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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Kathy Craven, Board Vice President

December is here and another year has flown by. This year was better than 2020, but we are all hoping for a better 2022. In 2021, we saw all of our amenities reopen and so many residents coming out to enjoy. The Wine Club, Amphitheater concerts, swimming pools, and card games were all back in full swing and I can say it was a beautiful sight to behold!

The Board of Directors (BOD) and the Finance committee have spent many hours in budget workshops, over the past couple of months, to arrive at the budget for 2022. We went line by line and looked to see where we could cut and where we needed to add money so we could continue to maintain the community at its current standard. We looked at the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Riverside County, which was the highest in the nation, with the newest number at 6.8 percent. We looked at inflation and the cost of goods and services. Energy numbers rose 26.9 percent. Wages for professional jobs came in at 5.7 percent and non-farm workers were at 5.6 percent. Building materials increased by 15.5 percent.

This will be the fourth year the budget has been completed without K. Hovnanian participating. Each year we have hit the budget right on the nose with what is necessary to operate our \$5.7 million corporation. The BOD and Finance both look at it conservatively and strive to not overspend while saving money for the proverbial rainy day. We utilized the newest Reserve Study and were able to lower the amount that goes into it every month from the base of \$38 to \$37 all while keeping our reserves slightly over 100 percent.

Last year when we were doing the budget for 2021, we were fortunate to have a surplus of cash from closures during COVID and we were able to apply that surplus to HOA assessments and pay it down for the year for all 1,853 homes. This year we started at \$3.40, that would have been a raise for 2021, and worked from there.

The 2022 budget came in after many drafts and changes, along with some cuts, at an increase of \$15 for the base which includes the \$3.40 increase from the 2021 budget and \$11.60 for the 2022 increase. This is a 6.61 percent increase which is in line with the CPI for Riverside County. This will increase the base from \$227 to \$242. The Front Yard Cost Center will remain at \$70 in addition to the new base. The Springdales will increase \$10.42 for Plan 1, \$11.24 for Plan 2, and \$12.68 for Plan 3 in addition to the base. The increase for the Springdales is for the insurance.

The HOA assessments will be effective January 2022. If you are on an auto payment plan, please remember to make the adjustments to your bank.

As a reminder, the BOD meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Ballroom. If you are looking for a more informal meeting to speak with the Board directly and receive answers to your questions, consider attending Meet the Board. Meet the Board is the third Wednesday at 1 pm in the RCN Main Room, or you can reach me at (714) 722-1301 with any questions or concerns.

The BOD would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a wonderful, safe and healthy New Year! Be kind to one another.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT *By Eric Zarr*

PET REMINDER While we have the awesome Canine Corral where dogs can be off leash, dogs on the trail system need to be leashed at all times. We have dog-waste stations throughout the community so please pick up after your pet.

MAIL SLOWDOWN The USPS has slowed down some first-class mail and we are seeing generally slower delivery of items. While you might be signed up for bill pay through your bank, quite often the bank will still send a paper check. To make sure that assessments are not late, you can sign up to pay through Click-Pay at www.clickpay.com/firstservice.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR PROPOSALS? Do you have an idea for a Club? Or perhaps want to have updates to a facility or landscape item? Do you know who to email or contact for those things? The quickest way to get on the right track is to email issues@FourSeasonsBeaumont.org.

ANNUAL POLICY AND BUDGET PACKET The Board approved the Association's budgets in November for the Master Association, Front Yard Cost Center, and Springdale Cost Center. This is a large packet of information to read but it's a vital document that details the 2022 budgets and other documents required to be sent per Civil Code. If you pay through your bank's bill pay system, please take the time to confirm that all scheduled 2022 payments are correct.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS My sincerest wish is that this finds you in good health and that you have an amazing holiday season with your family and friends.

Meetings

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Executive Session | 12/9 | 9a |
| General Session | 12/9 | 1p |
| Committee Chairs | 12/8 | 9a |

COMMITTEES

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| Architectural Review | 12/1, 15 | 8:30a |
| Community Planning | 12/16 | 9a |
| Emergency Prep (EPC) | 12/21 | 11a |
| Facilities | 12/8 | 9a |
| Finance | 12/28 | 1p |
| Landscape | 12/21 | 1p |
| Safety | 12/7 | 10a |
| Social | 12/7 | 1p |

OTHER

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| Canine Corral Council | 12/2 | 10a |
| Communications Board | 12/1, 10 | 10a |
| Technical Operations Board | TBD | |

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By Cindy Graves

The holidays are here. I can't believe it's the end of the year already, but here we are. It's been a weird year and I thought that since it's not been the happiest year we've ever had, that we should end 2021 with lots of laughter, lights, and liquor (or maybe I should say "Wassail" or perhaps just leave it at partying)? In any case, the "Four Seasons Holiday Extravaganza" (which is the name I use for our initial celebrations to start the holiday festivities off in the neighborhood) will start Friday, Dec. 3 with our Annual Golf Cart Parade and Competition. The line up starts at The Lodge parking lot with the decorated cart competition at 6:20 pm, followed by the parade at 6:30 pm. Everyone with a golf cart or e-bike is welcome to join in.

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5, join us for the "Stratton Half-Brothers Holiday Show." It's a musical comedy, and just plain fun and entertaining. This show comes to you at no charge as the Association's way of wishing you a happy holiday. Tickets are required so we can ensure that we have no more than 300 attendees at each show. Stacy with the Kopper Kettle Bistro is collaborating with us on these events by offering a themed dinner to enjoy before the shows. More information on menus will be found in the Daily Report.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, will be a "Souper" (yes, I did mean soup!) fun and informative Hanukkah party starting at 5 pm. You don't have to be Jewish to join us, and if you like the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* you're really going to enjoy this party with fascinating Fiddler Facts. The Jewish Culture Club is putting on this delightful and delicious

event. They are serving all kinds of traditional soups along with the entertainment. Tickets are only \$9 each so be sure to connect with Perry and Tami Goldstein or call The Lodge for more information.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, we will judge the "Best Decorated Home Competition." If you would like your home to be in the competition, come to The Lodge before Dec. 14 and put your name and address on our list. This ensures the judges get to your home and that you are included on the holiday home tour sheet for residents to use when out on their snowy sleigh or car rides. Winners will be announced on Friday, Dec. 17.

If you love Christmas carols and the sound of Christmas bells, come on over to The Lodge and sing with us as we're accompanied by Sally White on piano. The Four Seasons Bell Choir will also make its debut. The Christmas sing-along is on Monday, Dec. 20 at 6 pm. The Bistro will be offering a humdinger of a holiday meal that evening, so you're welcome to have dinner before the sing-along and then treat yourself to some cookies afterwards. Everyone is welcome!

Finally, nearly every group, club, and class will be having some sort of party or celebration this month, including karaoke, which will be on a special date, Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 pm in The Lodge Ballroom. This is where the liquor and parties come in.

It really has been a tough couple of years so here's wishing you the very merriest and happiest holiday ever! I love you and look forward to seeing you around The Lodge! Better days are coming in 2022!



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ARE YOU KIDDING ME - A WAREHOUSE?

By Jerry Monahan, Board President and Laurie Larson Zeldin, Communications Board Chair

Sun Lakes residents have reached out to Four Seasons and other communities regarding the proposed warehouse project behind the Albertsons' Shopping Center. There is a large group of Sun Lakes residents who are opposing the warehouse project and convinced the Banning Planning Commission at their Oct. 19, meeting to delay approval of this project.

The current proposal is for over 600,000 square feet of warehouse space with some retail in the front. This is right across from the main gate of Sun Lakes, and some estimates have over 200 trucks per day entering or exiting the 10 Freeway. Really, maybe 200 trucks a day on Highland Springs Avenue or Sun Lakes Boulevard! Those of us at Four Seasons who travel on Highland Springs know how heavy traffic is already, and to add a large amount of trucks coming and going in that traffic corridor is unbelievable.

The Sun Lakes Action Group met at Sun Lakes on Oct. 26. Over 400 people attended the "action meeting" to plan how to approach the Banning City Council, Banning Planning Commission, and other elected or appointed officials. About 40 to 50 Four Seasons residents were present at the meeting to support the Sun Lakes group (now called the Pass Area Action Group) opposing the large warehouse project.

The two primary points of contention are the amount of truck traffic added to an already congested Highland Springs going to and from the freeway and health concerns for seniors living in the communities of Sun Lakes with 3,327 homes, Four Seasons with 1,853 homes, and The Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care nearby.

A Traffic Impact Analysis was conducted, but it appears to be drastically flawed as it was done during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Traffic Impact Analysis shows no impact. Anyone who uses Highland Springs Avenue going to the freeway knows that traffic

is already heavy and intersections are blocked on occasion — and that's without any additional truck traffic, which will affect the quality of life of residents in the area of the warehouse project from emissions of traveling and idling diesel trucks 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Residents who want to support this effort can join the Pass Area Action Group by going to www.passactiongroup.org. You may also ask to join the private group on Facebook. For additional information, contact Randy Robbins at randyLLump@yahoo.com.

Many of our residents have signed up to assist at whatever level we can. If you can, please help by joining the Pass Area Action Group in its warehouse project endeavor to stop the effects it will have on the Sun Lakes community, Four Seasons, The Lakes, and other Beaumont and Banning residents.





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I was blond), and
brother Roy (deceased
in 2011), sisters Paula
and Wanda*



Martha Franck, Christmas



*Mike Corbett with his younger sister
Eileen*



*Jane Gentry - one of my best gifts
in the 80s*



Janice Pugliese - Christmas in the 80s



*Kris Corbett, center, with her older
siblings*

*Clydia Russell
(my mother),
Bud Russell
(my father),
and me,
Linda Russell
Stratton, at
age 15*



Jim & Bonnie Chappel and kids in 1994



Kay Lindler and Larry Workman in Hibbing, Minnesota, 1945



Celebrating Hanukkah around 1958 is Four Seasons resident, Phyllis Kates (front row, left) with her brother, Michael (front row, right). The other kids are cousins



Tina Canon with her father on Christmas Day 1968



Taken in 1953. L-R Kathy, Kris & Caryn McSweeney



In front is my nephew Davie, his mom Joey, my mom, sister Kathy, holding Davie is me, Susie Harmon. We celebrated Christmas that year in my mom's house in La Crescenta, 1973

Four Seasons Veterans Park

DEDICATION

CEREMONY

7 December 2021 1000 Hours

The six Tababuhia "Chrysotricha" trees in the Veterans Park honoring the birth dates of our six military branches were a gift from the Taste d'Vine Wine Club at Four Seasons.



12 Dec 2019



18 Sept 1947



4 Aug 1790



11 Nov 1775



13 Oct 1775



14 June 1775

This park is dedicated to past and present Four Seasons at Beaumont residents who served their country in the Armed Forces. The brief ceremony will conclude with each member present taking a rock painted with their name to rest at the tree marking their branch of service. Rocks for members not present will be positioned by the Veterans Committee.

PIE BAKING CONTEST IS A HIT

By Irene Welker

A pie-baking contest sponsored by the Kopper Kettle Bistro and held in The Lodge Lobby in November was a delicious success! Twelve pies were submitted for judging and the judges (and a few observers) were happily stuffed at the end. Every conceivable type of pie was submitted; fruit, cream, nut, caramel, custard and cheesecake. Wait, what? Yes, cheesecake is classified as a pie.

Stacy Dean, owner of the Kopper Kettle Bistro, thoroughly enjoys speaking with residents about and sharing recipes. She genuinely wanted to try many of the recipes described by Bistro patrons so she decided to sponsor the pie-baking contest. Recipes for the winning entries will be provided to the Bistro and each entry will be featured for a week on the Kopper Kettle menu during the month of December. A month of pies, oh my!

First prize, a \$100 Kopper Kettle gift certificate, was awarded to Tanya Stewart for her luscious and unusual Pumpkin Cheesecake with Pecan Pie filling. Tanya is an occasional baker, but when inspiration strikes, she works on a recipe until it meets the approval of friends and relatives. Her inspiration for the cheesecake came from

her daughter who was raving about a similar dessert she had had at a restaurant. Through trial and error, Tanya recreated her version of the restaurant's dish.

Second prize, a \$50 Kopper Kettle gift certificate, was awarded to Wayne Disher for his scrumptious Peanut Butter Crème pie. His inspiration for this yummy dessert was his mother's recipe which has been a family favorite for over 50 years. Wayne's family presses him to make this dish for family gatherings.

Third prize, a \$25 Kopper Kettle gift certificate was awarded to Elaine Recchion for her exquisite Raspberry Cream Crumble. Elaine loves to bake and delights in being creative in the kitchen. Her inspiration for this pie was a get together when she needed to make a last-minute dessert and she wanted something different. She succeeded!

Honorable mention went to Mary Moody-Cox for her distinctive Lilikoi meringue pie. Lilikoi is grown in Hawaii and is similar to passion fruit. Mary's inspiration for this dish came when she lived in Hawaii and had the Lilikoi growing in her garden. She adapted her favorite lemon meringue pie recipe in order to utilize the delightful fruit. This pie was a Kopper Kettle staff favorite.



Pumpkin Cheesecake with Pecan Pie filling by Tanya Stewart wins first place



Peanut Butter Crème won second place



Second place winner Wayne Disher and first place winner Tanya Stewart



Third place winner Elaine Recchion for her Raspberry Cream Crumble Pie



Raspberry Cream Crumble won third place

HOW FORECASTERS FORECAST

We often take for granted weather forecasts that are readily available via television, radio, internet, and a variety of other sources. So, let's go behind the scenes to better understand how these forecasts are made.

To do that, we need to go back in time to get a sense of how forecasting skills have evolved. Believe it or not, weather forecasting dates back several centuries. In the early days of forecasting, weather forecasters, as such, relied primarily on local observations and a skilled knowledge of local climate history. In general, such forecasts could probably be somewhat accurate for a day.

By the middle of the 19th century, with the development of the telegraph, weather forecasters of the day could then get information from more distant locations, and from that, they could chart a "weather map" of sorts, plotting the data they received. And from these maps, they could get a broader picture of overall weather conditions in the present, and the accuracy of one-day forecasts improved.

Another major improvement occurred in the 1920s when a group of Norwegian scientists developed new understandings of cold fronts and movement of air masses. From that, forecasters could better understand the existence of high and low pressure systems, their movements, and the causes of precipitation. These innovative findings allowed for forecasts out to about two days.

Then, in the 1930s, the development of radio technology allowed for the innovation of radiosondes. These are balloon-instrumented packages sent upward into the atmosphere, sending data back to the host station from many levels of the atmosphere. These data provided more than just surface observations, but conditions about temperature, humidity, and other parameters. Also, the change in location due to winds, as the balloon-package rose higher, allowed for calculations of the direction and strength of the winds aloft.

In the 1950s, with the development of computer technology, scientists were able to develop equations of the physics of atmospheric behavior in which surface observations and radiosonde data could be incorporated as inputs. These initial efforts were so successful, they became the basis upon which today's numerical atmospheric modeling now exists. When I started doing weather forecasts in the 1960s, computer models extended out to three days. One- to two-day model outputs were reasonably good, but somewhat iffy for the third day.

Today, models are more complex and require supercomputers to solve the necessary equations to predict the future. The input data to these models are much more robust as well, with progress in satellite imagery and other data which can readily be incorporated into the models. Models serve a variety of purposes, from smaller, more regionalized outputs, to full global projections.

Today's weather forecaster has a variety of model outputs from which to help with a local forecast. But the models are just one tool in the toolbox. Knowledge of local climatology is still important, as it was centuries ago, along with the availability of satellite imagery. The forecasting today is very good out to about three days, and reasonably good out to about seven days. Extended range forecasts beyond seven days are not very good because the equations used in the models do not fully encapsulate all the atmospheric dynamics and the fact that the atmosphere is extremely chaotic in nature and may never be fully captured by equations. Skill in interpreting the models, applying the results to local climatology, and sometimes just looking at the sky are the foundation for a forecast.

So the next time you watch the weather segment of a news broadcast, you'll have a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes of a forecast.



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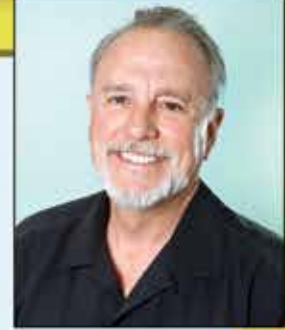
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**Note: The HOA does not have any officially recognized political club or group. However, California law changed and now requires associations to allow political interest meetings in HOA common areas.*

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The Community Planning Committee is seeking a homeowner volunteer with graphic design experience - a graphic artist - to contact David J. Brown. David needs assistance by someone with that skill to assist him in creating a current map of our Four Seasons community. Email david.j.brown@verizon.net or call (909) 809-0821.

ATTENTION CLUBS AND GROUPS

We want to make sure all the contact information is up to date. If there have been any changes, please fill out a Contact Update Form at The Lodge front desk and ask the attendant to email a copy to fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com. Also, don't forget the deadline for new articles is noon on the 8th of the month for the following month's issue.

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Holiday Menu Guide

By Irene Welker

There is nothing better than celebrating the holidays with friends, family, and festive recipes. But trying to plan a holiday menu while decorating for the season and entertaining friends and family can be stressful. If you're looking for irresistible recipes for the holiday meal, we've got you covered, from appetizers to desserts. Here is a selection of favorites from past Chef's Corner recipes.

Note that the month and year that each of the following recipes appeared in the *Breeze* is listed by the name of the recipe. To obtain complete copies of these recipes just follow the steps listed at the bottom of the article to print them at home. Alternatively, copies of the recipes may be picked up at The Lodge front desk.

APPETIZER

Hummus Yummus: (June, 2017)
Quick Appetizers: (September, 2018)
Italian Appetizers: (December, 2019)

SOUP

Mango Spacho: (August, 2013)
Corn Chowder: (December, 2013)
Mushroom Bourguignon Stew: (December, 2017)
Tuscan Vegetable Soup: (February, 2020)

SALAD

Maple Lover's Spinach Salad: (September, 2013)
Citrus-Pineapple Salad with Mint: (July, 2015)
Easy Vinaigrette Coleslaw: (August, 2021)

MAIN DISH

Herbed Pork Chops with Maple-Orange Brussel (sic) Sprouts: (October, 2013)
Artichoke and Almond Chicken Breasts: (October, 2014)
Bourbon Brown Sugar Salmon: (March, 2015)
How to Cook a Turkey Breast: (December, 2015)
Mini Beef Wellingtons: (August, 2016)
Prime Rib with Garlic Herb Butter: (March, 2017)
Cornish Hens with White and Wild Rice Stuffing: (December, 2020)

SIDE DISH

Tallegio Mac 'n Cheese: (March, 2014)
Stuffed Acorn Squash: (January, 2019)
Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes: (September, 2019)
Grilled Vegetables: (June, 2021)

DESSERT

A Berry Delicious Trifle: April, 2016)
Pumpkin Custard with Gingersnap Topping: (October, 2017)
Brownie Hacks: (April, 2018)
Gingerbread: (November, 2018)



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Log onto the Four Seasons website at fourseasonsbeaumont.org
Sign in (if you are not yet registered, click on Register on the Sign-In Page.

Place cursor on the category General in the header, a drop-down menu will appear, click on Breeze. The page that comes up will have Breeze Library, depending on the date of the recipe, click on Current Year or Archives.

Clicking on Current Year will bring up all issues from 2021. Click on the appropriate PDF issue. Then go to the Chef's Corner recipe in that issue. Print the recipe.

Clicking on Archives will bring up a list of all past issues. Clicking on the year desired will bring up all issues published in that year. Once that menu appears, click on the issue desired. Go to the Chef's Corner recipe. Print the recipe.



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December Puzzles

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

Puzzles created by Jeff Davidson. Solutions on page 70

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HARD

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  <h1>DECEMBER 2021</h1> <p>The activities, dates, and times on this calendar are subject to change at any time. Please check with your club or group contact for the latest information if you have any questions or concerns.</p> | | | 1 Wreath Making Workshop 1p Motorcycle Club 6p | 2 | 3 New Years Tix Sales 5p Resident Outdoor Home Décor Competition 6p Golf Cart Parade Line Up 6p, Parade Starts at 6:30p Seasoned Solos 6p | 4 Holiday Extravaganza Show 6p |
| 5 Holiday Extravaganza Show 6p | 6 AACC | 7 Veteran Park Dedication Event 11a Hannukah Party 5p | 8 | 9 9a BOD Executive Meeting Open 1p | 10 Ballroom Dance Holiday Party 4p | 11 AACC Holiday Party 2p |
| 12 5:30p Karaoke | 13 | 14 9:30a Book Club 10:30a Computer Group 1p Writers Club 6:30p 4x4 Seasons | 15 1p Meet the Board | 16 6p Taste d'Vine | 17 | 18 9a Contract Bridge |
| 19 | 20 Hand Bell Choir Christmas Carol 6p | 21 11:30a Veterans Group Mandatory Event Lottery for Clubs, Groups, Classes 6p | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Counter Cultural Cinema Club 6p | 27 | 28 6p Classic Film Group | 29 | 30 | 31 10a Radio Club New Years Eve Party 6p | |

CLASS, GAME, EXERCISE SCHEDULES

Below schedules may change, cancel or reschedule at any time. Check with The Lodge front desk or fourseasonsbeaumont.org for updates.

Physical Exercise

THE LODGE

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Gym | Daily | Open |
| Pool | Daily | Open Swim |
| Spa Pool | Daily | Open |
| Paddle Tennis | Daily | Open |
| Pickleball | Daily | Open |
| Shuffleboard | Daily | Open |
| Beginners Conditioning | T/Th | 8:30a |
| Total Body Conditioning | M/W | 8:30a, 9:30a |
| Kickboxing Cardio | Sat | 9:30a |
| Water Aerobics | M/W/F | 10a |
| | M/W | 11a |
| Chair Yoga | W | 5p |
| Yoga | W | 6p |
| Zumba | T/Th | 9:30a |

THE COURTS

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| Gym | Daily | Open |
| Courts Pool | Daily | Open Swim |
| Spa Pool | Daily | Open |
| Tennis | Daily | By Reservation |
| Ladies Putters | M | 4p |
| | F | 9a |
| Ping Pong | Daily | Open |
| FSTTC | M-Sat. | 1p |
| AFSTTC | T | 10a |
| Pool Volleyball | M/F | 2p |
| Yoga | T/Th | 8:30a |

THE SUMMIT

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|----------------|-------|--|
| Gym | Daily | Open |
| Summit Pool | Daily | Open Swim - except during Water Aerobics |
| Water Aerobics | M/W/F | 10a |
| | M/W | 11a |
| Bocce Ball | Daily | Open |
| Horseshoes | Daily | Open |

DANCE

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Let's Dance! Beginning | M | 6p |
| Let's Dance! Intermediate/Advanced | M | 7p |
| Country Line Dance Beginning | T | 2p |
| Country Line Intermediate/Advanced | T | 3p |
| Heart & Soul | W | 4p |
| International Folk | 2nd/3rd T | 7p |
| Step it up Line Dance Beginning | M | 12:30p |
| Step it up Line Dance Int/Advanced | M | 1:30p |
| Step it up Line Dance in the Ballroom | 1st/2nd/4th W | 6:30p |

Classes/Groups

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| Bible Study | Canceled | |
| Believe Bible Study | F | 10:30a |
| Ceramics | W | 1p |
| Craft Group | Th | 10a |
| Crafty Card Makers | 2nd/4th F | 1p |
| Hand Bell Choir | Th | 1:30p |
| Mixed Media Art | M | 10a |
| | W | 6p |
| Knit & Crochet | T | 10a |
| Intercessory Prayer | 1st M | 9a |
| Quilting Enthusiast | Sun | 1p |
| TOPS Weigh In | T | 8:30 |

Activities

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|----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Curly Cues | M | 10a |
| Billiards for Fun | T | 10:30a |
| Wild Bunch Billiards | F | 12:30p |
| Dominoes Billiards | W/F | 3:30p |
| Bocce Ball | T/F | 9a |
| Horseshoes | W | 9a |
| Ladies Putters | M | 4p |
| | F | 9a |
| Ping Pong | Daily | 1p |
| Advanced | T | 10a |
| Paddle Tennis | M/W/F/Sat/Sun | 5p |
| Shuffleboard | M | 9a |
| | Sat | 9a |
| Tennis Play Day | Last Sat | 8a |
| Beginners | All Sat except last | 8a |

Game Clubs

| GAME | DAY | TIME |
|-----------------------|--------------|------|
| Bridge for Fun | W | 12p |
| Bunco | 2nd/4th F | 1p |
| Canasta | Th | 1p |
| 20K Canasta | W | 1p |
| Co-Ed Bid Whist | T | 6p |
| Contract Bridge | 3rd Sat | 9a |
| Dominoes | W/F | 5p |
| Hearts | T | 6p |
| Mahjong | F | 10a |
| Mexican Train | M/W | 12p |
| Phase 10 Cards | 2nd/4th T | 2p |
| Pinochle | M/W/F | 9a |
| Rummikub | M | 2p |
| Three Thirteen | 1st/3rd Tues | 3p |
| Uptown Diva Bid Whist | 1st/3rd F | 2p |

Calendar changes? Complete a Schedule Change Request Form, found on the website or at the The Lodge front desk, by the 8th of the month to make it in the following month's calendar.

Pets On Parade

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



I'm Lily Luna and, as you can see, I am ready to celebrate the holidays! Submitted by Lydia Luna



It's just me, J.J. Thomas, sitting under the Christmas tree, to remind my family I am a gift. Submitted by Cathy Thomas



I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season! From Amalia Elena Thomas (aka Molly). Submitted by Vivian Walker

Pets On Parade



*Cody trying to decide whether to play or rest.
Submitted by Christina Gomer*



*Gigi Bugni is waiting for Santa.
Submitted by Marianne Bugni*



Hi, my name is Milo and I'm a two-year old male Papillon. I'm friendly, lovable and I love to go with my parents on the golf cart around the Beautiful Four Seasons neighborhood. I like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Submitted by Laura and Thomas Fazio



My name is Bear and I love toys and fashion. Submitted by Dora and Dale Masuda

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

WATER CONSERVATION, SCAMS, AND ELDER ABUSE

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and healthy and happy December! Like most of you, the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee members are excited to soon welcome 2022, with great hope it brings much joy, good health, happiness and hopefully, the end of COVID!

We hope you attended the November Neighborhood Watch Meeting to hear James Bean, Director of Operations for the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District. He covered many topics, including the sources of our Beaumont water, aquifers, and water conservation efforts needed to ensure sufficient water for our future needs.

Our very own Four Seasons resident, retired Meteorologist Mel Zeldin, also gave a very informative talk and Powerpoint presentation on weather conditions, wind conditions, La Niña and El Niño weather patterns and how they effect global weather and our local climate conditions. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced and knowledgeable meteorologist living in our community!

Bean also shared that scientists and meteorologists have predicted a La Niña winter. This grim news means that we will have a warmer and drier winter than normal, thus contributing to our already severe drought. After five years of drought, many California rivers, lakes, and man-made reservoirs are at record low levels. Over 40 counties in California have already implemented water restrictions.

There are many ways you can help conserve water at home. Here are a few suggestions that will help preserve our Beaumont water supply, and lower your water bills too.

1. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
2. Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load.
3. Use low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators.
4. Fix any leaks.
5. Install a dual flush or low flow toilet or put a conversion kit on your existing toilets.
6. Don't overwater your lawn or water during peak periods, and install rain sensors on irrigation systems.




7. Monitor your water usage on your water bill.

8. While walking around our community, report broken water pipes or sprinkler heads to the HOA or submit a form online to the Landscape Committee.

Recently, the Neighborhood Watch Committee has been notified of phone and email scams and even scammers attempting contact at their homes. These reports have increased significantly in the past six months. We ask all residents thoroughly screen vendors you invite into your home for your safety and your neighbors as well. We are getting reports of salespeople going door to door after being invited into the community by a resident. This is not allowed, so please do not open your door to an uninvited vendor and immediately call The Lodge to report the name of the company and a description of the person and their vehicle.

It has also been brought to our attention that an email virus has struck some residents. Apparently the email virus begins with the words, "Hey, will you do me a favor..." and if opened, attaches itself to your contact list. It has infected several email accounts within our community, so please be aware of this and do not open an email that begins with that phrase or from someone that you do not recognize.

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 10 am. We have invited a speaker from the Riverside County Office on Aging. Due to recent reports of possible elder abuse and/or neglect in our community, we felt it would be helpful to have a professional come and address these issues. Along with verbal and physical abuse, many elderly people can also become the victims of financial abuse. As we age and become more dependent on others to assist us with our financial dealings, we can easily become prey to scams that allow others to embezzle our money, property, etc. Our guest speaker will offer advice to our residents on how to avoid becoming a victim of these crimes and answer your questions. Please plan to attend, as the information will be extremely useful. ~ Donna Gilbreth, Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee, dgilbreth52@gmail.com



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Most of us are not thinking about any home improvements or changes this time of year. Thanksgiving is over, Christmas and the New Year are about to begin.

However, this is the ideal time to plan your upcoming projects that require ARC approval. This is particularly true with all the issues that have come about with COVID.

Architectural Guidelines and Standards (the rule book for all ARC matters) requires "all work must be completed within four months from date of approval." However, we have all heard stories of shortages of material or inability to schedule contractors.

ARC has encountered several instances when a homeowner has obtained the required approval but has been unable to get the work completed within the four-month period. ARC understands this

problem and will extend the deadline upon request. Issues we are aware of include shortages of good quality paint, electrical wire and fixtures, patio covers, and of course, labor to install the unavailable material.

If you have any plans to do work that requires material or a contract labor, we suggest you start planning and scheduling as soon as possible. Currently it is not unheard of for painters to schedule six or more months in advance.

ARC understands these issues and will work with you concerning the four-month deadline for completion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. ~ **Steve Cooley**, (801) 815-5302 cooleyaudit@gmail.com

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

SAFE FOOD HANDLING

I usually use this column to discuss topics on Emergency Preparedness, but with the holidays fast approaching I decided to switch it up. Instead of discussing Emergency Food Safety I thought I would pass on some valuable tips on safe food handling for the holidays. The internet has a lot of information on this subject, and the following tips come from Albuquerque, N.M.

- Clean to prevent bacteria from spreading throughout the kitchen.
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds before and after handling foods.
- Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and countertops with hot soapy water.
- Use paper towels to clean up instead of cloth towels.
- Separate, don't cross contaminate.
- Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other items in your shopping cart, grocery bags, and inside your refrigerator.
- Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood.
- Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs.
- Cook - Proper cooking temperature will stop bacteria.
- Use a food thermometer to measure the internal portions of food.
- Cook poultry to at least 165 degrees. Check the innermost part of the thigh and wing, and the thickest part of the breast.
- Bring sauce, soup, and gravy to a boil when reheating.
- Heat leftovers thoroughly to 165 degrees.

- Chill foods to reduce illness.
- Refrigerate or freeze your food items as soon as you get home from the grocery store.
- Never leave food out at room temperature more than two hours.
- Defrost food inside the refrigerator.
- Always marinate food inside the refrigerator.
- Divide large amounts of leftovers into shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.

The Four Seasons Beaumont EPC Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. Visitors are welcome. The next EPC meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 16. ~ **Mike Mendoza**, srmendoza@verizon.net



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The 2022 Budget season concluded on Nov. 9 when our Board of Directors approved next year's budget. The Board held three Budget Workshops during October and early November with the Finance Committee to define our community's needs for 2022. The approved 2022 Budgets and supporting documents were sent to every homeowner. By the time you read this, you likely have already received this substantial mailing from our association that includes the annual cover letter to homeowners, the 2022 Budgets, and our most recent Reserve Study. I encourage all of you to read this snoozingly exciting packet of financial information right before bedtime! You will sleep soundly knowing that our community has a solid financial foundation and is being well taken care of.

During the Finance Committee's regular monthly meeting held Oct. 26, the financial statement for September, 2021 was reviewed and recommended for Board approval.

In addition, the Committee approved four expenditure and two administrative procedural proposals, evaluated our current cash position and reviewed the investment portfolio.

Highlights of the September financial statement are: Total Cash is \$10,994,112 including operating cash of \$2,186,775 (checking and CDs) and reserve assets of \$8,827,337. Our HOA Reserve is 105.82 percent funded. We are at a total year-to-date (YTD) net income loss of \$9,461 through Sept. 30. This deficit position was budgeted for 2021. In fact, a total deficit of \$99,219 was planned for the general HOA (\$75,600) and the Front Yard Cost Center (FYCC) budgets (\$23,619) in 2021.

In November, 2020, our Board voted to use surplus operating funds during 2021 to alleviate these deficits instead of assessing homeowners for additional dues. What these offsets equate to during 2021 is each of our homeowners realize a savings of \$3.40

a month and FYCC homeowners realize an additional savings of \$3.54 a month.

Homeowners are welcome to attend the Finance Committee's regularly scheduled monthly meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 1 pm. Please check the Daily Report for meeting location. ~
Claudia Rozzi, cc2682@outlook.com



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In about 2 months, we will ALL be receiving new trash bins from Waste Management. The actual containers on the three cans will all be gray, and the three lids will be different colors – black for trash, blue for recycling and green for “organics.” Further information on this will come in the mail to us, so be on the lookout for it with their specific instructions.

In speaking to them, the main difference I can see is that what was the green trash bin for lawn and shrubs will now be more of a “compost” container, ranging from large trash can size to small under-the-counter size. She is also saying what you'd normally put down the garbage disposal will also be in this “organic” trash bin. However, she said they do NOT want us to put any of this in any type of a bag, zip lock, etc.

I guess we wait for further instructions, as I'm visualizing garbage being thrown directly into a container, and possibly each week we will have to hose it out to get what sticks to the sides, or if we keep a container under the sink, will this contribute to the ant issues a lot of us deal with in here... hopefully not – we will have to wait and see. If you have further questions, their number is above.

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FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee met in the RCN Conference Room.

The Committee first discussed several upcoming projects that are currently out for bid. The projects include shade covering at the putting green, billiard table repairs, shuffleboard court wall, new flagpole at Veteran's Park and handrails at the amphitheatre.

The Springdale project, along with the specific community painting projects is still ongoing. A new bid was accepted and will be forwarded to finance.

A new AED was approved for installation at The Spa building. A

proposal for a new stop sign at the crosswalk on Green Creek was discussed. The proposal was forwarded without support from our Committee.

The Facilities Committee is looking for members of our community to join our committee. Please contact me or attend our monthly meetings.

The Facilities Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9 am in the RCN Conference Room. ~ **Gino Domico**, Gdomico@gmail.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our next event is the biggest of the year — New Year's Eve! Yes, that's right... we are hosting "New Years Eve - All That Glitters."

Ticket sales are Nov. 29 at 9 am in the Ballroom. Tickets are expected to sell out so but if we have any tickets left, we will be selling them on Dec. 3 at 5 pm in The Lodge lobby.

Ticket price is \$65 per person. We will take checks or credit cards, however, there is a fee if you use a credit card. If you are buying multiple tickets, or a whole table which seats eight, you must have each person's name, address, and phone number.

On the day of the event, Jan. 31, doors will open at 5:15 pm. The event starts at 6 pm and we encourage everyone to be on time. We will be serving champagne, appetizers, dinner, and dessert. There will be party favors and lots of dancing.

Bring extra cash for some outstanding raffle prizes. The Social Committee really appreciates all of your support in buying raffle tickets as this helps us pay for future events.

We will also have contests, games, lots of dancing, and an overall fantastic time.

Tony Zambrana is our DJ for the night. He is an energetic master of ceremonies and disc jockey who loves to engage with all of the guests. He will be playing a wide variety of music that extends throughout the decades from Big Band to today's Top 40. Join in on some fun and easy interactive dances and both classic and modern line dances.

So put on your sparkliest dress or snappiest suit and party with us.

I look forward on seeing everyone there.

We have already booked some great events for 2022.

You won't want to miss "The Classic Rock & Roll Valentine's Party" on Feb. 12. Feel free to dress up in some groovy 50s and 60s duds! Stay tuned for more info.

Social Committee really appreciates all of your support. We wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season. ~ **Loretta Ramsey**, lorettaramsey@aol.com, (714) 803-6744



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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Did you know we have different cost centers for Landscape in our community? One is for all the common areas like The Lodge, Courts, Summit, and all planters and grass along Four Seasons Circle, as well as all the end caps on the inside streets and around the Springdales. Common-area landscape is covered in the base monthly assessment, which includes all 1,853 residences.

The second cost center is the Front Yard Cost Center. This is for all association-maintained yards. There are 553 homes in this cost center. These yards are not common area and belong to the homeowners. The Association contracts Park West to mow these yards and maintain the planters. Included in the additional amount these residents pay is the water for the front yard. This cost center is fully paid for by the home owner and is not funded by any of the base assessments.

Trees are trimmed during specific times of the year and are done on a schedule. If you are in the Front Yard Cost Center, the trees in your front yard are also trimmed and maintained by Park West. They are also trimmed during specific times of the year. If it is too hot and a tree is trimmed, it is possible that the cut will not heal properly and

the tree could suffer and ultimately die. If you have a tree that needs to be trimmed, please do not trim it, but rather open a ticket (see Landscape Concerns link on Daily Report email). Once the ticket is opened the Landscape Committee and Park West will determine if and when trimming should be done.

Every Friday morning, the Landscape Committee walks various areas in the community, from the common area to the Front Yard Cost center, to look for plants that are dying or need to be replaced. They look to see if any over/under watering is taking place and adjustments are made. Please do not take it upon yourself to water trees in this area. Everyone is welcome to join and see how the Committee works. You'll also get some exercise while enjoying our beautiful community. Contact us with any concerns by going to the Landscape tab on the Daily Report email.

The Landscape Committee meets the third Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the RCN Conference Room. If you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to join this meeting. ~**Kathy Craven** kathycravenbod@yahoo.com





SAFETY COMMITTEE

As we enter the holiday season, we are often faced with moving or reorganizing boxes filled with holiday decorations. Typically, these boxes and decorations are stacked and stored in locations that are difficult to access. As you attempt to move large and heavy items, you can put your body at risk to back injuries. The following are some tips to help you prevent back injuries.

REDUCE THE RISK OF BACK INJURIES

Store It Off The Floor

- Waist level is the best place to store heavy items, boxes of holiday decorations, or other things you use often.
- Lifting from the floor is twice as risky as lifting while you are standing upright.
- Lifting something from floor level means you must bend down to pick it up. This means you are also lifting the weight of your own upper body when you come back up. Good lifting technique does help but a lot of stress is still placed on your back when you are lifting from the floor or lower shelves, even when you bend your knees.
- Lifting above your shoulders puts you at risk for neck and shoulder injuries.
- Heavy items should not be stored overhead, because those items can fall and cause an injury.

Additional Tips To Help Prevent Back Injuries

- Size it up. Is the load light enough to be lifted by one person? If not, use a hand truck or ask someone for assistance.
- Safely lift. If the load can be lifted without help, bring it as close to your body as possible. Lift with your legs, not your back. Keep your head up and your back straight, and bend at the hips.
- Move it with care. Keep the load close to your body as you walk. Shift, don't twist, your body to turn.
- Don't just drop it. When you are ready to set down the load, let your leg muscles "carry it down." Make sure your fingers and toes are

clear of the load before setting it down.

Holiday Shopping Safety Reminders

While many of us utilize the convenience of online shopping, there are times when we are required to shop the "old fashioned way." Many hazards exist in shopping mall parking lots that can contribute to pedestrian injuries. Inadequate pavement striping, potholes or cracks, lack of signage, debris, poor lighting, and puddles can lead to slips, trips, and falls.

In addition, choosing the right parking spot can go a long way toward deterring theft and crime. Consumer Reports provides the following safety tips:

- Pick spots that are well-lit and close to stores where you will be shopping.
- Lock your doors.
- Store your purchases out of sight – in the trunk or under dark colored blankets.

Large parking lots, such as those found at shopping malls, are considered most vulnerable to crime according to the Urban Institute Justice Policy Center. One way for shoppers to "steer clear" of trouble is to pick a lot where pedestrian traffic is restricted, and video surveillance equipment is used to monitor the facility.

We hope everyone has a blessed holiday season and a safe new year! Remember, the Safety Committee is committed to helping to ensure your safety and well-being.

The Safety Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in The Lodge's RCN Conference Room. 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. Please drop by if you are interested in joining the Safety Committee. We are always looking for energetic new members. All the best. ~ **Frank Hilberg**, hilbergfrank@gmail.com

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AN APP
FOR
THAT!

THE APPS THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

By Steve Benoff

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

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

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

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

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

I'm going to compare these two apps in two ways. First, this month, using only a smartphone. Second, next month, using Apple CarPlay. When navigating using your phone, you should have it securely positioned in your car. There are any number of car phone mounts. If you have a CD player in your car, and it's not too close to

essential controls, I can recommend the Mpow 051 CD Slot Holder (\$11.99 on Amazon).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Through the great help of Sandy Deleon (upcoming President of Beaumont Chamber of Commerce), I was able to sign up my 2022 Medicare Advantage... she has always been the most kind and caring person. I am so blessed to have healthcare pros like her and Manny in our midst.
Theresa Lee

For Janine... We all can't wait for your complete healing and your return to dance! Anonymous

If you have seen an act of kindness or have received one, please share with the community. Let's spread gratitude! Email your gratitude to fourseasonsnews@yahoo.com or, if it's open, go to The Lodge Lobby and fill out a gratitude note and put in the box marked "The Box of Gratitude." Thank you.



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Oh, the Places We Go!

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

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



Residents John and Pat Barry, who are native Chicagoans, visited The Windy City recently and it was a Breeze-y city as well!



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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We held our second in-person meeting at the end of October. We reviewed the pictures of The Lodge fountain taken by members and discussed how they were taken and what the photographer liked about their photos. It was interesting to see the different views each member had of the same subject.

Our first photo outing is being planned (date to be determined). It will be to the Noah Purifoy Desert Art Museum of Assemblage Art in Joshua Tree. Noah Purifoy was a co-founder of the Watts Tower Center. This outdoor museum is a collection of his large-scale sculptures constructed from junked materials. It provides unlimited photo possibilities.

The Club is continuing the twice-a-month Work-Study Group via Zoom meetings. The meetings cover planning future club activities and photo editing in Adobe Photoshop and related programs. In addition, anyone who has a photography question is welcome to join us. Contact Jacque for meeting times and dates for the Work-Study Group.

For our November meeting, we asked members to submit three of their favorite photos. This will provide more opportunities to get to know each other, share our vision, and learn from each others' work. Information on time and place will be sent to everyone on our mailing list. To sign up for the mailing list, please contact Jacque at jacquesneddon@gmail.com.

This month's photos are two examples of our fountain photos. They demonstrate the varied range of photos possible on a single subject. Both photos were taken with phones. They both make a nice visual impact.

*Top: Billie Boyd's
Waterfall Lodge Fountain*

*Bottom: Tom Olsen's
Wide Angle Lodge
Fountain*

A special thanks to Jacque for organizing all our meetings. She continues her role in scheduling meetings and keeping everyone informed. Lyle Cameron is our Zoom Master and Howard Levine sets up photo outings. I am writing these articles and selecting photos for the *Breeze*.

If you have not been receiving our emails, contact Jacque Sneddon at jacquesneddon@gmail.com. She will be happy to add you to the mailing list. ~ **John Baeyertz**, ohnbz1453@gmail.com



BIRDING CLUB

Winter birds have been arriving! During October and early November we had winter arrivals of Western Bluebirds, Dark-eyed Juncos, Yellow-rumped Warblers, a Downy Woodpecker, American Robins, Cedar Waxwings, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Northern Flickers (our Bird of the Month). Black-throated Gray Warblers seen in late October were probably the last pass-through migrants of the fall season.

On Nov. 6, we had a nice group and good weather for the morning bird walk. We saw 19 species, the highlight of which was a mixed flock of American Robins and first-of-season Cedar Waxwings feeding on red berries between trails A and B. Later in the day, Tina Canon, Genie and Bill Cooper, Tom Paulek, Peter and Julie Shuttleworth, Barbara Wasco, and I saw nine additional species, including a Great Horned Owl that Barbara Wasco saw before sunrise, for a total of 28 species for the day.



The Birding Club on Trail B on Nov. 6

BIRD OF THE MONTH

Northern Flickers are large woodpeckers with a rounded head, slightly downcurved bill, and long tail. There are two subspecies, the “yellow-shafted” Northern Flicker of the East, whose underwing and undertail feathers are lemon yellow, and the “red-shafted” Northern Flicker of the West, whose underwing and undertail feathers are salmon red. Males of both subspecies have a mustache stripe, black in the eastern yellow-shafted and red in the western red-shafted. Unlike other woodpeckers, Northern Flickers are often on the ground and often perch upright on horizontal branches of trees instead of leaning their tails on a trunk. They eat mainly insects, especially ants and beetles, that they gather from the ground. They also eat fruits and seeds, especially in winter. Northern Flickers excavate their nest holes in dead or diseased tree trunks or large branches. Flickers make a loud single-note call, often sounding like “kyeer,” about a half-second long.

Northern Flickers live in open habitats with trees, including woodlands, yards, and parks. They are year-round residents across the entire lower 48, except for southern Texas and southern California, and southward through the mountains of Mexico to Nicaragua. In summer, part of the population moves north to breed across most of Canada and Alaska. In the winter, part of the population moves into southern Texas and southern California. Red-shafted Northern Flickers are a fairly common sight and their

loud call a fairly common sound during winter at Four Seasons. Several were seen during the Birding Club’s Nov. 6 bird walk. ~
Steve Edelman, steve.h.edelman@gmail.com



Northern Flicker. This bird is a male as indicated by the red mustache stripe. Note the salmon red underwing and undertail feathers characteristic of the red-shafted subspecies of the West. Photo by the US Forest Service



Northern Flicker on Trail B, one of several seen during the Nov. 6 bird walk. This bird is a female as indicated by the absence of a mustache stripe. Photo by Club member Gerrie Karczynski



AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

A 1970's House Party!

Soul Train was an American music-dance television program which aired in syndication from Oct. 2, 1971, to March 27, 2006. A house party in the 1970s was respectable and out of sight! It was a safe place to gather with family and friends and a chance to make new friends as well. One could dance to the groovy tunes of Earth, Wind, and Fire, Aretha Franklin, The Jackson Five, James Brown, The Isley Brothers, Al Green, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, and others. Dances such as The Funky Chicken, The Bump, The Bus Stop, and The Hustle were popular.

We lived in the Age of Aquarius, where men dressed in bell-bottom pants, apple caps, dashikis, and wore big gold medallions around their necks with unbuttoned shirts. The women wore big hoop earrings, jumpsuits, blouses with bell-shaped sleeves, hot pants, miniskirts, and high-heel boots.

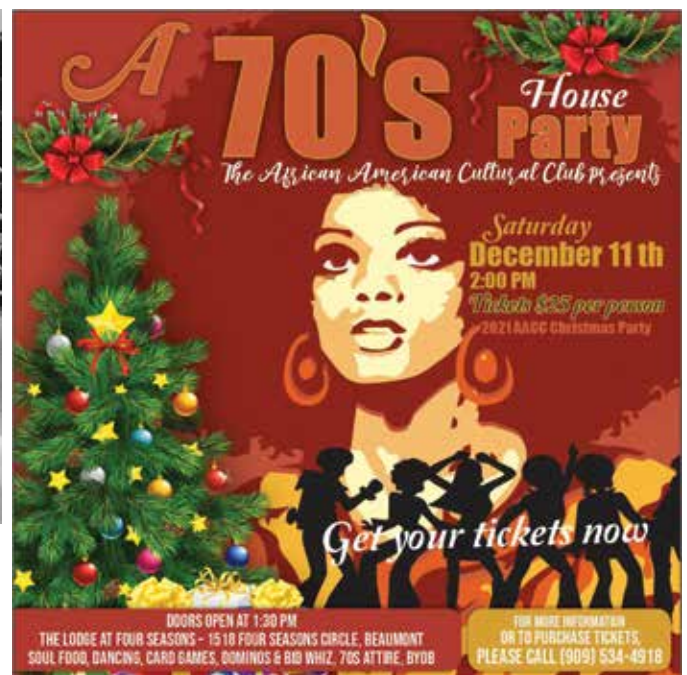
The legal drinking age was eighteen in most states in the seventies. Wines like Mad Dog 20/20, Cold Duck, and Ripple (a *Sanford and Son* favorite) was the alcohol of choice. People also drank spiked punch from the infamous red plastic cup.

Kitchens were a popular hangout spot at house parties. A full spread of fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, and ribs were always available. Parents would gather around the kitchen table to play games such as Dominoes, Spades, or Bid Whist while talking, drinking, laughing, and smoking cigarettes.

A designated person managed the record player and stacked the LPs or 12-inch records so they would automatically drop until a song skipped. Then someone would pull a coin from their pocket and lay it on top of the stylus to steady the needle so everyone could continue getting down!

The *Theme from Shaft*, written and recorded by Isaac Hayes, was a favorite song among Black people. "Can you dig it?" This composition won the 1972 Academy Award for Best Original Song. Hayes became the first African American to win that award in a non-acting category. "Right on!"

In the dark, couples would slow dance in corners of the room. The mood was copacetic until the lights came on, then everyone knew the



party was over!

AACC Event(s):

This year's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 pm. The theme is "A 70's House Party," so pull out your seventies outfit for the party of the year!

The next AACC meeting is Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 pm in The Lodge. Contact Betty Ann James at (951) 572-5538 or email infotoaacc@gmail.com. ~ *Regina Thomas*



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CLASSIC FILM GROUP

On Dec. 28 at 6 pm in The Lodge Theater The Classic Film Group is presenting *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. It's a practically flawless presentation of the Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. Perhaps the ultimate Christmas flick, it may also be one of the best family-friendly films in cinematic existence.

This Disney movie does a wonderful job advocating the importance of kindness, compassion, and generosity for the less fortunate. It is a comedy/drama directed by Brian Henson and starring Michael Caine, Russell Martin, David Rudman, Robin Weaver, Theo Sanders, Raymond Coulthard, Meredith Braun, Steve Whitmire, Frank Oz, Jerry Nelson, Jessica Fox, Steven Mackintosh, Robert Tygner, Dave Goelz, Don Austen.

It opens with Ebenezer Scrooge, who despises everything Christmas, as he begrudgingly closes his business for Christmas Eve. He humbugs everyone who wishes him a Merry Christmas as he heads home. Later that night, he's visited by the



"If they would rather die, they'd better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

ghosts of his deceased partners, Jacob and Robert Marley. They bring him the news that he will be visited by three ghosts that very night when the clock strikes one. Soon, a terrified Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Christmas Past who shows him both hopeful and sad memories from his youth. The ghost of Christmas Present gives Scrooge a glimpse into the lives of those around him. Finally, the ghost of Christmas Yet To Come reveals a dark future should Scrooge continue on his

selfish path. As dawn breaks on Christmas morning, a shaken but hopeful Scrooge vows to embrace, celebrate, and live the true spirit of Christmas.

This is one Christmas movie that should not be missed!

The American magazine, published in 1889 (Vol. 28) reminds us that the meaning of Christmas is, "to give up one's very self - to think only of others - how to bring the greatest happiness to others - that is the true meaning of Christmas." ~ **Paul Plamondon**, 4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com



COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA CLUB

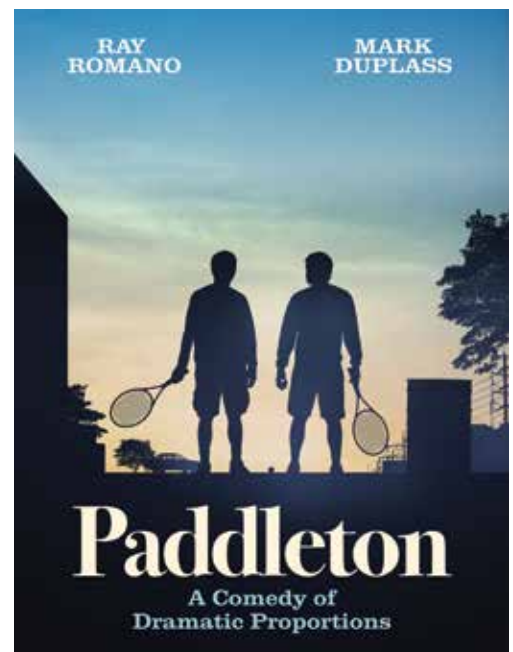
We gather on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, screening films you won't find at the big Cineplexes: documentaries, indie films, foreign films and other little gems that don't get wide release.

Our first monthly screening, on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm, is the film *First Cow* (USA 2019, 2 hrs. 3 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "A loner and cook (John Magaro) has traveled west and joined a group of fur trappers in Oregon Territory, though he only finds connection with a Chinese immigrant (Orion Lee). The men collaborate on a business, although its longevity is reliant upon the participation of a wealthy landowner's prized milking cow."

Our second monthly screening, on Sunday, Dec. 26 at 6 pm, is the film *Paddleton* (USA 2019, 1 hr. 29 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "An unlikely friendship between two misfit neighbors becomes an unexpectedly emotional journey when the younger man is diagnosed with terminal cancer."

All of our screenings are followed by lively discussion about the film; we'd love to have you join us. The Lodge Theater has very limited seating, so if you're interested in our screenings, come early; we hope to see you there. Please note that all films announced

are subject to availability. If you have any questions about the Counter Culture Cinema Club or want to recommend a film, please email Micki Rosen at michelesrosen@gmail.com. ~ **Micki Rosen**



BOOK CLUB

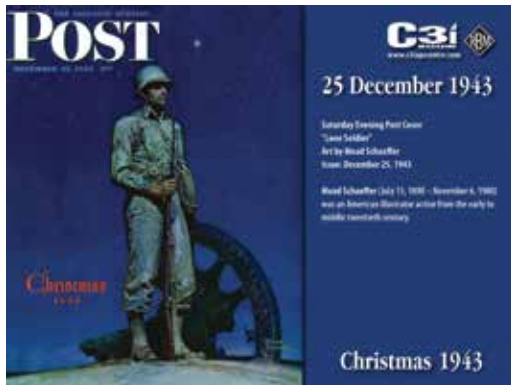
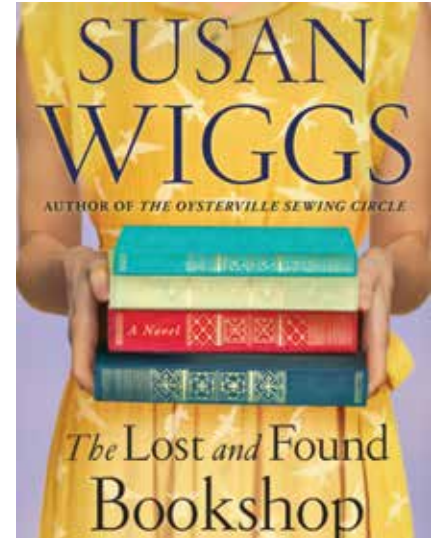
Our Book Club selection for Dec. 14 is *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Susan Wiggs. Here is a brief description from Amazon.com: "In the wake of a shocking tragedy, Natalie Harper inherits her mother's charming but financially strapped bookshop in San Francisco. She also becomes caretaker for her ailing grandfather Andrew, her only living relative — not counting her scoundrel father. But the gruff, deeply kind Andrew has begun displaying signs of decline. Natalie thinks it's best to move him to an assisted living facility to ensure the care he needs. To pay for it, she plans to close the bookstore and sell the derelict but valuable building on historic Perdita Street, which is in need of constant fixing. There's only one problem—Grandpa Andrew owns the building and refuses to sell. Natalie adores her grandfather; she'll do whatever it takes

to make his final years happy. Besides, she loves the store and its books provide welcome solace for her overwhelming grief. After she moves into the small studio apartment above the shop, Natalie carries out her grandfather's request and hires contractor Peach Gallagher to do the necessary and ongoing repairs. His young daughter, Dorothy, also becomes a regular at the store, and she and Natalie begin reading together while Peach works. To Natalie's surprise, her sorrow begins to dissipate as her life becomes an unexpected journey of new connections, discoveries and revelations, from unearthing artifacts hidden in the bookshop's walls, to discovering the truth about her family, her future, and her own heart."

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the RCN Activity Room #3, and someone volunteers

to lead the discussion about the book we have chosen for the month.

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



FOUR SEASONS VETERANS PARK

December is a seminal month for veterans. General Washington surprised the Hessian troops by crossing the Delaware River and surprising them on Christmas Day. Japanese forces surprised America by bombing the ships in Pearl Harbor when our country was not at war.

But for many, many veterans it was when loneliness captured their emotions. During their tours whether overseas or in the United States troops were away from loved ones. The camaraderie of fellow service members could not replace separation from loved ones. Over the years many holiday seasons would blend together, but the veteran's Christmas's would always stand out. Letters and packages sent in November would arrive sometime in December or January to remind the deployed what they were missing. Photographs, crumbled cookies and "SWAKs" or letters were cherished and shared. For the lucky entertainment from a USO show with Bob Hope. The signs are of Bing Crosby's White Christmas - always requested and always played.

Flags for this month are reminders of life at home and then life overseas. What it was like trying to fill the void with a missing family member and what it must be like back home. ~ **Len Tavernetti**, ltavernetti@hotmail.com

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



CARS & COFFEE

Cars & Coffee Veterans Babalu Zamora, Trini Velazquez, Frank Morales, Gilbert Morales, Dale Supernaw, and Larry Goodeau

WOW! What a gorgeous day it was, the beautiful weather we had brought out some beautiful cars and their proud owners. We had a great turnout with 26 cars. An abundance of Corvettes, Mustangs, classic Chevys and trucks and roadsters. We had several newcomers who proved that being a car enthusiast is just not just a male hobby; our two newcomers are women who enjoy talking and showing off their rides. Heidi Blazer showed up with her beautiful blue 2021 Mustang. Heidi calls her Mustang her "new baby" since it is only two weeks old. Heidi has lived in Four Seasons for six and a half years.

Juli Pelegrene showed up with her great looking "Torch Red" 1999 C5 convertible, Juli has owned her 'Vette since 2004, and it only has 41,000 actual miles on the odometer. Juli has lived in Four Seasons for three months. We hope to see Heidi and Juli at more Cars & Coffee gatherings.

Veterans Day was Nov. 11 and we honored the Veterans at this month's Cars & Coffee gathering, Frank Morales, Gilbert Morales, Trini Velazquez, Dale Supernaw, Larry Goodreau and Babalu Zamora. We have many other Veterans who attend our Cars and Coffee gatherings. Unfortunately they were not present this time.

A quote from President Ronald Reagan: "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A Veteran does not have that

problem."

To all our Four Seasons Veterans, thank you for your service.

Please join us every first Saturday of the month at 9 am in The Lodge parking lot. For additional information please contact Rick Morales at (951) 797-3782 or onemth53@yahoo.com or Frank Morales at (951)203-4578 or fmoralesjrinc@aol.com.

Until next month, everyone please have safe and Happy Holidays! ~ **Frank Morales**



Heidi Blazer and her 2021 Mustang



Juli Pelegren and her 1999 Corvette



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PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

As we approach the new year, production is under way for several shows for your enjoyment in 2022.

Get ready 2022! PAC will present a live Radio Theater, *Hope for Tomorrow I and II*. Performance on Saturday, Jan. 29. These shows are available to residents free of charge.

Calling all singers, dancers, and actors! The PAC is proud to present *A Toast to the Tonys*, recreating some of the most memorable songs and musical numbers that have won awards — Four Seasons style. Performances will be May 6 and 7, 2022.

Save this date for auditions, Sunday, Feb. 6, 2 pm in the Ballroom. This show will be produced by Pat Wayne, musical direction by Susan Youel, and choreography by Anita Finkelstein. Whether you are a seasoned performer or want to get involved for the first time, we are excited to welcome you! PAC also is looking for tech support,

costumes, staging, etc.

The audition flyer with more details will be available soon. In the meantime, feel free to contact Pat Wayne with any questions, pwayne1@outlook.com or call (949) 290-1811.

A meeting will be scheduled in early 2022 for anyone interested in helping design a PAC logo and other publicity ideas and get updates on the show's progress.

With the change in format to production-based, I am looking for an assistant, or co-coordinator? Anyone interested contact me and I can discuss this need with you.

Get on our mailing list. Any questions, contact Marianne Bugni, PAC Coordinator. See you all soon. ~ **Marianne Bugni, (920) 517-2739 or email lamarib77@gmail.com**

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

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

SEASONED SOLOS

Hello to all! Last month was filled with fun events for the Seasoned Solos. We attended three plays: *The Murder Room* and *Ruth* in Redlands along with a "Play With Your Food" event with Neil Simon's *Jake's Women* performance in Hemet. Redlands also had an arts and crafts show called "Art! For Heaven's Sake" with a wide variety of art. There were food trucks so you know the food was also a reason to get out with friends and enjoy the beautiful day. The San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra had a wonderful performance in the historic California Theatre of Performing Arts. It was a heart-warming *Tribute to American Spirit*.

Each monthly meeting is a forum where we welcome new

members and greet friends, share ideas for upcoming happenings of interest, then begin the planning process. Everyone is asked to bring their ideas and calendars so we can select dates and times.

It really has been fun to finally get out and experience a live performance, have a meal, or see a play. It is even better when you can spend that fun time with a group of your community friends. We are a singles group of men and women in Four Seasons and we meet the first Friday at 6pm in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. We hope you will stop by and check us out!

Call Joyce Olson at (951) 850-3055 or Nyla Cheely at (951) 285-8112 for more information. ~ **Nyla Cheely.**



LET'S DANCE!



Our Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 10 from 4 to 8:30 pm is our last event of the year. Hopefully you have your tickets and will be joining us for an evening of good food, good music, good dancing and great fun! The cost is \$35 per person and tickets are available from any Let's Dance member or refer to the poster in the lobby for contact information. After this event, we will take our seasonal break and resume classes on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022.

Plan to join us in the Ballroom on Monday nights in 2022. Our

dances include Swing, Waltz, Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Tango and Country two step and others. While our professional instructors challenge us to learn new things, they also understand our limitations. This group is for regular folks who like to dance. Nothing fancy. No judging or competition. We just do something that's fun together.

Happy Holidays to each of you and we look forward to seeing you in the Ballroom! For further information contact Puring or Gary Stifter at (951) 922-8333 or at purings@verizon.net. ~ **Sue Condurachi**

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Our holiday party last month was wonderful. The food was delicious, everyone danced as much as they could, and the music was perfect thanks to Elizabeth and Phillip Westbrook. Thank you all for making it a very special dance night.

And now, on to Christmas. I just love December! The air is cool and crisp, it makes you want to walk outside, bake inside, and fix fabulous food to share with family and friends. That means we need to offset all the eating (and maybe drinking) calories with movement.

What could be more fun than line dancing?

If you haven't tried it, come to the Tuesday class in the Ballroom at 2 pm and watch. It is great fun and you meet some pretty awesome people. And both are good for your spirits.

Meanwhile, Happy Hanukkah, or Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa. Wishing each of you a wonderful year ahead. ~ **Martha Franck**, marthafanck@icloud.com, (714) 345-8588

HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Heart and Soul Line Dance meets Wednesdays, 4 to 6 pm, in The Lodge Ballroom. It is a mixed level class, easier dances used at the beginning slowly changing the complexity of the dances that move us through dance levels. We use a variety of music that can satisfy everyone's taste, all the steps are broken down, and dances are

repeated as we continue to incorporate new dances.

Come on out and give us a try. If you have any questions, contact Priscilla Robles at (909) 239-6464. See you all on the dance floor! ~ **Priscilla Robles**

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TRAVEL GROUP

The November meeting was lively and fun. We have started planning our trips for 2022. Several old favorites such as the Laguna Art Fair and Pageant of the Masters, Harbor Cruise, visits to presidential libraries and wine tours were suggested. Some multi day trips were also requested. We are in the process of compiling information and results will be discussed at the next meeting to be held Jan. 15, 2022. Hope to see everyone then.

If any Four Seasons resident wants to be added to the membership list or a current member needs to change their contact information, please send an email to Sharon Bond at sjbond2013@gmail.com. In the body of the email, please provide your name and telephone number. For any other information, call or text Irene Welker at (951) 275-7081 or send an email to irenewelker55@gmail.com.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page Four Seasons Beaumont Travel Group for current information. In the meantime, stay safe. ~ *Irene Welker*



RAINBOW GROUP

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



our functions.

Due to the seasonal holidays in November and December, we will not be holding our monthly meetings. However, we hope to be able to hold a group party to celebrate the season. A date has not been scheduled as of this writing, so stay tuned to our Facebook page or look for a notice in your email.

For info, please contact Dale at (951) 797-0364 or dalebeckes@gmail.com. ~ *Dale Beckes*



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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

The Italian American Club showed the movie "Roman Holiday" in The Lodge Ballroom at our November meeting. Popcorn and snacks were provided, and the movie was enjoyed by many members of the club who were in attendance.

This month, the Steering Committee is planning a lasagna dinner for the club meeting on Dec. 9 at 6 pm in The Courts main room. The lasagna will be provided by Jake's Bistro & Brew in Yucaipa. Salads

and bread will accompany the lasagna, so it will not be necessary to bring any food to our meeting. Just bring your beverage of choice.

Remember you do not have to be Italian to join the Italian American Club. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Dipoma, Jerry Monahan, or come to one of our club meetings. All are welcome to join us. We would love to have you visit with us. ~ **Barbara Dipoma** (805) 377-2616 and **Jerry Monahan** (951) 212-8898

TASTE D'VINE

Happy Holidays and cheers from the Taste d' Vine Wine Club. This has been an exciting year for the Taste d' Vine Wine Club... we are back! We welcomed new friends, tasted different varietals, gained knowledge about various wine regions and styles, and brought in different wineries from the area to broaden our knowledge. We are looking forward to a new year of tasting and celebrating that wonderful bottled poetry known as "wine."

Remember... "A bottle of wine contains more philosophy than all the books in the world."

It is with this thought that Taste d' Vine Wine Club would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and a "Wine"derful New Year!

For info on the Taste d' Vine Wine Club, please contact Gracy Luna at (951) 292-3624. ~ **Gracy Luna**



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WRITERS' CLUB

Balancing Act

I call myself a writer, but I haven't written much since the pandemic began.

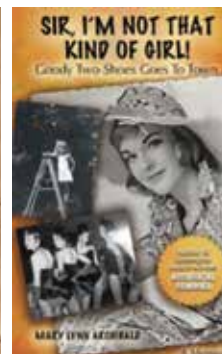
I can't imagine why. Like most everyone else I know, I had a whole year with a blank calendar, except for visits to the dentist and the garden supply store. An ideal time, perhaps, yet it was tainted with a good deal of anxiety and a nagging feeling of impermanence.

Somehow, that time didn't seem to stretch as efficiently as before. My focus shifted from the outer to the inner world (in the house, that is). I became obsessed with trying to read everything I could about nutrition, organic food, vitamins, cooking and baking healthy meals, and finding recipes that weren't too sugar-laden or complicated.

I also needed to stay abreast of the latest research on dementia and Alzheimer's disease, prediabetes, macular degeneration, and neuropathy. Also, I tried to figure out a way to keep my husband from drinking all the coffee creamer, though I realize there could be worse things to drink.

Shopping online is something of a challenge, but I love that I can do it in my jammies, and with the current price of gas, it's more of a blessing than I imagined. And as I am currently the only driver in the family, I'm thrilled when I don't have to go anywhere so I can get the laundry done and the house swept and dusted once in a while.

Designing a new website? I have neither the time nor the expertise. Marketing my books? Ditto. Learning calligraphy? Doing collage? Attending Writers' Club? Drawing and painting? Making Christmas



gifts? Exercising? Practicing yoga? In my dreams.

I've even stopped writing in my journal. My one guilty pleasure (besides reading), is gardening. Working, walking, and sitting there.

I won't win a prize at the Chelsea Flower Show anytime soon, but I'm inordinately fond of my David Austin roses. And my dahlias. And my peonies. And something I could never grow in northern California where I'm from — hibiscus.

Then there are the veggies: peppers, lettuce, sugar snap peas, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, garlic, and several kinds of berries. And herbs: parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme. Cilantro and dill in season.

Maybe next year.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Writers' Club meets at 1 pm the second Tuesday of the month, in the RCN Conference Room. Interested? Join us. We don't bite. Text mlarchibald@mac.com (707) 239-4060. ~ **Mary Lynn Archibald**

CERAMICS CLASS

Merry Christmas to you and your family from everyone in ceramics.

Ceramics class has something for the novice crafter looking for a new hobby, or someone who has experience and wants to create unique designs or pieces for friends and family. In addition to individual projects, we offer class projects throughout the year to teach new techniques.

Come and join in the fun; drop by the Arts & Crafts Room to see our monthly ceramics class schedule and learn more about our

upcoming class projects.

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

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

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

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

We meet Tuesday mornings in the Arts & Crafts Room from 10 to 11:30 am. All levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome to join us. We also welcome anyone interested in learning how to knit or crochet. We are working on our own various projects, as well as optional community service projects. Please email me if you have any questions. ~ **Marlene Doyle**, marlened3333@gmail.com



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CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group has been welcoming new members and enjoying making creative crafts. What I hear from my fellow members is that crafting is therapeutic and relaxing. We have several projects that we will be working on this month; come join us. Our crafts are easy to do and inexpensive. Our group meets on Thursdays at 10am in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. For more information, contact me at christimason02@yahoo.com or call (951) 486-1091. ~ **Christi Mason**



QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

November was a fantastic month for our Four Seasons Quilt Show. If you missed it, below are some pictures to tease you with. We had over 75 stunning quilts on display as well as almost 15 charity donation quilts too. The donation quilts were given to the Police Department in November at the Neighborhood Watch meeting and more will be donated again in December.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 5 with a potluck at Mary Moody-Cox's home. Please note our new email address: 4seasonsquilts@gmail.com. ~ **Mary M. Moody-Cox**



Modern Prairie Stained Glass, an original design by Mary M. Moody-Cox



Escher-esque quilt created by club member



Star Design by Penny Key



MIXED MEDIA ARTS

I gave the Mixed Media Art Class a challenge. It was to work on materials, 5" x 7" or smaller, and they had their choice of medium and surface. The results were wonderful.

I will be sharing them with you in this current *Breeze* and future issues. The artists and their work are as follows:

Elephant and Calf:

Watercolor & Ink on watercolor paper by Laurie Wolfenden

Santa Fe Door:

Ink on Kraft paper by Elaine Recchion

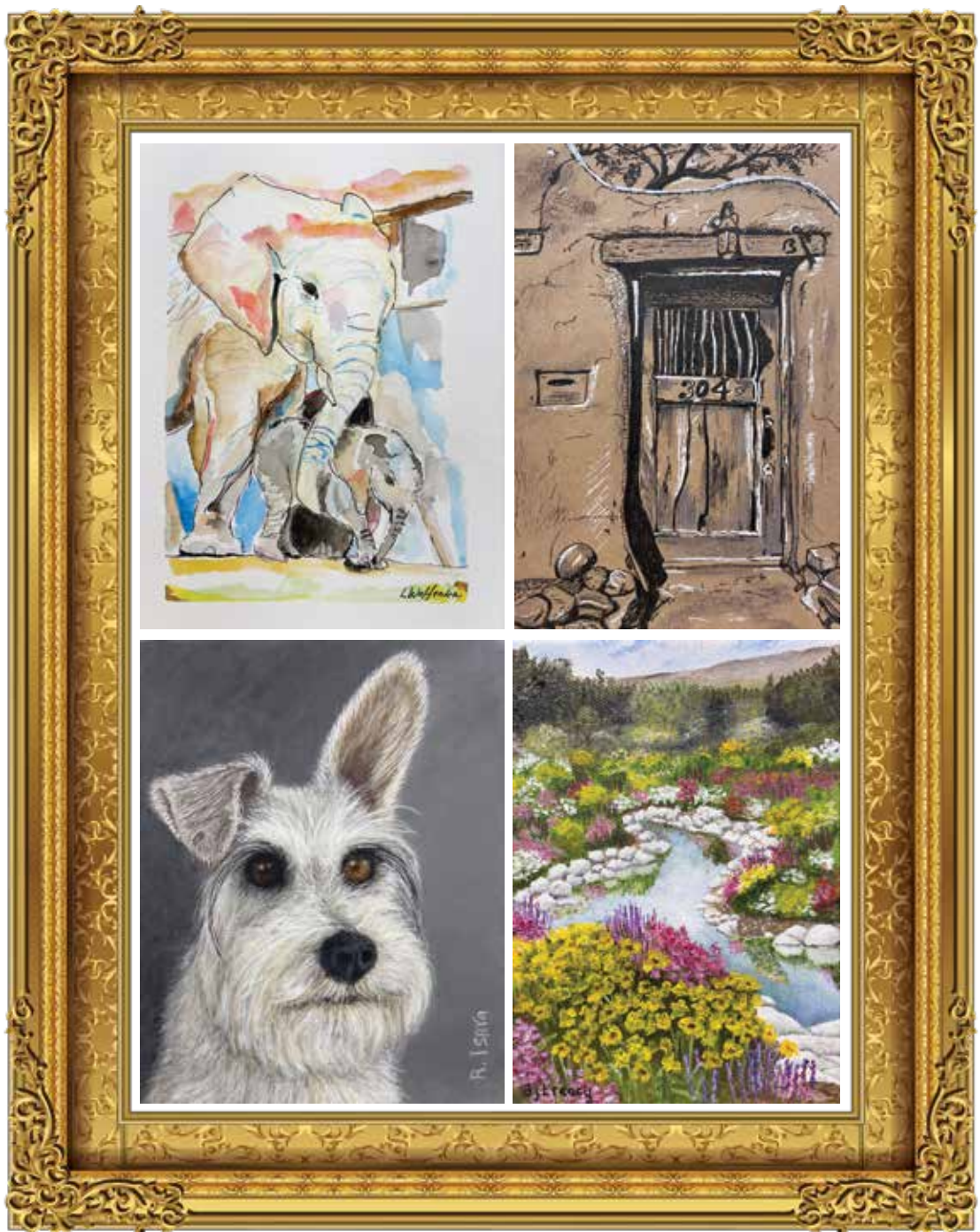
Kimba/Pet Portrait:

Acrylic on canvas by Robert Isava

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After completing our study of the Book of Daniel on Dec. 17, we will turn to lighter things. Like a party! We'll have so much fun! A nice luncheon will be provided, where we are able to really visit with one another. After that we'll have a gift exchange (everyone is asked to bring a \$10 wrapped gift to exchange). Let me tell you, these ladies can shop. Then we will be gifted by Conni Hinkle's daughter Wendy singing Christmas songs to us. We always have many wonderful gifts exchanged at our Christmas party, not all of which are tangible. We are looking forward to 2022 and a continued study of the blessed Word of God.

If any of you ladies out there want to join us in studying the Bible in 2022, this is a nondenominational study, any version of the Bible is accepted, and we have an amazing group of delightful, humble and beautiful women. Please come join us! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine, (951) 922-6829 or egcellent@msn.com**



INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Christmas greetings, friends and neighbors. One of the favorite songs we sing on Christmas Day is *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. What a happy song. We gather to bake cookies, make fudge and bake cakes, exchange gifts; we also come together and make tamales or buy them. Whatever you enjoy doing for the Christmas holidays brings much joy to your family.

We pray that although it has been a rough year, we will sing the songs of joy, songs like *Joy to The World*, *Silent Night*, while children

sing *Jingle Bells*. Let us look forward to a season of hope and peace for all people. We pray that you and your family will have a safe Christmas and a happy New Year.

We hope to see you all next year. Please feel free to join us in the game room every first Monday of each month at 9 am. We will continue to pray for you and our community. You can reach me at eaglewatchwb@aol.com. ~ **Cookie Bonner**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Welcome to December. With cooler temperatures come the holidays. Holidays can be filled with warm memories of family and friends. When you are grieving, however, the memories of the holidays can be painful reminders of what you no longer have. So, what do you do? I found that trying to recreate traditions can be a double-edged sword. It brings back good memories but sometimes trying to recreate the traditions backfires. The traditions don't feel the same because someone in your life is now missing. I guess you need to do what feels right for you. Maybe you try something new and see how it feels. Things are different and how you celebrate and feel about the holidays will be different.

Try to just accept how you're feeling. Do not fight the emotions. You need to cry? Cry. You are sad? Be sad. You are enjoying yourself? Enjoy. Just allow the feelings to come. Embrace and accept them.

What can friends do? I asked members of the bereavement group what they found upsetting and what they wished people would do. Here are a few of those things.

Please do not:

1. Say nothing - it hurts when you ignore the situation/death.
2. Don't avoid the person who is grieving. It feels like another loss.
3. Don't say, "You'll bounce back, you're young."
4. Don't say "Are you going to start dating?"

5. Don't say, "Can you afford to stay in your home?"

6. It's after one year, do not say, "You should be over it by now."

7. Don't say "He/she is in a better place."

8. Don't say, "Time heals."

9. Don't say, "It's nice you have memories."

Some things that can help are:

1. Just come over.

2. Ask how you can help. Often the grieving person will not ask. Just do little things — get the person's mail or run to the store for them.

3. Say, "I care and I'm here for you."

4. Say, "We're going to miss him/her."

5. Give a hug.

6. Bring over a casserole or some dessert.

7. Just sit, even in silence, with the person grieving. A grieving person understands that you have good intentions but some comments can hurt.

We hope you found this information helpful. For more information about our group or to join, please contact Becky KG at 951-524-0215 or email her at beckykg_1@yahoo.com Group developer: Laurie Larson Zeldin. ~ **Becky Kotzin-Gustafson**


JEWISH CULTURAL CLUB

The Jewish Cultural Club announces their annual Hanukkah party. The party is Dec. 7 at 5 pm in The Lodge. The party includes the Soup Mavins Soup Buffet, featuring the Mavin's (Yiddish for expert, aficionado) famous Matzo Ball soup, Mushroom Barley (better than Shermans!), and many others. It will be a Fresser's (Yiddish for big eater) delight. We will also have a kosher wine tasting, by the Taste D'Vine Club (thanks, Gracy). There will also be a "Fiddler On The Roof" group karaoke singalong, giant Hora circle, and lighting the Chanukah candles.


Tickets can still be purchased from Nancy Justice, by calling her at (951) 769-5804 (calls only, no text). You can email any questions to fourseasonsajcc@gmail.com.

We want to thank the Soup Mavins for being a part of this event. Here is a list of the Soup Mavins: Sandi Barletta, Karen Kramer, Anita Finkelstein, Barbara Dipoma, Brenda Steckler, Fran Monahan, Kathy Craven, Lora Lopez, Toni Finer, Tsilya Hoffman, Sheila Marshall. ~ *Perry Goldstein, perry.goldstein@gmail.com*

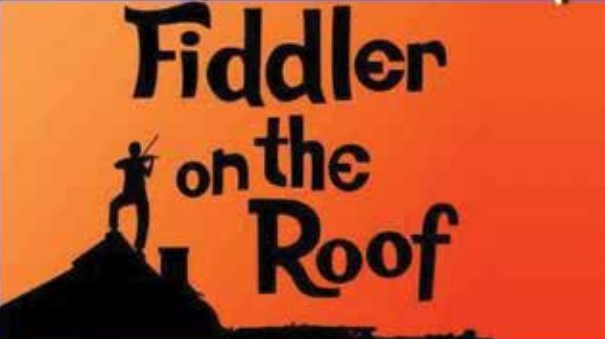
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TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS



The holidays are an exciting time for all, and that includes our four-legged friends. However, it can also be a dangerous time if we're not aware of what's good and bad for our pet's health.

Keep an eye on your Christmas tree. It looks beautiful to you and you can bet it's also pretty intriguing to your pet. Christmas trees are a centerpiece in most family homes over the festive season, but they can be a potential hazard.

Cats love to climb trees, so cat owners must fully cat-proof their tree, ensuring it is well anchored and all decorations are securely fastened higher up and towards the center of the tree so they are harder to access. Most cats dislike the sensation of aluminum foil on their claws, so you could try wrapping the foil around the base of the tree to deter them. Make sure any water in the tree base is kept covered so no inquisitive pets take a drink.

Christmas decorations can also be potentially hazardous. Pets love to play and chew anything they can get their paws on. If they swallow decorations which are lying around, they could choke and the object may need to be surgically removed.

Beware of seasonal plants, too. They might look pretty to you, but there are plenty of festive plants that can be harmful to pets. You should be mindful of poinsettias, Christmas tree pine needles, holly, mistletoe, and acorns. All of these can cause irritation, stomach issues, and are a choking hazard.

Keep stress levels down. Having people over can be exciting for your pets, but it can also be a stressor. So it's important to keep an eye on any abnormal behavior. Continued contact during the lockdowns provided some pets limited interaction with new people and experiences. Therefore, if people are going to enjoy a social holiday gathering this year, it is crucial that they ensure their pet is calm and relaxed. The easiest way to achieve this is to create a cozy room with their favorite toys in a quiet area of the house to which they can escape.

The Tails and Trails group wishes all of you and your furry family members a very safe and joyful holiday season! ~ **Vivian Walker**, vivr@sbcglobal.net

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PADDLE TENNIS

Elvis is in the house!

So I thought I would enjoy a friendly game of paddle tennis. After several good rallies, the opponents made a drop shot. At first I thought of rushing to the net but, "Wise men say only fools rush in." So I stayed back. Still I was "Caught in a trap, can't get out!" Here I thought they were going to "Love Me Tender," but there is no mercy in paddle tennis. They fired fast balls at my body. I had to protect my "Hunk, a hunk of burning love." After that I was "All Shook Up." Now I was thinking I should have gone to "Blue Hawaii" or had "Fun in Acapulco." I pleaded with them "Don't Be Cruel," but it was to no avail. So there was nothing left to do. I returned to my "Heartbreak Hotel" a loser. The last thing I heard was "Elvis has left the building!"

Come out and have fun playing paddle tennis. There may be Elvis sightings in the future. You never know.
Author: Terry Miller. ~ *Syed Ali*, o2browsing@aol.com



TOPS

We are building a snowman in Southern California. Well, not a real snowman, but one that represents the amazing weight loss success of our group. Each week, if the net weight for the group is a loss, our snowman gets another part. Last week, the weight loss was 12 pounds. So, our snowman has a body. We have until the end of the year to get him built.

These are tricky weeks for eating healthy, and so we have been accumulating recipes with fewer calories. In October we taste tested low-calorie, low-fat, crustless pumpkin pie. The recipe was easy and just as tasty as regular pumpkin pie. We also tested apple chips made by thin slicing an apple, adding spices, and slow



baking them. They were delicious, chewy, and super low calorie.

We are no longer using the term Biggest Loser. "Big" has a connotation as does "Loser." So, our top weight-loss members are now Thinner Winners. Last month, Sue Hilberg was the Thinner Winner with Charles Caldera the runner up.

Congratulations to them both!

You may find that a group like TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you as well. We meet now on Tuesday at 8:30 am in the Ballroom. For more information call Andi Henderson (918) 497-6491. ~ *Andi Henderson*

PICKLEBALL

This article begins long ago in a pre-pandemic world when a group of Four Seasons Pickleball players arrived at The Palm Desert Tennis Gardens to watch the Pickleball National Finals. We watched as a couple from Billings, Mont. played on center court in the finals, and afterwards spoke to them and discovered they played at the YMCA in Billings, Mont.... seriously, does anyone know where Billings, Mont. actually is?

Because I have family there and spend a good amount of time in Billings, I got to explore this thriving pickleball community for two months this fall. Introduced in 2002 by Coach Larry Seekins, he has been instrumental in developing the Pickleball program at the YMCA in Billings, and in the state. Coaching for 31 years, he has worked with six national champions, two Hall of Famers, and taught over 3,000 people of all ages to enjoy the game. I was lucky enough to work with him and ask him many questions.

Why Pickleball? Larry credits Pickleball with saving his life. As an engineer he had developed a sedentary lifestyle at a young age. Pickleball got him up and moving and with its vigorous lifestyle he developed relationships with other likeminded competitive players (sound familiar?).

Three things he considers most important: 1) Have PATIENCE; 2) Develop ACCURACY; 3) Have a STRATEGY. He offers three strategies as well: 1) Look for the GAP; 2) Go for the GUT; 3) Hit with GUSTO (but, have a strategy that gets you to the point that you can smack it with gusto!).

Then he will tell you five more important strategies to get you to be a top notch competitor: 1) Learn to DINK; 2) Develop your DROP SHOT (he was very big on the “3rd shot drop” Perry!); 3) Don't be afraid to use a DIRTY TRICK; 4) #4 is something that will win you no friends but it will help you to win in tournaments – DESPICABLENESS (you know, if your opponent is on the baseline and you hit a spinning dink just over the net.); and the one we all LOVE: 5) DUMB LUCK.

Lastly, Larry's philosophy as a coach, competitor, and fan of the game: “There is no real meaning or purpose in pickleball, but there is meaning in the relationships you develop.”

Here at Four Seasons we have all seen relationships in action as we watched lives saved by friends, meals provided when needed, laughter at in-house tournaments, support and treats offered to members competing in outside tournaments, field trips, and day-to-day interactions of smiles, hugs, teasing, and fun! On a recent field trip that grew from two pickleballers going camping in an RV in Chula Vista, to a large self-invited group of 20+, it was evident that relationships and fun were had by all, the common denominator being this fine thing we call Pickleball. ~Julie Stayner, juliestayner@gmail.com



Larry Seekins, developer of Pickleball in Billings, Mont. demonstrates technique



Four Seasons Pickleballers on an impromptu field trip in Chula Vista



Pickleball players don't just hit balls with small paddles!

TABLE TENNIS

Whenever anyone decides to put a ping pong table in their garage or basement, they usually walk into their favorite sporting goods store to purchase a set of pre-made paddles, which usually come boxed with a table net and a couple of balls. It is only when they have decided to move up to a custom-made paddle can the choices become mind-bogglingly complicated.

Custom-made table tennis paddles come in three separate parts: the wooden part of the paddle that is referred to as the “blade,” and two “rubbers,” a red rubber on one side and a black one on the other. Blades come with a choice of handles, depending on whether you grip the racket like you’re shaking hands (yes, known as “shakehand”!), or like you’re holding a pen or chopsticks (“penhold”). When selecting a blade, you can also choose the number of layers (or “plies”) and between hard or soft woods, depending on if you like to smash the ball aggressively to strike fear into your opponents, or stand further back from the table and play defense.

Choosing the types of rubbers to glue to your wooden blades can be even more complicated. There are smooth rubbers, which are used by 85 percent of players today, or rubbers made of long or short “pips” which are more rare but can create a lot of deceptive spin on the



ball. Rubbers normally come glued to a sponge, can vary in thickness, amount of tackiness, and speed and spin ratings, the choice depending on your style of play.

To simplify your life, perhaps it’s better to just wander into your favorite sporting goods store and

buy the box of pre-made paddles. You’ll definitely sleep better that night.

The FSTTC is extremely excited to begin the planning stages of our annual holiday party. Our last pre-COVID party was a blast, which included a fully catered dinner, followed by a combination of stand-up comedy, Karaoke, and of course, line-dancing. We are hoping this year’s gathering will be even crazier!

The Four Seasons Table Tennis Club welcomes players of all skill levels. We have sessions during the week that accommodate beginner, intermediate, and advanced players and we are once again considering carving out some time to teach those who have never played the sport to show what a terrific activity ping pong is, rain or shine.

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TENNIS CLUB

The 2021 BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells has come and gone. Not to be outdone, we held our very own TennisFest Tournament here at Four Seasons on Oct. 9. The caliber of our players was just a smidge below those professionals at Indian Wells. Haha, in our dreams!

Twenty members signed up to play in the tournament. After some clouds and chilly temps, the sun popped out giving us plenty of warmth to enjoy the entire event. The tournament was a round robin format so players got to play against many different opponents. It was competitive, yet friendly and fun. After our fun competition, everyone joined together for lunch at The Courts patio where we had lots of chatter and laughter. The event was a total success.

Reaching the final championship match were the teams of Tito Calderon/Stan Lam and Larry Zimmerman/Hilario Luna, with Tito/Stan emerging as the winner, and Larry/Hilario as the runner-up. Coming in second

place from the two ladders were the teams of Larry Martin/Chikako Ferguson and Brian Flowers/Bernadette Chance.

Special thanks to Lizzie Gallegos who spearheaded this very successful event. Not only did Lizzie work extremely hard to organize every little detail for the day, she even made a generous donation of a DJ so everyone could enjoy lively music while playing tennis. Some of the lady players even snuck in a few fancy dance moves in between games. Can't really say the same for the guys though. Sorry guys. We are just not as talented as the ladies!

Once again, Howard Levine made and donated all the beautiful medals to the tournament. Thank you, Howard, for your generosity! Also, a big thanks to Phyllis Kates for designing the beautiful TennisFest logo.

As evidenced in the photos here, Sheryl Beckman and Yana Whittinghill did a marvelous job taking many pictures

throughout the event. You can log onto the Four Seasons Tennis Club website and check out all their great work.

Last but not least, a big applause to all the volunteers who help put together this event and make it very enjoyable. They included Chuck Beckman, Sheryl Beckman, Liliana Simanton, Nancy Walker, Josie Beauchamp, Bernadette Martin, Larry Martin, Padoo Peralta, Rebecca Flowers, Brian Flowers, and yours truly. Without their tireless effort, this event would not have happened.

See you all at The Courts. For more info, visit our website at sites.google.com/view/tennis-fourseasons/home. ~ Stan Lam, (714) 757-2141, slamcpa@gmail.com



Tournament Group Picture



Winners Stan Lam and Tito Calderon



Runners-up Larry Zimmerman and Hilario Luna



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Above: Cruising on the river in a pontoon is always a highlight of our trip



Top right: Dave Roldan checking out the Tiki hut after a delightful pontoon ride

Right: Breakfast at the Road Runner with Rich and Ann Williams, Sharon and Larry Haig, Nancy and Mike Ley, and Jim and Linda Marsh. Food was great but company was better



ALL SEASONS RV

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. It is hard to believe we are wishing all of our friends and neighbors in Four Seasons a very Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and happiness.

The RV Club has been active in October and November. Some of our members made their annual October trip to the Colorado River. Others spent time at Lake Elsinore and reports are they had a fabulous time. The next trip was to Borrego Springs in early November. December is always quiet with the exception of our annual Christmas party which will be Dec. 14 at 5 pm at The Courts. If you have any questions with regard to our club and/or future RV trips, contact Bob Cooper at (951) 769-6352 or Larry Zimmerman at (909) 553-2798.

Best wishes for a blessed holiday season.
~ Ann Williams, annwilymz@yahoo.com

8-BALL CLUB

The Four Seasons 8-Ball Club is now holding its two in-house tournaments each month, an 8-Ball tournament and a 9-Ball tournament. In the future (once it safe to do so), we hope to again play four additional tournaments each month, two with Hemet (Solera) and two Beaumont (Solera). Each community travels to Four Seasons once each month and we travel to their community once each month. We have a great time, win, or lose, but we prefer the win. Here's hoping that in the new year we can start the traditional match ups once again.

The 8-Ball Club would like to give a big shout out to its two new members who bring a lot of new talent to the club. A big WELCOME to Kim Samuel and Joy Collins.

In October, the 8-Ball Club held two in-house tournaments. In the 8-ball tournament we had nine players competing. Larry Rice went undefeated winning the final match against Leo Babin. Larry was lucky to come away with the win as Leo has really stepped up his game in recent months. He is probably the most improved player in the club and all the club members say his bank shots were awesome. I don't know how Leo does it. Congratulations to Larry Rice, this month's 8-Ball champion and to Leo Babin, runner up.

In the 9-Ball tournament, we again had 9 players competing. Larry Rice again went almost undefeated. Larry sent Kim Samuel to the loser bracket in the third round of play. In the final match Kim Samuel came back to give Larry his first trip to the loser bracket. This led to a rematch with Kim Samuel winning with cheers and congratulations from the crowd. Congratulations to Kim Samuel, this month's 9-ball champion and to Larry Rice, runner up.

Currently the 8-Ball Club plays or practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights 6:30 to 9 pm. If you're new to the game or have played before, stop by and give us a try. Just walk in and ask for Del or Larry.

The 8-Ball Club welcomes new members who would like to learn and play pool to join us. There is a calendar of our events in the Billiards Room on the 8-Ball Club bulletin board. Just stop by and check us out.

If you have any questions about the 8-Ball Club, contact one of the officers: Captain Del Lyles, Sr. at (951) 845-5114 or Co-Captain Larry at Rice at (951) 236-1156. If there is no answer, leave a message and we'll get back to you. ~ **Larry Rice**

CURLY CUES BILLIARDS

Ladies, if you're looking for something to do on Monday mornings, come join us. We play from 10 am to 12 pm at The Lodge. Curly Cues is a ladies only billiards group and players of all levels are welcome! We have some awesome ladies who are more than willing to help you with your skills and we also welcome advice from the more experienced players.

Many in our group have been with Curly Cues since the very

beginning. It's a great way to meet new people and make friends, many lasting friendships have been formed over the years.

We are missing one of our favorite ladies, Dianne Rothberg, and hope she can return to us soon.

We look forward to seeing you!

For more information contact, Pat Semler (714) 325-5280 or Leta Ramirez, (626) 695-0798. ~ **Oleta Ramirez**

BILLIARDS FOR FUN

Our October In-House Tournament yielded two outstanding players for the winners playoff. Bob Rector had accumulated a slate of wins, as did Rick Steckler. So the two out of three playoffs began. And ended quickly. Rick Steckler won the first two games, which earned him the first place title. Equally talented Bob Rector took second place.

We have one more tournament on Nov. 30, the results of which will be announced in the January issue of the *Breeze*. If you are interested in joining a great group of billiards players, 2022 would be the ideal time. We meet every Tuesday, offering two sessions: 11 am to 1 pm, or 1 to 3 pm. Please come join us! ~ *Eileen Antoine, (951) 922-6829, egcellent@msn.com*



Bob Rector, second place and Rick Steckler, first place winners of our October In-House Tournament

WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS

We are completely open and excited that we are back "live" in the Billiards Room. Thank you for adhering to the Guidelines and making the Billiards Room a safe and healthy environment while we were getting back to near normalcy.

The Wild Bunch consists of some of the best players in the league: Joe Spinella, Bob Rector, Mike Corbett, Carlos Rivera, LeRoy Wright, Rick Steckler, Scott Frymire, Dave Martin, Verina Rector, and Gracy Luna.

If you want to play serious, competitive pool, we invite you to come by the Billiards Room Friday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30 pm and join in the stimulation of competitive play. We invite Sun Lakes and Solera to join us, and they bring their best game for some exciting competition.

Looking forward to seeing you! ~ *Gracy Luna, gracyluna@aol.com, (951) 292-3524*

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SHUFFLEBOARD

Now that the holiday season is upon us and we are experiencing cooler weather, we continue to play on Mondays and Saturdays at 9 am (weather permitting) at the existing shuffleboard courts at The Lodge. Since the last article, more progress has been made on the four new shuffleboard courts. Cement has been poured creating the proper water/moisture drainage and also creating a physical separation between the four courts. We continue to work with the Board of Directors and FirstService Residential to complete the work on the courts making them safe and playable. Hopefully by the spring of 2022 we can initiate play on the new courts.

Our attendance has been growing and we would like to continue

to welcome new players. Join us after your breakfast at home or have breakfast at the Kopper Kettle after we finish playing. We usually play between an hour to an hour and a half. It is a fun and competitive activity that is not very physically demanding. Everyone pretty much started out as a beginner. We choose different teams every time we play and this gives all of us a chance to get to know fellow residents and enjoy the social and physical benefit of being part of this easy outdoor activity.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact Marty Rotman at (310) 948-1693 or email mrtmj@aol.com. ~ **Marty Rotman**

HORSESHOE CLUB

Happy Holidays everyone! Seems this year has slipped away so fast, unlike last year, but when you're busy and having fun, time does fly. Our club did have one final tournament in October with the winners as follows:

Singles competition winners: First Place, Rich Yanes; Second Place, Dave Thomason; and Third Place, Lee Bourdet.

Doubles competition winners: First Place, Emile Pelletier and Paul Plamondon; Second Place, Harry Henderson and Ron Erickson.

It's been a great year for us and hopefully the renovation of the horseshoe pits will be completed by 2022. We're looking forward to 2022 and hoping some of you will come on out and join us. We play at The Summit every Wednesday at 9 am (fall/winter) and 8 am (summer). Our contacts are Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, rejlerickson@sbcglobal.net or Gary Christie at (951) 845-0520, goldtoy@earthlink.net. ~ **Ron Erickson**

Winners for the Doubles Competition



*Emile Pelletier and Paul Plamondon,
first place*



*Harry Henderson and Ron Erickson,
second place*

Winners for the Singles Competition



*L-R Dave Thomason, second place, Rich Yanes,
first place and Lee Bourdet, third place*

BOCCE CLUB

Bocce Ball is played at The Summit on Tuesday at 9 am and also on Friday at 9 am.

We have had some pretty good weather lately as fall turns into winter. Because of that, our turnout for play has been overwhelming with up to six players per team instead of our usual four. We've had some good competition as well as having fun out there on the courts.

I'd like to thank everyone for a great turnout at the BBQ/Potluck we had in October at The Summit. With the Shuffle Board Group participating we had a lot of fun and good food.

If you're interested in coming out to play, please join us as our roster is growing. Any questions call or text me. ~ **Hank Negrete, (909) 747-7987, hanknegrete16@yahoo.com**



Bocce Club BBQ and Potluck

LADIES PUTTERS

Our play days are Mondays at 4 pm and Fridays at 9 am. Come along and see what fun it is to try out your putting skills. We have putters and balls if you do not have your own and there is always a friendly soul there who can get you started.

The weather is cooling down a bit so now would be a perfect time

to get some fresh air and give yourself a new little challenge.

If you would like to practice your skills, you can schedule a time at The Courts.

We look forward to spending some time with you. It usually takes about 45 minutes to an hour. ~ **Susan Wilson sw072153@aol.com**



Happy Holidays from the Ladies Putters!

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4X4 SEASONS

Our October run was to the Meccacopia Jeep Trail led by Scott Snyder. Scott took us east on I-10 towards Chiriaco Summit where we picked up the Jeep/4x4 trail. Our group of eight navigated the washes and gullies, then we climbed a few hills and enjoyed beautiful desert views. We found a well-maintained burial/ memorial sight dated from the 1940s. A compass rose with names and dates carved into it, this was a real surprise find.

We were on the trail about three hours and ended up at the Chevron food court in Mecca, where we grabbed a big table, enjoyed a slightly late lunch, told a few stories, cracked a few jokes and made it back to Four Seasons about 3 pm.

We had a few new “wheelers” this month, Tom and Sue in their well-equipped Jeep JK and Ike in his go anywhere Honda Ridgeline. Welcome to our group.

Thank you Scott and all of our 4x4 Seasons group for another great day in the desert.

If this looks like fun please join us at our regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the RCN Conference Room. We usually go out for a day run the second Thursday, we finalize our runs at the Tuesday meeting.

For information please contact Scott Snyder (562) 714-7252 scottdonaldsnyder@gmail.com or Brian Fusilier (909) 215-2778 bfusilier@verizon.net. ~ **Brian Fusilier**



Orocopia Mountains Wilderness
The western boundary of the Orocopia Mountains Wilderness is contiguous with the Mecca Hills Wilderness with the exception of the Meccacopia Jeep Trail, which bisects the two wilderness areas. The forces of nature have produced a striking landscape here where open valleys, ridges and highly colorful and dramatically eroded canyons are the result of the region's proximity to the San Andreas fault system. Deep canyons and washes cut across the entire area, exposing walls of color shaded from bright red to black. Bighorn sheep, burro deer, desert tortoise and many small upland game species live among the mountains. The spiny-leaved Orocopia sage, Alverson's foxtail cactus, Orcutt's woody aster and the Mecca aster grow unexpectedly in washes, on stony slopes and in gypsum soils. Orocopia Mountains Wilderness is administered by BLM's Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office.

FISHING CLUB

How time flies. By the time you are reading this article I would have gone fishing at Diamond Valley Lake. I went on Nov. 10 with four other guys from Four Seasons. I had to write this article by Nov. 8 so I was not able to tell you about the trip. In the January article I will let you know what happened.

By December, all the local lakes will be planting trout. My wife (at right) said she will start fishing with me again. Boy-oh-boy. That means I will be baiting her hooks and then taking off the fish she catches. What that means is I won't be doing much fishing. That is okay because I love for her to go fishing with me.

Now that the pandemic is in our rear view mirrors, I am sure we will all be going fishing more often.

I took a picture of my wife with her fishing pole. Next month we will hopefully have pictures of actual fish that we caught.

Tight lines to all my fishing friends and remember a new rod and reel is a great Christmas present.
~ **Richard Carrasco, ricarrasco52@gmail.com**



MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Four Seasons Motorcycle Club (MC) recently returned from the annual two-day ride to Jacumba (it's a very small town along the Mexican border about 80 miles east of San Diego). Our route on the first day took us to Pine Valley via Julian which, for the most part, is a very beautiful winding mountain route. Lots of fun on a motorcycle. The route home took us east to Ocotillo then we worked our way into Borrego Springs then to Temecula and home. Four riders made this year's trip: Terry Humble, Scott Snyder, Joe Bert and Jim Ayala. Throughout the ride, I couldn't help but recognize how well we ride together. We have come to know each other's riding habits so well from going on countless rides together resulting in very relaxing and hassle-free safe rides. I guess that's just one of the benefits of being part of a motorcycle club.

Speaking of multi-day rides, our next

multi-day riding adventure will happen this coming May when we will be heading out for a five day ride to the Grand Canyon. At this time we have five members committed to this ride (Terry Humble, Jim Ayala, Scott Snyder, Joe Bert and Tim Mixon). Also, Rick Brower will be joining us on this ride and he tells us that he may be inviting some friends to join us. Rick is a founding member of the Four Seasons MC. He recently moved to Henderson, Nev., so it will be nice to have him along on the ride.

By the way, the Four Seasons MC isn't just about going on multi-day rides. If you are thinking about joining the Four Seasons MC, just know that we also go on weekly day rides. Weather permitting, we try to head out every Thursday for a group ride. We depart promptly at 9 am from The Lodge parking lot and the routes vary each week. These rides are generally 100 to 200 miles

in length so we find ourselves back home by mid-afternoon. The MC also meets monthly at The Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. The agenda usually includes planning for our multi-day rides as well as talking about destinations for the month's weekly rides. Scott Snyder is the club's safety officer. The agenda always includes a short presentation from Scott on motorcycle riding safety related issues. Scott has lots of years of riding experience, so we appreciate his expertise on tips for safe riding. Thanks Scott!

If you would like to know more about the Four Seasons MC, feel free to call Club President Terry Humble (909-706-2298) or Club VP Jim Ayala (951-392-6259) or Club Secretary Joe Bert (909-767-1484). ~ **Jim Ayala**



Terry Humble out in front followed by Jim Ayala and Joe Bert



Taking a break on the way to Jacumba. L-R: Scott Snyder, Terry Humble, Jim Ayala and Joe Bert



PINOCHLE FOR FUN

Whether you are an experienced player or brand new, we will help you enjoy the game. We meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 12 noon in RCN Activity Room 1. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either Karen Farmer at (951) 313-6149 or Floyd Reid at (951) 317-3127. ~ **Karen Farmer**, kfarmer@dc.rr

PAN

We are looking for players, substitute players, and people who are interested in learning the game. I am happy to teach anyone who wishes to learn the game, either individually or in a small group, your home or mine. Pan is a card game, much on the order of gin in some respects, and played with up to eight people at a table. It is played by both men and women, so all are welcome. The game can be played in the day, evening, in a room in The Lodge or in private homes. If you are interested, please call Linda Mendelson, at (951) 941-9100, or email Goldtoy@earthlink.net, and I will answer any questions you may have. As are all card games, it is played with both skill and luck. ~ **Linda Mendelson**

CO-ED BID WHIST

Greetings everyone! We can now resume meeting and playing Bid Whist. It will be so good to see everyone again. I can't wait to 'catch up' socially with fellow members as we get our groove back on. Do note: there has been a change per our meet days. We will now meet on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm in the RCN, room # 3. Our group offers a satisfying game environment filled with good cheer, good natured 'trash talking' and some great music. So, 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. ~ **Roxanne Williams**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP

As I write this article, things are still in flux. Hopefully, we will have resumed our Saturday morning play by the time you read this note.

As always, send an email to me if you're interested in discussion of Duplicate Bridge activity or would like to learn to improve your game, or are interested in Duplicate Bridge at Four Seasons. ~ **Kirk Freyermuth**, kafreyer@frontier.com

BRIDGE FOR FUN

If you are thinking of new activities, consider learning to play Bridge. We are a fun and easy-going group. We play every Wednesday at noon in the Game Room. For more information contact Verina Rector at (951) 769-1687. ~ **Lois L. Butler**

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 any questions or would like to become the contact for Hearts, please contact The Lodge front desk.

RUMMIKUB

Do you miss playing your favorite tile game, Rummikub? We sure miss seeing old friends and making new ones while playing this fun, fast-paced game.

We play Mondays from 2 to 4 pm in the Game Room at The Lodge. We welcome old pros and newcomers alike and are always happy to teach the game to anyone who is interested. So come out and meet your neighbors and have a great time.

If you have any questions I can be reached at retiredatlast@outlook.com. ~ **Caryn McSweeney**



MAH JONGG

Hello all! We are now playing Mah Jongg in the RCN every Friday morning from 10 am to 12 noon. Hope you can join us. The great part is that you do not have to commit to every Friday.

If you are interested in learning this game, we arrange periodic lessons and have a table designated for new players.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange an introductory lesson, please contact Terry Hall at Terryhall005@gmail.com. ~ **Terry Hall**

DOMINOES

We have a winner for October. Congratulations to Robert Steen (pictured at right) with 20 wins. Robert has not won for the month in a while, but came back strong. Again, congratulations. We play dominoes Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 pm. For more information contact Jesse at (951) 769-2035 or Reggie at (951) 743-3584. ~ **Wondell Collins**



PHASE 10

The goal is to complete the 10 phases that are established for the game one round at a time. These phases include 'sets' of cards (all the same number) and 'runs' (cards in a sequence). There are also Wild cards and Skip cards during play.

We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2 to 4 pm in The Lodge Game Room. All are welcome from the experts to the newcomers. We usually draw numbers for the players for each table so that we can share the friendship around. Snacks are provided but bring your own beverage.

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Bugni (920) 517-2739 or email lamarib77@gmail.com. ~ **Marianne Bugni**



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**



20,000 CANASTA

We hope those of you who joined us last month enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed your company. We play Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm in RCN Room 3. ~ **Barbara Goodreau, beloveto3@gmail.com**



BUNCO

Come on out and enjoy the fun every second and fourth Friday at 1 pm in the RCN Main Room. Everyone is welcome. For questions, contact Bre Moreland at brendyluv@gmail.com or Tippi Quiggle at (951) 212-2323. ~ **Tippi Quiggle**

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. Join us. ~ **Pam Morales**

THREE THIRTEEN

Three-Thirteen is a fun and fast-paced card game, played in 11 rounds. A variation of rummy, players meld, using runs and sets of at least three cards. The first player to lay all cards down first receives no points. Then the remaining players lay down their cards, either on the first player's cards or their own. Each round uses a progressive, new wild card, from 3 to Kings. The lowest score wins. Not a lot of rules

to remember and it's quick and easy to learn. Everyone is welcome and we will always have a learner's table, if needed. Days we meet this month are Dec. 7 and 21 at 3 pm in The Lodge Game Room. If you have questions or want to be on the group email reminder list, contact Mike Corbett at micedcor1@gmail.com. ~ **Kris Corbett**

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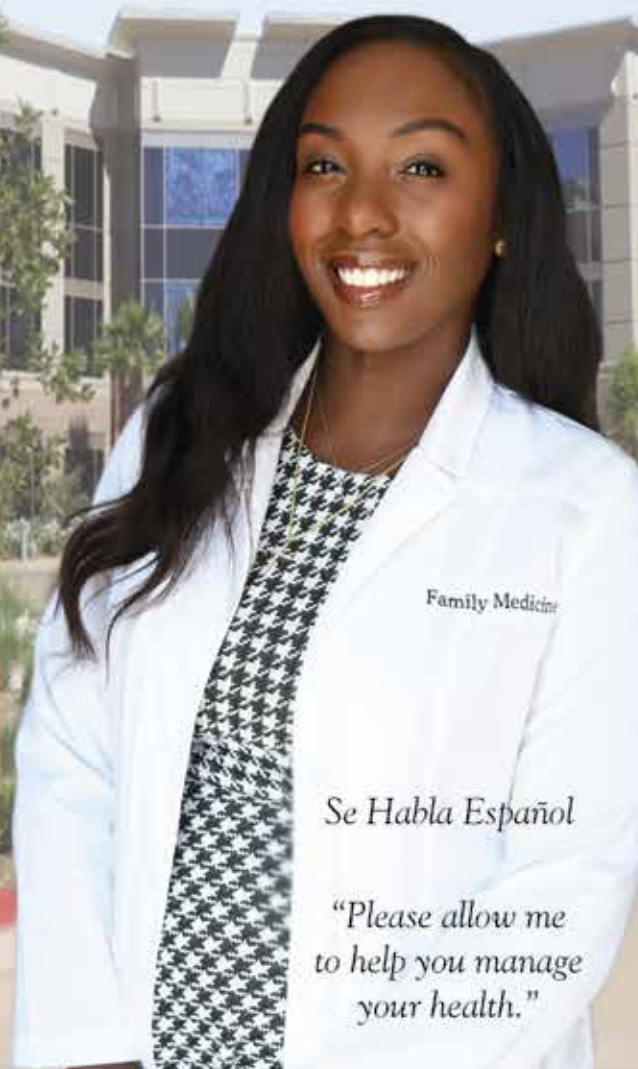
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YOUR COMMENTS

Thank you Breeze! You pack a lot of useful information greatly needed. Linda K.

I really enjoy the Breeze! Informative and fun to see our neighbors in activities. Love the jokes! Lois B.

Funny! Marianne B.

Happy Holidays to Four Seasons! Bob B.



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Farewell to Four Seasons Friends

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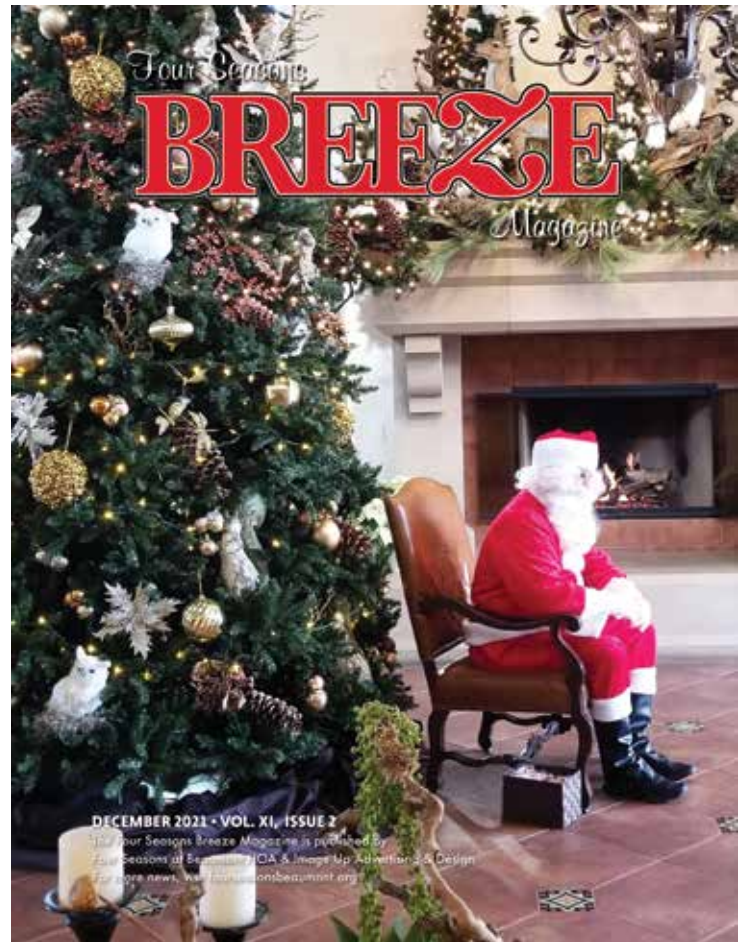
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