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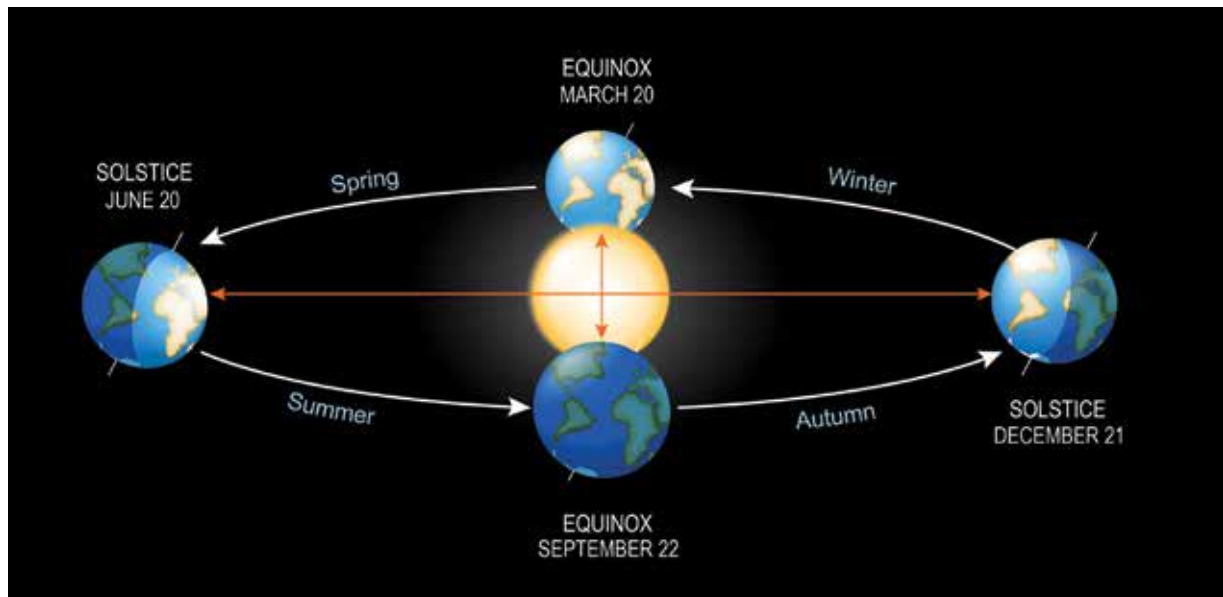
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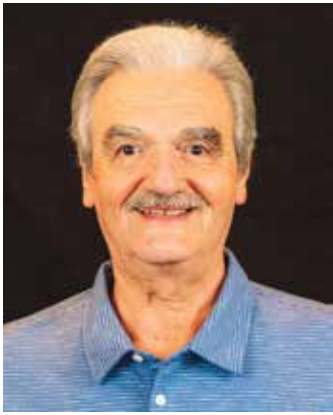
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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*By Jerry Monahan, Board President*

The State of California and Riverside County Public Health (RCPH) Department continue to set the guidelines for what is open or closed during the pandemic. At our current level, COVID-19 safety precautions require social distancing, masks, temperature checks, and essential-only meetings.

The Board of Directors has met in executive sessions, open sessions, and several special or emergency sessions not only this past month, but over the almost eight months we have been dealing with the COVID pandemic. The Board and our FirstService Management team have monitored the county guidelines on a daily basis. Whenever we have the opportunity to open our indoor facilities and any outdoor facilities safely, rest assured we will open them.

FirstService Management, at the request of the Board, has contacted RCPH for the authorization to reopen the indoor pool at The Summit. As of this writing it was to no avail, but we will keep trying.

We were requested by a petition to keep the outdoor pools at The Courts and The Lodge open and keep the heaters on during the winter months. The Board reviewed the request, the average temperatures during the months of November through the end of March, and the projected costs to heat the pools. Also, we reviewed the possibility of heating The Courts and Lodge pools for November only. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to shut the heat off at both outdoor pools and not use any of the COVID-19 savings of approximately \$85,000 to heat the pools at a cost of about \$5,000 or more per month per pool.

Instead, the Board of Directors will be using the COVID savings to offset, as much as possible, any HOA dues increase caused by the rising costs of all our contracts and the Consumer Price Index in Riverside County.

Speaking of contracts, our new Contracts Subcommittee is busy reviewing requests for proposals submissions for our gate attendants,

landscaping services, cleaning services, and pest control. We expect that these contracts will be sent to the Board for review and approval at our next Board meeting and in the next several months.

All of our committees, FirstService Management, and the Board of Directors are working together, not only to keep our community as beautiful as it is but to get the best prices for the services we are paying for. Thank you to all those committee volunteers who make it possible to operate this community at the level it is operating.

We have restarted Meet the Board where residents can ask Board members questions and get answers at the same time. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 1 pm. Check the Daily Report for meeting log-on information and plan on attending via Zoom or in person if the COVID guidelines allow. These Q and A sessions used to be called Meet with Jean S, Jeanne Z, and John N. Now it is two or three board members at each session.

Stay healthy, be safe, and be kind to each other during this unprecedented time in our lives.

If you want to contact the Board about any issue, you may either email me at [theboard@fourseasonsbeaumont.org](mailto:theboard@fourseasonsbeaumont.org) or call me at (951) 212-8898.

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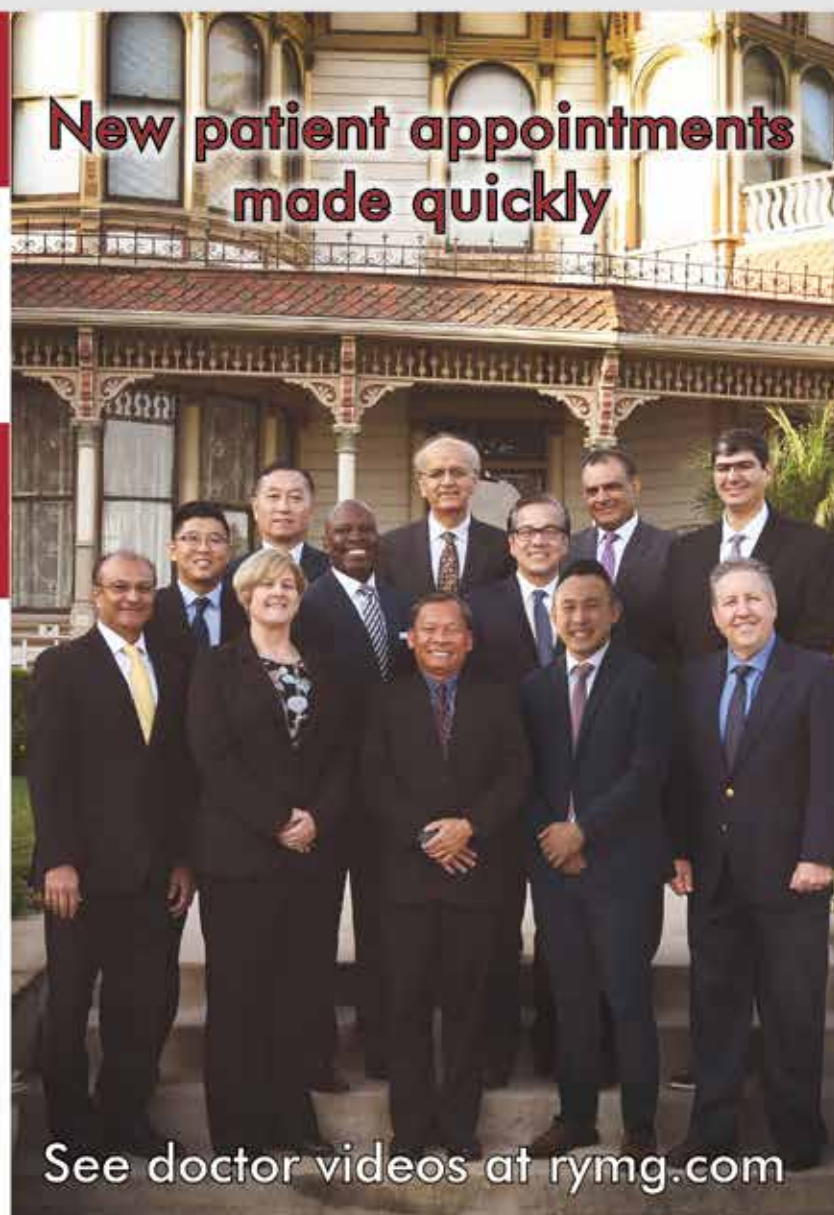


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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT *By Eric Zarr*

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To say this year has been unprecedented would be an understatement. My sincerest wish is that this finds you in good health and that you have an amazing holiday season with your family and friends.

### STREET ISSUES

The Board recently retained the services of a construction defect specialist law firm. This is to address some of the issues we have run into with the large cracks in the streets. The firm has secured our position in regard to the statute of limitations in October. As more details are able to be shared, I will do so in future updates.

### GUTTER CLEANING

With all the home maintenance tasks that pile up in the fall, it's easy to forget about cleaning the gutters. Don't ignore this important chore! If you don't clear debris from your gutters, you could be heading for roofing, siding, and foundation issues in the months ahead. We recommend having gutters cleaned and maintained at least twice a year due to the winds and debris in the pass area. The Association maintains the facility roof drains as well as the gutters for all facilities and the Springdale's in April and November.

### SIDEWALK RUNOFF AND ICE

With many of the events and facilities closed due to COVID-19 the community sidewalks have become a thoroughfare for walkers, bike riders, and the four-legged furry residents of Four Seasons at Beaumont. Please be mindful of wet or icy sidewalks when you are out for some exercise. The freezing temperatures at night and early in the morning are prime time for moisture or rain to freeze and create a hazard.

### GUARD AGAINST UNWANTED GUESTS

Be mindful as you hunker down for the winter months that you are not the only creature looking forward to cozy warm nights in your home. Check weather stripping on the windows and garage as well as door seals to ensure the uninvited critters outside do not have a way in to join you inside. Make sure to clear clutter from your attic and garage space; this removes areas where pests can hide, breed, and cause more damage. Remember if you treat for pests you must not introduce any pest control measures to the common areas; your efforts must be contained to your property.

### ANNUAL POLICY AND BUDGET PACKET

The Board approved the Association's budgets in November for the Master Association, Front Yard Cost Center, and Springdale Cost Center. This is a large packet of information to read but it's a vital document that details the 2021 budgets and other documents required to be sent per Civil Code. This is always a good time to confirm all the information for 2021 payments are correct. If you pay your HOA fees through your bank's bill-pay system, please confirm that the amount is correct.



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## ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR CORNER

*By Cindy Graves*

Hopefully by the time you get this Breeze issue the community will be sparkling with holiday lights and a little more cheerfulness. This holiday will be a bit different than what we're used to. I won't be run quite as ragged as I usually am in December from all of the galas and dances and parties that we're used to having (sniff, sniff). Honestly, I wish I could look forward to being completely toasted by Jan. 1. Weirdly enough, this will also be my first New Year's Eve in 13 years at home and not at The Lodge (sniff, sniff). It's been a crazy year and I need to quit sniveling about what was and continue the hopeful reinventing of new ways of doing things. So in that vein, let me tell you some new things that we're doing to bring a little smile and diversion into your life.

First of all we're going to be celebrating Hanukkah as a community on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6 pm. Cruise on down to the front of The Lodge and drive around the roundabout while Jewish Social Club members light their beautiful six-foot Menorah, play some songs, and pass out some little goodies to passers-by. Hanukkah is known as "The Festival of Lights" so let's all come together as we continue to light up our little corner of the world!

The next thing we're looking forward to is our Holiday Zoom Happy Hour on Friday, Dec. 11 at 4 pm. This event will once again be starring our lovely Lodge attendant and former Chili's bartender, Alicia Rodriguez. She's going to teach us all how to dazzle our holidays with specialty cocktails to awe and amuse our family and friends. She's

an absolute joy to watch and she always pulls out some helpful tips and tricks from her mixology bag. The Zoom link will go out on the Daily Report and Activities Blast on that Friday. Thank you to all who shared great comments about the Halloween Happy Hour. I'm glad some of you were able to use some of the drinks she presented at your own little celebrations.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the secret judges for the Home Decorating Contest will be driving around to determine the winners for this sparkly contest! If you want to be in the contest please be sure to sign up at [Rachel.stone@fsresidential.com](mailto:Rachel.stone@fsresidential.com) by Wednesday, Dec. 9, so that we can give the judges a list of all the participating homes. We all appreciate the effort that so many are making to share the Four Seasons holiday spirit through lights.

Back by popular demand, we'll be having a Holiday Sip and Paint. The event is happening on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 1 pm via Zoom. If you'd like to participate in this painting event, the pre-drawn canvas and paint kits are still only \$10! Please have your money paid to the Art Barn via Susan Turley at (909) 633-0417 by Friday, Dec. 11. The painting is a beautiful winter landscape.

Kwanzaa will be celebrated with a lovely display in The Lodge so be sure to stop by and recognize this encouraging holiday celebrated by many in our neighborhood.

To everyone, I hope and pray that you have a bright, joyful, and memorable holiday. Let's all look forward to good things ahead in 2021. I can't wait to see you in person at The Lodge!

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# Christmas Memories

## ***Santa Had Daddy's Eyes***

*By Jane Czajkowski*

'Twas the evening before Christmas...

And all through the cozy upstairs flat  
Mom was stirring about with this and that.  
Little Brother and I were playing  
With ABC blocks on the kitchen floor.  
When, suddenly, who was that at the door?  
It was Santa! He's never been here before!

Awed, and perplexed, all I could do was stammer:  
"Yes, I was good." "Thank you, Santa Sir."  
Little brother's smiles saved the day:  
Toys and sweets governed his DNA.  
After Santa left I whispered in Mom's ear:  
SANTA CLAUS HAD DADDY'S EYES!

Santa Claus had my Daddy's blue eyes:  
Not the blue of Uncle Tony or Cousin Ray.  
But the blue of storm-scrubbed skies.  
Daddy's blue was a forget-me-not hue  
Of Lake Michigan on a sunny day.  
A blue that would wrap its arms around you  
And hold you tight;  
That would twinkle the tears out  
Of your pout;  
And would whisper that all is right  
And tuck you in for the night.  
Such were my Daddy's eyes!

The next year we found presents under the tree.  
Santa didn't come. It was all right by me.  
The gifts were not from some old man keeping score.  
But from someone who loved me more.

## ***Prayers Work***

It was shortly after our blended family had moved into a bigger home which was needed as I went from being a single, working mother of one daughter to being a married woman with three new sons. My new job and working on my master's degree had left little time for me to enhance my cooking skills for a larger crew, especially for those appetites. Dinner usually consisted of a frozen, store-bought something or a quick fast food pick up. So it was rather funny one evening when I came home just prior to the holiday when our oldest son looked at the turkey and several bags of groceries I was busily unloading and let out a big sigh and an even bigger "Hallelujah!" Looked me squarely in the eyes and said, "Prayers do work, you know. I prayed to God we would have real food for Christmas!" Still makes us laugh every Christmas when one of us brings it up!

*Submitted by KC*

## ***Kamela's Black Friday - 1998***

My four-year old daughter, Kamela, was working on an art project and I was prepping for Thanksgiving. We were chatting about being thankful and the television was on in the background. A commercial came on, inviting people to shop the special deals only available Black Friday. Kamela seemed particularly interested in this commercial. She paused for a moment and asked, "Mommy, only Black people get to shop Friday?"

I laughed and answered, "No Sweetums." Black Friday is the name stores give the Friday after Thanksgiving. Many people consider it the beginning of the holiday shopping season and stores offer items at reduced prices. The stores usually have limited quantities of the special deals; therefore, you have to arrive early to take advantage of the reduced prices. Once in the store, you might see other items to buy.

As a Black mother to a Black child, we had many talks about being Black in America and what that meant. I was excited that this talk was about good old economics and what that meant.

*Submitted by Jane Gentry*



# Pets On Parade

*To have your pet featured in Pets on Parade, please send a high resolution photo with a caption to [FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com](mailto:FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com). Please put "Pets" in the subject line.*



*Elliott loves to pose for the camera. Submitted by Sandra Butler-Roberts*



*This is Olivia. A 3yr old Sacred Birman Princess Queen. I am her Lady in Waiting. Submitted by ReNae Stueve*



*Anna is settled in to hide from her sister Elsa. Submitted by Jane Phelps*



*Poppy and Snowball chillin at the Ritz Santa Barbara. We were so tired of walking the trails in the heat!!! We got our moms to take us to the beach. Poppy belongs to Marty Key and Snowball is Nancy Barnaby's joy*





*Left: Nani is so pretty - her name in Hawaiian. She rules the house and has finally accepted KK (short for Keo Kea, center). Her name means spotted white in Hawaiian. They have learned to play well together. We all miss Maxy (right) who we lost last year — he kept the peace in our family! Submitted by Suzy Taniguchi*

*Daisy and Mickey having fun at the river. They are seven years old and always ready for a road trip! Submitted by Bob and Pat Semler*



*Loki says, "Santa I'm really a good boy." Submitted by Jane Phelps*



*We are lucky to have adopted our sweet and loving Milo two months ago. Milo is about one year old and he loves to play with his toys and other dogs. Submitted by Laura and Thomas Fazio*

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**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Meets Tuesdays at 4:00 pm via Zoom. A second in-person meeting is being considered for Mondays at 5 pm at The Lodge BBQ area. For information regarding either or both meetings, please contact Laurie Larson Zeldin at (951) 922-0934. All contact is confidential.

**BIBLE STUDY (EVENING WOMENS GROUP)** Meets at 5:30 pm the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month via Zoom. Mary Baer: (909) 882-2244 (landline), baerhuggy@icloud.com.

**BIRDING CLUB** Social distancing outdoor meetings. Contact Steve Edelman for dates and times. Steve Edelman: (909) 747-4793, steve.h.edelman@gmail.com.

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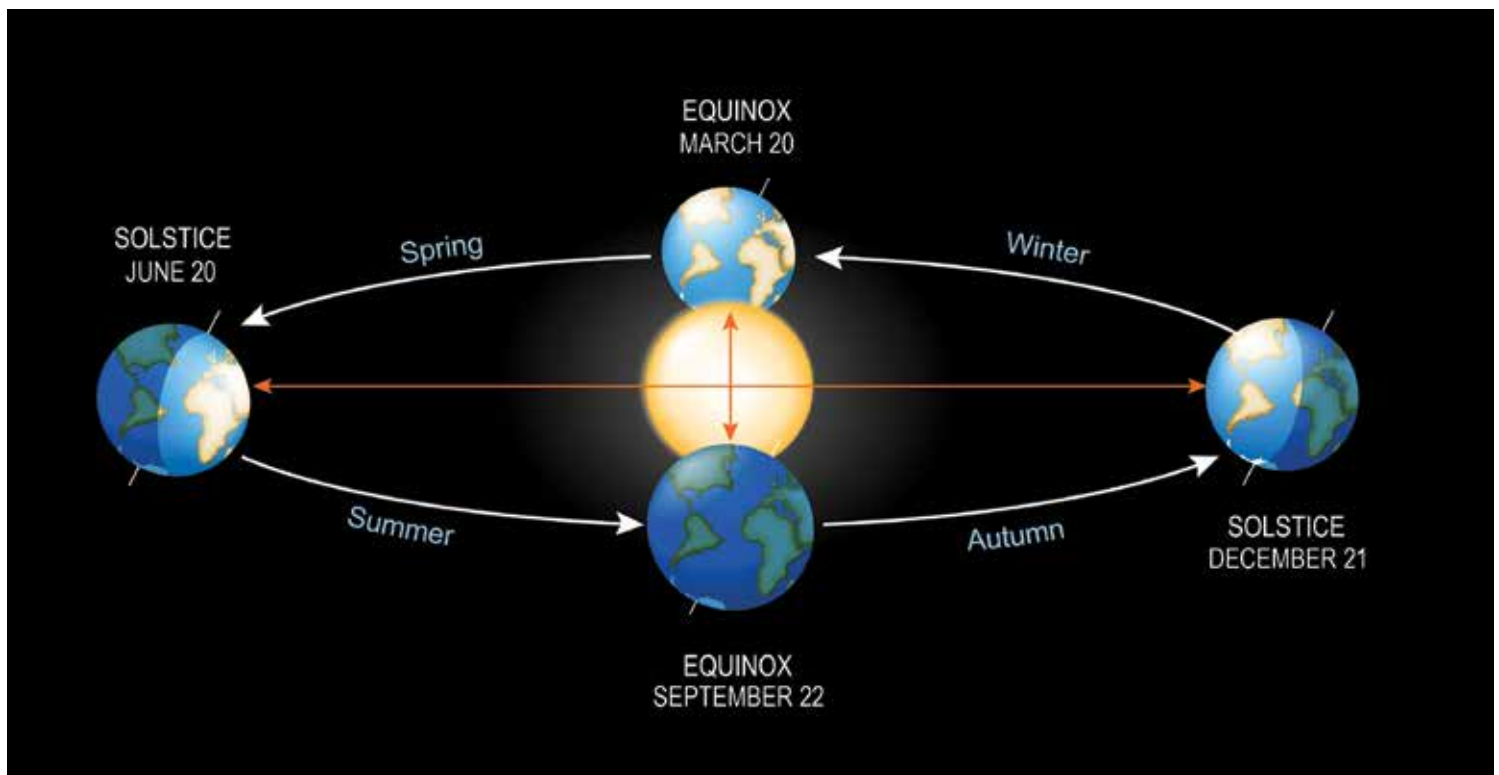
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**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm (regular meeting) via Zoom. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1 pm (Photo Enhancement Study Group) via Zoom. Contact ReNae Stueve at renaestueve@outlook.com for Zoom information. Jacques Sneddon: (951) 333-0242, jacquesneddon@gmail.com.

**TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)** Meets Tuesdays at 9 am at The Courts. Cathy Calhoun: (951) 849-2614.

*Thank you to Wayne Resnick on KFI 640 for coming up with the "Not-everything-sucks desk."*



# THE WINTER SOLSTICE

*By Steve Benoff*

Dec. 21, 2020, will be the shortest day of the year. Sunsets are early in the evening and the sunrises late in the morning. But curiously, Dec. 21 marks neither the earliest sunset or the latest sunrise. The same will be true in reverse on June 20 for the summer solstice.

The winter solstice for the northern hemisphere is the time at which the north pole is tilted farthest from the sun. (Conversely, the summer solstice for the northern hemisphere is when the north pole is tilted closest to the sun. See figure above.)

For the solstices, the times of sunset and sunrise vary with a particular site's east-west and north-south location. If you concentrate on the time of sunset from day to day, you can appreciate the change. This is especially true in the months before and after the equinox of spring and fall. The change in sunset (and sunrise, too) is two minutes a day at that time.

Take a look at the position of the sun at sunset in late December and compare it to its position in late June. The shift from north to south is dramatic. Drive west on Crooked Creek late in the afternoon throughout the year and you'll see for yourself. Or pick a light pole and watch how its shadow moves at sunrise throughout the year. If you hadn't noticed it before, you'll likely be amazed at how its position changes. The shift in the position of the sun from the summer solstice to the winter solstice is over 45 degrees (one-eighth of a circle). You can see it on the horizon.

This year in Beaumont the earliest sunset was at 4:40 pm on Nov. 27, and though it will change by seconds each day, the 4:40 pm sunset will remain until Dec. 13 when it will shift to 4:41 pm. By the solstice it will be 4:43 pm, and it will be getting later at a rate of about a minute

every two days. By early January, sunsets will be getting later by a minute a day.

The latest sunrise will be on Dec. 31 at 6:54 am when it will be four minutes later than on the solstice. And the sun won't rise earlier until Jan. 15, 2021.

In the summer, the earliest sunrise comes at 5:37 am on June 7 and stays at that time until June 19 when it starts getting later. Sunset, on the other hand, doesn't reach its latest time, 8:04 pm, until June 27, a week after the solstice. And it stays there until July 2.

The sunrise/sunset variation from the solstice is attributable to a number of factors – the latitude of a specific location, the elliptical orbit of the earth, the tilt of the earth, the fact that a day isn't exactly 24 hours long - all of which contribute to the sunrise/sunset times. And this has to do with the fact that the solar "noon" (when the sun reaches its apex in the sky) and your clock's "noon" are not exactly the same. Currently, around the solstices, the solar noon occurs a few minutes later each day relative to the clock noon. And these factors combine to form a pattern which moves on a 21,000-year cycle. Eight hundred years ago the earliest sunset/latest sunrise coincided with the winter solstice. Don't hold your breath. It won't happen again for almost 10,000 years.

The important thing is to appreciate the many factors that combine to cause the changes throughout the year of the position of the earth relative to the sun and changes in the length of sunshine. This is best observed in the changes in sunrise and sunset and the changing shadows created by the sun throughout the year.

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# LAST MONTH'S COLORING PAGE ENTRIES

*Thank you for brightening our day!*



*Submitted by Elaine Recchion*



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# GET THE JOKE – WIN BISTRO BUCKS!

## LAST MONTH'S JOKE

Get The Joke is a simple contest... somewhere in this issue is a "joke" ad, article or other notice. You'll know it when you see it — it will be silly, over-the-top ridiculous or just plain goofy — and hopefully it will bring a smile to your face. When you find it, simply cut out and complete the box, and email your response to [fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com). One correct entry will be chosen at random to win a \$20 gift card to the Bistro.

## YOUR COMMENTS

*Cute joke - it made me laugh lol! Ema H.*

*Also the "orange squeeze" would be fun! Kirk F.*

*It may be a joke but I bet it would be fun to watch. Joann T.*

*Love it! Hal W.*

*Enjoyed the ratatouille omelet for lunch. Now I really need a cookie! Lois B.*

## VEGETABLE TOSS .....

Lettuce tell you about a competition coming to the community. Are you tired of your doctor telling you to eat less ice cream and eat more vegetables? Have you eaten so many salads that you want to scream? Come join us to put those vegetables to good use in our first annual Salad Throwing Competition. We will have the Iceberg Shot put and the Carrot Javelin. We will have an accuracy contest throwing cucumbers and romaine through hula hoops worth varying points. At the end of this friendly competition we will have a grand finale just like Spain's La Tomatina with a tomato throwing celebration (social distancing enforced somehow)... and then we can argue if a tomato is a fruit or a vegetable.



THIS MONTH'S WINNER:

**EMA HAJDUKOVIC**

## I got the joke!

Resident name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This was the joke: \_\_\_\_\_

We love your comments (about the joke, the Breeze, or whatever's on your mind!): \_\_\_\_\_

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# DID YOU KNOW?

**DO YOU KNOW** you still have a wee bit of time to donate to Winter Wish? The Winter Wish Gift and Food program runs until 5 pm Dec. 4. If it's too late to select a tag on the tree located at The Lodge front desk and return a wrapped gift, please consider donating food. The donation collection box is located near the flyer rack and Billiards Room. All donations benefit families within the Beaumont Unified School District. Thank you to all who have already generously donated and to those who plan on donating. For more information, contact Pamela Dopf at bdlalm@aol.com.

**DID YOU KNOW** that there is a checklist to help residents ensure they are including all the information needed when submitting an initial or additional application for exterior work or landscaping to the Architectural Review Committee? The form is located on our website [fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://fourseasonsbeaumont.org). At the Welcome page, click on HOA and then ARC Forms. The Architectural checklist is located after Guidelines. For additional information or any questions, contact Tiya Jones at [tiya.jones@fsresidential.com](mailto:tiya.jones@fsresidential.com).

**DO YOU REMEMBER** that Retail-Me-Not advertisements are available weekly at The Lodge and the Courts? Be sure and pick one up the next time you are out and about!

## Farewell to Four Seasons Friends

If you have lost a loved one and would like to let others know, you can have the information placed in this column in the *Breeze*. Guidelines are: Your loved one must have lived in Four Seasons Beaumont. Immediate family only may place the notice. No photos can be printed. Limit the remembrance to 400 words and send it to [fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com). Be sure to include your contact information in case we need to reach you. (Contact information will not be published.)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat., Dec. 9 at 6 pm: Hanukkah Celebration**

**Sat., Dec. 12 all day: House Decorating Competition Registration & Judging of Houses**

**Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 1 pm: Holiday Paint & Sip**

**Sat., Dec. 19 all day: Last day for Cookie Contest Photo Submissions**

**Monday, Dec. 21 all day: Cookie Contest Winners Announced**

**Thursday, Dec. 24 all day: Christmas Eve**

**Friday, Dec. 25 all day: Christmas Day – Merry Christmas!**

**Thursday, Dec. 31 all day: New Year's Eve – Happy New Year!**

## Meetings

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Executive Session	12/10	9a
General Session	12/10	1p
Committee Chairs	12/7	10a

### **COMMITTEES**

Architectural Review	12/2, 16	8:30a
Comm. Planning	12/24	9a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	12/15	10a
Facilities	12/9	10a
Finance	12/29	1p
Landscape	12/15	1p
Safety	12/1	10a
Social	12/1	1p

### **OTHER**

Canine Corral Council	12/4, 18	10a
Communications Board	12/30	10a
Technical Operations Board	TBD	
<i>See Daily Report</i>		

# Upcoming in *The Breeze*

Send email to [fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com)

**LOVE THE RV LIFE?** During the seemingly never-ending COVID break, many people have rediscovered the fun of exploring the United States. If you have recently hit the road in your RV, we want to hear about your adventures. Please email Cathleen Allen at [bobcatmv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobcatmv@sbcglobal.net).

**LOOKING AHEAD** January's issue will feature what you are looking forward to in 2021. We've missed so much and are hopeful to getting back to our favorite things. Please send us an email (200 words max) about what you're going to do next year. The deadline for the January issue is Dec. 8. Put "2021" in the subject line.



## Zoom Discussion on Square Usage

Isn't it a bit ironic that Dec. 8 is National Toilet Paper Appreciation Day? I know in the last nine months we have appreciated toilet paper more than ever before. Who would have thought that as a Costco member you weren't guaranteed to be able to pick up a giant package of toilet paper with your rotisserie chicken?! It has come to our attention that we need to make a few new Lodge rules on toilet paper usage. There are residents who are using just too many squares. We will be emailing a survey to all residents asking about their toilet paper square average. Once we receive the completed surveys, we will set up a Zoom Discussion Group to draft Lodge toilet paper rules. We also need to decide if we will be hiring restroom attendants to pass out squares or if we will install toilet paper machines that will control how many squares each user will receive. We may also consider if it is necessary to establish an upcharge for those who would prefer more squares. This could be a part of our Spring Fundraiser. If you are interested in joining our group please contact Notta Nuffpaper at (909) 797-3647. ~ *Notta Nuffpaper*





# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH .....

## BEWARE OF FAKE SHOPPING WEBSITES

The holidays are upon us and many consumers have encountered problems with online orders from shopping sites that look like they are based in the U.S. but are actually based overseas, out of reach of many legal protections for shoppers. In the cases we've seen, consumers either do not receive their orders or receive products that are poorly made, in the wrong size, or do not match the advertised product. Often, when the consumer tries to return the products, they learn that the shipping costs would be exorbitant. Because these companies are overseas, there's very little recourse when something goes wrong so prevention is the best prescription. Here are some tips on spotting a fake site:

- Look for a physical address and phone number on the website.
- Before ordering, try to call any listed phone number to see if it works. Beware of post office box addresses, which may indicate that there is no physical address and that mail is forwarded elsewhere.
- Check where the products will be shipped from. If they are shipped from overseas, the order may take a long time to arrive (or never arrive) or you could receive the wrong product.
- Find reviews (if any) about the company by entering its name in a search engine.
- Compare the prices on its products on other more well-known



sites. It could be a red flag for fraud if its prices are a lot lower than at other sites.

• Review the terms and conditions of the site. Look for its refund policy, average delivery times, and return shipping costs.

• Always use a credit card; credit cards provide more protection than a debit or prepaid card if you need to dispute the purchase.

Report fraudulent shopping sites to:

- Federal Trade Commission
- Your state attorney general
- Internet Crime Complaint Center

Now that you have successfully ordered let's make sure when they are delivered you actually receive them. Here are some tips:

• Always track your packages so you know when they will be delivered so you or a designated person can be home to bring them indoors.

• If you see a neighbor's packages sitting on their porch knock on the door to make them aware of them or bring them to your home and leave a note telling them you have their packages.

Neighborhood Watch would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday and a Joyous New Year! We look forward to 2021! ~ *Kathy Craven* [kcrazenbod@yahoo.com](mailto:kcrazenbod@yahoo.com)



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# Cornish Hen with White & Wild Rice Stuffing

*By Irene Welker*

Need a holiday dinner for two? These succulent stuffed Cornish hens are a special occasion meal that will impress anyone. Yet they are so easy to make that they may well be a regular entree in your home. The recipe serves two but can easily be doubled to serve four.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 (6 ounce) package long grain and wild rice mix
- 2 1/2 Tablespoons butter, divided
- 1/3 Cup sliced mushrooms, about three
- 1/4 Cup slivered almonds
- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can low sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 Cup water
- 1/4 Cup dried cranberries
- 2 Cornish game hens (20 to 24 ounce each)
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Kitchen string (optional)
- 6 to 8 carrots, peeled

## DIRECTIONS

Set seasoning packet from rice mix aside. Place 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt 1 Tablespoon of the butter. Sauté the mushrooms until lightly browned (about 3 minutes), add the slivered almonds and continue to cook for an additional minute. Add the rice and stir over low heat for about three minutes until rice begins to smell toasty. Stir in the seasoning packet, broth, water, and cranberries. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 25 to 28 minutes or until all liquid is absorbed.

Meanwhile, remove hens from refrigerator. Remove all packaging and drain the hens. Use paper towels to dry them inside and out. Sprinkle the salt and pepper on the hens, including in the cavity. Stuff the hens with about 3/4 cup of the rice mixture. Do not overstuff.



Refrigerate any remaining rice mixture for another use. Tie the legs of each hen together and tuck the wings under the body. Place the hens on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Tuck the carrots around the hens. Melt the remaining butter, brush over the hens and carrots.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 60 to 75 minutes or until the juice runs clear and a thermometer reads 170 degrees.



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## AD HOC CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE .....

The Buffer Zone: When the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) mandated compensation for the disturbance of the land where K. Hovnanian wanted to build Four Seasons at Beaumont, the builder decided to make this area the marquis attraction for marketing. No other 55+ HOA in the area had a similar feature and making/keeping this unique place was paramount to sales. In fact, the Boardwalk and Park Place models were the first ones built adjacent to the Conservancy.

The Conservancy area is divided into two distinct parts separated by a three-wire fence: the actual conservation area (green area) and the buffer zone (brown area). The conservation area is to be left pristine as Mother Nature dictates while the buffer zone protects this area from human and plant incursions. It is also the area where prospective home buyers were, and now our HOA members are, allowed to walk. K. Hovnanian established landscape standards for the buffer zone trails that promoted their interests, keeping new homebuyers happy with their purchases and enchanting prospective buyers.

As the HOA developed, these landscape standards extended beyond Trails A and B with their 84 adjacent homes to the Edison easement (95 homes) and the C (30 homes) and D (45 homes) trails with the HOA picking up the tab as property was transferred. Our urban park, the Laurel Paseo, is encompassed by 30 homes with an even higher landscape standard.

The actual conservancy area requires no landscaping, only

sufficient water in times of drought and removal of invasive plants. These costs are minimal compared to the buffer zone. When the Conservancy is finally transferred to the HOA, the question will be to what landscape standard should be maintained for the buffer zone. In the meantime, the Finance and Landscape Committees will begin asking bidders to isolate the costs of maintaining similar areas so we are able to compare costs. ~ **Len Tavernetti**, [ltavernetti@hotmail.com](mailto:ltavernetti@hotmail.com)



## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE .....

We live in a well-planned, beautiful community. The members of ARC work hard to insure that homeowner modification not only meet the requirements set forth in the Architectural Guidelines and Standards (which is available at [www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org)), we also try to find acceptable alternatives that will help homeowners have the yard they want and stay within the requirements.

Recently ARC has helped homeowners find acceptable alternatives for the following:

- Patio covers where setback requirements could not be met.
- Installing hot tubs where setback requirements could not be met.
- Water softeners where it was banned by state law.
- Hillside patios where excavation was prohibited.

We have seen a rash of modifications that have been made without the required approvals from both the ARC and the city of Beaumont. When these become known, the only alternative is to require the homeowner to make an application and determine if the modification can be allowed. In some instances, the modification must be removed and may involve significant fines, particularly if City Codes were not followed.

ARC believes that many of these unapproved modifications were encouraged by contractors who advised homeowners to ignore ARC and or City requirements. We have determined that homeowners have been told that no one will ever know, or that it is easier to gain

forgiveness than to follow the rules and guidelines. This simply is not true. In some instances, homeowners are being required to remove the modifications and are incurring costs in the thousands to cure their problem.

Many of these unapproved modifications generate significant income to the contractor who should know that it cannot be approved, and may be the reason why the homeowner is told to ignore the requirements. Often when the homeowner is required to correct the problem, the contractor refuses to help the homeowner claiming that the homeowner was responsible to make sure the proper permits and permission was obtained.

The most common issues ARC and the City of Beaumont are seeing are the following:

- Starting and/or doing work without permission or permits.
- Building retaining walls without permits (often the contractor claims no permit is required).
- Installing water conditioners.
- Removing trees from front yards.

If your contractor, landscaper, or handyman advises you that you do not need ARC approval or city permits, protect yourself by double checking with ARC and the city. You can contact any ARC member or the city at (951) 769-8520 for clarification. ~ **Steve Cooley**, (801) 815-5302, [cooleyaudit@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyaudit@gmail.com)

## CANINE CORRAL COUNCIL .....

Many things in our lives have had to be adjusted or eliminated due to this terrible COVID-19 pandemic. We are all doing what we can to carry on and make the best of the situation. Difficult times can also bring out the creativity and fortitude deep inside each and every one of us.

As you all know, the Canine Corral was approved as a new, self-funded amenity in mid-February 2020. The Council was put together in March 2020. We set high goals for fundraising to create a fabulous off-leash dog park facility. Then, the COVID restrictions became tighter and tighter in an effort to protect us all. We soon realized that traditional fundraising efforts would be out of the question. We had to be creative and come up with “safe” ways to raise the money needed to open our dog park. Since we couldn’t hold any events or social gatherings, our fundraising team came up with selling Honor Plaques and Honor Benches. There would be membership fees for using the Corral. We would sell smaller items to build community such as logo pet water bottles, dog-themed magnets, and team-building logo T-shirts. We had to lower our fundraising goal to a much more realistic amount and accept the fact that we would open the Corral without all of the bells and whistles we wanted, but we would accept the concept that we would open and continue working towards our dream of a more “finished” facility.

Many thanks to our residents and local businesses who have shown their support for this important amenity. Our anxious dog-owners are wanting to get in and try out the new park, so even though it won’t be completely finished, the plan is to get those early members a chance to use it! We are aiming for a “soft-opening” in January 2021. All of the fears and myths about having an area for our

dogs to be able to exercise and enjoy life will be dispelled when we all see how well dogs behave when they are doing what they were meant to do, and we will receive much more support.

Also thanks to everyone who has stopped by our information table at The Lodge on Friday afternoons from 3 to 5 pm. Due to the increasing popularity of the “Canine Corral Friday Afternoons at The Lodge” events, we have moved our table outside in the Loggia area. Please respect all social distancing and mask requirements when visiting the table, and we will be able to continue to have our “special guest events” for you to enjoy. We would also like to thank our Board and our Management Team for all of their support and encouragement.

You can still contribute! If sponsoring an Honor Plaque or Honor Bench is not for you, then you can send donations of any amount to our account: “Four Seasons HOA, memo: Canine Corral.” Every dollar will help. Fees from membership applications will also go towards improving and maintaining the facility, so get your applications in now. Our Council is prepared to process applications before we open so we will have members ready-to-go for our projected soft opening. Your membership will be valid for one year from the date you first use the facility, so you do not have to wait to apply. This is such a great opportunity for the dog owners in this community. Let’s all help to make it happen. You can still order plaques and benches from Teri: [teridimarino@gmail.com](mailto:teridimarino@gmail.com).

The Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 10am on Zoom, and we have space for more Council members. ~ **Sandra Butler-Roberts, [sandirae@icloud.com](mailto:sandirae@icloud.com)**



*Above, right: Display items at the Canine Corral fundraiser.*

*Left: Teri DiMarino staffs the table in The Lodge lobby at the event*





## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE .....

### **PET EVACUATIONS**

Lack of proper preparation may handicap your efforts to evacuate your pets. My daughter's cat escaped when she was packing to leave to go up north to care for her sick grandmother. The cat escaped into the neighborhood and he did not return until three hours later. Your animal may not be a flight risk but you can take a few steps to make a smoother departure. Our pets are part of our families and they need to be treated like that. You must make a plan, build a go kit, and have a plan of where to go.

Planning ahead may mean that you will have to make separate plans for you and your pets. Your pets may have to be boarded at a veterinarian's office, a pet care facility, or a local kennel. You may need all or some of your dog's documents:

1. Vaccination certificates and the most recent heart worm test results.
2. Information about any health concern, medications, or a behavior problems.
3. Contact information for your veterinarian.
4. Identification information including proof of ownership and a current photo with you and dog in case the dog gets lost.

You will need other travel supplies for your pet. Keep a leash, a car travel harness, and a pet seat belt strap. You may also consider a pet carrier labeled with the dog's name and your contact information on it.

Your pet's go kit should have anything that your pet would need in an emergency evacuation. The specific items should match your pet's needs, safety, and medical needs. These are a few things that should be included in a pet go-bag:

1. Bottled drinking water.
2. Enough food for two weeks in waterproof containers or cans.

3. Food and water bowls.
4. Prescriptions, medications, and other health supplies like heart worm medications.
5. First aid kit.
6. Poop bags and clean up supplies.
7. Familiar items like toys, dog beds, and blankets to content your pet.
8. Stress relieving items like an anxiety vest or calming spray.

Do not assume that your pet can stay with you in a shelter. Find out what shelter will allow pets. Many shelters will only allow service animals. You need to research pet-friendly hotels, boarding kennels, and animal shelters for somewhere safe that will keep them until you can return home. Be sure to check with family and friends outside the evacuation area. They might be willing to keep your pets during an emergency. More information on pet evacuations may be found on the CAL Fire, CDC, and the American Kennel Club websites. I used the AKC website for the bulk of this article.

The next EPC meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 10 am via Zoom.  
~ **Michael A. Mendoza EPC Chairman**, [srmendoza@verizon.net](mailto:srmendoza@verizon.net)



## FACILITIES COMMITTEE .....

The Facilities Committee would like to wish everyone here in Four Seasons Beaumont a very Merry Christmas.

The construction of new shuffleboard courts has started and may be completed or nearly completed as of this publication.

The re-facing of the Bistro counters should be completed or near

completion as of this publication.

The Facilities Committee meets via Zoom right now 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)

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## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

My name is Albert Padilla (Big Al). My wife and I have been living here for over five years. What sold us at Four Seasons was the beautiful landscaping and trails.

As a resident of Four Seasons, I wanted to be a part of the community so I started attending the Board meetings and participated in the open forums. While I was disappointed by some residents who showed a lack of respect for Board members, it didn't stop me from attending a Landscaping Committee meeting to discuss an issue I had. It was then that I was asked to join the committee to help with landscaping issues. I'm very pleased to say I enjoy being part of the Landscaping Committee because one of my strong traits is helping solve issues.

One issue of importance is showing respect for our landscaping vendors. We can do that by not confronting them and telling them how to do their job. Just because we pay HOA fees it doesn't give us the right to do that.

We have rules that we need to abide by when it comes to landscaping. Please refer to the HOA policy book given to you when you became a resident. If you have landscaping issues you can report them by going to the Daily Report and click on "Landscape Concerns" or "Contact Us." Once you submit your concern a staff member from the management office will contact you by email.

Another way to show respect for others is by not throwing trash on the ground (this includes your protective masks) and by picking up after your dogs. We have plenty of poop bags and trash cans all throughout our community. Please use them.

We can all enjoy our landscaping and trails by working together and keeping our grounds clean. After all, clean grounds and respect make our lives a healthier place to live! ~ **Albert E. Padilla (Big Al)**, [aaaapeejay@yahoo.com](mailto:aaaapeejay@yahoo.com)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

At our October meeting, the financial statement for September was reviewed and recommended for BOD approval. Highlights of the financial report follows.

Total Assets are \$10,411,461 including checking \$507,667 and reserve assets of \$8,068,911. Operating money market and CDs totaled \$1,712,077. Total Liabilities currently are \$7,818,358 and Total Equity of \$2,593,104. As noted last month, these two figures look greatly changed from previous reports due to new accounting classifications that require reserve funding to be considered a liability until it is spent. There was a net income loss for the month of \$10,954. Year to date (YTD) net income reflects a gain of \$151,152. Front yard cost center expenses were over budget by \$13,144 and are over budget \$8,971 YTD and Springdale cost center expenses were over budget by \$170 and over budget \$4,508 YTD.

Although expenses tracked slightly higher this month, we anticipate expenses to be on target for year end.

A finance subcommittee is tracking operational expenses during the quarantine period to determine if any potential cost savings were gained. A preliminary analysis indicated a cost savings of



approximately \$85,000 YTD.

The Committee was presented a preliminary 2021 budget for the Springdales, Front Yard, and Master HOA. A special Finance Committee meeting was held in early November to make final recommendations for the 2021 budget. We will also include a recommendation for the savings realized from the COVID impact on our facilities. The 2021 budget will be presented to the BOD at the November meeting.

A total of seven proposals were reviewed at meeting. Five proposals were recommended for board approval. One was withdrawn by landscape and one was returned to consider other potential options for the project.

Six Committee persons and Board Liaisons, Kathy Craven and Joe Barletta, were present live or via Zoom for the meeting. We encourage you to attend our meetings which are held on the last Tuesday of the month.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Jan. 26, 1 pm in The Lodge Ballroom or via Zoom depending on the current COVID-19 environment requirements. Please check the Daily Report. ~ **Barry Ginnetti**, [b2ginnetti@gmail.com](mailto:b2ginnetti@gmail.com)

**Check with your committee chair to confirm meeting place, date, and time.**



## SAFETY COMMITTEE .....

Over the past several months, it can be agreed by all, that things have certainly changed in our lives. Changes have occurred in how we celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or a holiday with family and friends. Trips and cruises have had to be canceled. Even a weekend get-away, up in the mountains, with a special someone, has had to be delayed for some future time. Those changes are a result of the COVID-19 pandemic putting a strangle hold on our country and indeed, on our community. The Daily Report, published by our management team, has proven to be both a great source of information regarding the pandemic as well as information on things we can do at this time. Thank you FirstService Residential for the Daily Report.

As one month has moved to the next, we have wondered when this difficult time will pass. Restricted amenity usage was implemented to comply with state and local COVID-19 guidelines. Our Board members who freely volunteer their time and energy have worked countless hours analyzing how best to see that the COVID-19 guidelines are followed. A big thank you to our Board members for all of their efforts to keep us safe and also open up as many amenities

and activities as possible when allowed and safe to do so.

Even though we all have experienced many changes, what has not changed is the need to be safe as we go about our day. Speeding and not stopping for people in crosswalks are ongoing problems. With the results of a traffic study, Beaumont police officers will be able to issue tickets for violators. Also, some residents continue to walk on the streets and not on the sidewalks. Facts published by AAA state that seniors may have restricted flexibility and range of motion due to aging. Thus, ability to grip the steering wheel or press the brake is reduced, making stopping a vehicle difficult. Considering that most drivers on our streets here in the community are senior drivers, walkers please, for your safety, do not walk on the streets. Also, walkers, it is getting dark very early now, so as you are out and about, wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight, and don't forget to have some identification on you.

As the holiday season is upon us, the Safety Committee wishes for all a very safe and joyous time. Safety Committee meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month via Zoom. We hope that you join the meeting. ~ **Kaye Harvey**, [teachharvey@yahoo.com](mailto:teachharvey@yahoo.com)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE .....

The Committee met in November to focus on the remainder of 2020 and our 2021 calendar. As you know 2020 no longer has any events planned due to COVID-19. As we look into 2021, we have our year planned with events but still face COVID-19 and the flu.

With each event we must focus on all current health rules — can we entertain the numbers of clients with social distancing expectations, is our food preparation approved and safe, and will our event remain indoors or does it have to be outside?

Currently we are planning to start ticket sales on Feb. 1, 2021 for our Feb. 20, 2021 Rock 'N Roll Event called *The Classics*. The impersonators will be Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, and Frank Sinatra. At this time, we are planning on having 240 persons sitting at tables and the cost is \$30 per person.

This is an optimistic approach, however I know we all understand that things can change. We will keep you aware of updates as we move closer to the event.

Take care of yourself, your family, and friends. Safety is the key so let's follow the guidelines that are required. ~ **Joyce Hogue**, [jhogue54@gmail.com](mailto:jhogue54@gmail.com)



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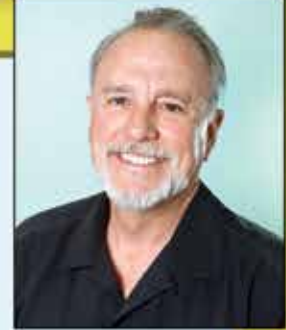
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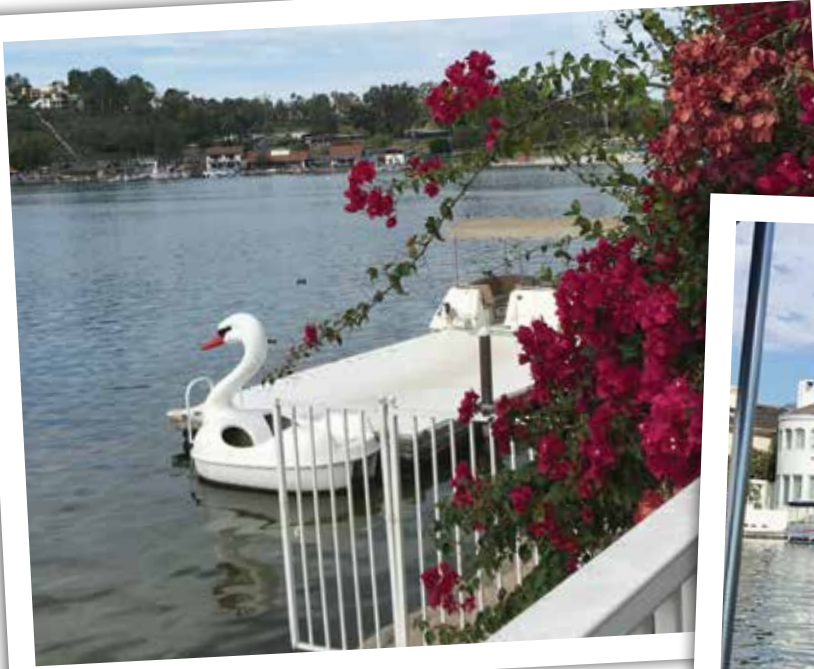
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# Oh, the Places We Go!

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.



*Touring Lake Mission Viejo in a Duffy boat.  
~ Elizabeth Westbrook*



*Monroe the Wonder  
Dog at Lake Havasu.  
~ Scott Snyder*





# APPLE MAPS VS GOOGLE MAPS

THERE'S  
AN APP  
FOR  
THAT!

By *Steve Benoff*

Subject to change. Changes to apps can be big or small. Noticeable or unnoticed. Great or awful. And since these changes are automatically downloaded to the apps on our phones without notice to users, sometimes the changes can be surprising. Take a look at the Apple weather app. Notice how it now includes air quality information and an hour-by-hour rain graph.

I've sung the praises of Apple CarPlay and Android Auto before. And I mentioned that I prefer the traffic information provided for free to Apple and Android smartphone users to the XM/Sirius subscription traffic service offered in many cars.

But it's taken awhile for me to discern the differences between the two major smartphone mapping services. I know, I know – I'm leaving out Waze. But Google bought Waze and incorporates much of its data without the terribly overwrought interface. So, I'm going to restrict my discussion to Apple Maps and Google Maps.

Because apps are subject to change, my view of these two apps has changed. For example, if I Googled a restaurant, a map or a "directions" button would appear in the search results. In the recent past, if I pressed the map or asked for directions, Apple Maps would pop up and show me my current location, not the location of the restaurant. I would have to enter the restaurant name in Apple Maps search for directions; or, I could do the same on Google Maps. At some point recently, if I ask for directions within Google and I have Google Maps on my phone, Google Maps will open with the directions I want. So, this is my notice to you that between now and when you read this, the comparisons I make may no longer apply.

One of the things I like about Apple Maps is that it's tied to my contacts. If one of your contacts has an address, it shows up as a tiny map. If you tap the map, Apple Maps opens with the contact locations and the option to request directions. Google Maps isn't quite so accommodating. But if you enter a contact name in its search bar, it will find its location and give you directions to it.

I'm going to compare these two apps in two ways. First, this month, using only a smartphone. Second, next month, using Apple CarPlay. When navigating with the help of your phone, you should have it securely positioned in your car. There are any number of car

phone mounts. If you have a CD player in your car, and it's not too close to essential controls, I can recommend the Mpow 051 CD Slot Holder (\$11.99 on Amazon).

Let's take a trip to Pacifica in Palm Desert, one of my favorite restaurants (order before 5:30 to get their early-bird Sunset Dinners, but these days don't go there without a reservation). I Googled Pacifica and requested directions. Google Maps popped up with an overview maps of the route, miles, and time to destination. Once I press Start, however, I'm brought to my location with starting directions. There's a "Y" looking symbol at the bottom of the screen which will return me to an overview map. There is a compass arrow symbol which will reorient the map to a "north is up" view.

Pardon the interruption, but ever since my days as a Boy Scout when I was the best orienteer in my troop, I've known that you always look at a map with north pointing up. I've held fast to that opinion until recently when I've come to appreciate the direction of travel view. This is especially true as it is augmented with what mapping apps call 3-D view which emphasizes the locale closer to you but included more territory in the distance.

What I like about Google Maps is the traffic information it presents in addition to just your route. For example, besides showing me the recommended route, other routes are shown with current traffic conditions. But on my small phone screen, I only observe these things when my car is parked. While driving, it's better to rely on the app's spoken directions and ignore the details shown on the small screen.

Since I have Pacifica in my contacts with its address included, I can tap on the little map and bring up Apple Maps. But instead of giving me an overview, it gives me the location of the restaurant on a map. I have to select Directions for an overview with a couple of alternate routes with their respective travel times. If I press Go, I see a local map with directions. I can return to an overview by pressing the top of the screen and return to the former view by pressing an arrow button.

Because Google Maps presents in 3-D view with its photo-realistic satellite presentation and off-route traffic, when using only my phone, I prefer Google Maps.

If 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 aims 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).

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**FOUR SEASONS BLUE\*:** Four Seasons Blue members have been making sack lunches every Tuesday for the homeless encampment in Banning. There are 20 tiny houses; each house accommodates two people so there are 40 people that are housed there. This encampment is just east of the Banning city limit on Ramsey Street. The 40 lunches are provided each day by a different charitable organization; we make the lunches on Tuesday every week through Carol's Kitchen. The residents cannot be doing drugs or alcohol while living there so the city of Banning has assigned a police officer to monitor the facility and coordinate the donations from different charitable organizations. It's nice to be able to help the less fortunate and give back to our community while in quarantine.

If you are interested in how you can effectively participate in the electoral process and learn about qualified Democratic candidates running for office, then Four Seasons Blue may be the group for you. Please contact Sharon Geiser at (406) 261-4652 for more information or sign up on the interest sheet at The Lodge.

*\*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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If the instructions above are not sufficient, simply Google "Sudoku for beginners." There are loads of instructions from novice to expert.

*Puzzles created by Jeff Davidson. Solutions on page 61.*

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*We want to thank the forgotten volunteers who serve on our Board of Directors. Having served in a different HOA, we know that you mostly hear griping and complaining. People unfortunately ignore the fact that Board members are not paid; they are strictly volunteers, and without them our HOA wouldn't run. So, a big thank you to all the Directors who make it possible for the rest of us to enjoy our community. ~ Pat and Pam Morris*

*Once again, I would like to thank the ladies on Slippery Rock Creek and friends in the community who have shown their kind concern in my last round of surgery. Your meals, flowers, cards, and chocolate have made recovery easier to manage. I love you all. ~ Doris SanFilippo*

*Hello Elizabeth,*

*Just wanted to tell you I enjoyed your write up in the Breeze about Marian (in the November issue). I met Buzz and Marian when I played Bocce Ball for a short time. I must tell you, one time I admired a baseball hat that Buzz was wearing and he took it off and offered it to me. I said, no that's okay, I just wanted to tell you I liked the hat.*

*Marian then spoke up and said, please take the hat, he already has too many hats!*

*With insistence from both Marian and Buzz, I accepted the baseball hat.*

*What I liked about the hat was the saying on it... "Don't Forget My Senior Discount."*

*Nice people.*

*Sincerely, Rob Gardner*

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB .....

Here at the Four Seasons Photography Club we have been talking about night photography and how to capture beautiful images in low light since Halloween. We can't wait for the holidays to grab our cameras and bring the best out of our photography skills.

We are planning activities for December and January and have identified several locations in Southern California that would provide great photo outing subject matter while allowing us to travel in our own cars and maintain a safe distance. These locations are just a few we are planning to visit: the Southern California Railway Museum, the Noah Purifoy Desert Art Museum, and the Palm Springs Air Museum.

Our meetings are still held on Zoom because of the social

distancing requirements needed to keep us all safe. We all agree that we like this medium for communicating. Both the regular monthly meeting and our photo processing training sessions are going strong. We would love to see more of you attend and contribute.

Join us every third Tuesday at 6:30 pm for our regular Photography Club gathering and the first and third Thursday afternoons at 4 pm for our Study Group on Photo Enhancement. Contact [ReNaeStueve@outlook.com](mailto:ReNaeStueve@outlook.com) for Zoom information.

From all of us in the Four Seasons Photography Club to all of our wonderful neighbors we send you a big hug. Smile and say BREEZZZZEEEE, and take those pictures! We hope to see you soon!

~ **ReNae Stueve**



*Above: ReNae Stueve – Halloween Moon  
Top: John Baeyertz - Halloween Sunset  
Right: Jacque Sneddon – Fear's Christmas Décor*

## COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB .....

A Community Garden Club has now formed and has been evaluating the open spaces around our community that might be suited to this activity. Although still in progress, a steering committee is now meeting regularly and we welcome Martha Tureen as the president. Martha is a master gardener for Riverside County and we have several other master gardeners who have joined the group.

We hope to have a location approved by November and are working on our budget to make it a great addition to our community this spring... just in time for planting season!

If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please email Pat Wayne at [ptwayne1@outlook.com](mailto:ptwayne1@outlook.com). ~ **Pat Wayne**

## TRAVEL GROUP

Still bored and want to be out and about? Reminder: "Wish-We-Were-Traveling-Wednesday" comes out on the Activities Blast every Wednesday. Each week there will be a link to a virtual travel tour. Hope you enjoy them.

The Zoom meeting in November provided insight into members' readiness to travel. The Steering Committee is reviewing the information and researching possible trips. One event on the horizon is The Laguna Art Festival on Aug. 11, 2021. We are open to other suggestions. ~ **Irene Welker**, [irenewelker55@gmail.com](mailto:irenewelker55@gmail.com)





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

**Holiday Pet Safety Tips** The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to steer your pets clear of unhealthy treats, toxic plants, and dangerous decorations.

**Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations**

- **O Christmas Tree:** Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. Do not let pets drink the tree water, which may contain bacteria that can cause stomach upset.
- **Avoid Mistletoe & Holly:** Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Opt for, just as jolly, artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- **Tinsel-less Town:** Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract.
- **Wired Up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns.



**Avoid Holiday Food Dangers**

- **Skip the Sweets:** By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol. Holiday cookies and candies are not good for your pets.
  - **Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. As a rule, pets should not be fed human food.
  - **Careful with Cocktails:** If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them.
  - **Selecting Special Treats:** Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with dog chew toys that are basically indestructible. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy, or the interactive cat dancer.
- Also, as you count down to the New Year, keep in mind that noisy poppers can terrify your pets and many of them are also scared of fireworks. Finally, remember to give your furry family members their own quiet space to retreat to, complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle, away from the holiday season hubbub.

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# BIRDING CLUB

On Oct. 17, Gerrie Karczynski visited the San Diego Zoo's Safari Park, where the highlight of her day occurred in the restroom when a Greater Roadrunner came in to powder its nose! On Oct. 24, John Hansen got a nice photo of a Bewick's Wren in his backyard. November started off with a bang: two Four Seasons first records! On Nov. 2, I found a flock of Savannah Sparrows in the big retention basin on the south side of The Courts along Trail D. The next day, Genie and Bill Cooper got good looks at a Red-breasted Nuthatch on Trail B (Bird of the Month). These sightings bring our Four Seasons bird species total to 103!

Winter is the time of year to set up bird feeders to attract birds to your yard and help them through the winter. The Club had an emailed discussion of the types of feeders, the species each type attracts, and the problems with rats and other pests at feeders. The Club reminds everyone at Four Seasons to NOT use rat poisons, which can kill Great Horned Owls and other predators that eat the poisoned rodents. If you'd like to see the Club's bird feeder discussion, email [steve.h.edelman@gmail.com](mailto:steve.h.edelman@gmail.com). ~ **Steve Edelman**



*Above: Greater Roadrunner in the little girl's room of the San Diego Zoo's Safari Park. Photo by Club member Gerrie Karczynski*



*Left: Bewick's Wren. Photo by Club member John Hansen*



*Red-breasted Nuthatch. Photo by Fortera*

**BIRD OF THE MONTH** Red-breasted Nuthatches are small, compact birds with long, pointed bills, short tails, and almost no neck. They are blue-gray above with strongly patterned heads and rusty red underparts. Red-breasted Nuthatches move quickly over trunks and branches probing the bark for food in crevices and under flakes in the bark. They creep up, down, and sideways without regard for which way is up looking for yummy insects and other arthropods. When moving downward they typically zigzag, keeping their grip with the large claw on their one backward-pointing toe on each foot. Red-breasted Nuthatches nest in cavities of dead trees or dead parts of live trees. Their typical song is a series of nasal, hornlike notes that sound like yank-yank.

Red-breasted Nuthatches breed (summer) in coniferous forests throughout the mountain west and across southern Canada, where they use more deciduous forests in the east. In winter, part of the population moves south across the entire U.S. and to lower elevations in the west, where they use habitats such as orchards, scrub, and parks. The Red-breasted Nuthatch that Genie and Bill Cooper sighted on Trail B on Nov. 3 was one of these elevation migrants and may spend the winter with us.

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## AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

### *Introducing America's first Black Cardinal*

Wilton Daniel Gregory was born Dec. 7, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. It was at St. Carthage Grammar School, where he decided to become a priest. He earned a Doctorate in Liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome in 1980 and holds five Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters from various universities in the US. He made history as Washington, D.C.'s first African American Archbishop.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, he made history again when Pope Francis named him a Cardinal, making him the first African American to hold a position in the Catholic church's highest governing body.

Wilton Gregory was ordained to the priesthood in Chicago in 1973 and named a Bishop in 1994. He served 11 years before being named an Archbishop in 2005.

The advancement of Archbishop Gregory's position to Cardinal comes after the increase in conversations on racial injustices in the U.S. "Pope Francis is sending a powerful message of hope and inclusion to the Church in the United States by naming Archbishop Wilton Gregory a Cardinal," says Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Gregory has pushed for Church leaders to improve race relations and has emphasized how important it is for young Black Catholics to see a bishop who looks like them. "We have the privilege of the task of advancing the goals that were expressed in the speeches made by Martin Luther King, Jr. and others during the famous March on Washington 57 years ago. Men and women, young and old, and people of every racial and ethnic background are needed in this effort," says Gregory.

The newly elected Cardinal led the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002 toward a "zero tolerance" policy regarding the Church's sexual abuse crisis. He has been a strong supporter of racial justice, the LGBTQ community in the Church, an advocate for immigration reform, and a commissioner of a climate action plan for Catholics at church and at home to protect the environment.

The ceremony to induct the new Cardinals was held on Nov. 28 in Rome. Nine of the 13 cardinals, including Gregory, are under the age of 80 and are eligible to appoint Pope Francis' successor when he passes away or steps down.

The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 7. For more information, call Betty Ann James at (951) 572-5538 or email [infotoaacc@gmail.com](mailto:infotoaacc@gmail.com). ~ **Regina Thomas**



*Archbishop Wilton Gregory at St. Augustine Church in Washington, D.C.*



*Father Wilton Gregory's photo for his priesthood ordination in 1973. (Photo by The Paul Studio, Chicago)*



*Father Wilton Gregory greets parishioners*

## ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

The Italian American Club, like many other clubs and groups, is not meeting as a result of the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. With more than 50 members, our club is too large to meet in person until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Until then, stay in touch with each other and think about the kind of activities you would like to see us do once we meet again. Let Barbara Dipoma or Jerry Monahan know your ideas for our club.

Once we get the approval to meet in person, we will notify everyone of the date, time, and place. We have been approved to be in The Courts Multipurpose Room on the second Thursday of each month.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again in person. Please stay safe and healthy and follow all the guidelines for your safety.

Have a happy holiday season. ~ **Barbara Dipoma and Jerry Monahan, (951) 212-8898**

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## COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA CLUB .....

As of this writing, we are still unable to have our Cinema Club screenings due to COVID. When we are able to resume, we will catch up on the films that have been previously scheduled.

Normally, our screenings are the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month at 6 pm in The Lodge Theater. We typically screen smaller films, foreign films, indie films and documentaries.

If you want to get on the Cinema Club mailing list and receive

information about future screenings, send me an email at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). Don't forget the "s"!

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about the Counter Culture Cinema Club or want to recommend a film, please email me at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ **Micki Rosen**

## CLASSIC FILM GROUP

The Tuesday Classic Film Group showings for the month are scheduled for Dec. 8 and 22 at 10 am, 2 pm, and 5:30 pm, and are dependent upon The Lodge Theater reopening in December. We will be showing a double feature for the first time — two Christmas specials. Hopefully The Lodge Theater reopens by December.

*The American* magazine, published in 1889 (vol. 28) reminds us that the meaning of Christmas is "to give up one's very self - to think only of others - how to bring the greatest happiness to others - that is the true meaning of Christmas".

The first Christmas special is from Rodman Edward Serling, the creator and head writer of *The Twilight Zone*, an episode entitled "The Night of the Meek." The second one is from the only four-time Oscar winning best Director John Ford, a western movie entitled, *3 Godfathers*.



"The Night of the Meek": After a derelict Santa Claus is fired on Christmas Eve, he finds a mysterious bag that gives out presents. With this bag he sets out to fulfill his one wish - to see the less fortunate inherit the bounties of Christmas.



*3 Godfathers*: Four outlaws come to New Jerusalem, a town full of courteous and religious people, to rob the bank. After shooting the president of the bank, only three make it out of town followed by the posse. By the time they get to the second desert water hole, they find it dry and also find a wagon with a dying mother and baby. The mother entrusts the care of the child to the three men. When the horses are dead the next morning, the three outlaws have no choice but to try to walk back to New Jerusalem and only two want to take the baby.

In the end... "A word to the wise, to all the children of the twentieth century, whether their concern be pediatrics or geriatrics, whether they crawl on hands and knees and wear diapers, or walk with a cane and comb their beards. There's a wondrous magic to Christmas, and there's a special power reserved for little people. In short, there's nothing mightier than the meek. And a Merry Christmas to each and all." Rodman Edward Serling (1924 – 1975). And, "God bless us, every one!" Tiny Tim, *A Christmas Carol* (published 1843, filmed 1938). ~ **Paul Plamondon**

## 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**



## VETERANS WALK GROUP

While December weather hinders our flag volunteers from a visual support of veterans, we remember General Washington crossing the Delaware River in 1776 to defeat Hessian troops in Trenton, New Jersey. And, General Patton's 3rd Army forces fighting snowstorms while racing to relieve surrounded American forces in the Battle of the Bulge. Thanks to these heroes our Christmas of 2020 is a picnic. ~

*Leonard Tavernetti*



## TASTE D'VINE .....

Hello all. We have reached an important milestone... the end of 2020. As we can all agree, this has been an unusual and trying year.

As we prepare to ring in 2021, remember to count the many good things that you have to be thankful for and take a moment of silence for those who are not so fortunate.

Take care all, we look forward to getting together soon. For info, please contact Gracy Luna (951) 292-3624. ~ *Gracy Luna*

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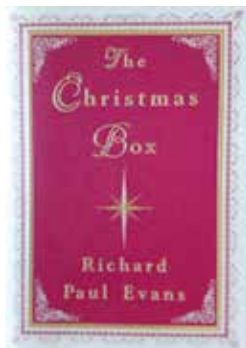
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## WRITERS' CLUB .....

### HOLIDAY INSPIRATION

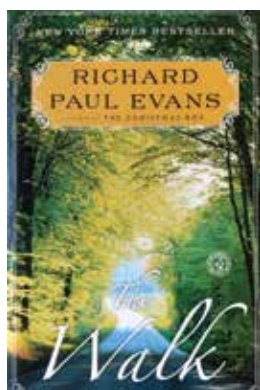
In preparation for the holidays, I immerse myself in reading Christmas books and watching Hallmark Movies. In December 1993, while at Barnes and Noble, I spotted an elegant little novel, *The Christmas Box*, written by Richard Paul Evans. I enjoyed it and purchased more to use as Christmas gifts that year.



It was the author's first book, which he self-published. It's a touching story about Christmas's true meaning, and he wrote it as an expression of love for his two daughters. *The Christmas Box* has currently sold over eight million copies. Richard's an international best-selling author, has written over 35 books, and Hallmark has adapted several of them into movies.

His beautiful hardcover novels occupy my home bookshelves. Richard's stories are truly inspirational. A good example is *The Walk Series*, a five-book collection chronicling Alan Christoffersen's journey walking from Seattle to Key West, Florida. Alan learns lessons from the people he meets along the way while gathering facts about famous landmarks and local trivia.

The author offered a Royal Caribbean Cruise package to his loyal fans who wanted to celebrate *The Walk Series'* completion. Our



friends, Bob and Georgette, along with my husband Mike and I, would be on the cruise in June 2014.

That was the plan. However, as we were boarding our next flight to Fort Lauderdale from New York City, Bob got a call from our departure airport in Buffalo. A little boy found Bob's passport on the floor and turned it in. Yikes! Bob needed it to get on the ship. All of us, especially Bob, endured several hours of anxiety and a sleepless night. Mike and I wondered if we'd be on the cruise without them. Thanks to the airline's quick actions, the document arrived moments before the boat would leave port.

The four of us enjoyed the entire trip. We explored the Bahamas and other exotic ports. Key West was the location of the main event party — the final destination of Alan's walk. I attended all of Richard's writing seminars. He signed books and graciously posed for pictures with us. I was grateful to tell him how much his novels meant to me.

Richard's books and seminars further encouraged my interest in the craft of writing. In December 2019, I self-published a memoir for my two sons and gave my book as Christmas gifts to family and friends.

Happy holidays! ~ **Andrea Zehner**,  
[andreazehner20@gmail.com](mailto:andreazehner20@gmail.com)



## BOOK CLUB .....

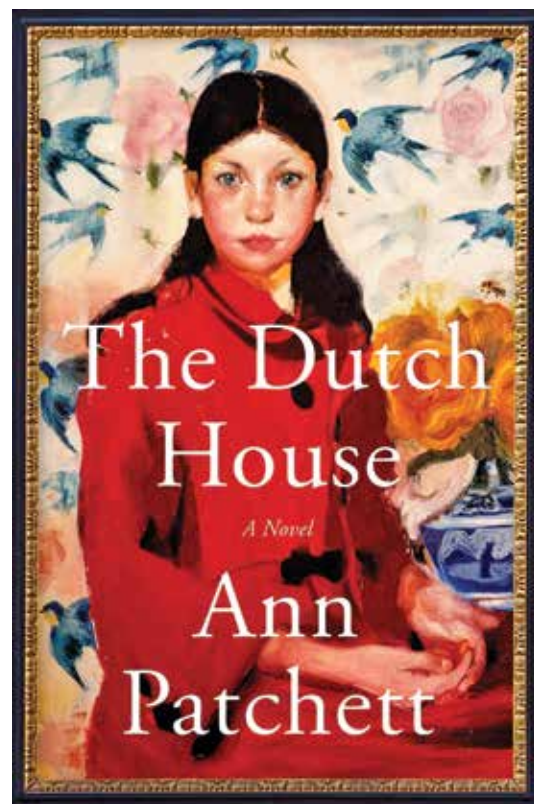
The current situation with our book club meetings is that no more than 10 people may attend, all attendees must wear masks, and we maintain social distance by meeting outside on the patio behind the Courts. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 9:30 am.

The Book Club selection for December is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Here is a brief description of the book from Amazon.com: "At the end of the Second World War, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves. The story is told by Cyril's son Danny, as he and his older sister, the brilliantly acerbic and self-assured Maeve, are exiled from the house where they grew up by their stepmother. The two wealthy siblings are thrown back into the poverty their parents had escaped from and find that all they have to count on is one another. It is this unshakable bond between them that both saves their lives and thwarts their futures."

Our meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the RCN room #3, and someone volunteers to lead the discussion about the book we have chosen for the month.

We are in the process of choosing our reading list for 2021. If you have any titles you'd like to recommend, please email me at the address below.

For more information about the Four Seasons Book Club or to get on our mailing list, please contact me at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ **Micki Rosen**







## RAINBOW GROUP

While all of us struggle with the pandemic and social issues, the Rainbow Group is optimistic that we will soon be able to resume much of our lives as before. There are sure to be differences, but we will still support the Four Seasons LGBT community and our neighbors as best we can. We have been reminded that our friendships are vital to all of us. We did enjoy the virtual Zoom Rainbow meeting last month!

We have held a couple of virtual meetings via Zoom and will continue to do so until we can meet in person. We will update the Rainbow Group Facebook page and email list with any late breaking developments. We will not schedule a meeting in December due to its proximity to the Christmas holiday, but will resume in January. We hope this finds our members, friends and families safe, doing well and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon. We have a LOT of catching up to do!

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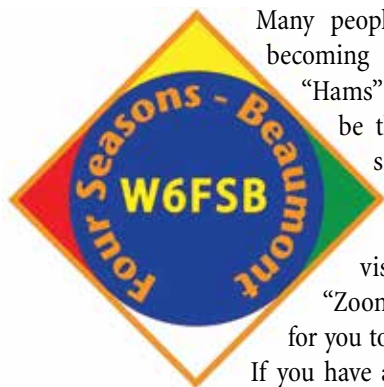
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## RADIO CLUB .....



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If you have a computer, you can visit the web pages of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the official national association for amateur radio. The website is at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Here you’ll find a broad range of information on how to get started, basic technology, and licensing. You can join ARRL and shop for basic books on radio and electronics theory and operation. One of the advantages of joining is the opportunity to receive the organization’s bimonthly publication for new hams, *On the Air*, which is full of amateur radio news and easy-to-understand articles on the hobby. Give it a try...we’d love to have you join our club and be a part of our discussions and our efforts to serve the community during an emergency.

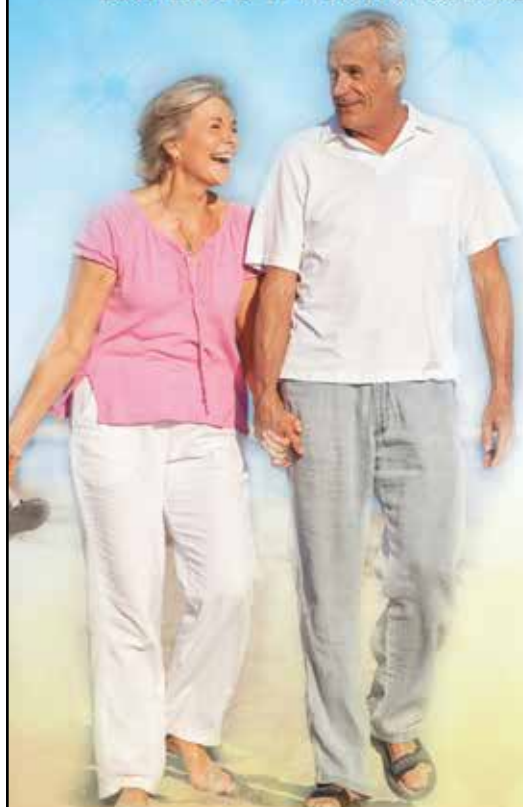
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you can join us each Wednesday at 5:15 pm on channel 3 for our regular member and visitor check in. And, you can always send us an email with questions at the following address: [jim.k6jwp@gmail.com](mailto:jim.k6jwp@gmail.com). ~ **Jim Peterson**



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## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS .....

At this time we are observing the guidelines for choirs during the pandemic. We are, however, waiting for the day when it will be safe to sing in groups again.

That doesn't mean you can't sing! Everybody – turn on the radio or TV and belt out those oldie tunes you love! Start singing those holiday songs you loved as a kid. Not only does it give your lungs a workout but it helps you feel uplifted, tones your abdomen, clears

your sinuses, and helps strengthen your immune system. Can't carry a tune – who cares? (Well, warn your spouse if you must, but get some deep breaths in.)

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). ~

**Barbara Wasco**

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

Some activities are opening up and we are hoping our dance classes will be one of them! We have our fingers crossed! The Executive Board is working hard to keep us all safe and in compliance with Riverside County mandates.

Please watch the Daily Report for updates regarding our classes.

Meanwhile, please stay safe and healthy and we all hope to be waltzing around the Ballroom very soon.

For information, contact Puring or Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333 or [purings@verizon.net](mailto:purings@verizon.net). ~ **Sue Condurachi**

## CARS & COFFEE .....

Unfortunately Mother Nature did not cooperate for our November Cars & Coffee gathering. However, she delivered some much needed rain.

On Oct. 28, the Cars & Coffee group participated in a Halloween Parade through The Lakes Assisted Living complex. We were joined by approximately 20 cars and several golf carts. Some were decorated in Halloween decorations. We were greeted by a very warm reception from the residents. I have posted several pictures that were taken. One in particular shows a proud veteran in his flight suit saluting us as we drove by.

Our next Cars & Coffee gathering will continue to meet on the first Saturday of every month at 9 am at The Lodge parking lot. Our next meeting (weather permitting) will be on Dec 5. Remember social distancing and face coverings are a MUST.

For additional information, please contact Rick Morales at (951) 797-3732 or [onemth@yahoo.com](mailto:onemth@yahoo.com) or Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578 or [fmoralesjrinc@aol.com](mailto:fmoralesjrinc@aol.com). Be safe and stay healthy! ~ **Frank Morales**



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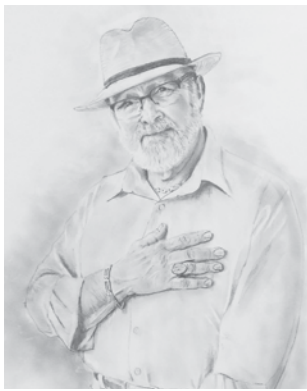


*The Unknown Veteran*

## 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**





## MIXED MEDIA ARTS

Classes are normally Mondays 10 am to 12 noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Currently we are holding outdoor classes at The Courts at our regular times, subject to change. Masks are required and social distancing is implemented. There is a \$5 fee per person per session. Seating limited so please call first. For more information, call Rob Kelman at (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**

This is the perspective of the artist of the month, Mike Zehner: *The photo that I used as reference for this painting pulled me into the stone cottage's charm, with the old worn down moss-covered steps and variety of flower pots lining the way. In exploring this building's history, I learned that the cottages were used by European weavers to produce cloth over 200 years ago. The lower floor was where the weavers lived and the loom shop was on the top floor.*

For the past several years, painting with watercolors had been my medium of choice. Having witnessed many of my classmates, including my wife, paint with acrylics, I decided to give it a try. After all, my wife's large inventory of acrylics were readily available for my use. I quickly realized the benefit of working with acrylics vs. watercolor paints. I saw how easy it is to paint over an area, without any problem, something you

definitely can't do with watercolor! I now love this medium!

Due to the pandemic, The Mixed Media Art Classes have had to be canceled along with our other classes, clubs and committees. However our teacher, Rob Kelman, came up with a creative way to keep our classes going, virtually. We text him what we're working on

and Rob calls us with advice. While working on "Weavers Cottage," my third ever acrylic painting, I struggled with its perspective in one area and was getting frustrated. A quick text to Rob and a timely call back to me, Rob pinpointed the problem and suggested how to rectify it. Perfect! Just what I needed. I am now pleased with the finished painting.





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## KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

We meet Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. Hope to see you. ~  
**Dorothy Payne, dpayne001@dc.rr.com**



## QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS .....

Quilting Enthusiasts will meet the first Sunday of each month in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room at 1 pm, when allowed. We share our projects for inspiration, we make projects for groups such as Ronald McDonald House, we teach new techniques to one another and have a great time.

We welcome new members with experience or just learning or interested in learning, or just want to visit.

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

## CERAMICS CLASS .....

We will announce when classes will resume in the future via email.

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**

## CRAFT GROUP .....

If restrictions have been lifted, the Craft Group will resume meeting on Thursdays at 10 am. For more information, please call me at (951) 845-3608. ~ **Barbara Paules**

## CRAFTY CARDMAKERS

Since we cannot meet in our Arts & Crafts Room, please join me in creating cards. Twice a month, you can see pictures of cards that you can complete easily at home. You will receive a kit with all the supplies you need to complete the card. You will only need glue and scissors!

If you are interested, let me know and I will add your name to the email list.

If you have any questions, contact email me at chorbaparadise@yahoo.com or call (951) 849-6336. ~ **Maryalice Chorba**





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

"There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor." Charles Dickens

Today it's cold and rainy. It's a wonderful opportunity to stay indoors, snuggle in a blanket and grab the phone and call a friend. Family and friends are the precious gifts we are given year round. This year has been very difficult for some and challenging for most. But, we are thankful that we are only a click away from email, text, Zoom, YouTube, numerous other tech programs, and my favorite, the phone. We have unique opportunities to stay connected with others.

In our Women's Evening Bible Study, we started a new series in November "Loving and Faithful Friendships in the Bible." Our first lesson was David and Jonathan's friendship. We learned three truths from this extraordinary friendship:

1. Friendship springs from a strong bond. (1Samuel 18:1-5).
2. Friendship shares mutual affection.
3. Friendship demands selfless sacrifice.

We will continue this series in December and into the New Year.

We will not be taking a break. So plan to Zoom with us on the first and third Thursday of December and throughout the year 2021.

I truly enjoy having our gatherings on Zoom, hearing your voices and seeing your beautiful smiles. Thank you to every faithful woman who has participated in our group during a year that had so many unexpected and unsettling changes to our normal routines. You are in my prayers always. Our stability comes from the creator of the universe and the WORD of truth.

Our group is non-denominational and I encourage every woman of Four Seasons to give us a try. We are friendly and loving and will give you a warm welcome. You may have a concern about Zoom but I will help you navigate it and answer your questions.

"I will sing the Lord's praise for he has been good to me."  
Psalms 13:6

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you and yours! ~ **Mary Baer, baerhuggy@icloud.com**

## "BELIEVE..." WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY .....

As 2020 winds down, we are incredibly grateful for all the stalwart attendees at our Friday morning Bible studies. These past few months we have been studying the Book of Isaiah. We finished off October with Isaiah Chapters 44 and 45, which name Cyrus, King of Persia, as the deliverer of the Jews from Babylonian captivity 140 years before it actually took place. We also learned why God referred to Cyrus as "My shepherd" in 44:28, which prophecy was given over a century and a half before Cyrus was even born. The Greek historian, Herodotus, records the wonderful story of how Cyrus miraculously escaped death at the time of his birth, and was raised by a shepherd who wasn't even his father. This, however, fulfilled God's Word to Isaiah in a most unusual way. God opened doors for Cyrus so that he could subdue nations, giving him the anointed opportunity to not only free the Israelites from Babylonian captivity, but to subsidize the reconstruction of Jerusalem and its temple.

We will complete the study of Isaiah on Dec. 18, and will resume our teleconference study on Jan. 8, with a new six-week series entitled "Arise" which will be much more interactive and will be conducive to thoughtful participation by everyone in the study. In the interim, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are especially grateful for our health, strength, and our very life.

We actually tried to meet physically (with masks and social distancing) in the Ballroom the first part of November, but the resultant survey was 60 to 40 percent for keeping safe and maintaining the status quo. And then, Four Seasons had to shut down anyway, so there you go.

If any Four Seasons residents are interested in participating, please give me a call at (951) 922-6829 or email me at [egcellent@msn.com](mailto:egcellent@msn.com). ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**

## LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY .....

Merry Christmas! Blessings to all of you as we celebrate the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember the message of Philippians 2:5-11: "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every

Knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

We encourage you to maintain communication with each other by phone and email. Please share any prayer requests or praise reports. If you feel comfortable, consider meeting in smaller groups in outdoor settings as the weather permits. We will keep in touch in the coming months and keep you all in our prayers. Please contact Doc or Letha Sellars with any questions or comments at (951) 797-3302 or [docletha72@gmail.com](mailto:docletha72@gmail.com). ~ **Doc Sellars**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP .....

Greeting intercessors, friends, and neighbors! Come and join us every Monday on the Conference line for prayer at 9 am.

I pray that 2021 will be a time of joy restoration and peace. Yes, peace on earth goodwill to all men. Merry Christmas.

Come and agree with us for our nation. You can reach me at eaglewatchwb@aol.com. Looking forward to hearing from you. ~ ***Cookie Bonner***

## 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 currently are meeting on Tuesdays, 4 pm, via Zoom. For instructions on how to join us, please call me at (951) 922-0934. Additionally, an in-person group is being considered for Mondays at 5 pm at The Lodge BBQ area. For information regarding either or both meetings, please contact Laurie Larson Zeldin at (951) 922-0934. We will welcome you. All contact is confidential. ~ ***Laurie Larson Zeldin***



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# ALL SEASONS RV .....

Happy holidays to all our Four Seasons friends and neighbors.

It has been a difficult year for all of us so I made the decision to reflect on some of our past trips and provide pictures from those times. I hope this brings back memories of fun times we experienced before the lockdown.

We are knocking on the door of 2021, and as we celebrate the New Year, it is my privilege on behalf of the RV Club to wish you all a blessed year, rich with happiness and health. ~ Ann


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## CORNHOLE .....

### *There's a New Game in Town*

Thanks to the efforts of Alfred Blair, we now have two cornhole courts set up near the shuffleboard courts.

According to Google, some form of cornhole originated around 1300 AD in an area now known as Germany.

In the beginning, it was not called cornhole at all. There were many different varieties, but it began by throwing small items into milk crates. With lots of beer flowing, this evolved into a game for gatherings and the various professions started crafting throwable objects out of leather and cloth, to see what worked best.

Today, cornhole is played by throwing bags toward an inclined board with a hole in it. Each player has four bags and takes turns tossing them. Any bag that lands and stays on the board, without hitting the ground first, gets counted as 1 point. After all the bags are thrown, the score is counted up. For example, if team blue has three bags on the board and team red has 2, then team blue get  $3 - 2 = 1$  point. A bag that lands in the hole, gets counted as 3 points. Twenty-one points or higher wins the game.

To follow HOA guidelines, all players must use their own bags and retrieve them themselves. You can purchase a set of four bags at Big 5 or Amazon for \$17. Each player takes turns picking up their own bags so as not to touch others. You can play without wearing a mask, as long as you keep a six foot distance from the other player. While waiting to play, you must keep your mask on and practice social distancing.

Play times are 3 to 5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is usually a spare set of bags for those who want to try. This is a fun sport that anyone can play. Come out and give it a try.

Thanks again Al for setting this up. ~ **R. Terry Miller, rterrymiller367@gmail.com**



*Alfred Blair is ready for a game!*

## SHUFFLEBOARD .....

Hi all! Well, it's been more than six months since I have written my last *Breeze* article for the shuffleboard group. That is because there wasn't really anything new to write about. Most, if not all, residents probably know that after a very long journey and with the assistance of Perry Goldstein and FirstService Residential's Project Coordinator Eric Rosenkrantz, our Board of Directors approved the construction of four new shuffleboard courts.

The new courts will be located at The Lodge, where the game

of horseshoes used to be played. If the weather is in our favor and things go as planned, construction should have started by the time you all are reading this article. The hope is that the courts will be available for play by the spring time and that we will be able to all get together and play again as a group, even if we have to wear masks and practice social distancing. I hope everyone continues to stay healthy and active during this pandemic and that we can all blossom in the spring of 2021. ~ **Marty Rotman**



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## PICKLEBALL .....

So, as we bid a (not so) fond farewell to 2020, the Pickleball crew continues to focus on the positives like goodwill, friendships, fun, strategy, dinks, and upcoming possible tournaments. Toward that end, the months of September and October were focused on an Event called Rock the Relish, a weekly event consisting of various socially distanced, costumed, masked events for which players received points. When all was said and done, the ultimate winner who "Rocked the Relish" was Kellie Boggs, with Karen Rose and Janelle VonKleist finishing in 2nd and 3rd place.

Winner of the clean joke contest was Marty Key (the prize being that her joke got to be published in the *Breeze*) with the following: why are fish never good pickleball players? Answer: They don't like getting close to the net!


Bonus points were awarded for turning in an essay on your favorite pickleball moment and Perry White summed up the philosophy of the club with his entry: "It has been my

privilege to help a number of people with their pickleball game. My favorite moments come when someone sees the bigger picture and plays with a renewed desire to improve their game. My best moment came when Nancy Barnaby invited me to play with better players and I then became a better player myself. I try in turn to do the same for others. Seeing others enjoy the game so much is one of the great passions of the game known as Pickleball."

In closing this year Chris Ingram added this, "My favorite moment is every time I show up to play. It's like being Norm on the old Cheers TV show because 'everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came.'"




So as we close 2020 and look with optimism toward 2021, come on down to the most beautiful pickleball courts in Riverside County here at Four Seasons and join in the friendly competitive camaraderie every morning from 7 am. Beginner classes and skills sessions available as well. Check the board right outside the courts for updated times or contact Nancy Barnaby at (951) 845-0842. See you on the courts! ~ *Julie Stayner, (307) 413-1237*





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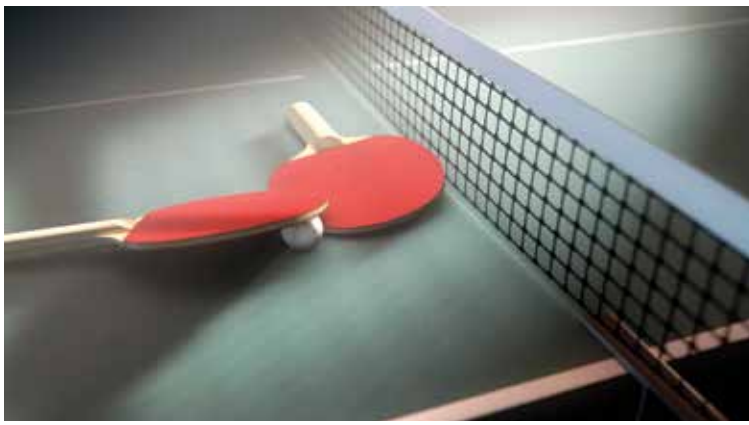
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## PING PONG .....

Well, now that we are in the ninth month of a raging pandemic, and as of this writing, in the middle of a Presidential election, it makes it somewhat difficult to come up with that Cindy-like level of enthusiasm while drafting this *Breeze* article.

But let's give it a try.

With the Dodgers winning the World Series after 32 years, and our ex neighbor and ping pong colleague Don Fant escaping a cancer scare, we can begin to feel fortunate that good things can happen as we approach the end of 2020. Additionally, while the county was elevated to a less stringent COVID category, the Courts room was open for a couple of weeks, affording us the chance to dust off our ping pong paddles and get back at it. However, you soon begin to realize that playing feverish table tennis while wearing a mask is like

giving yourself mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for an hour!

Not for the faint of heart!

A few of you have suggested moving one of the tables outside during restriction, but we soon determined that, with the challenging logistics of transferring equipment in and out of the room each day, not to mention the difficulty of playing table tennis in gale-force winds, this was not a viable option.

As we begin to enter the remaining days of 2020 that will be rife with social distancing, mask wearing, and endless hand washing, the FSTTC would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season with the anticipation that 2021 will give us a chance to take a much-needed, giant, deep breath!

Stay safe! ~ Bob Rubenstein, [brube88@gmail.com](mailto:brube88@gmail.com)

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## TENNIS CLUB .....

Tennis balls generally are rather inexpensive, costing about \$2 per can, so we usually don't think twice about buying them. But have you ever stopped and thought about little known facts behind those little fuzzy yellow balls other than hitting them around on the tennis court?

Here are just a few of many tidbits about tennis balls:

1. Prior to 1972, tennis balls were white in color. They were changed to "optic yellow" for better visibility, especially for home viewers on their TV screens. Can you even imagine playing with white balls nowadays?

2. The fuzzy surface on tennis balls is there for specific purposes. It slows down the velocity of the ball because every fiber can act as an obstacle traveling through the air. On the other hand, the fuzz can also increase the spin on the ball, making it harder for an opponent to return a shot.

3. The average number of balls used each year in the US Open, Wimbledon, French Open, and Australian Open are about 70,000, 54,000, 50,000, and 48,000, respectively. That's a total of about 222,000 balls used in the 4 grand slam tournaments. This enormous number of balls used in just 4 tournaments is simply mind boggling.

4. In ATP and WTA tournaments, six tennis balls are used for each match, and they are changed every nine games due to serious wear

on the balls. However, the first change occurs only after seven games because the first set of balls is also used for the pre-match warm-up. That just shows how hard the pros pounce on those poor little balls.

5. Professional tennis players will generally inspect and choose the balls with the "smoothest" surface for their first serve. The "smooth" surface could give them a faster serve and a quicker bounce. They also tend to choose the balls with the "fluffier" surface for their second serve. The "fluffy" surface could give their serve more spin and may also help to minimize the possibility of a double fault. At the pro level, every little bit counts between winning and losing.

So, there you have it. Next time you play tennis, you might just feel like you know those little yellow fuzzy things a tiny bit better.

See you all at The Courts!

Visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/tennis-fourseasons/home>. ~ **Stan Lam**, (714) 757-2141, [slamcpa@gmail.com](mailto:slamcpa@gmail.com)



## PADDLE TENNIS .....

Oct. 27 was a cool and sunny day, perfect for paddle tennis. Before the tournament started there were some strong gusts of wind but at 2 pm when the tournament started the winds died down. Somebody up there must also like paddle tennis.

We had to be mindful of the ongoing pandemic and before the tourney, players were reminded about social distancing and wearing of masks whenever possible. There were a total of eight teams and each team had to play with every other team and the whole process took over three hours.

Despite not playing for several months, Richard and Shau showed that they have not forgotten the game, with Shau clinching the runner

up award. Augie, a new member, showed that he is a fast learner. Vito, also a new member, showed that he is a natural.

Play was fast and furious, and after three hours the winning team of Alex and Augie emerged. As there were two runner-up teams of Shau/Perry and Stan/Vito, there was a play off. Since Perry was not available, Padoo was the substitute. The team of Shau/Padoo showed that woman power can prevail. The teams were evenly matched but most important was that everyone had a good time, lots of exercise, and paddle tennis friendship. For more information, contact Alan at (310) 251-9269. ~ **Alan Chan**



*Shau and Padoo, runners up*



*Augie and Alex, winners*

## 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**

## MOTORCYCLE CLUB .....

As reported previously, the Four Seasons Motorcycle Club (MC) went on a two-day ride to Jacumba, CA and we had so much fun that the MC is giving serious consideration to replacing our annual week-long ride with more frequent two- and three-day rides. The Jacumba ride will continue to be one of our two day rides but we have other rides under consideration as well. One possibility is a three-day Ojai ride. Day one would be the ride to Ojai. Day two would be exploring the countryside near Ojai. Day three would be the ride home. Another possibility is a three-day ride to Pismo Beach. Day one would be the ride to Pismo. Day two would be a day ride up the coast, perhaps to Big Sur for lunch. Day three would be the ride home. We will continue to look at these and other possible rides as 2021 approaches.

Normally, we have an open invitation to anyone thinking about joining the MC to come to our monthly MC meeting, which is the first

Wednesday of the month at The Lodge. Unfortunately, we continue to be unable to meet due to Four Seasons COVID-related meeting room restrictions.

So, if you want to learn more about the club, you can always join us for one of our weekly rides. Weather permitting, we depart every Thursday from The Lodge parking lot promptly at 9 am for a day ride. These rides are usually 150 to 200 miles in round-trip length and we always take a break for lunch. Please join us! However, with the wet season upon us, we will often pass on a Thursday ride if we feel the road conditions are too wet for safe riding. So, if you are thinking about joining us for a ride, feel free to call ahead of time to confirm if we are riding. Your key contacts are Terry Humble, President, at (909) 706-2298, Jim Ayala, VP, at (951) 392-6259, and Joe Bert, Secretary, at (909) 767-1484. ~ **Jim Ayala**, [jimrayala95@gmail.com](mailto:jimrayala95@gmail.com)



*Here is the motorcycle club crew getting ready to head home from Jacumba. Two glorious days of riding!*

## HORSESHOE CLUB .....

My fellow shut-ins, isn't this fun. At least we've had the election to watch, day after day. But seriously folks, here it is December, time to put up those lights and decorations, or maybe not; but for me and mine, we're going for it. So come on by my place. Lights come on at 5 pm. Hopefully, we will get back to some competitive horseshoes in 2021 and the first session I'm calling "Horseshoes-101" because we'll be learning how to play all over again. Maybe I will finally be able to win a game or two at first. Anyway, I thought I would divert from my standard monthly article describing our club and club activities to wish you all well and a very Merry Christmas and a much happier New Year in 2021. Included is our

group Christmas picture from 2019 in more sociable times. We're always looking for new members, so while you are still hunkered down for the foreseeable future, be thinking about joining us. We meet at The Summit every Wednesday at 9 am fall

through spring, and 8 am in the summers. Our contacts are Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, [rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net) or Gary Christie at (951) -0520, [goldtoy@earthlink.net](mailto:goldtoy@earthlink.net). ~ **Ron Erickson**

*Below: Our group Christmas, 2019*







## TAKE A HIKE CLUB

Our October hike destination was Idyllwild and the Ernie Maxwell Trail (below). Our newest hiker Brenda Steckler was a first timer to this area. Ernie Maxwell started the *Idyllwild Town Crier* newspaper in the 1900s and was a delightful historical resident for many years. Susie Jennings, Walt and Bev Webster, Barry Morgan, and Steve Edelman joined in on this highly-favored hike. We lunched at Tommy's patio. Camera shy was Lynette. ~ **Lynette Simonson** (951) 377-0392 (cell/text), [lynette.simonson@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.simonson@gmail.com)

*Take a hike members on the Ernie Maxwell Trail*

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## BILLIARDS FOR FUN .....

And here we go again ~ it seems that just as the Board opens the Billiards Room for play, the COVID cases spike in Riverside County and we have to quarantine again. We know that one day this will all be over, but WHEN?

In the meantime, maybe polish up your skills by watching YouTube videos for ways to make outstanding shots. OR, you could always buy a miniature pool game (on sale at Walmart if you hurry) and practice with five inch sticks and balls smaller than gum balls. (It's JUST a

suggestion....)

But take heart. Soon we will be together again, playing our favorite game in our favorite room at The Lodge. We sure won't miss 2020, that's for sure!

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and awesome new year, and hopefully 2021 will be more inclusive with other people we haven't seen for many months now. We miss you! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine**, [egcellent@msn.com](mailto:egcellent@msn.com)

## WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS .....

Unfortunately, the curtain has come down on our "live" show in the Billiards Room. Due to the Corona Beast continuing to wreck havoc, we have had to close the Billiards Room for the time being. We want to thank you for adhering to the guidelines and making the Billiards Room a safe and healthy environment for the limited time we were able to enjoy a small piece of normalcy.

The "Wild Bunch" consists of some of the best players in the league: Joe Spinella, 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. We will keep you updated on when we can safely go into the Billiards Room, which we are hoping will be sooner rather than later!

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe and healthy!

In conclusion, Practice does NOT make Perfect; Practice makes Permanent; Perfect Practice makes Perfection Permanent. ~ **Gracy Luna**, [gracyluna@aol.com](mailto:gracyluna@aol.com)

## LADIES PUTTERS GROUP .....

The putting green is now a complete nine-hole course! Several community members, Ladies Putting Group putters, and I have tried the nine holes and have many positive things to say about our putting green. If you haven't tried the course, make a reservation for yourself and one other person on the Amenity page of the website, bring your own club and ball, wear a mask and enjoy the cool breezes, great scenery, and exercise. There is nothing like it anywhere else! ~ **Judy Irving**, [pli42pli42@gmail.com](mailto:pli42pli42@gmail.com)

## TOPS .....



Late fall for many TOPS members usually means lounging on a raft in the Caribbean, cruising the Danube River, visiting Costco, Nordstrom or Kohl's to find the perfect gifts for holiday giving or planning big family and friend get-togethers. NOT THIS YEAR! In 2020, it has been ordering gifts on-line, creating personal crafts to share, Zooming with family and perhaps planning trips for 2022.

COVID has changed many things for us, but unfortunately it has not changed any of our eating and exercise habits. It is essential this month

that we stick to our goals of exercise and healthy eating despite our disappointment at a drastically different holiday season. While many of us will still make and exchange cookies (always a temptation), here is a suggestion for controlling our lives a bit. Go ahead and indulge so you don't feel cheated and depressed this season, BUT remember that adage about "once on the lips, forever on the hips." A good reminder is to check calorie counts on those delicious edibles, and then exercise the amount necessary to remove them from our bodies. Our TOPS magazine gives many suggestions about how much walking or bike riding it takes to equal a piece of fudge or pumpkin pie. Or you could just ask our biggest losers of the month — Carol Garcia and Charles Cladera — how it's done.

If this sounds reasonable to you, join us. We've moved around a lot due to COVID guidelines for our county, most recently meeting at The Courts on Tuesday mornings at 9 am for weigh in followed by a short program, sometimes including exercise, inspiration, motivation and healthy eating tips. We hope to see some of you there. We have eliminated our monthly \$3 group fee. For more information, call Cathy Calhoun at (951) 849-2614. ~ **Andi Henderson**



## PINOCHLE FOR FUN ONLINE DURING COVID-19 .....

Join us and play pinochle from the comfort of your own home via any online device. Whether you are an experienced player or brand-new, we can help you log in and enjoy this stimulating card game. Winning pinochle is not just luck of the draw, but is a thinking game which teases the mind and keeps it sharp.

We previously played in the RCN every Monday, Wednesday, and

Friday from 9:30 am to noon. We still honor our usual time frame and found this blessing to be a welcome diversion to all that is going on. There is no need for shuffling, dealing, and trying to hold 20 cards in your hand, which is a bonus for those who may love to play, but may be dealing with physical difficulties. If you are interested in joining us, please email me at [zmike2668@gmail.com](mailto:zmike2668@gmail.com). ~ **Mike Zehner**

## 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](mailto: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 .....

We hope that everyone is doing well. These have 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 .....

Remember, we can still play duplicate bridge online as outlined in a prior article.

Sadly, online play will be the only available method to enjoy our favorite pastime until the current health crisis abates.

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 at Beaumont. ~ **Kirk Freyermuth, [kafreyer@frontier.com](mailto:kafreyer@frontier.com)**

## BRIDGE FOR FUN .....

This pandemic has been challenging times for all of us. Hopefully by the time you read this we are once again able to play Bridge. We all sure do miss seeing our friends and enjoying their company as we play. So once restrictions are lifted and you are thinking about new activities, consider learning to play Bridge. We play each Wednesday at noon in the Game Room. For more information, contact Verina Rector at (951) 769-1687. ~ **Tom Halley**

## 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**

## MAH JONGG

ONLINE DURING COVID-19

A bunch of us have been playing Mah Jongg online, using either the Real Mah Jongg app on a tablet or logging in through the <https://realmahjongg.com/> website. It is a great representation of the face-to-face game without risking one's health. We have not settled on a regular day or time yet. Anyone interested in playing online with us, please email me at [crosselc1@verizon.net](mailto:crosselc1@verizon.net) and I will help coordinate the games. ~ **Lori Crosse**

## DOMINOES .....

Coronavirus, coronavirus, coronavirus is still here with us and does not want to go away and leave everyone alone. Some activities had opened up for a little while, like billiards and swimming, but all of that has been shut down again because of the continuing rise in coronavirus cases. Dominoes are definitely still not returning, sorry to say. Everyone just stay safe, practice social distancing, and please, please wear your masks. This is very important because masks are probably our best defense against this deadly disease.

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



*Reggie Fuqua, past domino champion and president of the Domino Group*



## 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**

## 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**

## THREE THIRTEEN .....

Three Thirteen is played in The Lodge Game Room on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. When pandemic protocols change and allow for safe social gathering, we will notify you here and by email. If you have any questions, contact Mike Corbett at micedcor1@gmail.com. ~ **Mike Corbett**

## 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**

## 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**

## 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**

*Solutions of puzzles on page 31*

5	7	1	3	8	6	2	9	4
3	6	2	9	1	4	7	5	8
8	9	4	7	2	5	1	3	6
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**EASY**

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**MEDIUM**

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3	5	8	4	7	2	9	6	1
1	9	4	3	6	5	8	7	2
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**HARD**



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