

The background of the magazine cover is a photograph of a park-like setting. In the foreground, there is a pond with greenish water. Two ducks are visible: one is a brown duck sitting on a rock in the water, and the other is a mallard duck standing on a rock in the water. Behind the pond is a low stone wall. In the background, there is a wooden bridge or walkway with a railing, and some trees and foliage. The title 'Four Seasons Breeze Magazine' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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## Coronavirus update: **Staying safe**

To help contain the spread of COVID-19, it is critical that individuals and families **continue to stay at home** and practice social distancing. It may be difficult at times, but it will save lives.

- **Stay home if you can**  
Unless you need food, medicine, or medical care.
- **Put distance between yourself & others**  
Ideally stay 6 feet away and wear a face covering, even outdoors. Kids, too.
- **Develop ways to de-stress**  
Make time to unwind, eat well, exercise, and **safely** stay in touch with others.
- **Wash your hands often**  
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- **Avoid touching your face**  
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More on caring for yourself and others at [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov).

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# In the Breeze

*When we sent this issue to the printer on April 15, our community was under a stay-at-home order and all were required to wear masks outside. The Breeze staff couldn't predict if residents would still be restricted or be free to return to normal activities when this magazine reached your mailboxes.*

*Our knowledge and response to the pandemic keep evolving so some information may not be valid by May 1. We encourage you to look to our website, [fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://fourseasonsbeaumont.org), the Daily Report, and to committee, club, group, and class contacts for the most up-to-date information.*

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*Stay home and stay safe (unless, of course, the mandate has been lifted when you read this — in that case, go out, have fun, and stay safe).*

**Instead of the Get the Joke contest,  
we are going to run a count the  
butterflies contest! For more  
information, see page 23.**



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT *By Eric Zarr*

While we navigate the way we operate due to COVID-19, we have relied heavily on the Daily Report and website to bring you the most up-to-date information possible. We are urging everyone to sign up for the Daily Report by emailing your name and address to [issues@fourseasonsbeaumont.org](mailto:issues@fourseasonsbeaumont.org) and we will add you to the list.

As a team, we strive to keep the day-to-day business of the Association moving forward as we weather this moment in time. We want you to know we are here and ready to answer your questions and address your concerns. Please reach out to us by email at [issues@fourseasonsbeaumont.org](mailto:issues@fourseasonsbeaumont.org) or by calling The Lodge at (951)769-6358 any day from 7 am to 7 pm.

Please don't forget to vote! There are 10 candidates running for five open positions as the builder is now off the Board. There is

cumulative voting again this year so you can cast all five votes for one candidate. You can also cast one vote for five candidates or any other whole number combination. What can't be done is portions of a vote — 2.5 votes for candidate "a" and 2.5 votes for candidate "b." You also can't cast more than five votes. Ballots are due by 5 pm May 10 and will be opened on May 11 and 12. The new Board will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 14 at 1 pm. If you have any questions on the ballot or how to vote, please give me a call as I want to make sure you are able to exercise your ability to vote.

I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this time. As soon as we can open up the facilities and have everyone in the clubhouses playing cards and using the facilities, we will. We will get through this together.

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# *there is a light at the end of the tunnel*

*And people stayed at home  
And read books  
And listened  
And they rested  
And did exercises  
And made art and played  
And learned new ways of being  
And stopped and listened  
More deeply  
Someone meditated, someone prayed  
Someone met their shadow  
And people began to think differently  
And people healed.  
And in the absence of people who  
Lived in ignorant ways  
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
The earth also began to heal  
And when the danger ended and  
People found themselves  
They grieved for the dead  
And made new choices  
And dreamed of new visions  
And created new ways of living  
And completely healed the earth  
Just as they were healed.*

*~ Catherine M. O'Meara*





# waxing poetic

## An Unordinary Ordinary Day

A Pandemic Poem by Andrea Zehner, Four Seasons Resident

*We wake up and turn on the morning news,  
and listen to updates till feeling the blues.  
The governor and president warn, "STAY HOME."  
You can't go anywhere you used to roam.*

*So, I look out the window but soon sport a frown.  
Four Seasons looks just like a ghost town.*

*The 1,000-piece puzzle lay strewn on the table,  
silently taunting the willing and able.  
We start turning and pushing each piece into place,  
in a heightened frenzy as if in a race.*

*Next, I pull out ingredients preparing to bake.  
Should it be cookies, pie, or some kind of cake?  
So many recipes — I must make a choice.  
We need something to nibble while watching The Voice.*

*In the evening, we FaceTime family and friends,  
our only social contact until the virus ends.*

## At Home In The Compound

A poem by Roberta Hokuf, Four Seasons Resident

*Some projects were waiting for you to be home  
There's also the computer and a telephone  
The silverware drawers have crumbs and some grime  
Get busy and clean them while you have the time  
And call up a friend— they might feel alone.*

*The "Daily Report" is quite void of fun news  
But the Bistro's great menu is there to peruse  
We thank them for having the foods that we need,  
And being so handy we need them indeed,  
Providing great choices from which we can choose.*

*The days go by quickly ('cause I'm moving slow)  
I'd change from my jammies if there was someplace to go  
My closet - now spotless - no dust on the floor  
Got rid of the clothes I don't need anymore  
One day I'll replace them - of course - don't you know.*

*On the top of my head I am seeing more gray  
I try not to notice - I say "it's okay"  
While staying at home I've been saving some money  
That really appeals to my special Honey  
Just look on the bright side — that's all I can say.*

*It's not all that easy— of that we are sure  
Try not to be cranky with no pedicure  
So put on a smile, we're all in this together  
At this point in our lives it's a storm we must weather  
Buck up and act wisely— we all will endure.*



# *pandemic pictures*



*This was taken at The Summit. So much hopefulness in such a dark time ~ Denise Treacy*



*On the eve of the stay-at-home order, Philip Westbrook poses with his birthday cake and precious gift from Sherri Barton.*



*A beautiful day at the Trail C overlook by The Summit ~ Tina Canon*



*Enjoying Trail A ~ Vicki Manderino*



*Inspirational chalk art ~ Christi Mason*



*Walking Trail C during COVID-19 Stay-at-Home orders. We are lucky that we are still able to enjoy outside walks and we have such a beautiful community ~ Donna Lewis*

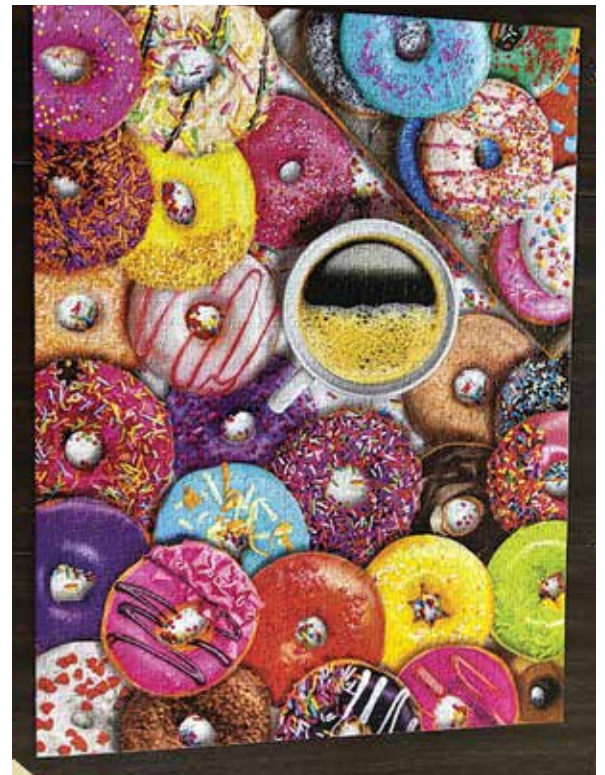


*Taking a walk around the community ~ Mary Baer*





*Hi, my name is Kelly, and I moved in to Four Seasons in October. I miss pickleball, but have been spending my time doing puzzles. This one is 2,000 pieces! ~ Kelly Vucinic*



*Probably not the best subject matter when cooped up with not much to do! ~ Barbara Paules*



*For stay-at-home activities, jigsaw puzzles are a nice hobby to occupy one's time. Here is a photo of a recently completed 1000-piece puzzle which took about a week to complete, doing a couple of hours a day. The puzzle picture is of Piedmont, Italy. ~ Mel Zeldin (Laurie put in three pieces)*



*A reminder of the vacations we used to be able to take. The puzzle took almost as long as the trips ~ Julie and Peter Shuttleworth*



*I posted on NextDoor a request for Four Seasons residents to place a stuffed bear in their front window so I could take my grandsons on a "bear hunt." Inspired by Michael Rosen's iconic children's book, "Going on a Bear Hunt," I got the idea from another post I saw on Facebook. We walked and drove around Four Seasons and found 22 bears with more popping up all the time. It was a fun diversion for me and the boys. ~Lorie Reitz*



# lessons learned

One of my biggest personal takeaways from this experience is the value of personal contact! I never realized just how much a person's smile or a friend's hug could be missed! While it is important to be healthy and cautious and practice all of the safe measures we have been made aware of, I still love a good hug. ~ Sue Trostle

Can anything be good about the "shelter in place" idea?

1. We are getting to know each other much better — 24/7. (This could also be a bad thing.)
2. We are saving lots of money. (Don't think about the value of your portfolio.) No nail salon mani-pedi, \$50; no hair stylist including color, cut and style, \$100; no waxings or eyelashes or tattooing, \$100; no slot machine play each week, \$50 to ?; no dinners out, \$50-?; no trips to Home Goods for more stuff, \$50 ?; no preparation of special desserts for club gatherings, \$40; and the list goes on depending on your lifestyle.
3. People out running or dog walking are more friendly. Just to see another face, even 10 feet away, fills us with joy. Even those driving by get a smiling wave.
4. We finally have time to examine those boxes in the garage that we haven't touched since we moved in.
5. We can read some of the books stacked up by our beds.
6. We can sort those old pre-digital photos in the shoebox.
7. We can even alphabetize our spices if we run out of things to do.
8. And, each of us has a personal list of things that we've intended to do but never got the time because we live in Four Seasons with sports, movies, a library, a Bistro, clubs for every hobby and interest group, two gyms, walking trails, tennis and bocce courts, and even committees for the community minded.

So, maybe some downtime isn't so bad for some of us, if we remember to follow the guidelines and stay healthy. ~ Andi Henderson

What have I been doing during this period of self-isolation? Living alone brings different challenges, but it has been workable. I recently acquired a slow-moving vehicle, golf cart size, so I go out each day and travel around our community to get some fresh air. Was in the process of making my usual 100 quilted greeting cards for our Spring Boutique when the virus hit; have now lost card count. Answered the call for sewers to make masks for residents at Four Seasons. Every drawer/cabinet in my home has been reorganized and when weather permitted, gardened in my backyard. Thank you to The Bistro/Copper Kettle for providing eggs/bread and occasional meals. ~ Barbara Miller

I was ABSOLUTELY SURE that I would never be able to drink all of the alcohol we had on hand (two cases of wine and champagne, three bottles of gin, two bottles of vodka, two bottles of rye whiskey and a 30 pack of beer). Boy, was I wrong, that was gone in two weeks. Total Wine here we come. Apparently, eating three meals a day and snacking in between, I CAN gain more weight. Thank God for sweatpants. Always, always have at least a four-month supply of toilet paper in your garage. ~ Tom and Diane DePaola

# silver linings

Began the huge project of scanning old family photos. Some were in photo albums, others in boxes. The oldest photos were of my great grandparents. This is a project I have wanted to do for over 30 years. ~ Linda Stratton

A group of ladies who sew have been making masks for local medical facilities' staff that have so unselfishly served our communities during this difficult time. A local fabric and sewing store (Cherry Berry) supplied us with kits as well while the ladies supplied their own fabrics... it's a wonderful feeling to give back to the medical workers and first responders who have given so much to us. ~ Sue Trostle

The quarantine has given me the opportunity to be connected with my family through Zoom technology. My family is scattered, one in Sacramento and the larger group in Portland, Oregon. I go to church via Zoom in Portland, we have family chats which is amazing to me. This technology is wonderful. Along with FaceTime, Facebook, and Instagram, we are living in a time of wonder. I have started a Paint by Numbers project, which is challenging. On nice days I sit on my patio among my potted plants. I have transplanted and moved the plants around. It is wonderful to watch all the new growth everywhere. Spring is here. ~ Roxanna Morrow

We have caught up on the DVR with our recordings - we had over 1,000 hours. I finally know the true color of our floor grout - the wife has been cleaning. What used to take one hour to get to work, now taking about 45 minutes. The drive home is even better - 50 minutes vs. 1:15 to 2 hours. Gas mileage was 33-35MPG, now 36.79 MPG at \$2.50 a gallon. Of course, I'm driving at 100 MPH. Social distancing - no longer having any physical contact with my wife. Now when she approaches to kiss or hug me, I yell out, "social distancing." We just wave to each other and speak through a face mask. I'm no longer forced to interact with my neighbors. I see them coming and I run into the house. ~ Tom and Diane DePaola

More phone chit chat with other Four Seasons residents. ~ Mike Saperstein



# looking forward

Everyone has something to look forward to, even in the worst of times. Hilario's mom, my wonderful and amazing mother-in-law, passed away during this crisis, not from the virus, but after a battle with Alzheimer's. She left us at the age of 96. Unfortunately, we are not able to have a service at this time due to the situation at hand, but we have something to look forward to in knowing she will have a fabulous Celebration of Life, hopefully sooner than later. My beautiful great niece, Emery, turned a year old on Easter and we have something to look forward to knowing she will have the best birthday celebration ever, hopefully sooner than later. At these upcoming events we will celebrate life in two different ways, but right now we are fortunate to have something to look forward to. ~ Gracy and Hilario Luna

During the past three weeks, I've discovered that social distancing has actually brought us closer together. We've matured. Most of us now know a lot more about what matters; and the whole concept of 'others' has come into sharper focus.

We've perhaps 'mouthed' it in the past, but now we know it. FAMILY matters. Love is real ... it matters. Kindness matters. Health matters a lot. People matter. Generosity too ... it matters.

In addition to physical distancing, let's endeavor to see the best in each other. Dare to be kind; try having more patience... more tolerance. Offer help in whatever way you can. Think about forgiving more and being upset less. Ponder where 'the other' he, she, is possibly coming from. What took them there? Could I/we have been pushed to that place? ... No? Are you certain?

Reconnect with your true self; or, better still, introduce you to 'YOU' ... possibly for the first time. Go ahead, risk a surprise disclosure. The positives derived from social distancing offer opportunities to grow that we may never have had. ~ Jan White

## a little levity

Here are some reflections to help ease the burden of confinement, quarantine, shelter-in-place, and other 'orders':

- I used to spin toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- PSA: Every few days, try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believing that all is well.
- I don't think anyone expected that, when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I went into my house and told my dog... We laughed a lot.
- So, after this quarantine, will the producers of "My 600 Pound Life" just find me or do I find them?
- I'm so excited! It's time to take out the garbage! What should I wear?
- Home-schooling is going well, except two students were suspended for fighting and one teacher was terminated for drinking on the job.
- One last observation: better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under

~ Collected by Jan White

# DID YOU KNOW?

**DID YOU KNOW** that the magazine is edited and sent to the printer in the middle of the month? That DID mean April 15 for this particular issue. Of course, we had no way of knowing what the quarantine status would be on May 1. To prevent confusion or incorrect information on activities we elected not to include the daily calendar, physical exercise schedule, or the class, game, meeting pages this month. Please use the Daily Report and our website, [fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://fourseasonsbeaumont.org), for the most current information or call or email the committee chair, or club, group, or class contact. Another resource is to call The Lodge at (951) 769-6358.

**DID YOU KNOW** the next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 1 pm? This may be a virtual meeting if we are still required to stay-at-home. The Daily Report will provide instructions on how to access the virtual meeting or advise us to attend if the quarantine is lifted.

**DID YOU KNOW** that your help is needed in identifying a new, healthy tree to rename our "Four Seasons Veterans Tree?" Email suggestions to [cindygraves@fsresidential.com](mailto:cindygraves@fsresidential.com) by May 19. The announcement for the selected tree will be made May 25.



## Meetings

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Executive Session	5/14	9a
General Session	5/14	1p
Committee Chair Meeting	5/11	10a

### **COMMITTEES**

Architectural Review Comm	5/6, 20	8:30a
Comm. Planning Committee	5/28	9a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	5/19	10a
Facilities Committee	5/13	10a
Finance Committee	5/26	1p
Landscape Committee	5/18	1p
Safety Committee	5/5	10a
Social Committee	5/5	1p

### **OTHER**

Canine Corral Council	5/5, 19	
Communications Board	5/6, 11	10a
Technical Operations Board	TBD	

*See Daily Report*

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## ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR CORNER *By Cindy Graves*

What a day we live in! I'm writing this article in April and things are changing by the minute. I started off at the beginning of the month with a full calendar of previously scheduled events, then I revised that calendar to include a bunch of events with physical distancing (like the golf cart parade). Every time the government mandate escalated, more activities fell off the calendar. Now we're going strictly virtual, with our "Four Seasons Flat Friend Photo Competition" and "Paint and Sip" group painting classes. I have created something called "Shut-In Theater" which is presenting a series called "Meet the Musicians and Music Makers" and another one called "Isolation Interviews, A Spotlight on Some of Four Seasons' Finest." Check out the website for the YouTube links if you'd like to see them. The Four Seasons Performing Arts Club is also doing two radio shows for "Shut-In-Theater." If you missed them in April you can check the shows out on the website, along with our very first virtual resident dog show. Oh boy, I've never juggled so much technology in my life! During the radio show auditions, I had my desktop computer for the scripts and my laptop to host the Zoom meeting. Unfortunately, the microphone didn't work, so I had to call in using my phone as the mic. Three devices to work one meeting — now that's a feat! It's been a bit of a learning curve for everyone as we've gotten into the virtual swing of meetings and things.

Managing teams remotely is another set of skills some of us are

learning. My hard working activities assistants, Danya and Rachel, have been working nonstop on all kinds of projects and assignments. It's been a team-building opportunity for the whole staff to be able to lift each other up personally as well as professionally. This is a stressful time for everyone, full of uncertainties. One of my favorite sayings that has been motivating me during this quarantine is from Eckhart Tolle, "If uncertainty is unacceptable to you, it turns into fear. If it is perfectly acceptable, it turns into increased aliveness, alertness, and creativity." I'm hoping to make more of a conscientious effort to channel any anxiety of the unknown into gratitude for what I do know. I want to be open to the creativity and inspiration that comes out of trying to stay curious, try to meet the needs of my staff and resident family members, as much as I am able, and keep reminding myself to look with hope toward the future after this pandemic is over. Relationships with all of you have never meant more to me. I miss you all terribly and am going through massive hug withdrawals.

I forgot to mention that you are welcome to join us in adding a string or two of white lights to a tree or post or in your front window to symbolize "Lighting Up The Darkness: keep the light shining in the darkness together until the quarantine is lifted." It also just makes the neighborhood look pretty with visual solidarity.

Don't worry, guys, when this thing is over, we're going to party like we've never partied before! Much love to you, be safe and well.

## Oh the Places We Go!



*Scott Snyder snapped this picture on his recent trip to the Amboy Crater*

Ever take that "perfect" travel picture or capture your significant other having a great time exploring parts of the world outside our community gates? Well, now you have a place to share it with others.

For this "Oh, the Places We Go!" column, residents may submit high-quality digital photos to [fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com). While not required, we would love to see a copy of the *Breeze* in your escapades. It will be fun to see how far and to what exotic places the magazine travels. Please be sure to include information to explain your photos, especially "The Who," what, when, and where.

We think this month's selection is perfect for traveling during a time of self-isolation.



# Retired Meteorologist Explains The Weather

By Mel Zeldin

One way or another, weather affects all of us. Whether it's changes in air pressure, humidity, cold days or hot days that may affect your health; or rainy days that may affect your planned walks; or foggy days that may affect travel; or windy days that can blow your trash cans around -- weather is part of our daily lives.

This article is the first of a recurring series to help explain in simple terms (as much as possible), the many weather phenomena we encounter here in Beaumont; why we have a bit different weather than our city neighbors in San Bernardino and Riverside to the west, as well as the Coachella Valley cities to our east; and the underlying meteorological conditions that cause these phenomena. This series will also delve into some of the "mystique" surrounding weather forecasting, so you can make better sense of what you hear on the radio, TV, Internet, as well as what you read in the daily newspaper.

By way of background, I am a retired professional meteorologist living here in Four Seasons Beaumont. After graduating UCLA with a degree in meteorology, I spent four years as a weather officer at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino in the late 1960s, after which I transitioned to air pollution meteorology, being the first meteorologist hired by San Bernardino County. Much of my career was spent with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, although I did have a stint with the Research and Development Department at Southern California Edison, where I helped to provide daily electrical load forecasts based in large part on weather forecasts. Over the course of my career, I have heard just about every cussing phrase there is about the "weatherman." Believe me, we get used to it; though, I must say that forecasts are much more accurate than they were 30 years ago.

We'll come back to forecasting in more detail in a later article, but for now, let's get down to some basics. Did you know that we live at

the bottom of an ocean? That's right -- an ocean of air which we call the atmosphere. The atmosphere is comprised of many molecules, mostly nitrogen (78 percent) and oxygen (21 percent) and a few other trace gases including "greenhouse gases" that contribute to climate change. These molecules have weight, and being at the bottom of that ocean, the standard weight of the air at sea level is 14.7 pounds per square inch. That's a lot of weight. It may give you a new appreciation of the expression "lighter than air." But, just like fish that live near the bottom of the ocean, we have evolved to survive that weight. The weight of air is typically expressed as atmospheric pressure, and standard at sea level is 29.92 inches of mercury. That means there is enough pressure being applied to counterbalance the weight of that much mercury. As one ascends into the mountains, the column of air decreases, and the standard pressure for that height also decreases. As one goes below sea level, such as in the Coachella Valley, the column of air increases very slightly, and the standard atmospheric pressure increases accordingly. Pressure is measured by an instrument known as a barometer. If you happen to have a barometer hanging on your wall, take it with you next time you go up in the mountains, and you'll see the pressure fall.

In this series, I'll try to answer some basic questions, such as:

- Why does it rain and snow?
- Why do we have clouds?
- Why is it often windy in Beaumont?
- Why do we typically have a lot of low clouds and fog in mid-spring?
- What causes thunderstorms?
- Why do we not have tornadoes like we hear about in the midwest?
- Why was it so rainy this past March and April?

So, enjoy the weather, cloudy or clear, windy or calm, drizzling or pouring — for Beaumont's weather is never boring.

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neighbors.  
~ Sonya & Gene

I would like to thank all of those who were kind  
enough to make masks for our community. As  
a person who doesn't sew at all I am very grateful  
for those who can and did! Like the rest of you,  
I try to stay home as much as possible but it  
is wonderful to know I have that extra layer of  
protection with my new mask.... And it's even  
kind of cute, so thank you very much!  
~ Caryn McSweeney

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Who is that Cindy Graves,  
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~ Jane C. (Aviles)

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# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH .....

Neighborhood Watch is a crime-prevention program that brings community members together and teaches them how to make their neighborhoods safer by using basic crime prevention techniques and identifying and reporting suspicious activity — if you see something say something. Supported by the National Sheriffs' Association since 1972, the program encourages residents to act as the “eyes and ears” of local law enforcement and to take steps to make their homes and property less vulnerable to break-ins and vandalism. Many Neighborhood Watch programs, like ours at Four Seasons, provide information not only on how to stay safe, but also act as a means for community awareness by providing guest speakers from Beaumont Water, Beaumont Police Department and even our Public Library. Our main goal is to bring our community members together.

Neighborhood Watch programs vary in size of the area covered: Some cover just a few households, others, like ours, cover thousands of homes. Volunteers who donate time and resources are typically at the center of programs because many do not have formal budgets or funding sources. Most are started with assistance from law enforcement. Block Captains ensure information is sent out to everyone in their area as information filters to them.



In addition, to provide the most current and correct information to Four Seasons residents, we have a Facebook Page that will provide valuable information to everyone in our community. The name of the page is Four Seasons Beaumont Neighborhood Watch. To join you will be asked a couple of questions to verify you actually live here. We currently have 209 members which includes the Beaumont Police Department who will post information as well. If you have not already joined, please look at doing so to keep you up to date with the most accurate information.

Programs typically use street signs to show the program's presence and deter potential offenders, alerting them that the risk of detection and apprehension has increased.

Neighborhood Watch meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom and in the RCN at 6 pm quarterly, check for the fliers.

The Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee is working on National Night Out where we have representatives from various Law Enforcement Agencies and Elected Representatives. Watch for the 2020 date. ~ *Kathy Craven* [kathycraven@rocketmail.com](mailto:kathycraven@rocketmail.com)

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# Black Bean & Corn Salad

By Irene Welker

As promised, here for your dining pleasure is a fabulous recipe for Black Bean and Corn Salad. The dish is healthy, flavorful, and quick to make. It may be used by itself as a light lunch or can be served as a side dish. Serves 8.

## INGREDIENTS

2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed and well drained

1 cup frozen corn, thawed

3/4 Cup chopped green, yellow, or orange bell pepper

3/4 Cup chopped tomato

1/3 Cup chopped red onion

3 Tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

## Dressing\*

1/3 Cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil

1/4 Cup fresh lime juice, about 1 to 2 limes

2 garlic cloves, finely minced

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon chili powder\*\*

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon or a few grinds of black pepper

## DIRECTIONS

Combine the beans, corn, bell pepper, tomato, onion, and cilantro in a large bowl. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients together until well blended. Pour over the bean mixture. Toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour to allow flavors to blend.



*\*It is important to use a whisk to blend (emulsify) any dressing. This binds the oil and other liquids together resulting in better adherence of the dressing to the salad ingredients.*

*\*\*I use a mild California chili powder when serving this to people who don't like hot spicy food. If you like heat, then use a spicier powder such as New Mexico, Chipotle, or Habanero.*



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# MAY WORD SEARCH

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## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE .....

The Architectural Review Committee will continue to meet during the coronavirus shut town. However, due to the restrictions in place by Riverside County and the State of California, until further notice the ARC meetings will be conducted by telephone.

Please continue to submit your applications and questions to the management office in the normal way. Should the ARC have questions about your application, we will call you for clarification or answers.

If you have a question you would like answered, please either call me at (801) 815-5302 prior to the meeting or submit the question to the management office. On the morning of the meeting we will process the applications in the order they were received. If you do

not receive a telephone call we were able to complete the review of your application without any more information. All telephone calls will be made between 8:30 and 10 am.

Thank you for understanding. ~ **Steve Cooley, (801) 815-5302, cooleyaudit@gmail.com**



## CANINE CORRAL COUNCIL .....

The Board of Directors approved the creation of the Canine Corral Council in February to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Off Leash Area Committee and to assist the Board and management with the new Four Seasons off-leash area facility which will be known as the Canine Corral. A revised charter was approved at the March Board meeting, as well as the approval of new Council members who had met all of the membership requirements.

We receive many inquiries asking "when will the facility be open?" and comments such as "we have been looking forward to the park for so long!" Our work has been focused on the need to raise funds so that this long-awaited facility will not only exceed the expectations of our community, but will not be a financial burden on our HOA. Work is progressing on developing the most appropriate and functional fundraising strategies.

Our Council has heard the concerns expressed by some of our neighbors, and we will work diligently together to prepare a safe and secure facility with strict usage requirements as we plan for a timely and excellent opening. Stay tuned! Next month's article will cover how you and your dogs can become members of the Canine Corral Club.

The Canine Corral Council can accommodate up to 13 Council members and we have openings if you are considering joining us. We encourage residents with specialized expertise and background experience, including expertise on dogs and the safe and successful

operation of facilities, to attend meetings and to apply for Council membership. We need members interested in making the off-leash area the best it can be. Residents are welcome to attend the meetings and see how they may be able to contribute.

We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10 am via the Zoom remote meeting app. Meeting announcements will be published in the Daily Report with the Zoom participation information. We will be meeting in the RCN Conference Room when it has been determined it is safe to do so. ~ **Sandra Butler-Roberts, sandirae@icloud.com**



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## FACILITIES COMMITTEE .....

The roofing project for The Lodge, Spa building, and the RCN building should be started by the issue of this month's *Breeze*.

NPG is in the process of applying street slurry in Phase A and Four Seasons Circle between The Summit and The Courts.

We are in the process of completely enclosing the trash dumpsters at The Courts and The Summit to stop residents from dumping trash, batteries, computers, and items that cause the community to be fined

by Waste Management.

We are working on the repair and retile of the men's and women's showers at The Summit.

The Facilities Committee meets in the RCN Conference Room on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am. We always welcome residents to join us and share their ideas or concerns. ~ **Jim Griffin**, [jjimgriff08@aol.com](mailto:jjimgriff08@aol.com)

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE .....

**SIT STILL, STAY WELL** Most of us living in Four Seasons are Baby Boomers. The chances are that by the time we were born most of the great bacterial and viral epidemics were being controlled by vaccinations and improvements in sanitation. It was not until the 1980s or 1990s with an influx of immigrants that we saw a spike in the occurrence of these diseases.

Smallpox, measles, typhoid, yellow fever and tuberculosis had become memories of times gone by. I personally do not remember any outbreaks of these diseases. I do remember getting vaccinated for smallpox and being tested for tuberculosis after being exposed to an infected relative. I remember taking an oral medication for polio. So is it any wonder that we are having difficulty staying home?

COVID-19 may not be the killer that ordinary influenza is but it will still cause many social disruptions to our lives. Without the magic bullet of a vaccine we are being asked to curtail the disease through isolation and physical distancing. In a society where wanderlust

is a birthright it becomes hard for us to sit still. As the pandemic of the coronavirus progressed our choices of destinations rapidly decreased. With limited destinations our road trips became a thing of need and not whimsy and staying at home was not so bad at all.

Now is the time to catalog your old photos, finish a jigsaw puzzle or scrapbook. We can rid our closets of unused shoes or clothing. We can clean our garages so that both cars can fit inside. Take the time now to enjoy things that we have wanted or needed to do but did not have the time. Stay strong, everyone. I will end this with a quote from Steve Smith from *The Red Green Show*. "Be careful out there and remember that we are all in this together."

The Four Seasons Beaumont Emergency Preparedness Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room.

The next EPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19. ~ **Michael A. Mendoza**, [srmendoza@verizon.net](mailto:srmendoza@verizon.net)

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE .....

At our March meeting, the financial statement for January 2020 was reviewed and recommended for BOD approval. Highlights of the January financial report follows.

Total Assets are \$10,095,512 including checking \$860,723 and reserve assets of \$7,824,099. Operating money market and CDs totaled \$1,305,560. Total Liabilities currently are \$364,014 and Total Equity of \$9,731,497. There was a net income gain for the month of \$65,322. Front yard cost center expenses were under budget by \$6,986 and Springdale cost center expenses were over budget by \$1,972.

Nine proposals were reviewed. Seven proposals were recommended for board approval — one was returned for additional scope of work consideration and another for additional bids. The Committee recommended that the BOD waive rent for the Salon for the last two weeks in March and the month of April.

Five committee persons and Board Liaisons, Jerry Monaghan and Jolene Cooley, were present via Zoom for the meeting. We encourage you to come to our meetings. The next meeting will be May 26, 1 pm in the RCN Conference Room or on Zoom depending on the current COVID-19 environment requirements. Please check the Daily Report. ~ **Barry Ginnetti**, [b2ginnetti@gmail.com](mailto:b2ginnetti@gmail.com)

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE .....

All of the activities at Four Seasons have been affected by the crisis caused by COVID-19. The Landscape Committee is not immune from the constrictions so rightly imposed by our Board of Directors. We did not hold committee meetings in either March or April. Moreover, we suspended our weekly Friday morning community walks.

Our beautiful environment, fortunately, did not realize the troublesome times that have befallen residents. The trees and shrubs have continued to prosper as the days lengthen and

spring brings a time of renewal. To keep the welcome plants healthy and the noxious plants at bay, maintenance activities are required. Accordingly, you've seen our landscape contractors, Artistic and Park West, working to maintain the beauty of our community.

The crisis will pass, and when it does, the Landscape Committee will resume working with both of our contractors to maintain and preserve what we all value about our community. ~ **Kirk Freyermuth**, [kafreyer@frontier.com](mailto:kafreyer@frontier.com)



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## SAFETY COMMITTEE .....

Spring has sprung! Hopefully, we are all able to be out and enjoy it. With the coming of spring and warmer weather, snakes of many species are through with their hibernation, making human encounter with them more likely. Although most snakes are harmless, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) recommends giving the venomous rattlesnake distance and knowing what to do in the event of a bite.

Rattlesnakes are found in California and live in a variety of areas throughout the state from the coast to the desert. They can also be found around homes and yards in brushy areas and under wood piles.

Typically, rattlesnakes are not aggressive and will retreat if given room or not deliberately provoked or threatened. Most bites happen when a rattlesnake is touched by someone walking or climbing. There are rare times rattlesnake bites have caused severe injury or even death. However, this should not keep you from venturing outdoors. Most bites happen between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends the following:

- Be alert. Rattlesnakes are sensitive to temperature and will adjust their behavior accordingly. After a cold or cool night, they will attempt to raise their body temperature by basking in the sun midmorning.

- Wear sturdy boots and loose-fitting long pants. Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through brushy, wild areas. Startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood.
- Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- Be careful when stepping over doorsteps as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.
- Never hike alone. Always have someone with you who can assist in an emergency.
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, as it can still inject venom.
- Leash your dog when hiking in snake country. Dogs are at risk of being bitten due to holding their nose to the ground while investigating the outdoors. Speak to your veterinarian about canine rattlesnake vaccines and what to do if your pet is bitten.

Let's all get out and safely enjoy this beautiful community we live in and continue to practice social distancing!

The Safety Committee meets the First Tuesday of every month in the RCN at 10 am. ~ **Kathy Craven**, [kathycraven@rocketmail.com](mailto:kathycraven@rocketmail.com)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE .....

In our current situation we are all saddened by our inability to do what our calendar was once set to do. Having to cancel the Paint Night and the Fashion Show was not our desire but safety is better than taking risks and so we honor those who made the decision to have us stay in our homes, get out for essentials, and maintain our social distancing.

You have our word once our restrictions are lifted to get back to work and do all we can to bring our event calendar back to life. We have been gifted a new date for our schedule, July 11, and are working on a new event should we be clear to do so. Naturally, timing is everything at this point and we will all cross that bridge when we get there.

May you all continue to stay safe and let's look forward to the day when life can get back to a sense of normal in the near future! ~ **Joyce Hogue**, [jhogue54@gmail.com](mailto:jhogue54@gmail.com)



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Instead of the Get The Joke this month, we have scattered black and white butterflies throughout the magazine. Count them and send your answer with your name and any comments to [fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com). One correct entry will be chosen at random to win. As a bonus, we invite you to dig out your favorite pens and color the butterflies. You can email your colored butterflies to us as well and we'll print a few of our favorites next month. Happy hunting!

THIS MONTH'S WINNER: MARY JANE KOOGLE

## LAST MONTH'S JOKE



## Four Seasons To Go Green

In order to save money and “go green,” Four Seasons is exploring alternative landscaping maintenance and replacement options. The flowers that are planted around the community will be replaced by recycled plastic flowers and/or solar powered flowers. The green areas will no longer be mowed by humans, but by goats. We are excited about these changes and know you will be as well.

As soon as we adopt our first 300 goats, we will take suggestions for names. The individuals who propose the winning names will each win a free dinner at Applebee's. We will also be assigning goats to residents for care. You will be asked to “foster” a goat for

a period of three months each year. The goat will live in your guest room for that period of time. Management will reimburse homeowners for money spent on food and goat accessories (collars, hats, chew toys, etc.). Every quarter, the goat will be “fostered” by a new family so everyone will have a chance to love these wonderful new members of the Four Seasons family. We don't want anyone to bogart the goats!

Because the goat fostering will be a very popular program, we have established a sign-up sheet at the front desk in The Lodge. After the first 300 families are selected, we will make a wait list for the following quarter.

## YOUR COMMENTS

*When I first started reading the piece I thought “are they serious?” then realized this was the joke for the month. Thanks for the laugh. ~ Rorie S.*

*I want to be on the list to foster a goat, I will love him and pet him and I will call him George. ~ Karen S.*

*We had difficulty getting an off-leash area for dogs - I don't think goats would be openly accepted. They would be a talking point. ~ Jan R.*





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# Kohl's & Hobby Lobby Apps Reviewed

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THAT!

*By Steve Benoff*

As it turns out, this paragraph should have been written last month. But COVID-19 came upon us so swiftly that April's column was already submitted and the deadline passed before the outbreak had registered. So, this month I should be writing about apps related to coronavirus. But using myself as an example, my app habits haven't really changed. I use the New York Times app just as before. Same with my Stocks app. In fact, I've realized that I use my phone less now that I'm home most of the time. It's easier to read on my computer than my phone.

But I'd like to hear from you. If you're using an app on your phone to help pass the time, please let me know at [steve.benoff@verizon.net](mailto:steve.benoff@verizon.net).

This month's apps are Hobby Lobby and Kohl's. This will be my last venture into the world of local apps. It's apparent to me that restaurant and grocery store apps are far more the same than different. So, if you want to know about Jack in the Box, Wendy's, McDonald's, Burger King, El Pollo Loco, and most of the other chains in the Pass area, see my reviews of Sonic and Pieology from last month.

I was wondering about how such an old-fashion-seeming company (at least in my eyes) as Hobby Lobby would fare in the modern app world. So how does this company that is closed on Sundays and eschews scanners at checkout stack up in the app world? Quite well as it turns out.

If you're into coupons, you're going to love Hobby Lobby. Actually, I should rephrase that because the only real coupon is the prominent one heading the home page. It's one for 40 percent off any one item which it seems can be used on a daily basis. The rest of the savings are in the form of a limitless number of sale items. You can see the Weekly Ad with discounts ranging from 30 to 50 percent. Below Coupon and Weekly Ad are promotions such as 50 percent off Home Décor. Below that are seasonal promotions such as 40 percent off Summer Toys and Easter items.

The main part of the app is divided into 12 categories ranging from Art Supplies to Yarn & Needle Art. By the way, have you ever been to Hobby Lobby? I have, and the thing that impressed me the most was the enormous number of items in the store. I'm impressed by

the huge quantity of SKUs (the unique Stock Keeping Unit assigned to each individual item in the store's inventory) at the Hobby Lobby store and within its app.

Take Art Supplies for example. The first page displayed in that category shows 40 items. That is one page out of 82. Good luck scrolling through 82 pages of art supplies looking for a particular item. Better to use a search bar. You won't find it on the main page however; you'll have to select a category to find one.

So how does one rate such a massive app I ask rhetorically. There are a couple of things I don't like about it. The 40 percent off coupon always expires in next day or two as if it's truly special. But the coupon always appears no matter what the date. Similarly, free shipping on orders of \$50 ends the next day; another deceptive practice in my view. Nevertheless, I give the app an A- if, for nothing else, having the chutzpah to include so many items but not making it less onerous finding something.

Well, Jiminy Cricket. The Kohl's app also has countless items available for order. Actually, countless is not the correct adjective because Kohl's lists the number of items found within each of its eight categories. Home has 11,733 products. But Kitchen & Dining has only 340. The two categories of Women and Men have over 3200 between them, but Kids beats them by over a thousand. The three remaining categories are Workout Clothes (1180), Jewelry (4555), and Shoes (909).

Kohl's makes it easier to navigate the site than Hobby Lobby. If I choose Shoes, I'm given four sub-categories – Women's, Men's, Girl's, and Boy's. If I select Men's, I'm given more choices – Athletic, Casual, Oxfords, and Sandals. This format extends throughout the app.

But what do we all know about Kohl's? Coupons! We get them in the mail, enclosed in newspapers, found in magazines. You can stop cutting those coupons if you use the Kohl's app; it's filled with coupons. You'll also have the opportunity sign up for a rewards program you can keep track of on the app.

I give the Kohl's app a strong A for its design and comprehensiveness.

Well, that's it for local apps – at least for a while.

Do you use an app you'd like to share with others? Let me know at [steve.benoff@verizon.net](mailto:steve.benoff@verizon.net).

# INTEREST GROUPS

**DISABLED RESIDENTS** This group aids to help anyone with a disability or who needs to assist someone with a disability. Our mission is to serve as a resource for residents with disabilities, serve as a resource for the larger community when requested, to further develop and expand resources, to help each other with and share coping strategies for our various challenges. Meeting dates, times, and frequencies TBD. Sign up at The Lodge or contact Gordon (Curt) Putnam for more information at [curtputnam@gmail.com](mailto:curtputnam@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Community gardens are about more than growing food. By increasing the number of local community gardeners and available garden space, families and individuals are able to grow fresh, healthy produce for very little money, green previously underused areas, increase local food security, get to know and interact with their neighbors, and work together to enhance their communities. Do you have an interest in growing your own vegetables? We are looking for anyone interested in starting a community garden here in Four Seasons. Whether you have lots of experience or the idea always sounded good, but you never attempted one, this might be for you. There are a number of potential spaces where we might do this, but our first step is to determine the interest level. If you are interested, please sign up at The Lodge. You'll be contacted for an initial meeting where we'll discuss best practices for starting a community garden, determine the number of people who want to participate, and begin the process of putting the details together for the Board.

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*\*Note: The HOA does not have any officially recognized political club or group. However, California law changed and now requires associations to allow political interest meetings in HOA common areas.*



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Our first show scheduled for Sunday, May 17, (if conditions allow, we are in unusual times) will feature the band Alumni Acoustic. The band is made up of four talented musicians who have worked with Warren Zevon, Jackson Brown, Kenny Rogers and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Take a guitar, keyboards, base, mandolin, and drums add some of the finest three-part harmony and you have Alumni Acoustic.

Expect to hear songs from Crosby, Stills and Nash, Neil Diamond, Van Morrison, and many others. We will all be clapping along with *Sweet Caroline* or *Suite: Judy Blue Eyes*.

Remember that chairs can be set out at 10 am the day of the concert. Bring a sweater or jacket and refreshments.

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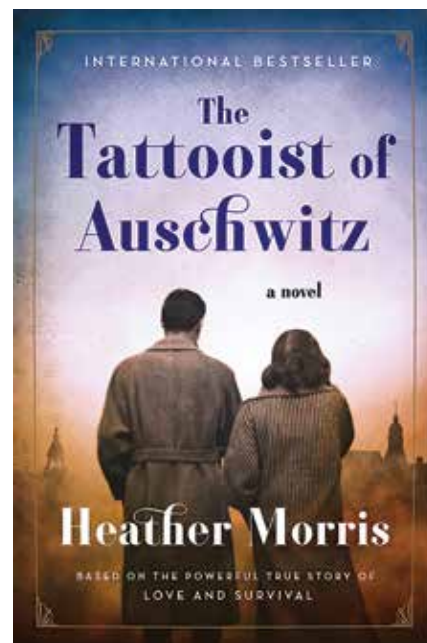
PLEASE NOTE: The book below has been rescheduled from a previous date due to the coronavirus. If the facilities here are still closed in May, this book will be pushed to June.

The Book Club selection for May is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. Here is a brief description of the book from Amazon.com: "In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism, but also

incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive. One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her. A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful recreation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions."

Please join us when we discuss this book on Tuesday, May 12 at 9:30 am. Mary Lou Keating will be leading the discussion. For those of you who like to read ahead, our

book for June is scheduled to be *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. For more information, please contact Micki Rosen at michelesrosen@gmail.com. ~ **Micki Rosen**



## COMPUTER GROUP .....

A little something to help pass the time!

I know that many are anxious to relieve their "cabin fever" due to the latest restrictions caused by COVID-19. With that in mind, I have been scanning the Internet for some tidbits to pass along. Here is one idea:

Set 'cool' character alarms on Google Assistants, Home, and Mini: Similar to music alarms, you can wake up to the voice of your favorite fictional and/or celebrity character. Currently 'live' on Google Home are: Lego City, Lego Life, Lego Friends, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Donatello, April O'Neil, Hatchimals.

How do I get a celebrity Google Assistant?

a. On your Android device, touch and hold the 'home' button. Say "OK Google" or open the Google Home app. NOTE: If you touched and held the home button or said, "OK Google," you'll want to find the compass icon in the bottom, right side of your display. Tap the

compass icon, then tap the button in the upper right. That button could be your name's first initial; it could be your profile picture; or it could be a tiny person head icon.

b. Once you've opened the Google Home app, tap 'Account' (a tiny, person's head icon) – then tap 'Settings'. Tap 'Assistant', then 'Assistant Voice', and select the voice that you like best.

c. From there, tap 'Settings', then 'Assistant', then 'Assistant Voice'. There you'll be able to choose the voice you like best.\*

\*If you were already aware of this, you'll likely have access to more celebrity voice action than you've had before. Let us know how it goes!

QUESTIONS? We are available! Contact Larry Workman at workman.larry@gmail.com.

FYI: We are investigating the possibility of presenting our next meeting by Zoom. This way everyone can enjoy the presentation within the isolation of their own home. We will provide more information as the meeting date approaches. ~ **Larry Workman**

## TRAVEL GROUP .....

Well, there's nothing like a pandemic to thwart travel plans for a few months!

Because of the quarantine and stay-at-home order, scheduled trips for May are canceled. Some advertised trips further out are still planned but details weren't available in time for this issue. It will all depend on when this insidious virus is stopped and it's safe to venture out once again.

Hopefully, this month we can make some definite plans. We

will use our Four Seasons Beaumont Travel Group Facebook page, emails, the Daily Report, and the "In Case You Missed It" feature on fourseasonsbeaumont.org to update you.

If you have questions on trips, contact Irene at irenewelker55@gmail.com. If you want to sign up to receive emails or need to update your email address, contact Sharon at sjbond2013@gmail.com. Stay safe, stay well! ~ **Kris Corbett**



## CARS & COFFEE .....

The April Cars and Coffee gathering was canceled due to COVID-19. We will resume our gatherings once we receive official word to resume our normal daily activities. I cannot stress enough that we should follow the directions given to us by our state and local authorities (stay home whenever possible, practice safe distance, avoid any group gatherings). If you have to leave your home, please wear a face mask and gloves.

FYI, Activities Director Cindy Graves, Rick Morales, Terry Humble, and I have started planning a Car and Motorcycle parade for May 16. However, if we feel that the time is not appropriate due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will reschedule.

To fill the void of not meeting for our Cars & Coffee gathering, I'm sharing a few pictures of Past Cars & Coffee gatherings.

For more information please contact Rick Morales (951) 797-3732 or Frank Morales (951) 203-4578. Please be safe and stay healthy. ~ **Frank Morales**



## BEREAVEMENT GROUP .....

If you have suffered a loss, please come join us. All of us have lost someone close, and we get together to talk, listen, cry, and laugh and to help each other heal. We meet on Tuesdays at 4 pm in the RCN Conference Room. You may just show up, or you may email to [lauriemlarson425@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemlarson425@gmail.com) or call (951) 922-0934. All contact is confidential. ~ **Laurie Zeldin**



## RADIO CLUB .....

One of the paths that many of us have taken to becoming licensed amateur radio operators is the hobby of shortwave radio listening (SWL). Shortwave radio receivers were much less expensive to buy than the equipment required for a complete ham radio operation. In some cases a shortwave radio could later be used as one piece of the equipment for a ham to use in establishing a first station. In the era before Internet, SWL was a popular hobby. Listeners could string up simple long-wire antennas that would allow them to hear amateur radio operators as well as a wide array of broadcast stations from all over the world. Devoted listeners could write to station managers with details of a particular broadcast to which management would respond by sending a colorful or unique postcard of confirmation. Shortwave stations

are still out there and plenty of receivers exist for you to enjoy the hobby. Our monthly meetings are of course canceled until further notice but if you have an interest in ham radio, electronics or communications in general, you can drop us an email and we'd be glad to converse! ~ **Pete Hersey, [pandvhersey@verizon.net](mailto:pandvhersey@verizon.net)**



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## DOG OWNERS GROUP .....

We've been getting reports of encounters with coyotes on the trail system here, especially if you are walking with your dog. We have been intruding on their natural habitat and are trespassing on their natural hunting grounds. Coyotes can be intimidating and menacing and they should be treated with a healthy respect, but humans do have the upper hand when seeing a coyote. Here is an article from Coyote Hunter website.

*"What To Do During A Coyote Encounter"*

*"1. Don't panic: Coyote encounters are frequent in some areas, and many people don't know how to react. The most important thing is to not panic. Panicking prevents you from thinking straight and makes you even more confused and scared. Coyotes can sense fear and can become even more aggressive."*

*"2. Make loud noises: Coyotes shouldn't be feared. You should start making loud noises or yell, while waving your hands up and down, so that they will be intimidated by your behavior. If you happen to have*



*an air horn or a device that makes loud sounds, use it. They will see you as a threat.*

*"3. Don't run: Coyotes can sense fear and there is a high possibility that they will be more offensive if you try to run. As they are similar to dogs, coyotes might become more aggressive if you run and might decide to chase you."*

*"4. Don't turn your back: If you find yourself face to face with a coyote, it is very important not to turn your back to him - it will only make you feel uncertain. It is better to face the 'danger' in order to avoid any unexpected moves."*

*"All in all, coyotes are wild animals which should not be regarded as pets. Taking preventive measures against them is the best solution."*

When walking on the trails, paths, and sidewalks here at Four Seasons, be confident and be safe!

All pack walks have been canceled until further notice as a result of guidelines imposed by Riverside County due to the COVID-19 virus.  
~ **Patrick and his dog, Ricky Ricardo: [dog\\_owners@yahoo.com](mailto:dog_owners@yahoo.com)**

## TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS .....

Spring has sprung and what a lovely time to be outside with our furry friends! However, the warm weather often brings the unwelcome attention of fleas and ticks.

According to the ASPCA, fleas are the most common external parasite that plague our pets. They are wingless insects that feed on blood. So, what can we do about fleas? Prevention is the best defense and it is important to recognize the signs and symptoms. Fleas are most commonly noticed on a dog's abdomen, the base of the tail, and the head. You may notice excessive scratching, licking or biting at the skin. If you see your cat scratching often, chewing or licking, pay attention to the neck and base of the tail. Flea prevention suggestions include:

- The use of a flea comb on your pet and washing bedding once a week.
- Keeping the outside of your house free of organic debris such as clippings and leaves as fleas like to hide in dark, moist, shady areas.
- Talking with your veterinarian about preventative flea control products.

If you do suspect your pet has fleas, consult your veterinarian who will come up with a treatment plan that may include: topical or oral treatment, the use of shampoos, sprays, or powders, as well as a thorough cleaning of your house or lawn treatments.

The Humane Society describes ticks as parasites that feed on the blood of host animals. Their presence may not even be noticed by the host animal! If your pet spends a lot of time outdoors, tick checks should be part of your daily routine. If you find one on your pet:

- Scan for ticks by running your fingers over their body carefully. If you feel a bump or swollen area, see if a tick has burrowed there.
- To remove it use gloves, clean tweezers, disinfectant or antiseptic cream, and isopropyl alcohol. Use the tweezers to grasp it close to the skin and pull it out in a straight, steady motion. Anything left behind could cause an infection.
- To clean up, drop it in the alcohol, note the date you found it, wash your hands, clean the wound with antiseptic and tweezers with alcohol.
- Keep your eye on the wound.

By knowing what to look for and what to do if we find fleas or ticks on our pets, we can continue to enjoy our time outside with our furry friends! ~ **Patti Brock, [pbrockster@mac.com](mailto:pbrockster@mac.com)**





# BIRDING CLUB .....

The Birding Club welcomes beginning and experienced birders to start or hone bird identification skills. Our main activity is a monthly bird walk along Four Seasons' nature trails, which follow native riparian woodlands. We keep a list of all species observed at Four Seasons (FS) and take seasonal field trips to nearby birding hot spots.

Our bird walk on March 7 produced 28 species, a new record for a non-April bird walk, highlighted by an adult male Allen's Hummingbird, a FS first record (our Bird of the Month)! This started a run of FS first records: Chipping Sparrow on March 13, Western Kingbird on March 28, and Purple Finch on April 4. The club has now documented 96 bird species at FS!

Because the pandemic prevented us from getting together for the April 4 bird walk, we had a virtual bird walk! Everyone birded individually, in their yards and on the trails, then we combined our lists at the end of the day. There were a lot of birds around and having many people scouring FS for birds produced a staggering 43 species within the boundaries of FS in a single day!

We normally meet the first Saturday of the month at 8 am at the Potrero Creek (Trail A) trailhead at The Lodge parking lot. Email [steve.h.edelman@gmail.com](mailto:steve.h.edelman@gmail.com) for current schedule and information. ~ **Steve Edelman**

## BIRD OF THE MONTH

Allen's Hummingbirds are rufous and green overall, virtually identical to the Rufous Hummingbird, except that the adult Allen's has green, not rufous, on the back. During the breeding season, males entice females and defend territories with elaborate flights; in the "pendulum" display, males fly up to 100 feet and speed downward, pulling out of the dive right in front of the female. Males mate with multiple females, which are left to build the nest and raise the young on their own.

Allen's Hummingbird is a year-round resident in coastal SoCal, where we're at the eastern edge of its range. Part of the population migrates north in spring to breed along a coastal strip from Southern California up the coast to Southern Oregon and part of the population migrates south in fall to winter in central Mexico. The male observed by the Birding Club on March 7 was perched in the open, definitely looking for love! During our virtual bird walk on April 4, Genie and Bill Cooper had adult male Allen's and Rufous Hummingbirds at their feeder, contributing to the unprecedented 43 species seen that day. ~ **Steve Edelman**



*FSBC on March 7, our last pre-pandemic bird walk*



*Spotted Towhee, one of only three species seen on every Club Bird Walk. Photo by Club member John Hansen during a mid-March stroll in Four Seasons while keeping social distance*



*Adult male Allen's Hummingbird. Note the green back, which separates it from the more widespread Rufous Hummingbird. Photo by Dave Kettering during the Birding Club's March 7 Bird Walk*

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## PERFORMING ARTS CLUB .....

Our wish for you, as part of the Four Seasons community, is that you are well and safe. Life hasn't been easy and we know you're missing entertainment and social interaction. Well, with the help from Cindy Graves, Producer Tom Shelley, and wonderful actors, the Performing Arts Club is, for the first time ever, presenting an online radio show to help get you out of the "pandemic doldrums."

"Air Time/Online Radio Show" will be on Wednesday, April 29, (time TBD, so please call The Lodge).

Since there have been so many activities that needed to be canceled due to the coronavirus, we put our heads together to figure out how to deliver theatrical arts back to our community. Lo and behold, we came up with something... putting the show online. Each actor will be following personal distancing, as each will be reading their lines from the comfort of their own homes. How is this going to work? Easy-peasy! Go to your App Store and download the Zoom

application to your computer or phone. When additional information becomes available, it will appear in the Daily Report. Please support the Performing Arts Club and tune in to our "Air Time/Online Radio Show." Grab a beverage of your choice, take a seat in your easy chair, and let us entertain you.

Future shows: There is a date in late July designated for a PAC performance. We have a choice of two shows to pick from. Since we haven't had a meeting since February, it is currently unknown which performers will be available for the show and rehearsals. Please check our article in the June *Breeze* for more detailed information on upcoming shows.

Any questions, contact me at (951) 992-9156 or on my cell at (602) 309-0919. You can also email me at Terimk@verizon.net. ~ **Teri Meyers-Kelman**



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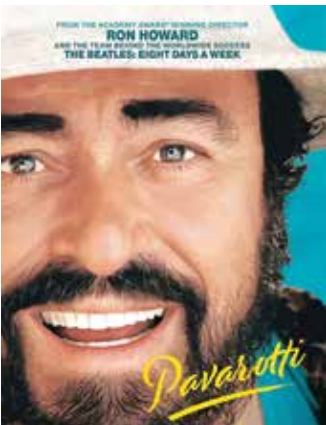


## COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA CLUB .....

We show films you generally won't find at the Cineplex: documentaries, foreign language films, indie films and any other smaller, well-reviewed films that don't get wide distribution.

PLEASE NOTE: Both of the movies below have been rescheduled from previous dates due to the coronavirus. If our facilities remain closed in May, these films will be rescheduled for June.

Our first monthly screening, on Sunday, May 10 at 6 pm, is the film *Pavarotti* (UK 2019, 1 hr. 54 min., English). Here is a brief description

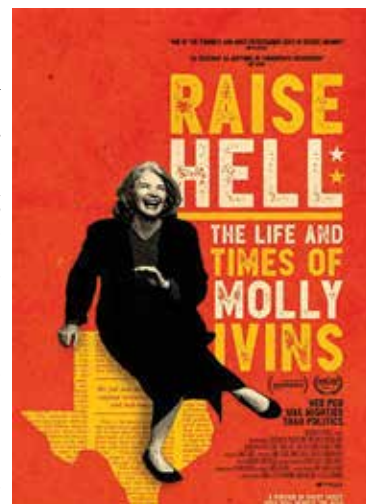


from IMDb.com: "A look at the life and work of opera legend, Luciano Pavarotti."

Our second monthly screening, on Sun., May 24 at 6 pm, is the film *Raise Hell: The Life and Times of Molly Ivins* (USA 2019, 1 hr. 33 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "*Raise Hell: The Life and Times of Molly Ivins* tells the story of media firebrand Molly Ivins, six feet of Texas trouble

who took on the Good Old Boy corruption wherever she found it. Her razor sharp wit left both sides of the aisle laughing, and craving ink in her columns. She knew the Bill of Rights was in peril, and said "Polarizing people is a good way to win an election and a good way to wreck a country." Molly's words have proved prescient. Now it's up to us to raise hell."

All of our screenings are followed by lively discussion about the film; we'd love to have you join us. The Lodge Theater 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](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ **Micki Rosen**



## CLASSIC FILM GROUP .....

SORRY, the Tuesday Night Classic Film Group on May 12 in The Lodge Theater is on hold until The Lodge theater reopens, which we all hope will be soon. When things get back to normal, we'll be showing the movie that influenced Syfy, Director Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Keep checking the Daily Report for updates.

See you at the movies.

**The Ultimate Trip:** Storyline

"2001" is a story of evolution. Sometime in the distant past, someone or something nudged evolution by placing a monolith on Earth (presumably elsewhere throughout the universe as well).

Evolution then enabled humankind to reach the moon's surface, where yet another monolith is found, one that signals the monolith placers



that humankind has evolved that far. Now a race begins between the computer (HAL) and a human (Bowman) to reach the monolith placers. The winner will achieve the next step in evolution, whatever that may be.

The immediate reaction is that it was intentionally buried. When the point of origin is confirmed as Jupiter, an expedition is sent in hopes of finding the source. When Dr. David Bowman finds faults in the expeditionary spacecraft's communications system, he discovers more than he ever wanted to know.

HAL, the ship's computer, begins to display increasingly strange behavior, leading up to a tense showdown between man and machine that results in a mind-bending trek through space and time.



# PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our mission is unchanged — to learn, share and have fun with photography. But during the “Big Chill Spring 2020” we execute the mission in a different way.

Every week we send out a list of online classes available for free from nationally known photography instructors as well as a few fun tips and tricks to pass the time creatively.

Jacque Sneddon made a wise observation that her dogs always get great joy out of doing a task with the knowledge that there is a treat coming. The training seminars give me something to look forward to and the knowledge I gain in those “aha” moments are my treat!

Other things to do to keep your creative juices flowing and put a smile on your face might include:

You and your partner play dress up and take goofy photos of each other.

Set up a diorama on the dining table using a few of your favorite things and work on your Macro Photography and throw in some Focus Stacking.

Set up dates and times to take Porch Family Photos of your neighbors (saw this on the news). Have them dress up in their Big Chill outfits while you stand on the street to photograph them in silly poses and share on the Four Seasons FaceBook page. Or your page or Instagram.

Open a MasterClass account (half price right now). I have learned SO MUCH from MasterClass Sessions. And because I have a peanut-sized memory, I can watch classes again next month too.

“Get together” with your neighbors and plan a sing along from the front steps. Old

Beatles songs work because we all know the words. Or the song that is stuck in my head right now. “I’m Henery the 8th I am” by Herman’s Hermits. (See? Now it’s stuck in your head.)

Review all of your old photos and try them in black and white. Change the colors, add a texture. Who knows? Let your

imagination run wild.

But first and foremost, stay in place – maintain your space – cover your face.

I love this community “More than I can say” (Leo Sayer). Take care all and I’ll see you around soon. ~ **ReNae Stueve**, [renaestueve@outlook.com](mailto:renaestueve@outlook.com)



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## WRITERS' CLUB .....

### *Blind Insight*

I was 21, a fledgling writer. She was 98. Her name was Golda and she was my neighbor. I tended my vegetable garden on the other side of her picket fence. It was here that we met. Each afternoon, Golda's fingers would part the vines of hollyhock that wrapped around broken weather-worn fence slats as she leaned in and listened for me. Golda was blind. She lived alone. I purposed to become a kind and trustworthy voice, not out of charity, but a young writer's curiosity. How did this old blind woman survive on her own?

I longed for a closer look at the life that was being lived in the tiny bungalow next door. However, out of respect for her disability, I chose not to impose a visit and resigned my curiosity to a neighborly distance. With time and patience, I won Golda's trust, and she extended me a long-awaited invitation.

"Honey, are you there?"

"Yes Golda, I'm here!"

"Today is my 99th birthday! Would you have cake with me?"

"I would love to!"

I dropped my garden gloves in the grass, ran around the fence that had been separating us, and eagerly latched on to the arm of an old blind woman who was about to take me on an eye-opening journey.

Inside Golda's tiny bungalow, she began narrating as her hands lovingly moved from tchotchke to photograph. Her tiny slippered feet shuffled about never once stumbling on the furniture that enshrined her remarkable stories. Her stories were adventurous, endearing, and traumatic stories of a young married woman who had journeyed from Oklahoma during the dust bowl and raised a family of six



amongst the fertile orange groves of southern California.

Golda spoke with every expression that her eyes could not. When she had finished, we sat quietly eating birthday cake.

That afternoon, my eyes were opened to an important truth about writing memoirs. A great memoir grows not out of merely telling a story about one's life, but about discovering that kernel of insight that connects its reader to the author's life. Through her narrative, Golda transformed herself from an old blind woman into the historical icon she had destined to become. ~ **Pamela Whitley**

The Writers' Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3 pm in the RCN Conference Room. Any questions, contact [mlarchibald@mac.com](mailto:mlarchibald@mac.com) or [zehnercorked@gmail.com](mailto:zehnercorked@gmail.com).

## RAINBOW GROUP .....

The rainbow is a powerful symbol that represents beauty, balance, peace, and hope. As such, we believe it is a perfect representation for our group. We are residents of Four Seasons Beaumont who also happen to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. The rainbow is so perfect because it really fits our group's diversity in terms of race, gender, ages, and beliefs. While we strive to serve the interests of our members, we do welcome all supportive homeowners and encourage everyone to attend any of our functions. We believe you'll enjoy our company.

Everyone leads busy lives (even at our age!) and we often find it difficult to stay connected with our neighbors. Therefore, the Rainbow Group has monthly get-togethers on the fourth Thursday of each month in The Lodge Game Room at 6 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, May 26. Our monthly get-togethers are mostly



informal social gatherings which give members an opportunity to meet new neighbors, catch up on member and community activities or news, and just chat--no stuffy agenda items, roll calls, minutes for us!

If you are hungry, feel free to bring your own food items and adult beverages, or join some of our members before the meeting and order from the Kopper Kettle Bistro. The Rainbow Group also hosts periodic gatherings for socializing (such as BBQs, potlucks and holiday parties), LGBT-themed movie nights in The Lodge movie theatre, and other events the group may sponsor. Maybe you'd even like to suggest your own activity for the group--we are always open to new ideas. Please direct any questions to Dale at (951) 797-0364, [dalebeckes@gmail.com](mailto:dalebeckes@gmail.com) or on Facebook, search for and if interested, ask to join Four Seasons Beaumont Pride. ~ **Dale Beckes**

## SEASONED SOLOS .....

If you are single and enjoy a variety of activities, then Seasoned Solos just might be the group for you. At each meeting we discuss what is going on in the Inland Empire and plan activities, from local lunches and dinners to excursions to presidential libraries, the 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 Arts & Crafts Room at 6 pm. For further information, call Joyce at (951) 850-3055. ~ **Joyce Olson**

**Just in case: Check with your club contact to confirm meeting place, date, and time.**

## COUNTRY LINE DANCING .....



There are two events for our group this month if the coronavirus allows us to meet. I am sure most of you are as tired of being home as I am and looking forward to dancing again.

I will be starting a new very beginning dance class on Tuesday, May 5, in the Ballroom, which will last for 10 to 12 weeks. This class is for people that have not tried line dancing before. I teach each dance more slowly to allow you to learn the steps. You will learn one or two dances each week during the 30-minute class starting at 1:30 pm. Please be on time and bring water

with you. As always, you can repeat the very beginning class if you need to or want to do so.

The second event is our Friday evening, May 15, Country Line Dancing and More Party in The Lodge Ballroom. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Dancing is from 5 to 8:30 pm. Buy your dinner from the Bistro. This is a BYOB event. The class will supply cups, ice, and water.

Hopefully, we can resume our other dance classes at the usual times each week. I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again.

~ **Martha Franck, (714) 345-8588**

## STEP IT UP LINE DANCING .....



With Janine Rohrbacker

Well, what can I say this month? This has been a very interesting time in all of our lives, to say the least. We had a great Wednesday night class March 11 and by noon on Thursday our entire world changed. Classes were canceled and here we are still today. What I can say is that I am convinced more than ever that with Step It Up Line Dance class, dancing is second to the great friends we have all become. Dave and I truly love and miss you all so much and we can't wait to get back out

on the dance floor not only for the dance and exercise but to see all of the people we've missed. I am practicing and I hope you are as well and I also have some fun new dances to bring for you. As soon as we can resume activities I'll start a new three-month class, hopefully in June. We'll just have to wait and see. Please stay healthy, we are going to party like it's 1999 when this is all over! See you very soon!

If you have any questions, you can call me at (949) 326-3133. ~ **Janine Rohrbacker**



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## LET'S DANCE! .....

The members of Let's Dance! are sending our sincere best wishes to our neighbors at this difficult time. We are hopeful to be back dancing in our Ballroom whenever the Board deems it safe.

Mark your calendars for our Summer Dance Party on Saturday, Aug. 1. We will be featuring American Made, the same band we had last year. More information will be available in The Lodge lobby as we get closer to August.

We have included some flashback photos from our 2019 Summer Dance to hopefully bring a few smiles and happy memories. We look forward to seeing you real soon. For information, contact Puring or Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333, or purings@verizon.net. ~ *Sue Condurachi*



*Images from last year's Summer Dance Party*



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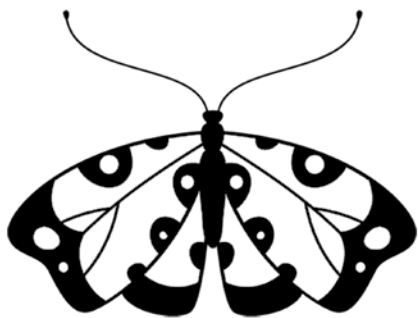
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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP .....

Shalom intercessors, friends, and neighbors!

I pray that all is well with you and your family. Our prayer group remains prayerful and vigilant during this crisis.

We will not be meeting in The Lodge at this time. We are meeting at our new conference prayer line. We welcome men and women to join us every Monday morning at 9 am until this issue is resolved.

We are praying for all doctors and nurses on the front line working hard to save lives and for all of the other responders.

In your prayers don't forget to pray that the Harvard specialists and the infectious disease department will find a cure for the COVID-19 outbreak.

We will remain sober and vigilant until our prayers are answered.

Please feel free to email me at [eaglewatchwl@aol.com](mailto:eaglewatchwl@aol.com) if you want to join us on the conference line every Monday.

Remember, faith and prayer change things. ~ **Cookie Bonner;**  
[eaglewatchwb@aol.com](mailto:eaglewatchwb@aol.com)

## WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY .....

"Then our mouths were filled with laughter; our tongue sang for joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'the Lord had done great things for them.'" Psalms 126:2

I thought this was an appropriate Bible verse as we continue our time of uncertainty, anxiety, and stress due to the extreme circumstances that individuals, communities, and our nation are facing each day. Laughter truly is good medicine. The technology we have available gave me the opportunity to stay connected with the ladies in our evening Bible study. I chose to do video lessons. It allows the members to view at their leisure and is available to be saved and shared with others. The videos were sent to their cell phones and the women received them with enthusiasm. In April, the first lesson "Women and Jesus in his last days" conveys the nurturing qualities of women and their deep love for Jesus. In His last days we are shown how much Jesus honors and respects women. The second

lesson "the prophecies fulfilled at the cross" review the Old Testament prophets and the truth they proclaimed of the future death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In May, we will continue with the parables of Jesus. These short stories teach us spiritual truths that give us wisdom and help guide us through our daily lives. We pray that we will be able to gather in The Lodge in May. We meet at 5:30 pm in the Game Room on the first and third Thursday of each month. All women are invited to attend and I encourage you to do so. You will meet a group of caring women and we desire to pray for you. We can't predict the future but we can stand strong in our faith and trust God to see us through. You can reach me at my email and I will answer your questions.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." Romans 15:13. ~ **Mary Baer, [baerhuggy@icloud.com](mailto:baerhuggy@icloud.com)**

## LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY .....

Blessings to all as we have been in physical isolation, but still together in faith and prayer electronically. Pending the status of the pandemic and the orders of our county health department, we will plan to meet again in the months of May and June. Jim Seim will be leading the study in the Psalms. We can identify with the many psalms of sadness and struggle as well as the psalms of thankfulness, joy, and hope in God's wonderful grace and mercy toward us. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the third section of The Lodge Ballroom.

We invite all residents to join us for fellowship, discussion, and learning from God's Word. Please contact Doc or Letha Sellars with any questions or comments at (951) 797-3302 or [docletha72@gmail.com](mailto:docletha72@gmail.com). "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26. ~ **Doc Sellars**

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## “BELIEVE...” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

What an unusual time to be living! The pandemic has had an unprecedented effect on all of us, including the Four Seasons “Believe...” Women’s Bible Study. When the governor issued his “stay at home” order, I had already prepared about eight weeks of lessons on our next series, a study of end times. I was so disappointed. While trying to adjust to this life-altering situation, one of the dear ladies in our group suggested we all meet by conference call. I had heard of Zoom, but several of the ladies didn’t have computers. Therefore, after prayer and research, we began our meetings via teleconference (everyone has a phone!). As a group we have only missed one Friday’s session. It still feels strange to not see these amazing women’s sweet faces or to give them a welcoming and loving hug, but we have had a lot of success. During our first telephone session, we completed our final lesson on the subject of Peace and 33 women attend via teleconference. The second lesson on April 3 began a three-week series on Waiting, with 43 in attendance. We discussed how much of our lives we spend waiting — in lines, at stop lights, for a doctor, for a friend, etc. We talked about what we do or think while we’re waiting. It was startling to hear that the average amount of time a Christian spends in prayer is ONE minute per day!

The next lesson was held on April 10, Good Friday, discussing “Waiting FOR the Lord.” We reviewed the events of the week beginning on Palm Sunday and continuing to Easter or Resurrection Sunday. We, as Christians, are now looking FOR the Lord’s second coming.

The following week, the lesson was “Waiting ON the Lord,” what to do while we’re waiting for an answer to prayer or for discernment or deliverance. We are all in a waiting mode for this pandemic to be over so we can resume normal life once again. Our last lesson in April was entitled “We are Christians.” In May we hope to show the movie which prefates our eight-week series on End Times.

If any of you wonderful women out there are interested in joining our Bible study via teleconference until further notice, please contact me and I will give you all the information. Until then, stay safe, be well, and be blessed. ~ Eileen Gilbert-Antoine; [egcellent@msn.com](mailto:egcellent@msn.com)





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Classes are Mondays, 10 am to 12 noon, and/ or Wednesdays, 6 to 8 pm. There is a nominal \$5 fee per person, per session. If you have any questions, call Rob Kelman at (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**



*This is the perspective of the artist of the month, John Baeyertz: While looking for a subject to draw, I came across a beautiful photo of the Pont de Rohan Bridge in Landerneau Brittany, France. The bridge dates back to 1510, when Jean Viscount of Rohan, raised it to replace the old medieval bridge. Water is all around, reflecting sunlight and the colors of the historic bridge.*

*I chose to draw this picture using a mix of ink pens and colored pencils. This mixture was a new technique for me. I really enjoy when Rob Kelman, our instructor, challenges us to try new techniques. The Mixed Media Art Class allows us to find new media for our artwork. The challenge for this image is three-fold. First, getting the perspective right, a skill Rob teaches in class. Second, completing the ink drawing, with no errors. Third, capturing the vivid colors with pencils.*

*You will find a welcoming atmosphere at Mixed Media Art Class. If you are inspired to create drawings and art, I highly recommend this class. At any skill level, you will be welcomed and might just be surprised by the artist inside you.*

## CERAMICS CLASS .....

We will announce when classes will resume in the future. Everyone stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Ceramics class has something for both the novice crafter looking for a new hobby and anyone who has experience and wants to create their own unique design and create pieces for friends and family. In addition to individual projects, we also offer class projects throughout the year to teach new techniques.

Join in the fun — drop by the Arts & Crafts Room to see our monthly ceramics class schedule and learn more about our upcoming class projects.

We meet Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm. Please see class schedule in for any exceptions.

A certified instructor and/or experienced class team lead is available to support your crafting needs. Participation is at your own pace and frequency.

Call Loretta Ramsey at (714) 803-6744 or Brenda Ystrom at (909) 910-1100 for more information. ~ **Brenda Ystrom**



## KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Our group is growing. If you would like to come & check us out, please join us on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We have plenty of room and will teach newcomers, if necessary. ~ **Dorothy Payne, dpayne001@dc.rr.com**



## CRAFT GROUP .....

As I write this, we have no way of knowing when groups and clubs will once again be able to meet. We hope everyone has remained safe during this trying time and that the ladies of the Craft Group have come up with some new ideas that we will implement as soon as we

can get together.

We welcome you to join us any Thursday at 10 pm, in the Arts & Crafts Room. For more information call Barbara Paules (951) 845-3608. ~ **Barbara Paules**

## QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

As with all groups and clubs, we hope by the time the *Breeze* is received in May, we will be meeting and back to our normal routine. Several members of the group have been very busy making masks for family, friends, and neighbors. We have also donated masks to residents through distribution from The Lodge. It has helped to fill our time and give back to make our community safe. Nancy Lilly even made 25 masks for the Stater Bros. crew where her son works.

We meet on the first Sunday of each month in the Arts & Crafts Room at The Lodge at 12:30 pm. We share, work on charity projects, and learn new techniques.

For information, contact Mary Christelman, ferndalemary@gmail.com. ~ **Mary Christelman**



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## AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB .....

### America's Original Sin!

The remains of the last slave ship coming to America have finally been found. In 1860, 52 years after the United States banned the importation of slaves, the Schooner named Clotilda brought 110 slaves from Africa to Mobile, Alabama. Those slaves were the last of over 400,000 Africans delivered into bondage to America from the early 1600s.

By the time the Civil War broke out, Mobile was exporting 100 million tons of cotton which was the basis for the South's entire economy. As a result, buying and selling slaves was still in high demand. The cost of purchasing slaves in America was far more expensive than purchasing slaves from Africa. Although importing slaves had been illegal for over 50 years, Timothy Maher, a wealthy shipbuilder and slave owner, made a bet with comrades that he could make an illegal run to Africa to purchase slaves much cheaper.

Maher hired Captain William Foster to sail to the Kingdom of Dahomey (the coast of Benin and Nigeria) to purchase 110 Africans and sneak them into the Mobile Bay for distribution.

"I then took the schooner, burned and sank it," says Captain Foster.

Last year after the water levels sank to extreme lows in the Mobile River, the Alabama Ship Wreck Commission teamed up with Search Inc., the Smithsonian Institute, and the Slave Wrecks Project to do a

full-scale search of a section of the river where they believed the boat was located. They found a boat 86 feet long and 23 feet wide, the exact dimensions of the Clotilda, according to its insurance documents.

In May of last year, the Alabama Historical Commission formally announced that the Clotilda had been found by researcher, Ben Raines. "The wreckage found bears physical and forensic evidence that powerfully suggests that this is the Clotilda. It was found in the right place, was the right size, and was made of the same materials described in the boat's records."

The African-American Cultural Club (AACC) encourages Four Seasons residents to participate in its cultural events and programs which are designed to share the Black experience with residents through educational and social events.

Future Events:

June 19- Juneteenth Celebration

Oct. 3 -Jazz Under the Stars

Dec. 12 - Christmas Gala

AACC meetings are postponed due to the coronavirus.

For club information, please call Betty Ann James at (951) 572-5538 or email: [infoaacc@gmail.com](mailto:infoaacc@gmail.com). ~

**Regina Thomas**



*The Clotilda, the last-known slave ship to reach the shores of the United States in 1860, was finally discovered in Alabama.*  
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## TASTE D'VINE .....

As we write this article, in mid April, the sincere wish is that you are all taking care and in good health! The optimistic hope is that we will have our community up and running sometime in May with our Monthly Taste d'Vine meeting being held on May 21. So with those positive thoughts in mind... Your Taste d'Vine Wine Club is pleased to present some wonderful wines from Lebanon.

Lebanon is a small country nestled at the eastern most point of the Mediterranean, where the waves wash its shoreline from the furthest point north to its lowest point south. Lebanon has a long, dry, hot summer with plenty of sunshine and short, rainy, cool winter with

fog covering its green mountains. Vines are planted on the face of the mountains and through the valleys. With a strong French influence and organically grown, these wines are sure to please.

Please join us May 21 (we meet the third Thursday of each 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 or fruit, along with two glasses for tasting.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for resident guests. For information, contact Gracy Luna at (951) 292-3624. ~ **Gracy Luna**



## CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB .....

We are classical music lovers with an interest in sharing our love, knowledge, and interest in classical music. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in The Lodge 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](mailto:steve.benoff@verizon.net) or (310) 413-4896. ~ **Steve Benoff**

## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS .....

The Four Seasons Singers are not rehearsing right now, but we have the music we have been working on and I just know (wink, wink) that choir members are working on it themselves. They also know how to do deep breathing by placing one hand on their diaphragm and one on their ribs and taking in a deep breath. If you do this correctly you can feel your chest and ribs expand. This can be a great stress reliever and you can also test how your lungs are doing by doing this exercise.

I've sent notes to my choir because I miss them. One contained a joke that I will expand on here. Think back to the 80s and Bon Jovi's big hair. One of their

songs was *Livin' On A Prayer*. Well, think of our situation now and toilet paper. Now sing: "We've got to hold on to what we got; we've got each other and that's a lot; it makes a difference if we make it or not; for Love we'll give it a shot. Oh, we're half way there; oh, oh, livin' on a square. Wash your hands and we'll make it I swear. Oh, oh, livin' on a square."

If you would like to join the Singers, would like to be included in my email list, or if you have questions about the Four Seasons Singers, call (951) 797-3466 or email me at [bawasco@dc.rr.com](mailto:bawasco@dc.rr.com). We always welcome new recruits who want to sing! ~ **Barbara Wasco**



## VETERANS CLUB .....

### ***Veterans Group Finding Solutions to Current Problems***

On your morning walk during these "shelter in place" days have you seen Veterans smiling? If so, know that they are not up to mischief. More than most people our Veterans have already experienced plenty of time being "locked down" and "restricted to quarters." Veterans know this will pass and our life of pool time, club events, and meals at our Bistro will resume. So, settle in for a cozy spring at home. Do some gardening, catch up on those shows you missed, read a book or two! Stay safe we look forward to spending time with you soon.

For those who need more social interaction, our Veteran's group innovator Glenn King has found a path forward. Glenn has introduced a video conferencing application to fill the void. Recently, Glenn and a couple of our Veterans Group Communications Team members conducted a test to evaluate the use of Zoom meetings conferencing software with real-time messaging and content sharing. "We hope to use this video-conferencing application as a valuable new communication capability to reach more of our Four Seasons Veterans and their spouses, especially those unable to attend our meetings due to their medical/physical disability. This application will let us also record our meetings as a video file. Soon members will be able to view our meetings when convenient," said Air Force retired veteran Glenn King. Glenn King is also the designer and administrator for our Four Seasons Veterans Group Website.

As expected, our first attempt was a bit hit or miss, but the application showed great promise. Zoom has been in the news lately

having been the target of hackers. On March 20, Eric S. Yuan, the Founder and CEO of Zoom, published a blog post. In his post, Yuan announced that Zoom is committing their engineer department resources for the next 90 days to identify and fix recent issues of harassment (or so-called "Zoom bombing") in their application. He further reminded users of available protective settings which prevent uninvited guests from entering their conferences. Those with security concerns are encouraged to seek more information from the company's website.

Veterans interested in being part of our next Zoom meeting "test trial" have two options. Primary means to join the next conference is to visit our online website [fourseasonsveteransgroup.com](http://fourseasonsveteransgroup.com). At the homepage, click the "MORE" tab at the top of the page, and select "Group NEWS&PROJECTS" from the drop down menu. Then scroll down to the "New Zoom Video Conferencing" article. The alternative is to send an email to the [fourseasonsveteransgroup@group.com](mailto:fourseasonsveteransgroup@group.com) to obtain further instructions on how to download this application onto your computer. There are free tutorial videos available to guide new users as well.

We encourage other interested clubs to check out [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) on the Internet. No reason to let a little thing like a quarantine to stop all the fun in Four Seasons.

Stay home, stay safe! ~ **Lawrence Moreland, [ldmoreland76@gmail.com](mailto:ldmoreland76@gmail.com)**

## ALL SEASONS RV .....

Hello, Four Seasons residents. I hope by the time this edition of the *Breeze* is published, we are all back to our usual routines. Our RV group was lucky enough that we were able to get our March trip in before the madness set in. We were at the Pechanga RV Resort in Temecula. If you have an RV and have not been to this RV Park, it is a beautiful resort — very clean, pet friendly and safe. In addition, they take Passport America Sunday through Thursday which is a considerable discount. We had seven rigs on this trip and despite the cold weather and rain we were able to enjoy our potluck bbq hosted by Larry and Natalie Zimmerman. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow us to enjoy all that Temecula had to offer, but the guys were able to get in a golf game. We did play Bingo at the casino, do a little shopping, and had a night out for pizza. We had a few guests join us who stayed in the hotel. It is always a treat to share our outings with some of our friends and neighbors who may not have an RV but can stay at a hotel on or near the RV Park.

Like all of the clubs and/or groups at Four Seasons, we are not able to meet for our monthly meetings, but when this restriction is lifted we will be getting together the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in The Lodge. If you have any interest in our club and future outings, please feel free to stop in or you can contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Larry Z at (909) 552-2798 for more information. ~ **Ann Williams**



*Larry Zimmerman, Frank Gorgi, Charles Price, and Rich Williams after golfing at Red Hawk In Temecula*



*Enjoying our bbq hosted by Natalie and Larry Zimmerman*



*Even though it was cold we enjoyed great company and a full moon by the camp fire*

## POOL VOLLEYBALL .....

Pool volleyball is on hold until our community has been given the okay to socialize. Request went in to management last year to repair our net. The Courts pool will eventually be heated to 84 degrees and hopefully we will be playing volleyball in the month of June. Try to keep your Mondays open at noon for one to two hours of play. ~ **Barbara Miller**

## HORSESHOE CLUB .....

With the coronavirus threat bringing everything to a halt, this will be my generic *Breeze* article until things get back to normal again and I have something to write about. Our club has 16 members with an average of 10 players participating each week. We have relaxed rules about throwing distances, pretty much where you are comfortable throwing, so everyone can participate and have fun. We have Quarterly Tournaments both Singles and Doubles with the winners' pictures being included in the *Breeze*.

We have quarterly social events, which consist of dinner at The Kopper Kettle Bistro at 5 pm followed by dessert at one of our

member's homes. This gets our spouses and significant others involved and makes for a fun evening of fellowship and camaraderie. We usually cap the evening off with a rousing game of LCR (left/center/right).

We're always looking for new members, so while you are hunkered down in your homes for the next several weeks, be thinking about joining us. We meet at The Summit every Wednesday at 9 am, fall through spring, and 8 am in the summer. Our contacts are Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**



## 4X4 SEASONS .....

Lynette Simonson did all the planning for our most recent 4x4 Seasons club adventure. She led the group up Old Idyllwild Rd. to Azalea Creek, which is a forestry road off Hwy. 243. Lynette knows the area well. Her and her husband bought and pioneered this 21-acre property back in 1983. They lived up on the mountain for 25 years until 2008 when Lynette moved to Four Seasons where we're lucky to have her. We'll be going back soon to see the blooming azaleas.

After Lynette's tour of the trail, it was time for lunch. We headed to La Casita.

Participants included Brian Fusilier, Lynette Simonson, Doug Pearson, Linda Lowery, Su Sloan, Rick Mac Gillivray, Gary and Paulette Sigriz, Scott Snyder, and Alan Chan.

Anyone not in the club who lives here and has a four-wheel-drive vehicle that they don't mind getting dirty and maybe a little desert pinstriped, is welcome to come to our monthly meetings. The meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, 6 pm in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. The official club outing is on the following Thursday.

Prior to our excursion, we meet at The Lodge at 7:45 am and roll out at 8 am. Hope to see you there. ~ **Scott Snyder, scottdonaldsnyder@gmail.com**

*Lynette and Brian with Doug popped up from his sunroof*



*Another fun day*



*Alan Chan enjoying the view*



## MOTORCYCLE CLUB .....

Like so many other activities at Four Seasons, the motorcycle club (MC) has suspended group rides until further notice due to the coronavirus.

We were scheduled to go on a three day ride in late March that would have taken us to Lone Pine and Las Vegas; this ride was planned several months ago. However, in accordance with the governor's stay-at-home order, we canceled the ride. Additionally, our weekly

Thursday rides and our monthly club meeting are suspended until further notice.

For now we remain optimistic that life will soon get back to normal and we are grateful that our club members, along with their loved ones, remain healthy and safe. ~ **Jim Ayala, jimrayala95@gmail.com**



## LADIES PUTTERS GROUP

The Board has approved the additional holes for the putting green which will allow more people to play and give us more options for competitive play in the future. We are looking forward to getting it done and getting back to playing whenever that may safely be achieved. We hope sooner than later. Please stay healthy and safe.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Irving (951) 923-2525 or Leona Davisson (951) 489-7745. ~ **Sue Wilson**

## PICKLEBALL .....

Currently, the only pickleball being played is in our living rooms on YouTube. Once the ban on social distancing is lifted, consider the following for a healthier you:

- Playing pickleball can improve your mood and ward off depression.
- Physical activity can help release feel-good endorphins and take your mind off our worries.
- Playing pickleball gets your heart pumping with this form of moderate exercise, it can improve blood pressure levels as well.
- While there's no serious running, playing pickleball does provide a little aerobic exercise.
- As a great alternative to more strenuous physical activities, pickleball is ideal for older age groups that still want to get in a little moderate exercise.
- A rousing pickleball game can also improve your balance. Regular

activity, including the aerobic exercise pickleball requires, can improve our balance even as we age.

- Pickleball gives players the opportunity to tone their muscles and improve their agility.
- According to NPR, pickleball is also a great sport for participants with previous injuries. Instead of putting your health at risk, you can burn 40 percent more calories than walking without causing yourself further pain.
- Pickleball is also a social sport. Whether you play a single or doubles game, learning how to play pickleball can put you on the court with other enthusiastic players.

On behalf of all the Four Seasons Pickleball players, stay healthy, stay safe, and know we are here to support our community in this time of need. ~ **Karen Rose, (626) 497-6644**

## BOCCE BALL .....

To all our Bocce Ball players here at Four Seasons, stay safe! As I am writing this article for the *Breeze* it is early April and we are all keeping our distance from each other because of the current situation.

Hopefully by the end of April or early May we will have a better understanding of when we can get back to normal. And maybe we

can start up our activities. The weather will start warming up and we can resume our lives.

If you have questions, contact one of the following: Hank Negrete at (909) 747-7087 or Greg Stilson at (951) 267-1551. ~ **Hank Negrete, hanknegrete16@yahoo.com**

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## PINOCHLE FOR FUN .....

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## 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 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**

## CO-ED BID WHIST .....

Greetings everyone! We hope that everyone is doing well during this pandemic. These have certainly been challenging times. As we look forward to the coming months, may the time you've spent with loved ones/yourselves be restorative, thoughtful and positive.

When it is safe to congregate once again, we invite you to come out sometime and join us to learn bid whist and/or 'to get your bid game on.' We meet on Mondays (except major holidays) from 6 to 8:30 pm in the RCN Building, Activity Room 3. We offer a satisfying game environment filled with good cheer, good natured 'trash talking' and some great music. And, win or lose... you will have a lot of fun and meet some great folks while playing bid whist. New players, whether new to the game or veterans, are always welcome! We look forward to seeing you at the tables.

For more information, contact Roxanne Williams at (951) 797-3123 or Floyd Reid at (951) 317-3127. ~ **Roxanne Williams**

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP .....

With the crisis affecting our community and our country (and the world for that matter), we have far more important issues than our ability to gather around the card table to enjoy our favorite pastime.

We will get through this time of trouble, however, and when we do, the Four Seasons Duplicate Bridge group will resume meeting on Saturday mornings in the RCN building. We will want to resume a friendly environment to enjoy the best form of the game as happens at other senior communities.

As always, send an email to me if you're

interested in discussion of duplicate bridge activity or would like to learn to improve your game, or are interested in duplicate bridge at Four Seasons. ~ **Kirk Freyermuth, kafreyer@frontier.com**



## UPTOWN DIVAS BID WHIST

Uptown Divas Bid Whist Group meets on the first and third Friday every month from 2 to 4 pm in the Game Room. ~ **Deborah Garner, kenyakiki@aol.com**



## 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 Game 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**

## RUMMIKUB .....

Join us Sundays from 2 to 4 pm. Please try to show up by 1:45 pm as we welcome help setting up. Have fun with new and old friends. Rummikub is played at a table with tiles and a holder for each player's tiles. Players begin with 14 tiles. A player's first move is a group of at least three tiles totaling 30 points. 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 Game Room. We 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**

## 20,000 CANASTA

We hope those of you who joined us to play 20,000 Canasta last month enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed that you came.

Please join us again this month and bring a friend. We play the first and third Fridays of each month from 1 to 4 pm.

If you never played 20,000 Canasta we can set up a teaching table. Hope to see you there. ~ **Leona Davisson, (951) 489-7745**



## DOMINOES .....

The Domino Group just like many other groups has been closed down due to the coronavirus. For the month of March we did not have a domino champion due to the outbreak. The month of April looks pretty bleak and none of the groups or clubs are scheduled to open until April 30. That date might be extended so we just have to wait and see.

On a happier note, before the coronavirus set in, the Domino Group held a celebration for our new domino table covers. The party was really nice everyone did there part to make it

happen. Congratulations to all who helped and contributed to the celebration. This was the best party every held by the Domino Group, better than our Xmas party. There was plenty of food, smiles and beautifully decorated tables.

Dominoes were not played in April. It will be wonderful when this virus stops and everyone and everything gets back to normal. Until then, everyone keep safe and stay at home!

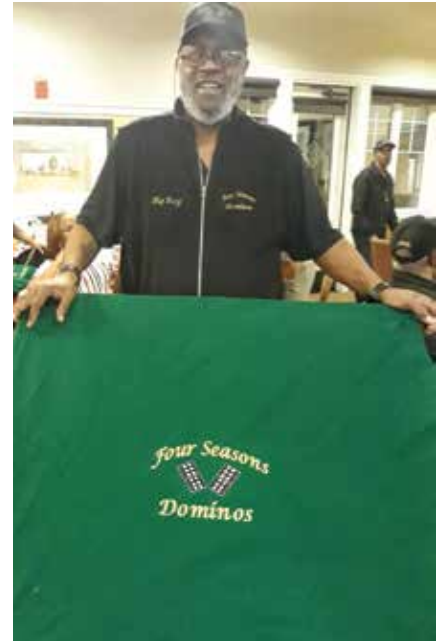
For more information, call Jesse at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie at (951) 743-3584. ~  
**Marvin Gaines**



*Decorated party tables*



*Domino Group ladies ready to serve food*



*Reggie Fuqua, President, showing new domino tablecloths*

## THREE THIRTEEN .....

The waiting game may be difficult but Three Thirteen is not. It can be played with only two people and I'm confident even a virtual game over FaceTime or Zoom could be managed.

The rules of the game are simple. The game is played in 11 rounds, from threes to Kings. Players meld, using sets and runs of at least three cards. Starting with round one, each player gets three cards and threes and jokers are wild. With each subsequent round, one more card is added. So in round two, each player receives four cards and the fours and jokers are wild. Round three, five cards and fives and jokers are wild. This repeats through round 11 in which players receive 13 cards and Kings and jokers are wild. Aces are low and never played as a high card.

In each round, the player to first lay all cards down (and a discard) receives no points. The remaining players then lay down their cards — either on the first player's cards or with their own runs and/or sets. Any cards left in a player's hand are then counted. Aces are one point, threes to nines are face value, and 10s and face cards are 10 points each. The player with the least amount of points wins the game.

Hopefully you will give Three Thirteen a try, either at home or in the Game Room at 3 pm on the first and third Tuesday of this month. If the stay-at-home order is still in effect, we will wait. If you have any questions or want a score sheet emailed to you, contact Mike Corbett at micedcor1@gmail.com. ~ **Mike Corbett**

## CANASTA .....

Join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun while playing a game of Hand and Foot Canasta. We meet Thursdays in the RCN Main 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**

## BUNCO .....

We play every second and fourth Friday at 1 pm in the RCN Main Room. Bunco is very easy to play and it's a great way to meet new friends. For more information, contact Bre Moreland at Bredyluv@gmail.com. ~ **Bre Moreland**

## PHASE 10 .....

We meet every second Monday and every third Saturday at 3 pm in The Lodge Game Room. For more information, contact Cheri Howard at (951) 756-1216. ~ **Cheri Howard**



## TENNIS CLUB .....

With the cancellations of the BNP Paribas Open and Wimbledon this year, I am sure a lot of us tennis enthusiasts are bummed. And now, even the 2020 Summer Olympic games have been postponed to 2021. Who knows what might happen to the rest of the Grand Slams this year? With this current mandatory stay-at-home order, we may find ourselves sitting home all summer long binge-watching reruns of "The Old and The Restless."

The good news is this order could be a blessing in disguise. Why? Perhaps we could all use some down time to give our tired, achy, old bones and joints a much-needed rest. After all, I am reasonably sure none of us tennis nuts are in our twenties any longer. Our poor body can only take so much abuse on the courts. But who knows, when this virus thingy finally dies down and we get back out on the courts, we might feel so rested and energetic that we'll be running around like we're in our twenties again. (Ha, fat chance!)

On a more serious note, both our USTA teams – Men's Doubles 7.0 and Mixed Doubles 7.0 Combo – were able to finish the league play in the nick of time, just before COVID-19 hit. Even though neither team brought home the championship trophy or a million-dollar prize, all team members had a great time playing and meeting players from other clubs. Additionally, new USTA teams are currently being formed for upcoming leagues. If you are interested in joining one of these teams, or you just want to know more details, please feel free to contact us.

Meanwhile, let's all do our part to keep ourselves and Four Seasons safe and coronavirus free. Take a walk with your significant other or by yourself. Take your dog for a walk. Or, as in my household, our

dog takes us for a walk. And if you are so inclined, go skateboarding down Four Seasons Circle (Ouch! But seriously, PLEASE DON'T!). In any case, the key is to keep active, stay healthy and be safe. Together, we will beat this unwelcome and invisible enemy!

For more information go to <https://sites.google.com/view/tennis-fourseasons/home>. ~ Stan Lam, (714) 757-2141, [slamcpa@gmail.com](mailto:slamcpa@gmail.com)



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# PING PONG .....

Early last month, during the time when the Four Seasons Table Tennis Club was still active but with a strict quota of players, I thought of a frivolous new game called Corona-pong. The rules of this game are essentially the same as regular table tennis, except in lieu of the usual high-fives, fist bumps, back-slaps and air-kisses (well, not really!) that signify post-match sportsmanship, you now must resort to elbow bumps, knee touches, and other “don’t get too close to me” types of gestures.

Then when the coronavirus became a pandemic, things got real serious, real fast.

Now that all Four Seasons table tennis activity has been reduced to air-pong in front of our bathroom mirrors, it’s a great time to reflect on what a terrific club we have, and all the competitive appreciation and camaraderie that exists amongst our members. During these challenging times, this is most evident in many of the positive and supportive emails and text messages that continue to flow back and forth, along with the grateful “hellos” that are exchanged as we remain at least six feet apart during daytime walks through the community.

Before social distancing became a way of life, I had the chance to attend the 2020 USATT Table Tennis Olympic Trials at Santa Monica College. Being the shameless ping-pong groupie that I am, walking into that room to experience some of the best table tennis players in the world competing for a spot on the US Olympic team was simply

magical. Unfortunately, those who made the team will have to wait until 2021 to compete.

In closing, on behalf of the FSTTC, I would like to extend my gratitude to Cindy and the management staff at Four Seasons for continuing to work behind the scenes to keep us informed about all that we must do in this community to keep us engaged, safe, and healthy as we remain confined to our living rooms.

Those of us who love this game of table tennis are far more comfortable with the quick moves and lightning-fast reflexes that keep our retired bodies and minds active rather than sitting around the house watching soap operas and eating Girl Scout cookies all day!

The Four Seasons Table Tennis Club will rise again! ~ **Bob Rubenstein, brube88@gmail.com**





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## FISHING CLUB .....

Here you go. Something has happened that I never thought would happen. I have not been able to go fishing for three months. I have been around for 68 years and nothing like this has ever happened to me. All the parks and lakes are locked up. No party boats going out to ocean fish. California has been in a total lock down due to a virus. To tell you the truth, I am in shock. With that said, here is what I have been doing at home to pass the time. I have over 10 tackle boxes that needed to be cleaned out. It will probably take about a year for me to do this. I believe by then this virus will be defeated. I also have to clean my reels and fishing poles. That should take me about two months. I guess I have plenty of things to do before we get to go fishing again. Tight lines to all my fishing friends and remember this too shall pass. The picture I sent you was taken years ago when we were still able to go out and catch fish.  
~ **Richard Carrasco**, [ricarrasco52@gmail.com](mailto:ricarrasco52@gmail.com)

## TOPS .....

Some of us think, "If only I could wire my jaw shut, or lock myself in a room away from my favorite foods, I could lose weight." Well... here is our chance. Our jaws are not wired shut, but we are pretty much shut up away from many of the temptations that previously were stumbling blocks in our attempts to lead a healthy lifestyle. We are now ordered to "shelter in place," and since we know what is good for us, most of us are doing just that, staying home but for a few necessary exceptions.

So, we have no bunco parties with tasty snacks, no wine club to tempt us with new wines and hors d'oeuvres, no bridge or poker at someone's house with beer while playing, no horseshoe dinners followed by six tempting desserts at a private home, etc. Even the casino buffets are shut down. Now, we are left creating our own food (unless we trust the take-out kitchens of Beaumont) and our own snacks.

This is our great opportunity to control our own diet. We certainly have the time to weigh, peel and chop, to prepare ahead of

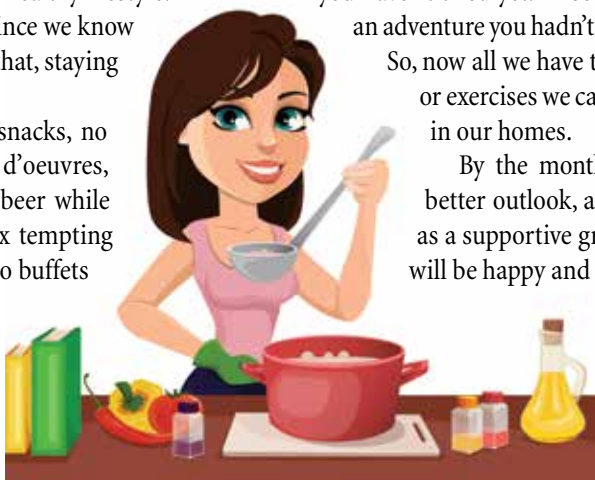
time, and to check the carbs, calories or nutrition, in what we plan to eat each day.

If you have saved old copies of the TOPS magazine (or go to the website for Take Off Pounds Sensibly) you can find dozens of recipes you haven't tried yet. Discovering new and tasty dishes can be an adventure you hadn't planned on during this confinement.

So, now all we have to do is to figure out how many steps or exercises we can do while circling the kitchen island in our homes.

By the month of May, our country may have a better outlook, and when we are ready to come back as a supportive group again, we at TOPS pray that you will be happy and healthy.

When safe, why not join us, and make a healthy difference in your life today? We meet Tuesday, 8 am, in The Lodge Ballroom. ~ **Andi Henderson 918-497-6491**



## TAKE A HIKE CLUB .....

Hikers are ready to hit our local mountain trails again. The next hike is Wednesday, May 13. We hike five miles round-trip with a moderate elevation gain and enjoy a lunch out together.

We hike the second Wednesday of the month. Contact Lynette Simonson (951) 377 0392 or email [lynette.simonson@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.simonson@gmail.com) for more information about the club or the next hike location. ~ **Lynette Simonson**



*Just in case: Check with your club contact to confirm meeting place, date, and time.*



## BILLIARDS FOR FUN .....

It has been disconcerting and surreal to not be able to meet with the Billiards for Fun Group during this isolation period. Just so you all know, Pete and I miss every one of you fun and amazing people! Thank goodness that Pete has a pool table so we can keep up our skills. (Okay, yes, he beats me pretty much all the time!)

So, since we haven't seen all of you, below are some photos reminiscent of pre-pandemic days. Other than playing virtual pool on the Internet or another way, I hope our skills are much like riding a

bike: they are just in dormancy, waiting for the next tournament. The next tournament, by the way, is scheduled for May 26, if the "shelter in place" order is lifted. If not, then June? July? August?

Whenever we can get back to our Billiards Room, any of you out there are welcome to come by any Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm or 1 to 3 pm to join a great group of billiards players. Until then, stay well, be blessed, and hopefully we'll see you soon! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**, [egcellent@msn.com](mailto:egcellent@msn.com)



*BFFG members arriving for competitive play*



*Mike Corbett shoots his best game!*



*Pat Semler draws spectators*

## WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS .....

The "Wild Bunch" 8-Ball Billiards Group would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy journey as we go into our second month of playing pool and becoming a legend in our own mind.

The "Wild Bunch" consists of some of the best players in the league: Joe Spinella, Lucas Don, Robert Howard, Bob Rector, Mike Corbett, Carlos Rivera, LeRoy Wright, Rocket Spinosa, and Gracy Luna.

Once this beast has died and the crisis is over, if you want to play serious, competitive pool, we invite you to come by the Billiards Room and join in the stimulation of competitive play.

In conclusion, practice does not make perfect; practice makes permanent; perfect practice makes perfection permanent. ~ **Gracy Luna**, [gracyluna@aol.com](mailto:gracyluna@aol.com)



## BASKETBALL .....

Everyone is welcome. We meet at the basketball court Fridays starting at 4 pm. Bring your energy and be prepared to have some fun. ~ **Richard Hoffman**

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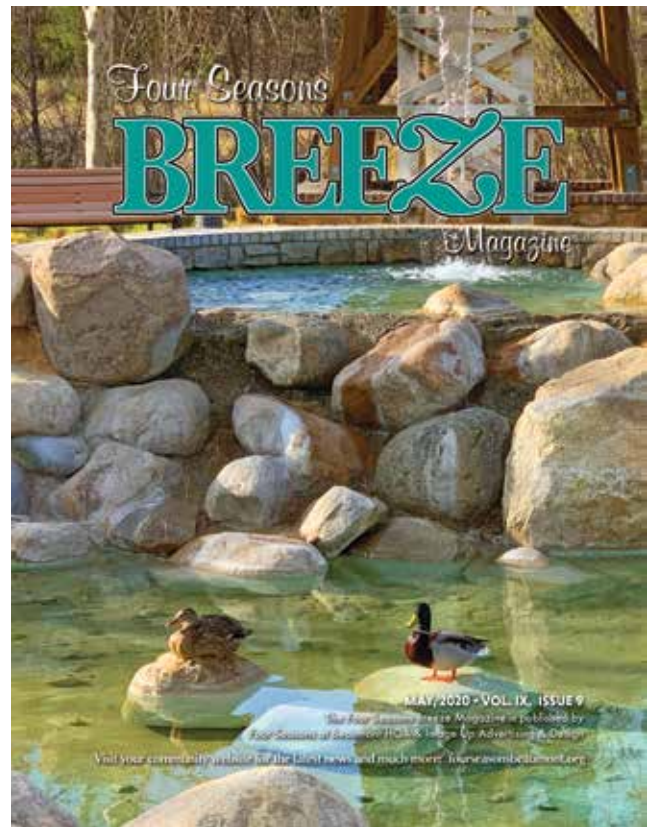
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