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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*By Jerry Monahan, Board President*

We were able to partner with Sun Lakes and the County of Riverside in the vaccination of many of their residents and our residents at a Sun Lakes location on March 1 and 2. Many Sun Lakes residents and ours were able to get the first vaccine, and they will be sent an email with a link to get the second vaccine when theirs is due.

Also, I was notified that the County would be back at Sun Lakes on March 7 and 8 for another vaccine center for Sun Lakes and Four Seasons residents. The age qualification was 65 and older at the first two-day vaccination center, but they were able to take younger residents of the senior communities as appointments remained available.

Thank you to all our residents who helped get the word out to our residents, and in many cases, assisted those who needed help getting appointments.

We have asked for additional vaccination center “pop up” events until all of our residents and those in Sun Lakes, have the opportunity to get their vaccinations. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Ad Hoc Power Out Committee is working on information on what to do in preparation for the Public Safety Power outages during high wind events, and power is cut off to prevent fires. They will also review, along with the Emergency Preparedness Committee, what we should not do if the power is out. Look for articles in the *Breeze* magazine, our website, and the Daily Report for tips on how to remain safe.

The Contracts Subcommittee of Finance is reviewing pending contracts and proposals from vendors seeking to work in Four Seasons. Recently this committee sent the gate attendants proposal and our pest control proposal to the Board of Directors with their recommendations. The Board acted on their proposals, and approximately \$34,000 will be saved on these contracts alone this year.

As the Board of Directors, our goal is to look for the best pricing and service for the work that is required so our community remains the resort-like lifestyle we moved here to enjoy. Hopefully as the pandemic infections subside and as more residents receive their vaccines, we will be able to enjoy all of our amenities soon.

The “Meet the Board” Zoom meetings are continuing with three Board members available to answer questions from our residents. The meetings are an opportunity to ask questions of the Board and get answers in real time. Anything that cannot be answered at the meeting will be researched, and the resident asking the question will be contacted with the reply. “Meet the Board” is on Wednesdays, once a month at 1 pm, currently on Zoom. The Daily Report will have the scheduled dates and Zoom link information, so plan on attending.

The Board of Directors election is currently in progress. There are currently six candidates running for the three vacancies that are coming available on the Board. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates’ experience, qualifications, and background to serve the Four Seasons community. Make your voice heard and vote for the candidate of your choice. It is important for our residents to take an active role in the decisions on the operations of our community. We are responsible for our budgets, cost controls, reserve, capital projects, landscape, and management of Four Seasons.

Thank you to all of our committee members who volunteer countless hours to make Four Seasons the beautiful community that it continues to be.

Be safe, wear your mask, and maintain social distancing. Be kind to your neighbors, and lend a helping hand to those needing assistance in our community.

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



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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT *By Eric Zarr*



## 2021 ELECTION ITEMS

Please make sure to vote and sign your envelope when you return it. There are three seats up for election, therefore you have three votes per home. You can vote all three votes for one candidate, or you can split the three votes up to three candidates. What you cannot do is use fractional voting, so 1 vote is fine, but .5 is not allowed. Good luck to all of the candidates!

## WEBSITE AND DAILY REPORT

Please keep an eye out on our website ([fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://fourseasonsbeaumont.org)) and sign up for the Daily Report. Those are the quickest and most effective ways we can communicate with you for when amenities can open and other pertinent info.

## Meetings

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	DAY	TIME
Executive Session	4/8	9a
General Session	4/8	1p
Committee Chairs	4/5	10a

### COMMITTEES

Ad Hoc Power Out	4/23	1p
Architectural Review	4/7, 21	8:30a
Comm. Planning	4/29	9a
Emergency Prep (EPC)	4/20	10a
Facilities	4/14	10a
Finance	4/27	1p
Landscape	4/20	1p
Safety	4/6	10a
Social	4/6	1p

### OTHER

Canine Corral Council	4/1, 15	10a
Communications Board	4/28	10a
Technical Operations Board	TBD	

*See Daily Report*



**Disclaimer re: masks et al** The Communications Board has struggled with a seemingly trivial but very important issue: should we print group photos when the participants are not wearing masks, social distancing, or both?

We decided to go ahead and print what was sent in. We are not law enforcers. And we don't know which guidelines were in place at the time the pictures were taken. And we don't want to disappoint the group members who would enjoy having their activities documented. We do hope everyone is doing their best to stay safe, for themselves and for each other.

All that being said, enjoy the Breeze.

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*By Elizabeth Westbrook*

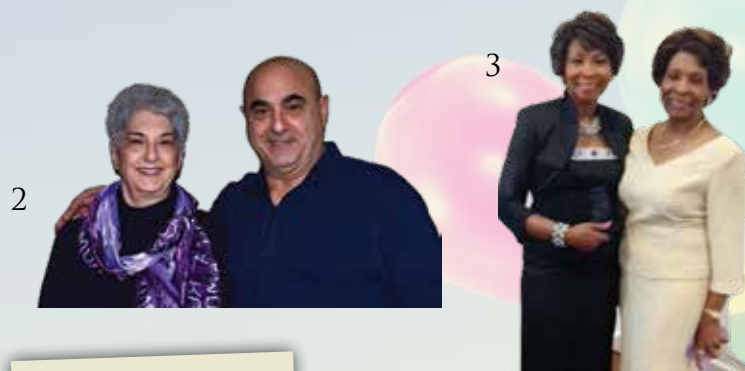
After settling into our new homes, it's not surprising that we want to brag about our newfound digs to our brothers and sisters. We prattle on about our outstanding facilities and amenities, numerous activities, groups and clubs, and walking trails. We talk about the friendships and super neighbors we have found.

But even while we are gloating, deep down we are thinking how wonderful it would be to have our sibling nearby. How comforting to have a support system that even the friendliest neighbor can't provide. We invite our relatives for a visit so they can see for themselves, in hopes that maybe, just maybe, they will decide to stay.

While some residents are still trying to entice their siblings to make Four Seasons their home — including myself — we can still celebrate our familial relationship on April 10, National Sibling Day. For these featured siblings they can do that everyday as they decided to stay connected here in our wonderful community. And, in the end, it really doesn't matter if it was sibling rivalry or sibling love that prompted the initial invitations to visit.

Note: Dates are the year residents made Four Seasons their home.

1. Frances Monahan (2008) & Linda Clark (2016)
2. Silvana Varone (2008) & Salvatore Drago (2020)
3. Shirley Caldwell (2009) & Minnie Lathrop (2014)
4. Elinor Zeutzius (2012) & LaVerne Nicholson (2019)
5. Janet Diggs (2019) & Brent Stewart (2019)
6. Kay Lindler (2013) & Larry Workman (2014)
7. Patti Chubbuck (2013) & Ginger Bryan (2016)
8. Mary Lou Keating (2008) & Jane White (2008)
9. Debbie Aiello (2014) & Diane Hatchett (2015)
10. Catherine Bennett (2016) & Jimmy Chagolla (2015)
11. Janice Pugliese (2015) & Jane Gentry (2018)
12. Joni Truelsen (2018), Hal Welker (2018), & Irene Welker (2014)







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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

*Candidate features written by Laurie Larson Zeldin*

One ballot down, one to go. With the district delegate voting complete, we now look to our next election to select three members for the Board of Directors. If you are reading this, you most likely picked up your Board election ballot when you found this month's Breeze in your mailbox. The ballots were mailed on March 26; if you did not receive one, please contact FirstService Residential at (951) 769-6358 to request a replacement.

You have until 9 am on April 26 to vote, sign, and return your Board candidate ballot. You can mail it in or drop it off at The Lodge front desk. For additional information on candidates, look for their interviews here. These features will provide additional insight on those seeking election and re-election.

With candidate background information at hand, you're ready to cast your ballot. Remember, our Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) currently provide for cumulative voting. This gives households one vote per Board vacancy. Because there are three vacancies, each household has three votes. These votes can all be given to one candidate or divided among up to three different candidates.



## JOE BARLETTA

"This has been a great Board to work with," said Joe Barletta when asked about his experience serving as CFO on the current Four Seasons Beaumont Board of Directors. "It is a close, friendly Board with no animosity between members."

Joe has been on this Board for two years and previously served for nine years on the Board of the 965 home 55+ community in Sacramento where he and his wife Sandi lived. Not only was he Vice President and President of that Board, he also served as Chair of the Facilities Committee and host of trivia and other monthly events. This experience has served him well, as he is currently Board Liaison to the Facilities and Finance Committees, Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR), and will continue as the host of the monthly trivia event (COVID permitting).

Joe brings many qualifications other than Board and Committee experience. He has two Master Degrees - an MS in Electrical Engineering and an MBA in Finance; he was an officer in the Army; and he has extensive management experience as Senior Program Manager of Electronic Defense and Reconnaissance Programs at major companies.

"I think this Board has made some important changes that improve functions and bring cost savings. Even though we have had frequent unplanned meetings due to the pandemic to keep abreast of the mandated changes in regulations and to implement these changes, we have been able to focus on and streamline some of our systems. We made great improvements to our bidding processes by forming a new contract sub-committee of which I am a member. We begin reviewing contracts six months prior to expiration which

It's important that all households take the time to vote and return completed ballots. If a district doesn't get a 50-percent turnout of votes from its 100-plus households, the residents' individual votes are forfeited and the district delegate is given the authority to cast all votes to a single candidate of his or her choice.

Please vote. There's no time like the present to stay involved and commit to keeping or changing our community as we want it. ~ **Kris Corbett**

## Important Board of Director election dates

- March 29: Meet the Candidates forum (will be recorded and posted on YouTube shortly after the meeting)
- April 26: Board voting deadline at 9 am
- April 26-27: Special meeting for counting resident-member ballots
- April 30: Annual meeting — Delegates cast directed votes (to be aired live either via Zoom or YouTube Live and recorded and posted shortly after the meeting)

gives us time to find candidate contractors, formulate/send RFPs and evaluate the bids we receive.

"Additionally, we have worked to speed up the way we review investment opportunities. Now when a new opportunity is brought to us, we can act quickly to take advantage of it and achieve the highest and safest return. Again due to the pandemic and the attendant closure of programs and facilities, we have saved some money which has improved our available Operating and Reserve funds. If there is a bright side to any of this, it is that we have reduced expenditures wherever possible, and this will help guard against future HOA dues increases. This is a very important issue for me."

When COVID restrictions end, Joe has ideas which he believes will add to the quality of life for the Association. "I think we need to have many more social activities and longer open hours of The Lodge, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. We should have social functions for every holiday (St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Super Bowl, etc.). We could also have community events like chili and soup cook-offs where homeowner contestants make their specialty and attendees eat the many dishes.

"There are several functions that are sponsored by the HOA, but many of these events can be funded (at minimal cost) by the attendees. Cindy, the Social Committee, and various clubs would be the major organizers of these events... We are an ACTIVE adult community!"

As he laid out in his Candidate Statement, "In any community such as ours, the key ingredients to success are controlling finances, good quality of life, and maintenance of community amenities and homeowner property values. This is the main task of our (or any) Board of Directors. As current Board CFO, I can attest to our excellent financial position and will certainly aim to keep us moving in a positive direction."





## LILA BONNER

"I have all of this energy, and I have to do something with it that I feel is productive," said Lila Bonner when asked why she wants to run for the Board again after running last year for a one-year term. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to be a leader, and I'm proud of the diversity of our Board and of our community. And after being on the

Board for this year, I learned how a Board of Directors runs. It takes a year to learn what goes on with a Board and I'd like to be able to put what I've learned to work for a full two-year term."

Although she might not have had prior HOA experience, Lila brought with her the knowledge and skills achieved with varied work and education. She has two Master Degrees — one in Business Administration and one in Psychology. She was a delegate and vice president of a large federation of municipal employees where she said she had honed her skills in negotiating, team work, reviewing contracts, policies, and ways to improve benefits. She also worked as a counselor where she feels she learned to be objective, empathetic, non-judgmental, and a very good listener.

"I learned that being a Board member is very time-consuming. You have to be available at all times, and this year was somewhat complicated by the pandemic. We were frequently called to meetings to learn about and make decisions about the most recent change coming from the state, county, or city. But it's worth it. It's important

to me to make a difference."

Asked what she thinks are the main accomplishments of the Board over this past year, Lila answered quickly, "We hired a new security company that will improve our safety; we hired a new pool company that will service all three of our pools; and all of our landscaping is now being handled by just one company. Not only are these arrangements more efficient, they are also saving the Association money. We will save approximately \$30,000 a year.

"Additionally, we have increased our transparency. We now use the Daily Report to let the residents know our decisions and I make reports to my neighborhood. I think other Board members do the same. We have to be more creative while we are not allowed much face to face interaction. Of course, we must continue to maintain and increase transparency which improves trust and participation within the Association.

"Our Board members work very well together. We are truly a team, and a very diverse team. I want to continue to keep Four Seasons Beaumont on the path of excellence. We must strive to improve driving safety, which is an ongoing problem. And we must continue to keep our Reserves funded at 100 percent or more, as they now are.

"I am so proud to represent this community on the Board. And I love living here. It is so beautiful and the people are so interesting. No matter what, I will continue to serve. I am determined to put my knowledge, experience, and interests to work to help maintain and improve this paradise we call home."



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## BARON (BARRY) GINETTI

"Giving back, making a contribution, and doing something valuable with my energy" are a few of the reasons that Barry Ginnetti gave when asked why he wanted to be a member of the Board of Directors of Four Seasons Beaumont.

"Now that KHOV is no longer involved, we have assumed full responsibility for the operation of our HOA. It is of utmost

significance to me that the facilities, grounds, and amenities remain the same as they are or better. I imagine that all homeowners feel the same way."

Barry stresses that the Board must think strategically, not just take care of things as they happen. "This is not a 'day in, day out' business and we must look ahead. We have to look at where we're going and ensure that our common property and our financial health are maintained. And the Board must 'look beyond the Board packet.' Maintaining and improving our property and operating the Association as a business means that we must practice good principles. It also means that newer, perhaps younger residents must be urged to join in, and that we mentor them. They should be encouraged to join committees so that they can learn from us and we can learn from them. We need their knowledge and abilities which may be different from ours. I am not afraid of working with people who may be smarter or more qualified than I am.

"It is mandatory that the Board has a plan and that the plan is communicated. Transparency is vital to the Association, and transparency cannot be achieved without good communication. It is extremely important that homeowners feel included and that they have a good grasp of the goals of the Board. To that end, it is most important that different ways of communication are tried. For instance, we could initiate focus groups which engender interest and communication. New ideas can be brought up and discussed. In a focus group it is easy to look at what we are doing now, and how to change or improve it."

Barry was very specific in his written Candidate Statement. He delineated his commitment to the Four Seasons community by saying in part, "We have a premier property and a responsibility to manage to the expected high standards of our owners." He also stated that he would do his part to "ensure fiduciary responsibility

for all decisions involving the spending of HOA fees. We currently have an operating budget of over \$5M and reserves of \$8M. These funds are the contribution of all homeowners and should be utilized judiciously to provide optimum return for our spending." And the concept he stressed during our interview: "Success will depend on how Four Seasons will look in the future to meet the interest and culture of the next generation of home buyers. Do we meet their needs which may not match our needs of today? In addition to the short-term needs of the day-to-day operation, we need to take a long-range look at the community's needs."

Barry brings his experience and his skill sets to his effort to become a Board of Directors member. For 21 years he worked in sales, marketing, and business development for a major pharmaceutical company. And for 19 years he was the owner of a strategic planning company, working with pharmaceutical companies.

He is a retired U.S. Army Colonel with 30 years active and reserve duty.

His HOA experience includes being a member of the Board of Trustees and President of the Board of Directors for 15 years of a high rise, ocean front property in New Jersey where he was an owner. And he is the Chairperson of the Four Seasons Beaumont Finance Committee where he has streamlined and implemented numerous business practices.

And finally, he has experience as the Treasurer of the City of Beaumont.

Barry has one final comment. "I ask for your vote to represent you as a member of our Board of Directors."



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## ALLEN KOBLIN

"You will never hear me say, 'That's the way we've always done it!'"

Al Koblin embraces sensible change. "Life doesn't stay the same, and we need to look ahead in order to direct where and how we want to go, not stagnate and remain at the mercy of what comes our way."

Al and his wife Helen moved to Four Seasons Beaumont three years ago and "It's the best move we've ever made. We love living here. This is an adult community, not a senior community and I want to contribute to taking care of it and help it manage change. I have a strong business background, especially in real estate, and I want to use my knowledge and experience to ensure that the Association is managed like the business it is."

In his Candidate Statement he wrote, "Professionally, I have worked in, operated in, and advised businesses in the food industry, commercial property management, and various real estate activities. I have extensive experience in working with groups, contract evaluations and negotiations, and serving the community."

Currently he is a member of our Architectural Review Committee (ARC). He also serves with the City of Beaumont as a member of the Economic Development Committee and as a board member of the Chamber of Commerce. He has served previously on the Board of Directors of an HOA and of a community center, and he has also served on several committees and commissions for another southern California city.

Along with his management and business experience, Al brings an additional component to his view of Four Seasons Beaumont. "This is our home. There is an emotional value to this community. Our houses have value, both physically and emotionally. There is a tremendous obligation and responsibility to ensure that we not only keep our community as it is currently, but that we move forward and not stagnate. We must encourage fresh perspectives, and include those with more recent experience to add their voices and ideas. We must be willing to at least discuss something new."

To that end, Al has some goals in mind. "I would like to add a fresh perspective to our bidding process. The Board could announce that a company or a service is going to be solicited. This could be

published in the Daily Report, in the *Breeze*, on the website, and posted in The Lodge Lobby. This could add community input and add to the communication between the Board and the homeowners. Communication and transparency are vital.

"Similarly, committee openings could be published and posted. That would ensure that everyone could have a chance to look at groups that might interest them and that they could give to. Giving back, sharing my knowledge and my friendship, is of utmost importance to me, and I am sure many others feel the same way. Let's ensure that we give them every opportunity to do so."

Although Al subscribes to "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," he also says that just because a concept did not work out previously, that does not mean that a new way of approaching the issue should be rejected. For instance, maybe the idea of using solar power in the community did not work out before, but that doesn't mean that trying to find alternative power sources should not be explored. Maybe there is a new technology that would work now. We should manage with that concept firmly in mind. It enhances the way we view and incorporate change."

Al has set his sights on bringing his knowledge, experience, viewpoint, and wisdom to the maintenance of this beautiful community. "I want Four Seasons Beaumont to continue as the premier property it is and has been, long into the future. I want to take part in ensuring that it achieves that goal."

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## JERRY MONAHAN

Jerry Monahan, President of the Board of Directors, is running in his third Board election. He has been on the Board for four and a half years, and he wants to put his knowledge and experience to work for what he says will be his final term. "There are exciting new things happening. I want to grow with this Board and follow through with what we are doing.

"I have built great relationships and have excellent resources. My history here is valuable. The Board members work well together and with me. They're very supportive. My style is to be respectful but firm. I always want to do what's right for the community even if it might not be best for me.

"I work to keep communication open. I invite individual homeowners to bring their questions or problems to me. I am approachable, respectful, and I will always get back to them. No matter the type of communication, I will respond. No problem is too big or too small. I know who to ask when I need information and I will always get back to the person who approached me. Always."

Jerry's goal of working with the Board now that KHOV is gone is to ensure that the HOA is treated as a business. This endeavor will put his experience, his resources, his communication skills, his enthusiasm, and his energy to work.

"The finances are extremely important. I want to maintain our Reserves at 100 percent or higher. A most important goal is to avoid a special assessment because of unexpected expenses. And of course, I want keep HOA dues low without sacrificing the beauty and efficiency of our community."

Jerry's aim is to control costs, not by being cheap, but by being more efficient. "We have implemented a budget review system and a more businesslike way of soliciting and reviewing bids. We are reducing waste. Recently the Board looked at various bids for pest control. We were able to save \$30,000 from our current expenditure.

"And we have changed some of our longer term contracts. We have a new security company, a new pool service vendor who will service all three of our pools, and our landscaping will now be taken care of by just one landscaping company. These changes will result in

more efficient service, better communication, and a significant cost savings.

"I have a very comprehensive view of how various aspects of our HOA function. In my years on the Board I have been a liaison to the Finance Committee, the Safety Committee, the Communications Board, the Canine Corral, and now the Ad Hoc Power Out Committee which is looking at emergency preparedness. All of these committees have provided me an education on what works, what doesn't work, which approaches have been tried and discarded, modified, or are working well.

"In the quest to be as efficient and businesslike as possible, I am part of a group of HOAs that meets monthly. Sun Lakes, Solera, Highland Springs, Four Seasons - we work together and share relevant information. We want to know how state, county, and city governments will affect us. And we have meetings with the Beaumont City Manager."

All of this takes time. A lot of time. How does Frances, Jerry's wife of 56 years, feel about it? "We've known each other for 61 years. She is very supportive and actually encouraged me to run this time." But the support comes with a caveat. "I always make sure we can spend time together and I always do whatever chores I promise to do. And this will be my last run for the Board. After this, my time will be devoted to us, to Fran and me together. And I always keep my promises."

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## DR. JERRY L. TURNER

"I don't believe you should complain if you're not willing to do anything about it." That statement is fairly common, often heard in the vernacular. But Jerry Turner, LEP (Licensed Educational Psychologist) and Ph.D (Consulting Psychologist) truly means it, at least for himself.

A homeowner in Four Seasons Beaumont for two years, he has walked around, bicycled through, and paid close attention to the details that make this beautiful HOA such a magnificent place to live. He firmly believes that we must "maintain and repair. The Board of Directors should insist that no amenity or service is decreased or eliminated unless documented as inactive. We purchased homes with a baseline of amenity and service expectations."

Jerry believes that details make a big difference in the beauty and functionality of our Association. "I am aware that staff has been decreased due to the pandemic, but I really do not like to see an area neglected. I truly dislike seeing the chairs piled helter-skelter around the Lodge pool area. If they must be kept there, at least they should be stacked neatly. Just a little thing, but it makes a difference. And the pots around the pool have no flowers or greenery. Another little thing, but if I notice them, I'm sure others do too."

Not surprisingly, given the work he does, Dr. Turner thinks that listening is of great importance. "Increasing transparency of the Board can be achieved by better communication, and good listening is mandatory for good communication. The members of the Board must encourage new ideas and good participation not only from long-time residents but from newer and perhaps younger homeowners."

Jerry has some priorities that he would bring to the Board. He is aware that speeding is an issue that garners a great deal of attention. He would like to see speed bumps installed as well as more stop signs. And he wants to increase law enforcement presence. "Law enforcement onboard Four Seasons should be commensurate with policing in other Beaumont neighborhoods. We all pay the same local tax rate. Ideally, these would be random speed and stop sign enforcement. A couple of random enforcements per week will change driving behaviors."

Another priority is to "halt noisy landscape work prior to 8 am (gas powered blowers, edgers, etc.)

And commensurate with his eye for detail, Jerry would like to see incentives for residential beautification. "Incentives could be anything from a recognition letter to a gift card from a local business to a financial reward. I would like to see incentives for complementing existing landscaping such as flower boxes, having faded houses repainted, and adding plants."

Jerry not only brings his ideas and priorities to the Board of Directors, he brings relevant life experience. He was President of an HOA in San Diego. He was an active HOA member of another community in San Diego and an influential HOA member in Cathedral City. He has served on the Board of Directors of the California Association of School Psychologists; he was a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps with combat leadership experience, and he is a published author.

He loves walking the trails here. He frequently rides his bike through the community. He keeps his eyes open and his mind active and aware. He looks at the beauty that surrounds us and watches for the details as well. If he has an idea for an improvement or sees something that needs attention, he will make note of it. And along with his belief that one should not complain unless they are willing to do something about it, he is running for the Board in order to take responsibility for making improvements in and for the community. As Jerry says, "If you don't take responsibility, you can't change it."

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# ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR CORNER

By Cindy Graves

I'm not sure if this *Breeze* issue will get to you on time, but hopefully it gets here before April 1 so you have time to make plans to participate in the "Moonlight April Fools' Glow Egg Hunt." If you haven't heard, my team and I will be going around the community, hiding 400 glow eggs that will be filled with jokes, finger lights, and notes redeemable for prizes at The Lodge. You can start looking for those eggs any time after 6:30 pm. Go out prepared with flashlights, remembering that the rules of social distancing apply and if you touch an egg, it's yours, don't leave it behind. I'll be back at The Lodge to redeem your prizes beginning April 2.

I'm also excited about another silly competition we're doing called a "Peep Show Competition." If you go on the Activities Blast you can see what I mean. There is a national Peep Show competition held annually and Justin has put up some pictures and a link of those incredible art pieces made with marshmallow Peeps candies. We thought that it would be fun to hold our own Four Seasons competition and that's exactly what we're doing. I dare you artsy-crafty folks to try your hand at creating some type of art out of Peeps. When completed, take a few photos of your masterpiece, and email them to [rachel.stone@fsresidential.com](mailto:rachel.stone@fsresidential.com) and include your name and project theme before Sunday, April 4. We'll be sending out a little survey for residents to help us judge and you'll get a chance to see some of the cool projects that folks have done. Three winners will be awarded "The Peoples Choice Awards" along with special prizes and a Kopper Kettle gift card on April 9, so keep your eyes open for upcoming info from the Daily Report Activities Blast.

Our next showcased event is a workshop collaboration with Park West Landscaping. This will be very informative for some of you who are interested in knowing what plants grow the best and how to take care of them in our little Four Seasons micro-climate. This

workshop will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 20 at 2 pm. Look for the Zoom link invitation in the Daily Report on the day of the event.

Finally, as many of you know, we are having another wine tasting event, this time with Rutherford Wines out of Napa Valley. We'll be offering a flight of two white wines and three red wine four-ounce pours, artfully and tastefully arranged, in a curbside pick-up kit with a treat for \$16.50. Because we had so many people who did this event last time with parties, we will be offering a special party package of five full bottles of wine (serves six) for \$96. The Kopper Kettle is also going to be offering several different appetizer boxes to choose from and you can go directly to them for the purchase of those options. Heidi Daniels from Rutherford Wines will be our Sommelier for the evening educating us on the interesting facts and nuances of each wine. The ever-popular Teri DiMarino will also be joining us with some fun and funny foodie facts and pairings to add to the entertainment. It's going to be another fun night, so I hope you're able to make it. You can purchase your tickets at The Lodge from now until April 17. On Friday, April 23 from 12 noon to 3 pm, you can drive-through behind the Ballroom and we'll hand your packages to you. The actual wine event starts at 4:30 pm. Happy Hour time. See you there!

As an ending note, I have been receiving multiple calls from residents requesting "Clothing Optional Events." Evidently, many people are getting used to dressing (or not) at home during lockdown. My response to these requests is that I can't imagine that these requested events will happen live; however, if you would like to attend a virtual Zoom meeting as a "clothing optional" event, you may... but for the sake of the rest of us, please keep your video off and enjoy your freedom if you must. "April Fools!"

## Dust off your calendars! Stuff is HAPPENING!

**April 1, 6:30 pm: Moonlight April Fools Egg Hunt throughout the community**

**April 4: Last day to send In "Peep show" applications**

**April 14, 1 pm: Meet the Board of Directors**

**April 17: Last day to buy Wine Tasting event tickets**

**April 20, 2 pm: Park West Plant Workshop on Zoom**

**April 23: Wine Tasting event:  
Kit pick-up 12 – 3 pm  
Event start time: 4:30 pm**

**April 24, 8:30 am: Tennis Tournament**

**April 26: Board of Directors voting deadline**

**April 30: Annual Meeting/Board of Directors ballots cast**



# DID YOU KNOW?

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can learn more about local trees and plants by attending a virtual workshop with Park West, our community's landscapers? Representatives will be discussing what plants work best in our environment, the recommended plant list, and answering other questions you may have on April 20 at 2 pm. The meeting will be via Zoom so look to the Daily Report for invitation login information.

**DID YOU KNOW** there is always an ongoing need for volunteers at various nearby charitable organizations? If you're interested in volunteering, here are just a couple. There is H.E.L.P. in Banning which offers a food pantry and thrift shop. Carol's Kitchen, which feeds the hungry, needs volunteers to cook or serve in their kitchens and distribute clothes and groceries.



**DID YOU KNOW** that this year Arbor Day falls on April 30? Originally founded in Nebraska in the 1800s by pioneer J. Sterling Morton, the most common date for states to observe Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. It's a way to promote the importance of indigenous trees and the role they play in our lives and environment. And, it gives us a perfect opportunity to go hug a tree!

## CLUB & GROUP MEETING OVERVIEW

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (W6FSB)** Meets the last Friday of the month at 10 am via Zoom. Pete Hersey: (951) 845-1363, pandvhersey@verizon.net.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Meets Tuesdays at 4 pm via Zoom. A second in-person meeting is being considered when guidelines change. Please watch this space and the Daily Report for updates. For more information, please contact Laurie Larson Zeldin at (951) 922-0934. All contact is confidential.

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

**BOOK CLUB** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Courts patio. Up to 10 persons max. Please sanitize tables & chairs before and after use. Micki Rosen: michelesrosen@gmail.com.

### FOUR SEASONS COMPUTER GROUP

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am via Zoom. For Zoom info. send email to Larry Workman at workman.larry@gmail.com or call (731) 234-7916.

**MIXED MEDIA ART CLASS (AKA Drawing & Sketching Class)** Meets Mondays & Wednesdays 9 to 11 am at The Courts patio. Please sanitize tables and chairs before and after use. Rob Kelman: (951) 992-9156, (951) 616-4111, rbkdesigns@verizon.net.

**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. For info, contact Jacque Sneddon at (951) 333-0242 or jacquesneddon@gmail.com.

**TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)** Meets Tuesdays via Zoom. Cathy Calhoun: (951) 849-2614.

## 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. Be sure to include your contact information in case we need to reach you. (Contact information will not be published.)



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## LAST MONTH'S JOKE

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## PETS WITHOUT THUMBS

Why not find something special to celebrate this year?! March 3rd is "If Pets Had Thumbs" day. Unless you have a pet monkey, panda, koala, or a special species of frogs, your pet does not have a thumb. The thumb is our only opposable finger. We are going to take this special day and not only spend the first half of the day like our pets, without access to a thumb, we will also try to teach our pets to do some tasks that usually require a thumb. We will attempt to teach our pets how to text, turn a doorknob, zip a zipper, button a shirt, and, if we have time, drive a car. Unless you have a Great Dane, they probably won't be able to reach the pedals, but at least they will learn how to steer. The other night I superglued my thumb and forefinger together... don't worry, everything is okay. We will be doing this on a Zoom call on March 3 at 8:30 am. Please email [nothumbsupforyou@yahoo.com](mailto:nothumbsupforyou@yahoo.com) for login instructions.

## YOUR COMMENTS

*Thanks for the entertainment every month! I always look forward to the Breeze. Linda R. (Thank you Linda and congrats on winning this month!)*

THIS MONTH'S WINNER: LINDA ROBERTS

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Do you know your neighbors?

A big component of Neighborhood Watch is knowing who your neighbors are, especially the ones that are next door to you, directly across the street, and your neighbors who live behind you. Knowing your neighbors can add an extra layer of safety to your street. Many of our neighbors are retired and home during the day, and can keep a look out for any unusual activity in the area. If you are out of town, telling a trusted neighbor to keep an extra watch on your house can give you some peace of mind while you are traveling.

Many residents of our community live alone, and you may not see them often. No one wants to be the “Mrs. Kravitz” of the neighborhood and bother people every day you don’t see them, but it is important to have some way of knowing whether or not everything is okay with them. One way to achieve this is to have some kind of

“code” to let you know if they are okay. They can open blinds every morning and close them at night, put a flower in the window in the morning, or any number of things to let you know that everything is okay with them. Also keep your eyes open for anything that might tell you something isn’t right. If your neighbor’s trash cans are left out after trash day, or their car hasn’t moved for several days, this might alert you to a possible problem.

So now is the time - take a walk and get to know your neighbors! Learn their names, and exchange phone numbers with those who are willing. If they are willing, it’s also helpful to have an emergency contact number in case of an emergency. Don’t forget to wear your masks while you are out and about, and maybe soon when our COVID restrictions are just a distant memory, you can have a get-together to get to know them better! ~ **Kathy Craven** [kcravenbod@yahoo.com](mailto:kcravenbod@yahoo.com)

## 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, and 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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# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Spring is upon us; for many of us, spring marks the beginning of new outside gardening projects. If your gardening projects include renewing and refreshing your front yard, please remember that any changes - other than replacing existing plants with the same plants - requires a Property Improvement Application to be submitted to ARC.

The process of completing and obtaining the required approval is not difficult. It is a requirement that helps protect our property values and helps keep our community beautiful.

The guidelines (which are what ARC applies to every application) are contained in our Community Guidelines Part 4: Architectural Guidelines and Standards. The most recent version can be viewed on our community website [www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://www.fourseasonsbeaumont.org) or a printed copy is available at The Lodge front desk. All actions taken by ARC are specified by these guidelines. On very rare occasions, ARC may need to request clarification from the Beaumont City Building department of a city code that has been adopted into Guidelines.

One city code that has required clarification is the City Code that requires two shade trees in every residential front yard. The code was adopted in 2016 and simply states, "A minimum of two 24-inch box shade trees are required within the front yard setback of all single-family residences." This ordinance was adopted Jan. 16, 2016. (This code also requires a city building permit to remove any front yard tree.)

After discussion with city officials, we learned that the city considers all homes completed prior to this date as "grandfathered" and will not enforce this requirement. ARC is relying on this guidance when reviewing application. K. Hovnanian's builders began placing two trees in all front yards built after that time.

Beaumont city further explained that this "grandfathered" exception ceases to exist at such time as any change is made to the front yard. This means that if you make changes to your landscaping including any hardscape (driveway, walkways, lighting etc.) the two-tree requirement must be met. For consistency and to help homeowners avoid issues with the city, ARC is applying the same interpretation.

If your application changes your front yard in any way, ARC will require a minimum of two 24-inch box shade trees before your project can be approved.

A 24-inch box shade tree is one that is grown primarily for producing shade and was grown in a 24-inch box to a certain maturity before being sold. Palm trees, pine trees, and evergreens are not shade trees. ~ **Steve Cooley, (801) 815-5302, [cooleyaudit@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyaudit@gmail.com)**



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# CANINE CORRAL COUNCIL

April is in the world again, and all the world is filled with flowers... waiting for the April showers... Well, as you can see by the “after” photo, Lot A now has been landscaped with plants, mulch, trees, and flowers. Inside of the Canine Corral fencing, you can now see decomposed granite instead of weeds, rocks, stickers and thorns! The end result is a much more attractive area and a safer surface to walk on. There will still be a need for ongoing pest control with those stubborn gophers and pesky ants, but luckily the decomposed granite seems to be able to hold up to these displaced residents.

Once the ground was prepared, the Canine Corral Council got busy creating the long-awaited off-leash area and preparing for the opening. The new metal gate has been custom fabricated and installed with our new Trilogy lock system mounted to allow fob access for the Corral members. The Doggie Waste Stations are ready to be installed (by the time of this writing the plan is in place). Straw wattle rolls have been installed along the sides and bottom of the Corral fencing to help curb erosion. Honor plaques are being mounted on the fencing to show off the beautiful dedications designed by very generous and creative sponsors.

Don't despair if you have not participated in the fundraising yet! Honor Plaques will be available to order on an ongoing basis. Even after we have opened, there will be plenty of space available for your plaque. By the time of this publication, we may still have tickets available for our \$500 Honor Plaque drawing. Check at The Lodge front desk to purchase your tickets for \$10 each. (we will be drawing the winner after 50 tickets are sold). If sponsoring an Honor Plaque or Honor Bench is not for you, then we also appreciate donations of any amount. All checks will be accepted at the Management Office made out to our account: “Four Seasons HOA,” memo: “Canine Corral.” Every dollar will help. Thank you!

**Membership:** How can you and your dog use the Canine Corral? Since this facility may only be used by qualified, approved members, monthly HOA fees do not contribute to the Canine Corral.

Membership applications are available at The Lodge. Only resident members, and their approved dogs, will be using the Corral in order to ensure that our mission of “establishing a clean, safe environment; respectful of neighbors, and amenable to dog owners and non-dog owners alike” will be adhered to. All dogs must be current on vaccinations, spayed or neutered, and covered under their owner's liability insurance, and the human members must be current residents in good-standing.

Fees from membership applications include a special Canine Corral dog tag and a gate key fob for each human member. The application fee for the first year of membership is \$100 per dog. The annual membership renewal fee is \$30 per dog. This includes a new dog tag with a different color. (Such a deal compared to the ARC application fee of \$125. And it is so much more fun!)

We have been receiving so much encouragement from residents who have been looking forward to the opening of the off-leash area dog park, as well as from residents who love the idea - even if they don't have a dog! I have heard from people who chose to purchase

their home here because they heard there would be a dog park. Other people are happy we are creating the facility because they know how these amenities increase the value of homes in HOAs that offer a place for homeowners to meet and socialize and allow their dogs to be dogs.

If you are interested in attending our seminars (which are required for members) to learn more about the Corral, all sessions are open for audit. If you are interested in attending, Zoom log-in information will be available in the Daily Report.

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 from Teri: [teridimarino@gmail.com](mailto:teridimarino@gmail.com). Why not contact her today?

(To review the history of the Canine Corral, especially for residents new to Four Seasons, please read the January article to get caught up to where we are today.)

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)**



*After ... Lot A Landscaping*

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

## THE BEST OF TIMES AND THE WORST OF TIMES

Four Seasons at Beaumont residents should try to prepare for the possibilities of extreme weather. We need to look only to the mid-February deep freeze in Texas as an example. Texas was caught off guard by the high demand and the low supply of energy available. They do a very good job of supplying energy during summer heat waves but their grid was not designed to withstand the record cold temperatures that they endured. We must begin now to prepare here in Beaumont, California to survive an emergency. The consumers and the suppliers need to work toward this goal but they need a little political persuasion.

The Texas deep freeze exposed weaknesses in their electric grid which were known way back to 2011 when a similar freeze caused power outages and a few deaths. The jet stream has altered to bring the Arctic cold further south. Since they are not exposed to freezing temperatures they did not insulate their grid. Wind energy could have helped but it only supplies about a quarter of the electric energy to the grid. The Texas wind turbines were not weatherized like the ones in the northern Great Plains or Canada. Luckily here in California, Southern California Edison has been feverishly working on hardening

all of their transmission lines and transformers to protect them from causing a fire. California and the utility companies offer rebates for energy efficient appliances and windows. Texas usually closes some of their power stations in the winter. In California we are used to a spike in gasoline prices caused by the closure of the oil refineries in the summertime. We then have to live with the increased gas prices caused by high demand and low supply.

Many Four Seasons residents have solar panels which help to keep their energy costs down. Their system is designed with enough solar panels to replace the energy supplied by Southern California Edison. The public safety power shutoffs have shown that we need batteries with the storage capacity of a couple of days to protect our food supply. A back up energy supply should be viewed as a necessity and not a luxury. If enough of our residents demand them maybe the price of a storage battery will even come down. We should always prepare for worst and hope for the best.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20 at 10 am on Zoom. ~ **Michael A. Mendoza EPC Chairman**, [srmendoza@verizon.net](mailto:srmendoza@verizon.net)

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

At our February meeting, the financial statements for December 2020 and January 2021 were reviewed and recommended for BOD approval. The December financial statement reflected adjustments recommended at our previous meeting. Highlights of the January financial report follows.

As of January, Total Cash is \$10,332,232 including operating cash (checking, CDs, petty cash) of \$1,987,157 and reserve assets of \$8,345,075. There was a net income loss for the month of \$32,106. Front yard cost center expenses were under budget by \$662. Springdale cost center expenses were under budget by \$846. As a result of a large tree trimming project, expenses tracked slightly higher this month. Since the budget for tree trimming is spread equally over 12 months, planned annual expenses in this category are expected not to exceed the annual budget at year-end.

The Springdale's cost center ended 2020 with a negative net income of \$534. This negative income will be offset from the positive net income accrued over previous years.

At the Finance Committee meeting in

February, five proposals were reviewed. Four were recommended for BOD approval. One proposal was not recommended. Additionally, the Committee reviewed and recommended the approval of two service contracts.

A contract sub-committee has been formed so that the HOA can optimize our vendor contracts. The sub-committee is comprised of three BOD members and three Finance committee members with David Sweet as the Chair. Initial objectives were to define our RFP process, develop our contract templates, and improve the tracking of contract expirations to ensure timely action. A follow-up article will be written to discuss specific actions and progress.

Eight 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 on the last Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting will be April 27 at 1 pm. Please check the Daily Report for meeting location. ~ **Baron Ginnetti**, [b2ginnetti@gmail.com](mailto:b2ginnetti@gmail.com)





## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Spring has finally arrived in Four Seasons. The cold winds have subsided and we can now get out and enjoy the season. We are very fortunate to have many areas to walk and appreciate the landscape. Everyone is familiar with the beauty of our Four Seasons Circle and the trails, but there is a somewhat hidden walking park that many of our residents, especially our newest residents, aren't aware of. It is called "The Paseo," and travels between homes with entrances on Lewis Creek at one end and Salt Creek on the other, near the mail boxes. There is a winding pathway through large grassy areas, many types of trees, and beautiful stone creek beds. It includes benches and a large gazebo, complete with table and chairs, and is a great place to meet up with friends, walk the dogs, and just enjoy the scenery. Your Landscape Committee oversees the maintenance of all common areas like The Paseo, and we invite you to enjoy and take advantage of what our community has to offer. We are seeking new committee members and welcome you to join our monthly meeting at 1 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, or join us during our weekly Friday morning walks. ~ **Bonnie Makela, [bmakela@hotmail.com](mailto:bmakela@hotmail.com)**



*The Paseo*

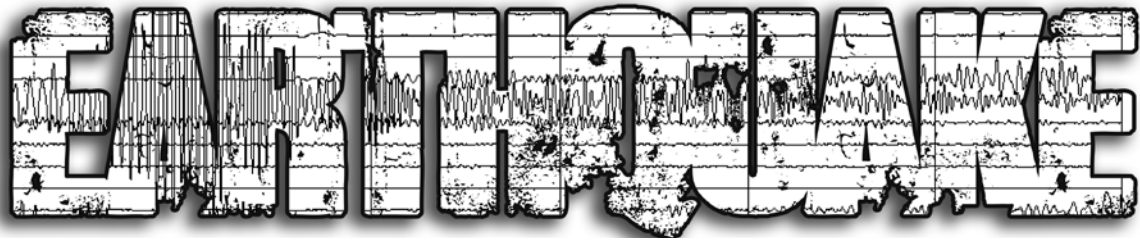
## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee is in the process of reviewing some projects we put on hold because of the COVID-19 shutdown. We are looking to get some of these completed so we are ready when we are allowed to resume some normalcy in our daily lives and facilities open back up for our use.

To name a couple of projects we are looking at, one is to replace the worn seating in the Theater. Another is to add sun screening material to the shade area at the pool in The Courts complex.

The Bocce Ball Courts have been redone and are ready for play. The construction of new shuffleboard courts is continuing and has been slow going because of a wet March.

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)**



## SAFETY COMMITTEE

Happy spring friends! The following are Safety Committee updates on ongoing projects.

### ***Projects in the works:***

- A traffic study was completed. Overall findings show that traffic on average is close to the posted speed limit within our community. However, it should be noted that Green Creek Trail seemed to have more frequent higher-speed traffic. Please keep in mind that while the speed limit on Four Seasons Circle is 30 mph, the speed limit on all side streets is 25 mph.

- Two new crosswalks have been completed on Four Seasons Circle by The Courts parking lot. We anticipate installing additional speed limit signs, no parking signs, and stop signs in the future.

- Additional benches have been installed on Trail C and Trail D, with more benches to be installed around Four Seasons Circle.

### ***Earthquake preparedness tips:***

No matter where you are, know how to protect yourself and your family during an earthquake.

Practice taking cover as if there were an earthquake and learn the safest places in your home and work.

Practice getting out of your home and check to see if the planned exits are clear and if they can become blocked in an earthquake.

Practice turning off your electricity and water. Note: The water shutoff valve is typically located below the hose bib location in the garage or front of house. The electrical service disconnect is found on the main breaker panel located on the exterior wall of the garage.

Know how to turn off the gas but do not practice this step. In the event of an earthquake, once you turn off your gas, only your utility company should turn it back on for safety reasons.

### ***Tips to consider:***

- When in a high-rise building, move against an interior wall if you are not near a desk or table. Protect your head and neck with your arms. Do not use the elevators.

- When outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, or downed electrical wires and poles.

- When on a sidewalk near buildings, duck into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, plaster, and other debris.

- When driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stay inside your vehicle until the shaking stops.

- When in a crowded store or other public place, move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall. Do not rush for the exit.

- When in a stadium or theater, stay in your seat, get below the level of the back seat and cover your head and neck with your arms.

Don't forget to...

**Duck...** duck or drop down on the floor.

**Cover...** Take cover under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. If that is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors, or tall furniture.

**Hold...** If you take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture, hold on to it and be prepared to move with it. Hold the position until the ground stops shaking, and it is safe to move.

Just remember, earthquakes are not planned events. Prepare and plan for the unexpected:

- It is a good idea to have a three-day supply of food and water available, if roads and transportation corridors are inaccessible making travel to supermarkets unavailable.

- Have an out of state contact everyone in your family or household can contact, should local phone or mobile service be unavailable or shut down.

The Safety Committee wants you to know we are concerned for your safety and continue working to enhance the safety of our community. As a reminder, Safety Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am via Zoom. We encourage you to join the meeting should you have any concerns or if you would simply like an update on our ongoing safety projects. ~ **Frank Hilberg**, [hilbergfrank@gmail.com](mailto:hilbergfrank@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our events are still on hold because of the rules and health issues. We had to cancel "The Rock & Roll Classic" in February but rescheduled for Oct. 23, with a Halloween theme with dancing and tribute artists and "Elvira" as the emcee. We also pushed the Mentalist to August and canceled the May Fashion Show. Our next event will be Bagel & Paint on June 26.

With each event we are still focused on current health rules and safety of our residents. Safety is very important at Four Seasons so

let's all follow the guidelines.

We are always looking for new members to join our awesome committee so please contact Loretta Ramsey at (714)803-6744 for more information

We will keep you updated as we move closer to each event.

Please take care of yourself, family, and friends. ~ **Loretta Ramsey**, [lorettaramsey@aol.com](mailto:lorettaramsey@aol.com)





## REMOVING YOURSELF FROM FB

THERE'S  
AN APP  
FOR  
THAT!

*By Steve Benoff*

Clueless in Beaumont. That would be me. [A note to grammarians: I spent some time on this little sentence. I know that a strict grammarian would use “I” instead of “me.” I remember the predicate nominative. But after some research, I’ve decided that “me” is not only the vastly more commonly-used noun in this sentence, it is perfectly acceptable in all forms of writing and speaking.] I received an email from Four Seasoner Ron Alsop. (What? Seasoner is not a word? If I say Four Seasons owner or resident that sounds so cold and unfriendly, especially for someone who says he enjoys my articles. So, I’m going with Seasoner.) Ron sent me an email asking me about “FB removal.” Silly me, I had no idea what he was talking about. So, I googled (don’t you think that’s now an accepted lowercase verb?) “FB removal.”

This is what came up – “An embedded foreign body can be removed by using a gentle flicking motion with an eye spud.” While I did have two eye surgeries as a child and recently had double cataract surgeries, I don’t think I’m qualified on that subject. Nor do I think that’s what Ron was asking.

FB, FB, what could that stand for? I asked Ron, and he replied Facebook dummy. Actually, he didn’t say dummy, but that might well apply. Only a clueless person these days would not instantly know what Ron meant by FB. Now, I can’t say I’ve never been on Facebook. When the pandemic started, and I called the local Fantastic Sam’s for information on their status, I got a recording saying to check their Facebook page. So, I joined Facebook for that single purpose. Lo and behold, their page gave me no information. (They have since closed that store completely.) Not having any other interest in Facebook, I closed my account. (I know that many of you love Facebook, I’m just not among you.)

So, Ron, removing Facebook is a two-step process. First you close your account. My guess is that’s much easier on your computer than on the app on your smartphone. I can’t remember, but I imagine that process starts by going to your account settings and finding the option to close it. That probably involves several clicks so they know that’s really what you want to do. Judging from my own experience, once you’ve completed that task, you won’t be hounded with emails

to reverse your decision as I was when I closed my Netflix account.

The second step is to remove the Facebook app from your phone. On an iPhone, press and hold the app icon, select Remove App, select Delete App, select Delete. Your app and associated data stored on your phone are gone. It can’t be too different on an Android phone.

The fact of the matter is that though I have over a hundred apps on my phone, none of them is a social media app. [Another note to grammarians: I’m not ready to adopt “none are.” “None” is a contraction of “not one.” So, I’m sticking with the singular.] Not Facebook, not Instagram, not even Twitter. They don’t interest me, but I’m sure they interest many of you. That’s the great thing about apps. The Apple App Store has almost two million of them, and the Google Play Store has half again as many. Some you have to pay for; many are free. So, go to the app store on your smartphone and type in any subject that interests you, and I’m sure something will pop up.

I just took my own advice and got a disappointing result. I have a lousy memory. I almost didn’t go to law school because I was afraid my poor memory would keep me from passing the bar. (Luckily, I did on my first try.) I’m fascinated by trees, but I can hardly identify one by name. Years ago, I downloaded an app to help me identify trees and plants, but it didn’t really work for me. I figured by now there must be an app that will identify any tree or plant you frame with the camera on your phone. So, I entered “trees” in the app search bar and found one that did just that. I downloaded it and gave it a try. I tried it out on a bush in the front on my house, and it gave me a result. Unfortunately, the app misidentified it. I tried it on the same type of bush in the backyard. I got a different result this time. But again, the answer was wrong. So, I gave up and deleted the app. Maybe next time.

I’ve made my feelings about social media pretty clear. But I realize I’m in the minority. I’d like to hear from you about your positive views on the subject. If I get enough of a response, I’ll write a column on it. Understand, that if you do email me, you’re agreeing to having your name used in the piece.

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).



By Irene Welker

# Linguine with Shrimp Scampi & Roasted Asparagus in Lemon Butter Sauce

This dish is delicious and the components are versatile. Don't be put off by the multiple steps. Together they make a delightful spring dish. Individually they can be used for several different meals. For instance, I roasted two pounds of asparagus. I left the stalks whole in one pan and used them as a side dish for another meal. I prepared the stalks in the second pan to use in this recipe. The Lemon Butter Sauce is from a cookbook from Carrabba's Italian Restaurant. They use the sauce on many of their fish and chicken dishes. The linguine and shrimp scampi can be made as a stand-alone meal. Serves 6.

## INGREDIENTS

### *Roasted Asparagus*

- 1-pound fresh asparagus
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

### *Lemon Butter Sauce*

- 12 Tablespoons cold unsalted butter, sliced into ½ inch pieces, divided
- 2 Tablespoons finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 3 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- Kosher salt and pepper to taste

### *Linguine and Shrimp Scampi*

- 1-pound linguine
- Kosher salt, divided
- 3 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-1/2 Tablespoons garlic, minced (about 4 cloves)
- 1-pound large shrimp (about 16), peeled and deveined, tails may be left on
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes, optional
- 1/3 Cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- Zest of one lemon, finely grated
- 1/4 Cup freshly squeezed lemon juice, about 2 lemons)
- Shredded or shaved parmesan cheese for topping

## DIRECTIONS

### *Roasted Asparagus*

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking tray with aluminum foil. Wash and pat dry the asparagus. Cut or snap off the fibrous end of each asparagus spear and discard. Cut the remaining asparagus into 2-inch pieces. Pour the Tablespoon of olive oil onto the baking tray. Sprinkle the salt and pepper over the olive oil. Add the asparagus and mix completely coating all the pieces with the oil and seasoning. Evenly spread the asparagus on the pan making sure it is in a single layer. Place in preheated oven and roast for 5 minutes. Turn the asparagus to recoat in oil. Bake an additional 5 to 10 minutes depending on the thickness of the asparagus. It should be crisp/tender when done. Remove from oven and set aside.

### *Lemon Butter Sauce*

Keep the butter refrigerated until ready to use; it should be cold when added to the pan.

Melt one Tablespoon of the butter in a medium (8-inch) skillet over medium heat. When the butter is melted add the onion and garlic. Cook stirring frequently watching carefully so the garlic doesn't burn. Cook until the onion is translucent about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the wine and lemon juice. Bring the mixture to a boil over high heat. Continue to cook 3 to 5 minutes, until the liquid is reduced to about 1/4 cup.

Reduce the heat to low. Add three Tablespoons of butter at a time, and whisk in the butter until it is completely melted. Continue adding the butter 3 Tablespoons at a time until all the butter has been added to the sauce. Do not rush this step, it is a process. You want the butter to slowly soften into an emulsified sauce, not melt quickly. If the butter melts too fast, the sauce will separate. Season to taste with the salt and pepper. Remove from heat and set aside. The sauce can be left at room temperature for up to 2 hours. If you need to reheat the sauce, do it over a low setting otherwise the sauce will separate. It will still taste the same, but will look more like melted butter.

### *Linguine and Shrimp Scampi*

For the pasta, bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. When water has reached a rolling boil, add 2 Tablespoons of salt and the linguine. Stir to make sure all the pasta is separated. Cook for 7 to 10 minutes, or according to package directions. Pasta should be tender, but still a bit chewy to the bite.

Meanwhile, in a large (12 inch) skillet melt the butter and olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic. Sauté for 1 minute. Be careful not to let it burn. Add the shrimp, 1-1/2 teaspoons of salt, black and red peppers. Cook until the shrimp turn pink turning them so both sides are nicely pink, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat. Add parsley, lemon zest and juice. Stir to combine.

When the pasta is done, drain the cooked linguine. Then put it back in the pan. Immediately add the lemon butter sauce, the shrimp scampi, and the asparagus. Toss well and serve immediately.





# APRIL PUZZLES

If you are a beginner at playing Sudoku, here is brief tutorial.

Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within each row and column are 9 squares made up of 3 x 3 spaces. Each row, column, and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column, or square.

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 62.*

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**MEDIUM**

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**EASY**

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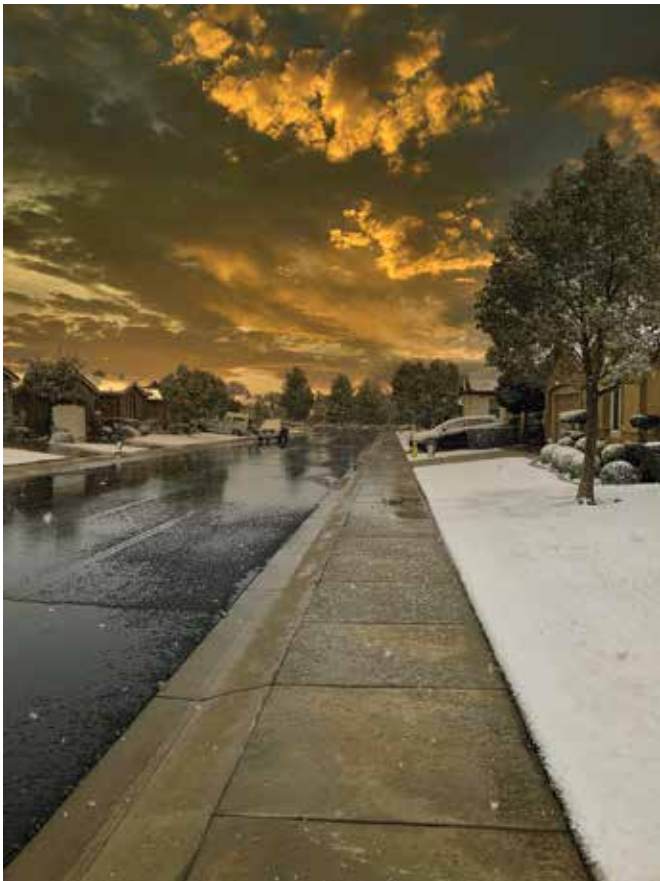
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*My gratitude to the residents of Four Seasons, Beaumont who were able to set up COVID-19 vaccinations for the residents of Four Seasons. My husband Tom and I were able to get an appointment easily and the whole process was done in such an efficient and professional manner. There was the needle, of course, but now that both shots are done, I'm even grateful for that.*

*Barbara Wasco*

*Thank you to HOAs of Four Seasons and Sun Lakes for coordinating with Riverside University Health and Sun Lakes Realty for the availability of COVID -19 vaccinations at Sun Lakes. It was so convenient for those who have transportation and medical issues that preclude traveling long distances. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Kristin Wouters*



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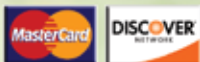
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# PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Photography Club continues its efforts to reestablish active meetings. By the time you read this, the Club may have reopened our monthly meetings. Members will receive an email notice. If you have not been receiving our emails contact Jacque Sneddon at [jacquesneddon@gmail.com](mailto:jacquesneddon@gmail.com). She will be glad to add you to the mailing list. You may also check the Daily Report for information.

Via Zoom, we are continuing the twice-a-month Work Study Group. These meetings primarily cover photo editing in Adobe Photoshop and related programs. However, anyone who has a photography question is welcome to join us. At the time of this writing, these meetings are twice a month via Zoom. Again, contact Jacque for meeting times and dates of both the Club Meeting and the Work-Study Group. We hope to meet in person in the future.

ReNae Stueve has moved to Florida. We will certainly miss her to lead our club. Jacque Sneddon has volunteered her support in planning, scheduling meetings, and keeping everyone informed. Lyle Cameron is our new Zoom Master. John Levine will be setting up photo outings. I have temporarily taken over writing these articles and selecting photos for the *Breeze*. Images of the month are featured at right. ~ **John Baeyertz**, [ohnbz1453@gmail.com](mailto:ohnbz1453@gmail.com)



Mary Baer – Beautiful roses in our winter snowstorm



Bill Christelman - Iceberg off Greenland with the night sky added via Photoshop

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## TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS

Why do cats purr? While many cat owners presume their cat purrs to display pleasure, research suggests otherwise. It was previously theorized that purring was caused by blood surging through the inferior vena cava, a large vein linking to the right side of the heart. Research now suggests the noise derives from a cat's larynx. Felines can constrict the part of their larynx that touches their vocal cords, which causes vibrations with every inhale and exhale. We hear these vibrations as a purr.

Scientists have identified that certain brainwaves activate the biological process behind purring. What triggers this? Findings, based on observational studies, suggest cats can purr for many reasons. One study found that your cat can slightly vary their purrs depending on a certain need. Research indicated a difference in the acoustic quality of purrs emitted by cats when attempting to solicit food, compared to when they were generally relaxed or being petted. These food soliciting purrs were also perceived as more urgent and less pleasant sounding by humans. They included high frequency voiced components, like those produced by crying human infants. Studies found hungry cats, looking to be fed, contained an unusual high-frequency element within their naturally low-pitched purr. With these solicited purrs, domestic cats are tapping into our nurturing instincts to give them attention. Their cries of "feed me" are hidden in what may sound like a pleasant purr.

Experts have also theorized that your cat may be purring when they're in distress. It's thought that cats might also purr in an attempt

to self soothe, potentially helping them to feel calmer or to relieve pain. Cats were observed purring in situations where they are likely to be experiencing stress. It might also be that they're attempting to solicit help from us. Often their behavior and body language may suggest the cat would prefer to be left alone and not to be touched.

There is some evidence suggesting the purrs prompt a healing effect in felines. One study published in the New Zealand Veterinary Journal indicated that the vibration of cat purrs could actually promote bone growth and heal soft tissue. Despite these findings, no large-scale trials have investigated the effect on humans. So, if you ever cut yourself, a doctor is unlikely to advise holding a purring kitty to help heal your open wound. ~ Vivian Walker, [vivr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vivr@sbcglobal.net)



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# BIRDING CLUB

On Feb. 13 we took our winter field trip to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We tallied 33 bird species during a wonderful morning walk. Highlights included Cinnamon Teal, several Northern Harriers, all three white egrets, and flyover flocks of White-faced Ibis and American White Pelicans.

Our March 6 bird walk started off with a bang: as soon as our group of masked birders started on Trail A, Genie Cooper pointed out a Phainopepla, a first record and Four Seasons bird species #109! Birds seen along Trails A and B included a Downy Woodpecker, a Great Egret, and a flock of Pine Siskins. Then we drove to The Courts

to check out the retention basin, where we got a peek at a Wilson's Snipe before it hunkered down and disappeared in the grass. The group bird walk yielded 24 bird species and 16 additional species were spotted during the day by Linda Miller, Tom Paulek, Genie and Bill Cooper, Barbara Wasco, Jane Slamer, Tina Canon, Julie and Peter Shuttleworth, and me, for a total of 40 species, a new winter record!

Email [steve.h.edelman@gmail.com](mailto:steve.h.edelman@gmail.com) for more information and to receive club communications. ~

**Steve Edelman**



*The Four Seasons Birding Club at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area on Feb. 13*

**BIRD OF THE MONTH** Phainopeplas are the only U.S. representative of the family Ptilonotidae, known as "silky-flycatchers." Male Phainopeplas are black with an elegant crest, red eyes, and bold white wing patches that appear in flight. Females are similar but a subdued gray. Phainopeplas eat mainly fruit, particularly desert mistletoe berries. They also eat flying insects, captured flycatcher-style, during short flights from perches or gleaned from vegetation.

Phainopeplas are adapted to life in the dry Southwest. They are year-round residents in southern California, south-central Arizona, and northwestern and central Mexico, including all of Baja. In summer, part of the population migrates a short distance north into central California and central Arizona, and in winter part of the population migrates a short distance south into southwestern Arizona and south-central Mexico. They live mostly in desert washes that have mesquite, acacia, palo verde, smoke tree, and ironwood. They nest in these desert trees and feed heavily on berries of the desert mistletoe, a parasitic plant that lives on these trees. In California, Phainopeplas also occur in open oak-sycamore woodlands, chaparral, boxthorn scrub, and Joshua tree desert. Phainopeplas live in chaparral around Four Seasons and on Mar. 6 one of these birds wandered into Four Seasons, probably searching for a nest site. ~ **Steve Edelman**

*The jet black plumage, red eye, and raised crest identify this bird as an adult male Phainopepla, just like the one the club sighted on Trail A at the start of our Mar 6. bird walk. Photo by Dr. Tom Bartol, <https://mexican-fish.com/phainopepla/>*



*Downy Woodpecker on Trail B in March. We usually see one or two a year during winter and this is our 2021 Downy Woodpecker! Photo by Club member Gerrie Karczynski*



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## AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

### *Introducing the 34-year-old Black woman scientist who developed the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.*

A 34 year-old doctor named Kizzmekia “Kizzy” Shanta Corbett is an American viral immunologist at the Vaccine Research Center (VRC) at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health (NIAID NIH) in Bethesda, Md. Appointed to the VRC in 2014, she is currently the scientific lead of the VRC’s Coronavirus Team. In December 2020, the Institute’s Director Dr. Anthony Fauci said, “Kizzy is an African American scientist who is at the forefront of the development of the vaccine.”

Kizzmekia Corbett was born on January 26, 1986, in Hurdle Mills, N.C. She grew up in Hillsborough, N.C. among a large family of step-siblings and foster siblings. Kizzy’s fourth grade teacher, Myrtis Bradsher at Oak Lane Elementary School, recalls recognizing Corbett’s talent at an early age and encouraging Kizzy’s mother to place her in advanced classes. “She was the best student in my 30 years of teaching.”

In 2004, Kizzy graduated from Orange High School in Hillsborough, N.C. While in high school, Corbett realized that she wanted to pursue a scientific career, and spent her summers working in various research laboratories through a program called Project SEED. In 2008, she received a B.S. in biological sciences and sociology from the University of Maryland, as a student in the Meyerhoff Scholars Program. In 2014, Corbett received a Ph.D in microbiology and immunology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

At the onset of the pandemic, Corbett started working on a vaccine to protect people from COVID-19. To manufacture and test the vaccine, Corbett’s team partnered with Moderna, a biotechnology company. Corbett’s work afforded her the opportunity to be a part of the National Institutes of Health team that welcomed President Donald Trump to the Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center in March 2020.

Corbett has worked to build trust with the vaccine hesitant populations. She presented education about the COVID-19 vaccine development to Black Health Matters in October 2020 after a study released by the NAACP revealed only 14 percent of Black Americans believe the COVID-19 vaccine is safe. NIAID Director Dr. Fauci stated in a webinar with the National Urban League, “... The vaccine that you’re going to be taking was developed by an African American woman.”

Corbett regularly shares information on Twitter and takes part in programs to inspire youth in underserved communities.

“Dr. Barney Graham had the forethought to allow me to work with a team on a virus that essentially nobody cared about,” said Dr. Corbett. ~ **Regina Thomas, info@aacc@gmail.com**



*34-year-old Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett*



*Dr. Corbett and her boss Dr. Barney Graham*



*Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett talks to President Donald Trump as he tours the Viral Pathogenesis Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland in March 2020*



## TASTE D'VINE

Hi Taste d'Vine members – are you gearing up for the April 23 Virtual Wine Tasting? This community-wide event is being sponsored by our HOA and supported by your Taste d'Vine Wine Club. The wines will be presented by Heidi Daniels, one of our favorite speakers. Heidi is working with the Rutherford Wine Company in the Napa Valley and has chosen several great wines for our enjoyment.

Watch the Daily Report for the latest information on ticket purchase and wine pick up.

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



## COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA CLUB

As of this writing, we continue to be 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 Evening/Day Classic Film Group is hoping that we are going to reopen The Lodge and theater in April. We will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays, April 13 and 27 at 10:30 am, 2 pm, and 5:30 pm.

Since we have all been through a lot this last year let's start with a love affair film like no other. It's something a little different. We will be showing a 1998 movie that won seven Academy Awards: *Shakespeare in Love*, directed by John Madden.

It's a story in which love has no bounds.

How many got the answer to last month's James Bond trivia question? "When did James Bond say the phrase "Bond, James Bond?" And when did he say "Shaken, not stirred?" The answer... Both phrases were used first in *Dr. No*, the first movie in the franchise.

Watch the Daily Report for more info on the opening of the Theater. ~ **Paul Plamondon**, [4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com](mailto:4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com)

## ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

We are still not able to meet in person during the COVID-19 pandemic but as more and more people in our community and county are vaccinated, the light at the end of the tunnel becomes more reachable. While we cannot meet in person, we are able to enjoy watching programs, such as those suggested last month by Barbara Dipoma with Bobby and Giada in Italy on Discovery+ and Dreaming of Italy on Amazon Prime Video.

I have been enjoying Stanley Tucci in Searching for Italy on CNN, and I believe they are available "On Demand" as well. He has been traveling throughout many locations in Italy focusing on one area on each week's program. The program is on Sunday night, and I have

been told by a number of our members, that they have enjoyed the program as much as I have.

If you are interested in joining our club, please contact either Barbara Dipoma or Jerry Monahan.

As soon as we can meet in person we will email everyone of the date, time, and location of the meeting. Thank you for your patience during this pandemic, and continue to wear your masks and maintain social distancing.

We miss all of you, and hope you are staying safe. We cannot wait until we can meet safely in person again. ~ **Barbara Dipoma and Jerry Monahan**, (951) 212-8898, [Jmbronxboy44@gmail.com](mailto:Jmbronxboy44@gmail.com)

## BOOK CLUB

Our in-person meetings remain on hold due to COVID restrictions, but we continue to read... If the status changes, I will email everyone on the book club mailing list to let you know.

The Book Club selection for April is *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. Here is a brief description of the book from Amazon.com: "Coming of age on the perilous frontier of revolutionary New York, Elizabeth Schuyler champions the fight for independence. And when she meets Alexander Hamilton, Washington's penniless but passionate aide-de-camp, she's captivated by the young officer's charisma and brilliance. They fall in love, despite Hamilton's bastard birth and the uncertainties of war. But the union they create — in their marriage and the new nation—is far from perfect. From glittering inaugural balls to bloody street riots, the

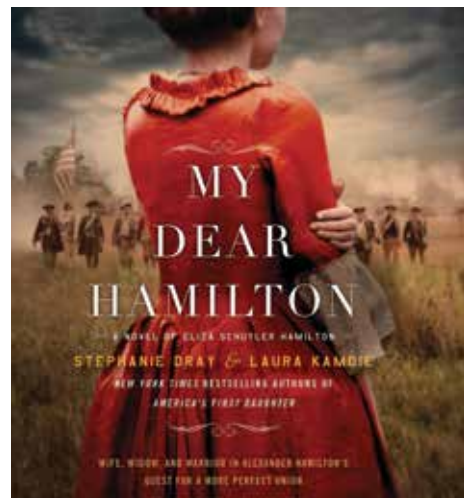
Hamiltons are at the center of it all — including the political treachery of America's first sex scandal, which forces Eliza to struggle through heartbreak and betrayal to find forgiveness. When a duel destroys Eliza's hard-won peace, the grieving widow fights her husband's enemies to preserve Alexander's legacy. But long-buried secrets threaten everything Eliza believes about her marriage and her own legacy. Questioning her tireless devotion to the man and country that have broken her heart, she's left with one last battle — to understand the flawed man she married and imperfect union he could never have created without her."

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 will finalize our reading list for the

remainder of 2021 when we are able to meet in person. 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**



## VETERANS WALK GROUP

1942 – From the decks of the USS Hornet, Col. Doolittle leads 16 B-25 bombers for a raid on Tokyo. They launch from the maximum range, 650 miles from their target. Essentially unarmed to extend their flying range, the B-25's fly unmolested to Tokyo and drop their bombs, proceeding to China where they land at the very limits of their fuel. Although the bombing does minimal damage physically, the psychological impact is great. For the Americans, this raid symbolizes the first "strike back" at the Japanese and raises American morale substantially. The Japanese buoyed by their constant success in the Pacific are now forced to contemplate the implications of the war if it is allowed to be carried to Japanese soil. This change in Japanese attitude will affect military decisions in such crucial battles as the battles of Midway and the Coral Sea. For the Americans, the raid signifies that the Japanese are not invulnerable and therefore can ultimately be defeated.

The only non-aviator is Doctor Thomas White of Redlands, Calif., who served as a door gunner. After the war he settled in Palm Springs until his death in 1992. He was buried in the family plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Redlands. ~ **Len Tavernetti**



## WRITERS' CLUB



### *Golf Hazards*

Golfers head to the course for an enjoyable day of fun and relaxation. While water hazards and bunkers present obvious obstacles, one's bad habits make it even more challenging. I've witnessed grown men turn into complete crybabies; one of our friends stomped off after a trying hole and went home. It's just a game, people!

My challenges have more to do with "situations" that occur while at the course. Once, my husband Mike and I were heading off to play a round with business clients. I was shuffling to our cart like Mr. Tudball on *The Carol Burnett Show*. Mike's narrowed eyes in his unsmiling face begged an explanation. I said, "I'm trying to keep my shoes on. When I polished them, I washed the laces but forgot to put them back in." Shaking his head, he mumbled, "Only you. Nobody else would take them out and wash them." Witnessing my dilemma, a female employee hurriedly removed the laces from her sneakers and handed them over. Crisis averted.

Another day, while our foursome was finishing up on the seventh green, the impatient group following behind hit right into us, namely, me. Getting hit by the dimpled flying object has left me with Golf PTSD. I drive my husband crazy with my paranoia. Usually, men are all over tarnation looking for their shot. The time spent locating

balls triggers my PTSD as the players behind us grow increasingly closer. While on the fairway or the green, I continually glance over my shoulder and rush him through each hole. It's not very relaxing — more like a game of speed golf.

Brenda, my good friend, understands my anxiety because she was the recipient of a Nike projectile at a golf scramble. We all know scramble recruits can be novice, intoxicated, or both. Brenda takes everything that happens in stride. One day I was the cart driver, and she sat beside me sporting her new golf outfit. We were chatting away until our vehicle's wheels disappeared into the swampy ground. As I gave it some gas to get out of the brown muck, the gooey residue spewed all over us and the cart. She kindly refused the replacement outfit I offered.

I must caution the ladies to check the outdoor restrooms for slithering reptiles before pulling down that skort. That's another story for another time.

Club contacts: [andreazehner20@gmail.com](mailto:andreazehner20@gmail.com) or [mlarchibald@mac.com](mailto:mlarchibald@mac.com). ~ **Andrea Zehner**



## RAINBOW GROUP

While everyone continues to struggle with the pandemic and associated social issues, the Rainbow Group remains 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 have enjoyed a couple of Zoom virtual meetings.

We will update the Rainbow Group Facebook page and email



list with any late breaking developments or announcements of a Zoom meeting. Since it is unlikely that we will be able to meet anytime soon, we may schedule another Zoom meeting in April, so stay tuned for that update. We hope this finds our members, friends, and families safe, healthy, and doing well. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

For any information, please contact Dale at (951) 797-0364. ~ **Dale Beckes**

## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

When Four Seasons Singers return to singing, I am thinking of making a few changes. We will rehearse, as always on Monday afternoons, but we will be rehearsing 50 weeks each year. Besides our regular together rehearsal, we will be rehearsing separate voices: Tuesday will be Sopranos, Wednesday Altos, Thursday Tenors and Friday Bass. NOT! Just kidding. Just miss all my choir peeps so much!

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**



## 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 [benoff@verizon.net](mailto:benoff@verizon.net) or (310) 413-4896. ~ **Steve Benoff**

## TRAVEL GROUP

It seems like forever since the start of the pandemic. As of this writing, there are still no group trips in the planning stages. It is unclear when we will be able to plan our trips. We hope all this will be over soon and we will be able to resume our meetings and trips. In the meantime, stay safe and well at home.

For information on Travel Group, call or text Irene Welker at (951) 275-7081 or send an email to [irenewelker55@gmail.com](mailto:irenewelker55@gmail.com). ~ **Irene Welker**



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## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 13 at 10:30 am via Zoom. At the April meeting, presenter Bob Gostischa will be our personal guide to 'secure' cyber security practices. Norbert "Bob" Gostischa, after a successful career in banking, enjoys retirement as an enthusiastic IT security expert, most notably for Avast, the creator of Avast Antivirus software.

Bob will demonstrate how paying attention to cyber security is more important today than it has ever been. He will show how COVID-19 has exposed us to many more security vulnerabilities than in prior years now that more of us are working from home; many children are learning from home; and many of us are using

more Io-tech devices to make our lives easier. He warns that these devices present dangers which need to be addressed immediately.

In his presentation, Bob points out specific dangers and offers suggestions that will aid in keeping us secure. Using the right programs and apps can help keep us safe and secure, as well as reduce privacy exposure. This enlightening presentation will include information on many recommended free programs. Using free programs and apps whenever possible to accomplish this goal is a bonus!

For more information contact Larry Workman, workman.larry@gmail.com. ~ **Larry Workman**

## COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

We hope to have a location approved soon and are working on our budget to make it a great addition to our community. 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 soon and are working on our budget to make it a great addition to our community!

If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please email Pat Wayne at pwayne1@outlook.com. ~ **Pat Wayne**

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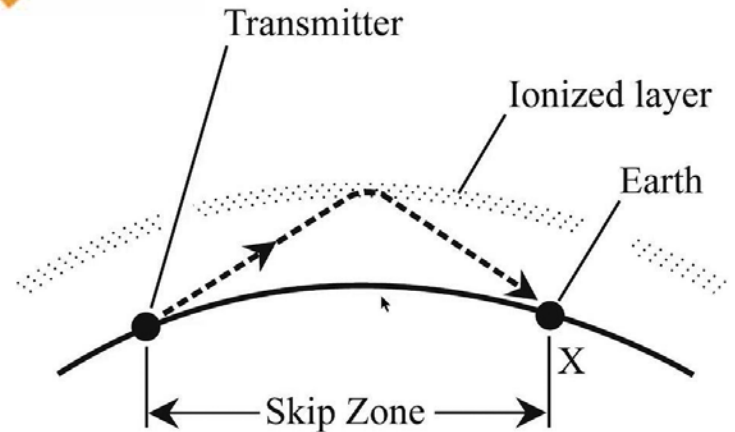
During the last month, sunspot activity has increased from an average of zero to 20! You may ask yourself, "So what?" For Amateur Radio Operators (Hams) around the world, this increase marks a solid beginning to the latest eleven-year long Solar Cycle, the first half of which provides Hams with improved transmission and reception of radio signals in the high frequency (HF) bands.

For the next five to six years, the sun will be much more active than it normally is in the other half of its cycle producing more and more radiation from sunspots, flares and coronal loops. The radiation produced by these three types of events leads to ionization of gases (charged molecules) in Earth's atmosphere that in turn create a sort of electro-magnetic blanket around the Earth that causes radio signals to bounce and skip off it and travel long distances. We Hams love this part of the Solar Cycle because this bouncing and skipping effect brings our radios to life with many signals to respond to and allows us to more easily make many more contacts with other Hams.

If your interests have ever tended in the direction of becoming a Ham, now is the time to fulfill them! Drop us an email if you have questions or you'd like to participate in our club Zoom meeting at 10



am, the last Friday of each month. We're an active group and hold meetings (nets) on our radios on Wednesday evenings: 5:15 pm for Family Radio Service (FRS) operators and 5:30 pm for our 2-meter net. ~ **Jim Peterson, jim.k6jwp@gmail.com**



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## CARS & COFFEE

Mother Nature did not provide us with nice weather for our March Cars & Coffee gathering. However, a few of us gathered at the Bistro for some breakfast and some great conversation. Howard Keith did drive his beautiful black two-door 1940 Ford sedan. Howard has owned his Ford for four years; it is powered by a flat head engine. Howard and his wife Elaine are fairly new to Four Seasons having moved here in December 2019.

Come and join us the first Saturday of each month at The Lodge parking lot. If it rains you are more than welcome to join us at the Bistro for breakfast and conversation.

For more information, please contact Rick Morales at (951) 797-3732 or onemth53@yahoo.com or Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578 or fmoralesjrinc@aol.com. ~ *Frank Morales*



*Howard Keith and his 1940 Ford*

## 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*

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## 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**

## 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

## 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!

## KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Still no word on any start-up date, but things are looking hopeful. If it comes to pass in the next month, we will only be meeting twice a month instead of weekly. Further details later. We will still be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am, hopefully. New members are welcome. ~ **Dorothy Payne, dpayne001@dc.rr.com**

class projects.

We meet Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm. Please see class schedule in the Arts & Crafts Room 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**

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](mailto:chorbaparadise@yahoo.com) or call (951) 849-6336. ~ **Maryalice Chorba**

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## MIXED MEDIA ARTS

This is the perspective of the artist of the month, Micki Rosen: *When I retired and moved to this community, I was looking for something new to do. I saw Rob Kelman's Art Class in the Breeze and decided to give it a try. After seven years in class, I'm still loving it and learning all the time. Rob is always encouraging his students to try new things, so over the years I have worked in graphite pencils, pastel pencils, watercolor pencils, inks, markers, and most recently scratch board, of which these two pieces are examples.*

*It's been fun getting to know which tools produce which effect on the scratch board.*

*Getting started in Rob's class takes a minimal investment in supplies; Rob will help you make a list of what you need, and give you guidance you need to get started. Don't worry if you've never drawn anything before; Rob is an excellent teacher. It won't be long before you will have created your first work of art- what an amazing feeling!*

*The best thing about Rob's class is the encouragement and energy I get from the other students. If you're interested, come give it a try. I'll look forward to seeing you there!*

Classes are normally Mondays 10am to 12 noon and/or Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm. Stay tuned for our return to outdoor or indoor classes when permitted. I still work online, texting or by phone with students wanting feedback on their current masterpiece. Masks are required and social distancing is implemented. For information, call Rob Kelman at (951)992-9156.

~ Rob Kelman





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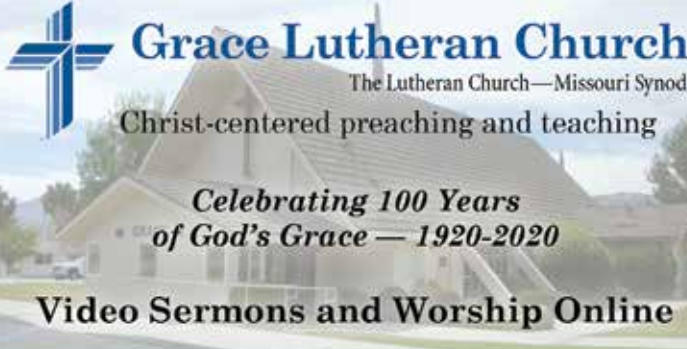
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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Greeting intercessors, friends, and neighbors!

Dear friends, prayer is absolutely necessary — and it is extremely important. We hear daily of more and more new cases of COVID-19; it is easy to stress and not remember that we are too blessed to be stressed.

We will continue to pray until this pandemic is under control. We

are praying for you and our community each time we meet.

Come and join us in prayer for your family members, friends, and neighbors who are sick. We meet every Monday at 9 am on the conference line. Men are welcome. You can reach me at eaglewatchwb@aol.com. ~ **Cookie Bonner**

## LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY

Blessed Easter greetings! After a year of quarantine, we see hope on the horizon as many of us have been, or are in the process of, being vaccinated. Let us take time to praise God for his goodness in sending His Son Jesus Christ to ransom us with his blood and for His resurrected presence in our world today. Remember His words in Matthew 28:18-20, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy

Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Please continue to support each other by phone and email. Continue to share prayer requests and praise reports. If you feel comfortable, consider meeting in small groups in outdoor settings as the weather permits. Contact Doc or Letha Sellars with any personal updates, comments, or questions at (951) 797-3302 or docletha72@gmail.com. ~ **Doc Sellars**

## “BELIEVE...” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

We completed our “Arise” series on March 19. The very next week we began our introduction to the study of the Book of Hebrews. Since we will be reading and discussing a chapter every week, this series will most probably last until about the middle of June. Hopefully by the end of June or first of July we will be able to meet together again, and can resume our planned study of End Times and the Book of Daniel.

I am so impressed with the patience and consistent attendance of the wonderful women in “Believe...” Women’s Bible Study. Not only do they love the Word of God, but have never murmured or complained about not being able to be together in person. Rather,

they have made the best of our phone conferences, and rolled with this situation. I grow spiritually each week just talking with these amazing women. Their comments and insights have been spot on, and edifying to the rest of us. Bless you all, ladies!

When we are able to meet together again, we hope you lovely Four Seasons ladies out there will come and join us. We have such a great time, and enjoy our fellowship and friendship with one another. Until further notice we are meeting by conference call, so please call me for updated information. ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine, (951) 922-6829 or egcellent@msn.com**

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

If you are struggling with grief, please come join us. Currently we are on Zoom for meetings, but before you decide that our forum is not for you, please give me a call. I never pressure anyone to join us, but please be willing to listen. My name is Laurie Larson Zeldin and my phone number is (951) 922-0934. All contact is confidential. ~ **Laurie Larson Zeldin**





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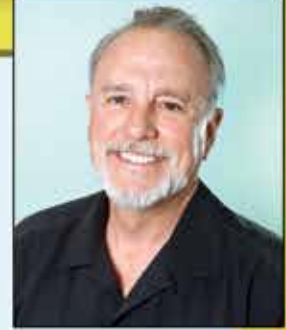


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Happy April and a big welcome to daylight savings time.

Many of our club members are chomping at the bit to get out on the road. Well three of us jumped the gun and went to the Emerald Desert Resort in Palm Desert for a few days. It was a welcome reprieve, even though it is a short distance away. They keep the Park

sparkling clean. This would be a wonderful place for a future outing. They provide many of the activities our members enjoy such as pickleball, tennis, golfing near by and beautiful swimming pools. If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you. ~ **Ann Williams, annwilymz@yahoo.com**



*Above: Members enjoying a dinner outing to Las Casuelas in Rancho Mirage*

*Top Right: RV spaces at Emerald Desert in Palm Desert*

*Bottom Right: A BBQ hosted by the Williams family*



## PICKLEBALL

### ***Eight Pickleball Doubles Strategies for Pickleball Players***

**1. Hitting:** Whether you serve or return, you need to maintain accuracy in your shots.

When serving in a doubles match, try to hit the ball deep i.e. the best way to get started. When returning, look for your opponent team's vulnerability. If they have a weak backhand, go after it!

**2. Returning:** Hit the ball towards the center. This shot strategy will keep both of your opponents on their feet and most of the times will lead to confusion.

**3. Third shot strategies:** While serve and return are the two most important shots, it's the third shot where the game actually begins. There are many shot options which you can select as a third shot, these include a drop shot – a low hit over the pickleball net angled at the center.

A hard hit is a good idea if wanting to win a point at baseline but points in pickleball are usually earned near the net.

A dink, a lob, or side drop shot are some of the other and perhaps better important third shot strategies.

**4. Minimize errors:** Most points in pickleball are won through an opponent committing an unforced error.

**5. Observe your opponents during warm-up:** While warming up, observe your opponents as they are more likely to expose their weakness without knowing about it. Even look at the way they hold the paddle!

**6. Get in sync with your partner:** If you don't work in accordance with your partner, you'll eventually lose the match.

Though chemistry may not develop instantly, understanding your own teammate and their playing style is more important than figuring what your opponent has in store for you.

**7. Think forward:** Though a game of pickleball is fun, filled with high energy, and it keeps the players engrossed both mentally and physically, sharp players are quicker than others. As a player playing in a team, you want to be sharp and be able to take on any kind of shot that comes your way. Furthermore, you should be able to make up for your partner's weaknesses and vice-versa.

**8. Keep moving:** If you stand still, it's certain that you're going to lose the game. Thus, you should be able to set the tempo of a match. That can only take place when you take the initiative! ~

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## PING PONG

Although I am loathe to count my ping pong balls before they hatch, with COVID numbers coming down, and three vaccines now available to fight the virus, I like the chances of The Courts Multipurpose Room reopening sooner than later to table tennis lovers throughout the community.

With at least a year's layoff from most rigorous activity, doctors will advise you to start playing slowly and work up to pre-COVID levels. But with my 70+ year-old body being totally dominated by a 25-year-old brain, that will probably never happen. On day one I will be diving for Lian's smashes, trying to counter Mike's spins, and blindly hacking at Jeannine's chops. After 10 minutes, club members will be scraping my tired and withered body off the floor to drag me into the kitchen for rehab.

I can't wait!

Of course none of this will happen without all of us reaching deep to overcome our fears and work up the courage to get vaccinated to protect ourselves and our fellow FSTTC members. Since one must lead by example, I decided to bend the COVID site rules and have a photo taken (right) to illustrate the level of stoicism and steely resolve it takes to get through the first shot. You too can do this!

Until then, stay safe, be cautious, and see you at the tables. ~ **Bob Rubenstein, brube88@gmail.com**



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## PADDLE TENNIS

We can feel that spring is in the air especially now that most of the players who are over 65 got their first shot. Some of us even got our second shot. With that said, we can look and approach each other in the court with less fear of the deadly virus as most of us are "protected."

Recently a long lost player, Syed Ali, returned to the courts. He had a surgery about a year ago and from the way he is playing it looks like he has not lost his touch.

March and April has some of the best weather for paddle tennis so we are looking forward to it. ~ **Alan Chan, (310) 251-9269**

## SHUFFLEBOARD

Here we are again as another new month, April, begins. I hope that this article finds everyone happy, vaccinated, and in great health. Again, sadly as I write this article, there is not much new to report of any progress being made in the construction of our four new shuffleboard courts. However, a promise has been made to me that work will begin during the week of March 8. So it should be definite that by the time everyone reads their April issue of the *Breeze*, construction should be well on its way to completion. The only other thing that we have to be concerned about is getting approval to gather as a group to play. We are all hoping that this will be soon. I am anxiously looking forward to playing shuffleboard again with our great group of players. Any new people who want to join in to our fun activity, please contact me so that I can add you to our mailing list. ~ **Marty Rotman, mrtmj@aol.com**

# TENNIS CLUB

“Serve-and-volley” – a phrase we don’t hear much anymore these days. But if you are an old-timer like me, you’d probably remember it was rather popular with many tennis pros up until the early 80s, especially on fast, slick grass courts such as Wimbledon. The serve would hit the service box skidding low and fast, forcing the opponent to return the serve from compromised positions.

As the phrase “serve-and-volley” suggests, the server would hit a serve, and immediately rush up to the net to try and hit a volley, in hopes of winning the point easily and quickly. Examples of pros who were big on serve-and-volley included Martina Navratilova, Stefan Edberg, Billie Jean King, John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, and Roger Federer, just to name a few. These top players have all won many Grand Slam titles while using this technique.

As we stepped into the 2000s, serve-and-volley became less and less prevalent. By the same token, net-rushing has also declined dramatically among the pros. Nowadays, you will notice most points during a professional match are played and won from the baseline. Why, you may ask?

First of all, before the early 70s, the one-handed backhand – favored by the majority of players – could rarely produce enough speed, spin, or precision to trouble a volleyer. But with the introduction of the two-handed backhand in the late 70s and early 80s, the quality of service returns and passing shots improved significantly, making it much harder for the serve-and-volleyer to win easy points at the net.

Secondly, during the 80s, the old wood rackets with 65-inch hitting areas were replaced by graphite rackets with much larger head sizes. These more technologically-advanced rackets can produce much more powerful ground strokes with topspin to dip the ball right at the volleyer’s feet, making serve-and-volley and net-rushing less conducive.

In addition to the better rackets, the many choices of new strings also enable the serve-returner to generate more powerful returns and passing shots, making volleying at the net substantially more difficult

than when facing an opponent with a wood racket.

Despite the fact that “serve-and-volley” has been phasing out, I personally still believe it’s a very powerful technique to have. Unfortunately, the only way to improve on it is practice, practice, practice. There’s just no silver bullet!

Stay safe and 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)



*Top: Roger Federer, Serve-and-Volley, Wimbledon 2015 Final*

*Above L: Martina Navratilova, Net-Rushing*

*Right: Pete Sampras, Serve-and-Volley*



# FISHING CLUB

Well, boys and girls, here we go again. March was a great month for fishing. The only problem is I hardly got to go fishing. My friends here at Four Seasons all got their shots for the virus. I am waiting for the J and J to become available.

I did go fishing one day in March. I went to Lake Cahilla near La Quinta in the Coachella Valley. I went with Terry Miller. I got two bites and Terry caught a small catfish. We had a great time and I met some of my old friends from the valley there.

I tried to get in touch with my rod builder friend, but no luck. I guess I will just have to go with the forty or so rods I have now. You can never have enough fishing equipment. Always go with at least three rods and reels when you go fishing. I learned that when one of my rods was pulled into the canal where I was fishing.

I have been fishing for 65 years now. I have many fishing stories to tell. In my next few articles I will tell you about some of my fishing adventures.

Tight lines to all my fishing friends and remember life is too short not to go fishing. ~ **Richard Carrasco**, [ricarrasco52@gmail.com](mailto:ricarrasco52@gmail.com)



*Richard's secret fishing hole*





## HORSESHOE CLUB

With the coronavirus having everything shut down, this will be my generic *Breeze* article until things get back to normal again and I have something to write about. Our Club has 16 members with an average of 10 players participating each week. We have relaxed rules about throwing distances, pretty much where you are comfortable throwing, so everyone can participate and have fun. We have Quarterly Tournaments, both Singles and Doubles, with the winners' pictures being included in the *Breeze*. We have quarterly social events, which consists of dinner at The Kopper Kettle Bistro at 5 pm followed by dessert at one of our member's homes, which gets our spouses and significant others involved and makes for a fun evening of fellowship and camaraderie. We usually cap the evening off with a rousing game of LCR (Left/Center/Right). We're always looking for new members, so while you are hunkered down in your homes for the next several weeks, think about joining us. We meet at The Summit Wednesdays at 9 am fall through spring, and 8 am in the summer. Our contacts are Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, [rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net) or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, [goldtoy@earthlink.net](mailto:goldtoy@earthlink.net). ~ **Ron Erickson**

## MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Kernville 2021, there we went! In late March, the Four Seasons Motorcycle Club (MC) headed out for a three-day ride to Kernville. As of the writing of this article, we had 14 riders signed up comprising 10 MC members and four guests. I haven't gone through the club archives to see if this is the largest group of riders ever on one of our multi-day rides, but 14 is a lot of riders! We will have details of the ride and pictures in the May issue *Breeze*.

As for our weekly Thursday rides, we have been taking advantage of the relatively mild winter weather by going on some pretty nice rides. Over the past month we have headed out to Palm Desert then back home via the Palms to Pines Highway (one of my favorite routes). On another Thursday we rode to Borrego Springs for some Mexican food. Our route basically took us to Borrego via Aguanga and Warner Springs. The way home was along the Salton Sea then home via Interstate 10. Our most recent Thursday ride was a 240-mile loop around the Salton Sea with a stop in Brawley for some Mexican food (yes, we like Mexican food).

Now that spring is here we can expect a lot of great weather and our options for our Thursday rides really open up. For example, it's been a while since we have been to Big Bear. One of our routes to Big Bear is by way of Running Springs. Another way is to head out to Yucca Valley then up the back side to Big Bear. I'm sure we will be doing both routes in the coming weeks. Also, we haven't been to the Santa Rosa Plateau in a while and of course, there is always the ride over the Ortega Highway for lunch on the San Clemente Pier. So many routes and so little time.

If you ride and are thinking of getting in on the fun, give us a call to learn more about the MC. You can call club president Terry Humble at (909) 706-2298, vice president Jim Ayala at (951) 392-6259, or secretary Joe Bert at (909) 767-1484. For now, just know that we aren't picky about what you ride. On any given Thursday you will see a mixed bag of full touring rigs, adventure bikes, sport bikes and trikes. ~ **Jim Ayala, [jimrayala95@gmail.com](mailto:jimrayala95@gmail.com)**



*Rolling into Brawley on a recent Thursday ride*



*Found our favorite Mexican fast food eatery in Brawley*



*On our way home on our 240 mile loop around the Salton Sea*

## LADIES PUTTERS GROUP

The Ladies Putters Group wishes everyone a Happy Easter! The days are getting longer which means it will soon be time to begin our Spring season of putting. In preparation, you can sign up through the website for practice sessions on the nine-hole course. Regular and new members are always welcome! ~ **Judy Irving, [pli42pli42@gmail.com](mailto:pli42pli42@gmail.com)**

## BASKETBALL

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

## TAKE A HIKE CLUB

Our hikers joined with the Sun Lakes hiking group on a perfectly cool February Wednesday to go uphill about 600 feet and downhill, crossing a stream and enjoying great views of the local valleys and snow-capped mountains. ~ **Lynette Simonson (951) 377-0392 (cell/text), [lynette.simonson@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.simonson@gmail.com)**



## TOPS

Are we excited? Yes, we are! We had three people who qualified for rewards for last year. Usually, we would have a big celebration complete with healthy food, candles, pats on the back, and speeches. But due to the virus all we can do is congratulate these three outstanding people who weigh much less than they did the year before.

Pat Whalen reached her goal weight. That is a weight prescribed by her doctor. She is now called a KOPS, Keep Off Pounds Sensibly. She must stay within a 10-pound range to keep that title. She is also dubbed our Queen for this year.

Marjorie Melendez lost 26 pounds. Wow! She is an inspiration to many in the group and received a lovely certificate to memorialize her

achievement.

Charles Caldera also lost weight, qualifying him for a certificate as well. He attributes his control to intermittent fasting, one technique for weight loss. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) recommends several styles of healthy lifestyle choices. As we say, "Whatever works for you, do it."

You may even find that a group like TOPS can help you as well. We meet on line via Zoom on Tuesday mornings. We have eliminated our monthly \$3 fee. For more information, call Andi Henderson (918) 497-6491. ~ **Andi Henderson**



Pat Whalen



Marjorie Melendez



Charles Caldera



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# WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS

April is here and we are watching the Corona Beast continuing to wreak havoc. Hopefully, if we continue to follow the guidelines, we will be able to enjoy billiards again.

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 than later!

Please stay safe and healthy!

In conclusion,

Practice does NOT make Perfect

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For info, please contact Gracy Luna (951) 292-3624. ~ **Gracy Luna**, [gracyluna@aol.com](mailto:gracyluna@aol.com)

## BILLIARDS FOR FUN

So, just to prove that playing billiards with the Billiards for Fun Group causes you to spontaneously smile, please see photos below of just three isolated incidents of impulsive smiling. If you still don't believe me, calendar any Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm or from 1 to 3 pm (after The Lodge opens from quarantine, of course), and come see for yourself. You'll want to stay and play! Here's to reuniting in the Billiards Room!

~ **Eileen Antoine**



*Carlos Rivera always smiles*



*Jane Slamer was actually giggling*



*Ron Erickson's eyes twinkle too!*

## BLINDFOLDED BILLIARDS

Blindfolded Billiards was recently approved as a new club by the Board. We are excited to get together with our friends and neighbors and share this amazing sport. It's pretty straightforward. We play billiards blindfolded. Listening to where the balls go, from the initial break to each subsequent shot, by ourselves and our opponents, is an important skill to mastering this fun game. We also allow players to have an assistant “flavor” the balls after the break. What's that? Well, say you are playing solids. Your assistant can sprinkle one of the three pre-approved, professionally-sanctioned essential oils on the solids so those balls smell like either lavender, pickle juice, or a field of cows - all very strong, distinctive scents. When it's your turn, you are allowed 45 seconds to sniff the table to determine what your next shot will be. You say you don't have a blindfold? Ha! Yes you do - you can use your face mask if you've been vaccinated. Waste not, want not! So join us every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 pm in the Billiards Room. We look forward to “seeing” you there!



## 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**



## CANASTA

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

## BUNCO

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



## 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](mailto:kenyakiki@aol.com)

## 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**

## 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



*Marvin Gaines is ready to play dominoes after having his COVID shot*

## DOMINOES

Hello everyone, I hope that you are all happy and well. Maybe by May or June we might be able to play dominoes and shoot pool again. Looks like we are starting to win the coronavirus war. Death rates are down and more and more people are getting vaccinated. Riverside County is currently in the purple COVID tier. When it gets to the red tier more activities will be allowed to open up. Things are improving and when we get to the yellow tier everything will be really good. In the meantime we will just keep wearing our masks, keep practicing social distancing, and be kind to one another.

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

## 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**



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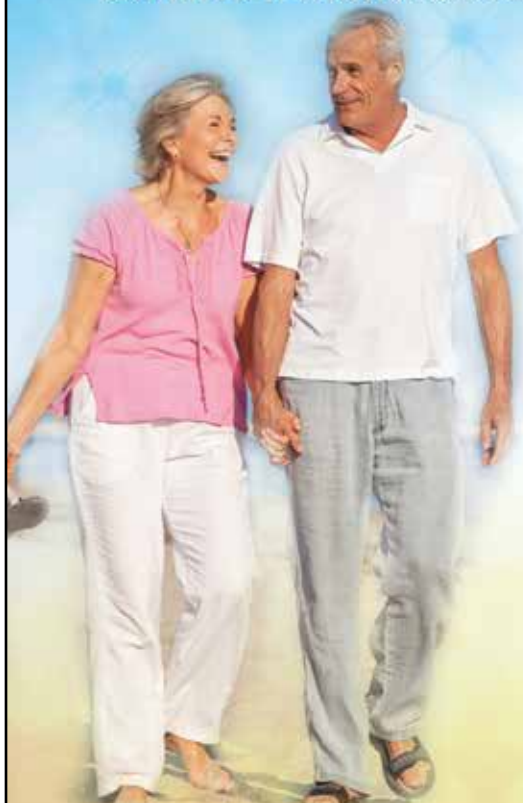
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*April hath put a spirit  
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~ William Shakespeare*

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