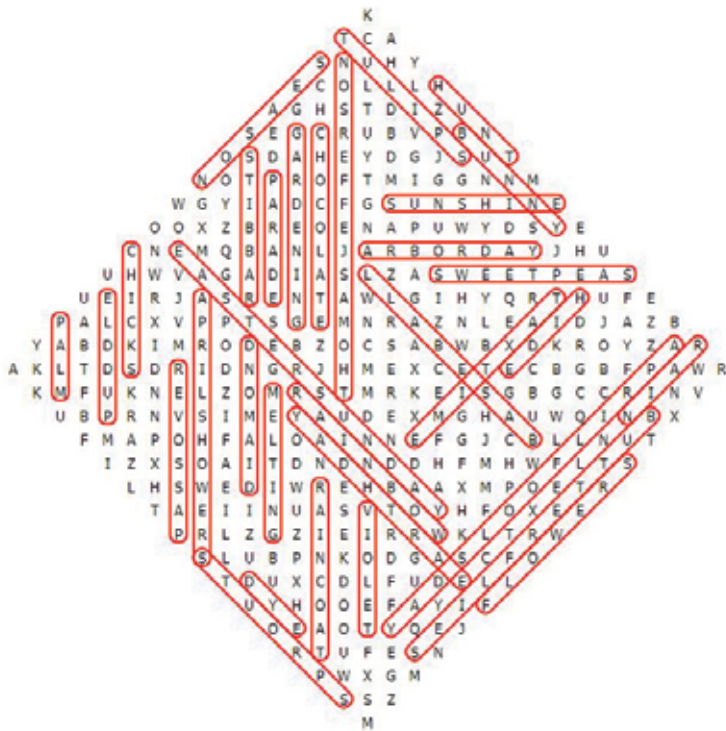
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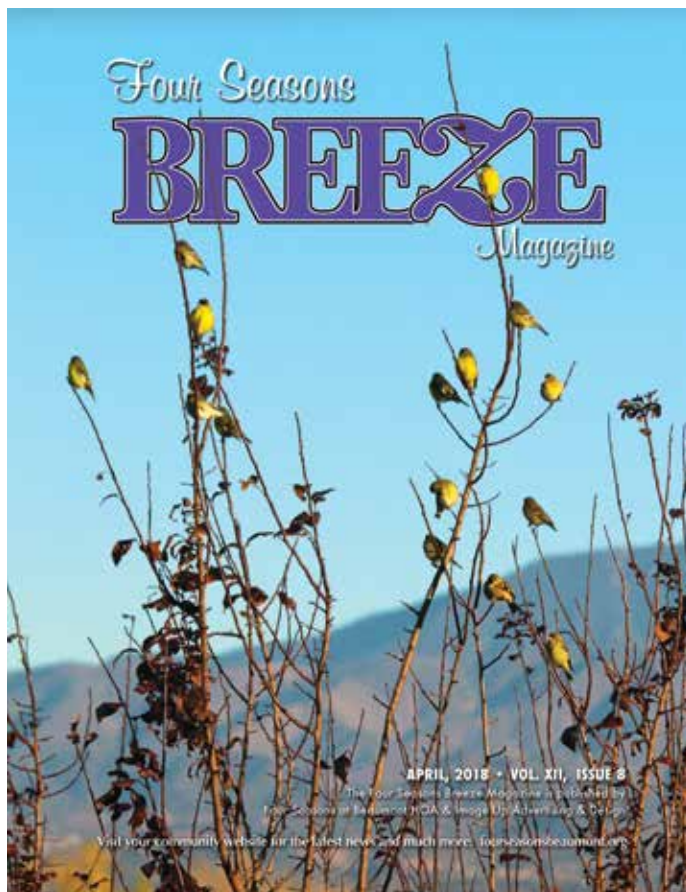
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