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&
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MARCH 7TH 2025

TICKET SALES AVAILABLE
AT THE EVENTS DEPARTMENT IN
MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30AM - 11AM & 1PM - 4PM

WINE AVAILABLE
FOR PRE-ORDER AT EVENT

Limited Tickets

Wine orders must be submitted by Tuesday, March 11th by 3pm
to the Catering Office located in the Mountain View Clubhouse.

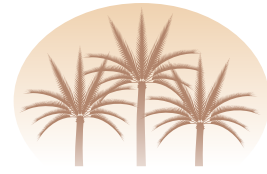
All wines will be available for pick up in the San Jacinto Room on Thursday, March 27th from 12pm-3pm

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Mountain View Clubhouse Reception** (760) 200-2222
front.desk@scpdca.com
- Sunset View Clubhouse Finance Office** (760) 200-2100
HOA Payment Information (760) 200-2100
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- Fitness Center Mountain View** (760) 200-2232
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- Restaurant Cali Café** (442) 282-8209
- Restaurant Daily Grind/Martini's** (760) 200-2235
- RV Lot Information** (760) 200-2150
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- Burrtec** (760) 340-2113 or 324-1741
- Dewey Pest Control** (760) 343-2912
- Spectrum Customer Service** 1-833-697-7328
- Vector Control** (760) 342-8287
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- Pulte Customer Service** (949) 255-1650
- Pulte Warranty Service** *SoCalService@delwebb.com*
All warranty issues and questions must go through this email.

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SUN CITY PALM DESERT

Community Association

38180 Del Webb Blvd., Palm Desert, CA 92211

Hours of Operation

Mountain View Clubhouse

Daily • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunset View Clubhouse

Daily • 8 a.m.– 8 p.m.

Lake View Recreation Center

Daily • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Community Association Office

Monday – Friday • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Events Office and News & Views

Monday – Friday • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Postal Center

Monday – Friday • 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Gate Hours

Main Gate • Open 24 Hours

All Other Gates • Open 5 a.m. – Midnight

North Gate • Manned 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Mountain View Fitness Center/Indoor Pool

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Outdoor Pool

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Swipe Card Access • 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Children's Pool Hours (ages 4 – 17)

Outdoor Pool • Daily • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Indoor Pool • Daily • Noon – 3 p.m.

Lake View Fitness Center

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Pool • Adults Only (age 18+)

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Swipe Card Access • 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Resort Pool (Sunset View Pool) • Adults Only (age 18+)

Swipe Card Access Only • 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times.

Newcastle Pool

Children's Hours • Daily • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Dog Park Hours • 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Boulevards • Tuesday – Sunday • 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Cali Café • Monday – Friday • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday • 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Daily Grind • Monday – Friday • 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.





Executive Update

BY CLINT ATHERTON
GENERAL MANAGER

It's hard to believe that we are now in March and spring is just around the corner! It feels like just the other day that we were gearing up for "season," finishing summer projects and prepping for things like turf grass overseeding. We now are planning for the upcoming summer projects and looking at the transition from winter rye to Bermuda grass as the temperatures continue to climb. We are hoping for a smoother transition than last year, as it was this time a year ago that I was writing about the impact of tropical storm Hillary. At the time of this writing, we have rain in the forecast, but it is not anticipated to be at that level.

As far as summer projects go, we are in the process of planning those as well. At the February Board meeting, the Board approved the remodeling of the Mountain View and Sunset View Clubhouses. Many of the items in the clubhouse have not been altered since they were originally built so this will be a welcome refresh! The Mountain View remodel will be the following areas: the entry lobby, hallways, Sierra Ballroom, Ventana, Daily Grind/Martinis, Saddleback and Idyllwild rooms. Essentially, it will cover all the meeting rooms and common areas in the clubhouse. The club rooms such as the technology center, ceramics, art, etc., and the Postal Center will not be worked on as their remodel budgets are set in the reserve study for future years.

In the Sunset View Clubhouse, the following areas will be remodeled: the hallway by the Finance Department, the Palms and Oasis rooms (including the small kitchen area), and the library and small sitting area next to the library by the fireplace. Essentially, it will be the rest of the clubhouse starting from the lobby entrance of Boulevards going east. As for Speakers Hall, there is a plan to remodel that as well but, as it is a separate line item in the budget, we plan to bring that remodel forward to the Board for the March or April Board meeting. We plan to do the work this summer. Please keep an eye out for emails regarding when work will happen in each clubhouse. As a result of the work being done, we will need to relocate or potentially cancel some club meetings based on room availability. Irma and the team will work as diligently as possible not to disrupt the routine of the clubs and committees. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. If you are curious about the overall look of the remodel, you can see the virtual rendering on our website at SCPDCA.com. From the home page it is under the Community Association Info drop down under the Projects label.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

BY ARMANN ROHDE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

THROUGH DECEMBER 2024



December 2024 financials were presented to the Finance Committee on Friday, January 31. December finished the month down (\$19K) to budget, \$100K actual vs. \$119K budget. Golf Shop revenue is down and missed budget in December by (\$19K), \$487K actual vs. \$507K budget. Total golf rounds for December are up 108; however, revenue is down (\$21K) for the month. 18-hole rounds are down (234) rounds and down (\$32K). Year-to-date, Golf Shop is (\$183K) down to budget.

Food & Beverage revenues are down to budget by (\$60K) for the month of December, \$287K actual vs. \$347K budget. Daily Grind is down (\$1,545), Catering is down (\$42), and Boulevards is down (\$58,579). Food & Beverage did manage their flow-thru of expenses in Boulevards. With revenues being down (\$58K), they decreased \$18K on their cost of

sales and \$22K on their salary and wages. Year-to-date Boulevards is up \$38K to budget, (\$254K) actual vs (\$292K) budget. Boulevards remains closed on Mondays.

As of January 29, HR has 10 positions on the Open Positions Report, including 1 AV Set-up, 1 Boulevards, 1 Common Area, 1 Finance Accounts Receivable, 3 Facilities Maintenance positions and 3 Golf Course Maintenance positions.

Sixteen homes closed escrow in December. Reserve Replenishment Assessment (RRA) revenue is \$40,032 for December and fiscal year-to-date revenue is \$303,871.50.

Rolling forecasts were prepared this month including 6 months actual and 6 months forecast. Currently, we are slightly under budget for the fiscal year on the Operations Statement. However, on the Consolidated Statement of Operations, which includes the Spectrum Rebate, (restricted for the Solar Project), we continue to make budget.

Managers continue to review their financials and will look for opportunities to increase revenues and decrease costs.

The Association remains in a sound financial position.

	Year-to-Date thru December 31, 2024			Forecast for Year ending June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues						
Assessments and Other Income	\$ 11,679,836	\$ 11,606,165	\$ 73,671	\$ 23,240,621	\$ 23,205,355	\$ 35,266
Less: Reserve Assessments	(2,346,140)	(2,346,140)	-	(4,692,281)	(4,692,281)	-
Golf Shop	1,708,660	1,891,920	(183,260)	4,499,460	4,780,496	(281,036)
Food and Beverage	1,276,930	1,583,577	(306,647)	3,397,768	3,704,415	(306,647)
Communications	177,112	160,000	17,112	301,112	284,000	17,112
Post Office	121,199	151,583	(30,384)	232,474	262,456	(29,982)
Fitness	2,960	1,500	1,460	4,510	3,050	1,460
Gross Operating Revenues	12,620,557	13,048,605	(428,048)	26,983,664	27,547,491	(563,827)
Direct Operating Expenses						
Golf Shop	483,785	530,013	46,228	1,175,930	1,217,218	41,288
Food and Beverage	1,641,405	1,978,465	337,060	4,078,688	4,400,013	321,325
Communications	238,049	243,531	5,482	455,694	460,233	4,539
Post Office	144,667	188,873	44,206	328,313	364,652	36,339
Fitness	356,861	365,733	8,872	790,302	787,445	(2,857)
Total Direct Operating Expenses	2,864,767	3,306,615	441,848	6,828,927	7,229,561	400,634
Net Operating Revenues	9,755,790	9,741,990	13,800	20,154,737	20,317,930	(163,193)
Indirect Operating Expenses						
Administration	1,825,184	2,075,726	250,542	4,229,885	4,433,117	203,232
Community Patrol	789,516	802,379	12,863	1,627,401	1,608,205	(19,196)
Finance	541,191	604,780	63,589	1,264,818	1,291,340	26,522
Information Systems	245,495	273,386	27,891	579,088	574,245	(4,843)
Common Area Maintenance:						
Facilities	1,814,551	1,912,888	98,337	4,089,025	4,052,243	(36,782)
Grounds - General Use	1,476,315	1,440,758	(35,557)	3,056,743	2,996,766	(59,977)
Grounds - Golf Course	2,854,564	2,972,014	117,450	5,390,554	5,361,997	(28,557)
Total Indirect Operating Expenses	9,546,816	10,081,931	535,115	20,237,514	20,317,913	80,399
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	208,974	(339,941)	(548,915)	(82,777)	17	82,794
Cable Rebate - Designated Income	199,400	-	(199,400)	398,800	-	(398,800)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ 408,374	\$ (339,941)	748,315	\$ 316,023	\$ 17	\$ 316,006



Board of Directors' Meeting Report · 2-4-25

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS

25-02-100 – Authorize Guralnick & Gilliland, Attorneys at Law, as the Association’s attorney and agent, to execute and record an assessment lien on Account #304076 pursuant to the Association’s Collection Policy. *(Howser/ Long, carried unanimously)*

25-02-101 – Approve revised bylaws for the Mountain Vista Men’s Golf Club, a Sun City Palm Desert Charter Club. *(Howser/Rheuban, carried unanimously)*

25-02-102 – Approve proposed changes to the SCPDCA Club Rules and Regulations to include detailed guidelines for Equipment and Facility Usage. *(Long/Rogoff, carried unanimously)*

25-02-103 – Approve the Budget Calendar for 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. *(Bennetts/Howser, carried unanimously)*

25-02-104 – Approve Carlsen & Ferris, APC to perform the financial statement audit and prepare the Association’s federal and state tax returns for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for an estimated fee of \$28,000. Also, to prepare Form 571L and perform the audit of the Association’s 401k plan for plan year ending December 31, 2024, for an estimated fee of \$8,000. Total estimated fee is \$36,000. *(Bennetts/Rheuban, carried unanimously)*

25-02-105 – Direct SCPDCA staff to select a contractor for interior refurbishment of the Mountain View Clubhouse, based upon the Design Committee’s approved plans by Stephen Teeter Design Group. Staff will present proposals at the board meeting. This refurbishment, aligning with the aesthetic style of the newly renovated Boulevards Restaurant, will include replacing floor coverings, painting walls and ceilings, updating furniture and installing new decorative light fixtures in the common areas and meeting rooms. Total project cost including FF&E and contingencies is \$2,015,408; \$828,158 more than set aside in the reserve study. *(Long/Rheuban, carried unanimously)*

25-02-106 – Direct SCPDCA staff to select a contractor for interior refurbishment of the Sunset View Clubhouse, following the Design Committee’s approved plans by Stephen Teeter Design Group. Staff will present proposals at the board meeting. This refurbishment, aligning with the aesthetic style of the newly renovated Boulevards Restaurant, will include replacing floor coverings, painting walls and ceilings, updating furniture and installing new decorative light fixtures in the common areas and meeting rooms. Total project cost including FF&E and contingencies is \$542,816; \$7,116 more than set aside in the reserve study. *(Bennetts/Rheuban, carried unanimously)*

25-02-107 – Authorize execution of a service agreement with GoAccess Control to modernize the community’s electronic access platform, replacing the existing ABDi database and GateAccess.net visitor management system. GoAccess Platform Subscription Service Agreement \$1,495/mo. 1x Guest Lane Cloud License Plate and A.I. Recognition Enhancement \$249/mo. + \$99/mo. any additional LPR cameras with a onetime cost for Data Export/Import & Quality Control \$5,000. *(Bennetts/Howser, carried unanimously)*

The complete approved minutes of the Board of Directors’ Meetings are located in the Library and on the SCPDCA website.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
TUESDAY, MARCH 4 · 2 PM**

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS
TO ATTEND THIS MEETING
IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM**

March						
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PALM DESERT**

Community Association

2024-25 Board of Directors

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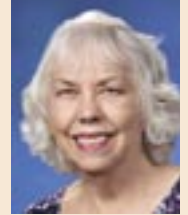
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LET'S TALK

Tuesday, March 18



At 1 PM



Ventana



Mountain View Clubhouse



**STEVE
RHEUBAN**

Treasurer



**GREG
HOWSER**

Director

This is your monthly opportunity to share information with members of the Board, Administrative Staff, Delegates, Committee Chairpersons and other residents in attendance.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK



National Prescription
Drug

Take Back Day

Mountain View Clubhouse

SATURDAY

April 26TH

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.
Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.
visit [DEATakeBack.com](https://www.DEATakeBack.com)





Community Patrol

BY ERIK STACKLIE
 COMMUNITY PATROL DIRECTOR
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While You Are Away — Are you going out of town? Fill out an out-of-town form at the Mountain View Clubhouse. A Community Patrol Officer will conduct an exterior check of your house at least once a week and notify you if there is a change in status or in case of an emergency until your return. Remember to fill out *all* the information, especially an emergency contact and your expected return date. Have a safe trip and we look forward to your return.

Updating Your Information — Updating your phone number(s) helps the gate officers immensely. When a guest or vendor arrives to come to your address, the officers have had to deny access at times due to the inability to contact you. Updating the phone numbers will help expedite your guests/vendors and keep the traffic from building up at the gates.

Garage Doors — Garage doors must always remain closed, except while working in the garage. The garage door may be partially open 1–2 feet during the summer for ventilation. Community Patrol will call you if your garage door is open. If there is no answer, they will leave a message. The Community Patrol will *not* close your garage door.

Feeding Wildlife — As a reminder, do not feed, supply water, or perform any other act of harboring wildlife (including ducks, pigeons, coots, geese, other waterfowl, or roadrunners) within the community. However, you may feed other birds such as songbirds, hummingbirds, and other similar types of birds. If you are feeding songbirds, please ensure there is a form of food trap to keep it from falling on the ground. This will keep it from attracting pigeons from gathering and feeding in your area. Your neighbors will be very thankful.

Quarterly Meeting — Come join myself and the Public Safety Committee members on March 21 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Ventana room at the Mountain View Clubhouse for coffee and discussion on what has happened in January and February, and things that may concern you. We are here to answer your questions. If we do not have an immediate answer, we will get your information and get back to you as soon as possible. Seated is limited.

Pet Rescue Info

I.D. collars should be worn by every pet. It is recommended that you also have your pet microchipped. If you lose or find a pet, notify the Main Gate (360-6026); they will contact an animal rescue volunteer.

Be sure to register your pet!

To download the form from the SCPDCA website, click on *Documents & Forms*, then scroll down to *Pet Registration Form*.

If you are a member of One Group at Sun City Palm Desert, you can also post a LOST/FOUND DOG/CAT notice with breed, color, size, location and phone number.

Trash Pick Up • Tuesdays

Trash containers may be put out no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before pick up and must be taken in by midnight the day of pick up.

When a holiday falls on a Monday* or Tuesday, service will be delayed one day.

* Memorial Day, May 26

* Labor Day, September 1

Posted Stop Signs

Posted stop signs are meant for golf carts and bicycles, too.

Citations will be issued for failure to stop. Riding bicycles on the sidewalks is NOT permitted at any time!

Prevent Rust Stains on Driveways

One of the main reasons for rust stains on driveways is due to washing golf carts on driveways. Acid from batteries drips onto the driveway which causes unsightly rust.

VIOLATION SUMMARY • JANUARY 2025

CITATIONS ISSUED

Excessive Speed	198
Vehicle Parked on the Street Overnight	32
Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign	26
Vehicle Blocking the Sidewalk	23
Trash Container	13
Vehicle Parked in Restricted Area	4
Other	2
Illegal Handicap Parking	1
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	1
Dog Barking Excessively	1
Monthly Total	301



Activities Update

BY JULIE POPE
ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR
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February brought more than just candy hearts, roses, and the colors red, pink and white—it also brought BINGO success! BINGO fun will continue every month and throughout the summer. Additionally, Trivia will make a return for the next two months.

Our off-site monthly trips will resume in March. Ticket sales for the Brewery Tasting began on February 24, with the travel date set for March 25. Tickets for THE HUNTINGTON will go on sale starting March 12, with a travel date of April 30. Let's ensure we fill these buses so we can keep the fun rolling!

Get your travel shoes ready and enjoy the month ahead! I look forward to seeing you all.



GET ON THE BALL ...

BINGO

IS HERE

AND IT WILL "B" A
"NUMBER" OF FUN!



THURSDAY, MARCH 6 TH
VENTANA 2:00 - 4:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 24 TH
VENTANA 12:00 - 2:00 PM

\$15 TICKETS ON SALE - STARTING FEBRUARY 27TH
IN THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE ACROSS FROM THE COMPUTER LAB
8:30 - 11:00 AM & 1:30 - 4:00 PM

Beer We Go!

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Bus Trip to:

Ritual Brewing & Escape Craft Brewing

Ticket includes: Bus, Tour, Tastings, & Food

Tickets \$95

Load at 9:30 am - Depart at 10 am

Return on or before 5:30pm



Tickets on sale now in the Activities Office across from the Technology Center



Sun City Singers

Present

High Hopes

Songs of Positivity & Optimism

Singers & Musicians
directed by Bruce Mangum

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 7 pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 2 pm

Sierra Ballroom, Mt. View Clubhouse

\$25 all seats reserved

Ticket sales in Postal Center Lobby
Start Wednesday, Feb. 12, 9 am-Noon,
Then M-F thru March 14.

For information: Frank Denson
(818) 415-0291, fdenson3373@gmail.com

**Italian Rat Pack Show
Starring**

**Frank DiSalvo,
Maximo Marcuso &
Michael D'Angelo**



**Tuesday March 18, 2025
Sun City Palm Desert
7 to 9 pm - \$25**

**Tickets available on Eventbrite,
at the door - cash or check payable to IHC
no credit card payments accepted
No host bar available**



Sun City Palm Desert
Home & Garden Club

Presents the
12th Annual



Home and Garden Tour: Inspiring Spaces

Saturday, March 22, 2025  **8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Come join us to see Sun City Palm Desert's most inspirational homes and gardens.

Tour ticket order forms are available in all clubhouse kiosks and on the Club website.
Questions about tickets? Contact Cheryl Chandler at 503-590-5922 or scpdtour@gmail.com.

Tickets on sale in Mountain View Clubhouse

March 3rd and 11th 9 a.m. – Noon March 5th and 13th Noon – 3 p.m.
Dates are subject to ticket availability.

SCPD Home & Garden Club Members \$20 SCPD Residents & Guests \$25
www.garden.scpdcaclubs.com

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CAR SHOW

CLASSICS – VINTAGE – MUSCLE – HOT RODS – MOTORCYCLES – EXOTIC – NOVELTY



Saturday, March 22, 2025, 10 AM to 1 PM
Sun City Palm Desert, Mountain View Club House Parking Lot
Vehicle Registration \$25 (Spectators Free) All are Welcome !

Trophies Awarded: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and Peoples' Choice, 12:45 PM.

To Register your Show Vehicle, Fill in the information below, drop in the Car Club Mail Box (Mt. View Club House Mail Box Area) with the \$25 Registration (Payable to: SCPD Car Club). For other Reg. Ways, Email to: tm.walker@comcast.net, or Call 510-506-0121.

Name: _____ **Tel #:** _____ **Email:** _____

Show Vehicle Info: Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____ **Color:** _____



Friends of the Desert Village Initiative

WE'RE CELEBRATING 14 YEARS OF SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

In March we celebrate 14 years of service to our community. Many of us have been a part of this wonderful organization since it was established in 2011. With over 1,000 members we provide help to 16% of the homes in SCPD. Every month members send notes of gratitude for the services our volunteers provide. There are many ways to give back to our community and we honor our great volunteers for the generous contribution of their time to make SCPD a better place to live.

WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

Neighbors 4 Neighbors, Desert Village Initiative volunteers provide extra help with tasks that you used to take for granted:

- Our **GOING MY WAY** volunteers drive members to medical appointments, grocery stores, hair/nail salons or other errands.
- Our **HELPING HANDS** volunteers help with over sixty different fixes. They also perform tasks like replacing smoke detector batteries and replacing the lights over the garage door (batteries and LED light bulbs are free to members).
- Our **JUST CHECKING IN** volunteers will set up a designated time to call you every day to be sure you are okay.
- Our **PET ASSISTANCE** volunteers will help care for your pet if you have a sudden emergency that takes you away from home.

Membership and Volunteer Applications are available in clubhouse kiosks and online at Neighbors4Neighbors.net

Contact Us at:
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or
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Directed by Lisa Lincoln

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Arts and Crafts Show Committee

By Ann Oswald

Spring is here, and it's time to celebrate creativity at the Annual Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale! Join us on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Clubhouse for an event filled with inspiration and artistic flair. This sale showcases the incredible talents of resident artisans and crafters featuring a diverse selection of handmade goods, including vibrant paintings, unique jewelry, exquisite pottery, new books and charming home decor.

Bring your family and friends to explore offerings of one-of-a-kind creations that make perfect gifts or personal treasures. This year, we are excited to continue our tradition by highlighting a featured artist on Saturday, March 29. We are also adding prize drawings each afternoon beginning at 11:45 a.m. and continuing until close. Entry cards will be offered with purchase, no limit and you need not be present to win.

Entrance is free. All ages are welcome! Don't miss this opportunity to support local talent and discover unique pieces that embody the spirit of spring. Mark your calendars and join us for a day of art, community and fun! We can't wait to see you at the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale!



ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW COMMITTEE

Arts and Crafts *Spring* Holiday Sale



Friday & Saturday
March 28-29, 2025
9am to 3pm

MEET FEATURED RESIDENT ARTIST - BEV STONEY



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COMMUNITY DANCE PARTY



Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Sierra Ballroom

Doors open 5:30 pm - Dancing 6:00-8 pm

Music by "DJ" Ronnie Felix

\$15 PP - Open to all Residents!! Limit 4 tickets per person

SNACKS and CASH BAR

Advanced ticket sales starting Monday, March 3rd
8:30 - 11 am and 1:30 - 4 pm

Mountain View Clubhouse - Activities Window

No tickets sold at the door!!



Up in the Air



Join us for a **FREE, memorable evening on Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. in Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse**

Meet your neighbors whose careers were in the airline industry. Listen to their exciting stories, including those on flying, world traveling, war, bomb threats and fires.

Michael Minehan: Retired Lt. Col. who flew for airlines

Janet Minehan: Flight attendant

Cindy Weymiss Rathbun: Flight Attendant and trainer,

Tom Liebermann: Air Force & commercial pilot & instructor

Lou Ann Libermann: Flight attendant

Joel Efron: Director of Reservations, TWA

Tony Polgar: Captain & instructor and FAA examiner

Deneen Polgar: Flight Attendant, purser & instructor

Election Committee

An Uncontested Election – What It Means for You!

By Charlie Thompson, Election Committee

Back in December, the Association announced the opening of nominations for the Board of Directors. Sixty days later, the application period passed... and the only candidates are the four Board incumbents: Randy Dugger, Greg Howser, Tom Liebermann and Sue Rogoff. With our election being uncontested, Randy will be returning for a fourth term, Tom and Greg for their second terms, and Sue, the dean of them all, for a record fifth term.

How does this change the process? Other than simply not voting nor experiencing any campaigning, the process remains as designated. So, how do you learn more about each candidate, their views and their perspectives towards the future of Sun City? How do they differ; or do they?

The Election Rules stipulate that, even if uncontested, we move forward with the “Candidates Forum.” Two separate sessions, each running one to two hours, provide you the opportunity to learn more from each; for you to question them on matters that are particularly important to you. This month’s edition of the *News & Views* includes a 250-word statement from each candidate. With that information under your belt, attending one of the two forums offers you that moment to pursue any questions raised by their statements, or to follow up questions raised during these forums.

SAVE THIS DATE:
Wednesday, March 19
Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse
10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

They will be representing you for the next two years. Your voice will provide input into their decisions impacting the future of our community.

*Mark your calendar for these
Candidate Forums!*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

10 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse

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**Randy
Dugger**
*Incumbent
Candidate*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Board and thank you to all the volunteers who make this community a great place to live.

Budget planning for the coming 25/26 fiscal year has begun. We still have several projects underway including completion of the Solar Project, remodeling of the Mountain View and Sunset View Clubhouses, updating the website for residents and improving the landing pages where the public will be introduced to the community when browsing for homes or a place to retire.

This year, we hired an IT Director to evaluate our current IT infrastructure and make recommendations for improvements. We brought an Activities Coordinator on to help create more opportunities for residents to socialize, including the possibility to travel to specific unique locations as a group. Our management team is also reviewing our IT applications for opportunities to upgrade and improve reporting and tracking and to add any additional features that would create more efficiencies.

We continue to work with CVWD on their water main replacements and improvements to our streets. To the degree that we can anticipate their work, we will focus on other areas to improve our road surfaces.

The Board is committed to maintain SCPD as the premier Active Adult Community in the Valley. I encourage anyone who is interested to submit a Resident Interest form and join a committee. You can make a difference.





**Greg
Howser**
*Incumbant
Candidate*

I am in my 22nd year as a homeowner in Sun City Palm Desert. I moved into Sun City because it is a beautiful community offering every activity imaginable at a reasonable cost. This combination is what distinguishes Sun City from other communities in the Coachella Valley.

My background includes 4 years in US Naval Intelligence, degrees in Finance and Computer Science, 31 years working for a major computer company in financial positions and information technology.

In a prior HOA community I served as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for 4 years, renovating their reserve accounting and keeping the community in good financial standing.

When I moved to Sun City in 2003, I sought ways to remain active in the community. I was on the Racquet Club Board of Directors for 6 years and the Pickleball Club Board of Directors for 2 years (first President). I was on the Softball Club Board of Directors for 12 years, 8 of those as President. I was a Sun City Delegate for District 9 for several years and have always attempted to be an active participant in keeping our community nice.

Most recently I have served as a director on the SCPD HOA Board for the past two years. I have been the liaison to several key committees and attended almost all Finance Committee meetings as an active contributor. Helping the community maintain and enhance the Sun City lifestyle is my goal.



**Tom
Liebermann**
*Incumbant
Candidate*

I graduated from Georgetown and have an MBA from Syracuse. I am a retired Air Force Officer and a Veteran of Vietnam and Golf 1. I retired from Northwest Airlines as a B-747 Captain. I live here full time. I am or have been a member of Boomers and Friends, Wine Tasters, FWCC, Men's Golf, Couples Golf, the Palm Springs Air Museum, and the Living Desert. I have been a President of Men's Golf, Couples Golf, a Block Captain for EPC, an Alternate Delegate, Chairman of the Golf Committee, and for the last two years a Director on the HOA Board.

My wife and I moved here 16 years ago from Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are full time residents and truly love it here. The facilities and amenities are top notch. As the Chairman of the Golf Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors, I have strived to enhance and improve Sun City Palm Desert. For each item that comes up for Board approval I have voted to maintain and enhance the experience for our residents. I ask for your approval for another two years on the Board.



**Sue
Rogoff**
*Incumbant
Candidate*

After living here for 15 years, I continue to be in awe of the well-maintained grounds, activities, amenities, and variety of entertainment opportunities that provide us with a lifestyle that is unique and one of the best in the nation. My motto is "if you don't have anything to do, you don't want to do anything."

Prior to joining the Board, I served on several committees and represented District 14 as their Delegate; subsequently becoming the Council Chair. I am proud that I was instrumental in restructuring the Community Expo to make it a true community event; and, redesigning the New Resident Orientation which I continue to facilitate.

The Board often must make difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions. When making a decision I look at 'both sides of the coin' and above all, consider how decisions affect the overall community and the importance of residents knowing the issues and reasons behind the decisions.

Communication is an important aspect of 'governing' which is why I encourage residents to attend Board, Delegate, and Committee meetings to learn first-hand about the issues we face as a community; and listen to the discussions surrounding our decisions. My second motto is "if you don't participate in the community by attending meetings and/or voting in community elections, you are happy with everything."

It has been a privilege serving on the Board of Directors. I am confident that I can continue to contribute to the community and thank you for your support.

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If you are interested in any Committee vacancies, please stop by the Mountain View Clubhouse and ask for Dean Lining, Resident Services Supervisor, or Irma Lopez, Events Coordinator. Call us at 760-200-2223.

Give back and be a part of this wonderful community.

Committee Reports

CMAC

By Jay Lieberman, Community Marketing & Activities Committee

March roars like a lion and leaves like a lamb. However, the CMAC will continue to roar! As most of you are aware, the movie night and speaker presentations are currently underway. Most Tuesday evenings, there is an event in Speakers Hall in the Sunset View Clubhouse. These performances are free, and the only limitation is seating. Listings for the events and times can be found in the News & Views calendar and the weekly eblasts. Those planning to attend are encouraged to arrive early.

The New Resident Orientations (NROs) continue on a more or less monthly basis. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 18 at 10 a.m. in the Ventana, Mountain View Clubhouse. Following that, there is a NRO scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, also at 10 a.m. in the Ventana, Mountain View Clubhouse. New and older residents are encouraged to attend and learn about the community ins and outs.

Finally, if you have not visited the new SCPDCA website, I would strongly encourage you to do so. Information regarding the community is there, along with listings of current entertainment, upcoming events, club opportunities and HOA information.

Upcoming Events:

- Dance Party – Wednesday, March 19
- Dance Party – Wednesday, April 23
- Cinco de Mayo Party – Monday, May 5

Compliance Committee

By John Westerholm, Member

Handicap Parking

Periodically, the Compliance Committee hears appeals concerning individuals who are in violation of community rules regarding parking in spaces reserved for handicapped persons.

You should know what your license plate or placard allows you to do in our Sun City community. The license plates and placards give you the benefit of parking in spaces specifically designated for disabled individuals. Look for parking spaces with signs that are labeled handicapped parking spaces. In addition, parking is allowed next to a curb that is painted blue. That area is set aside for individuals with disabilities. You may also park next to an area that has a green curb when you must make a quick stop.

You should also be aware of what your California handicap placard or plate *doesn't* allow you to do. **Remember that you**



cannot park in areas with a crosshatch pattern adjacent to a handicapped parking space. The patterned spaces are designated for wheelchair lifts. When parking in handicapped spaces, do not encroach on any area containing a blue crosshatch pattern as this would be considered a parking violation. Do not park at yellow or red curbs, since these areas are for loading and emergency zones, or at white curbs which are used to load and unload passengers.

Please be aware the HOA is working on increasing the number of available handicapped parking spaces at various locations. Thank you for your cooperation!

Library Committee

By Mary Tapley, Chair

Welcome to new volunteer Elke Morgan.

When you are in the Library, please remember to speak quietly so that patrons who wish to read may do so without distractions. Food, drink and talking on cell phones are not permitted in the Library.

Don't hesitate to ask volunteers for assistance in finding a particular book or an author. If no one is available, the following may help you to find a particular books or author:

- Books are categorized based on subject matter (Fiction, Mystery, Romance, Biography, Non-Fiction, etc.) so you may have to look in different categories for a particular book/author. Genre signs are posted at the top of each of the bookshelves.

- Books are filed by the actual author's last name, not by series. Since different authors are taking over series, or assisting in writing them, a series can be found filed under different authors. An example is the Robert Parker's *Jesse Stone* books that are continued and filed under Michael Brandman, Reed Farrel Coleman and Mike Lupica.
- Books written by more than one author are filed under the first author's name.
- When you see duplicates of books on the shelf, those are books published either this year or last year.

The Library is open every day during the hours the Sunset View Clubhouse is open, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Thanks to all who support the Library, either financially, materially or by giving time as a Library volunteer.

Lifestyle Enhancement Committee

By Kathy Krier, Chair · Contact the LEC at (760) 200-2213

My theme this month is "reminders." We all need reminders at times, so here are few from the LEC.

1. Projects — Any time you make a change to the outside of your home or yard, please review the Design Guidelines for direction. Most changes require LEC approvals.
2. Red Sheets — The red permit sheets must be turned into the LEC office upon project completion. This is the only way we know the project has been completed.
3. Red Sheets — Red Sheets must be displayed in view from the street to inform passers-by the project was approved.

Lifestyle Enhancement Committee

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT 760-200-2213

PROJECT SUBMITTALS AND APPROVAL PROCESS

The LEC Committee continues to receive and review exterior projects for their Tuesday meetings. Residents may submit projects the following ways: 1) Email to LECprojects@scpdca.com; 2) First class mail to 38-180 Del Webb Blvd., Palm Desert, CA 92211; or 3) Drop off at the Mountain View Clubhouse HOA Dropbox.

A completed application submittal could take up to 15 business days for approval and processing.

Our LEC Staff is in the office Monday – Friday. They are available via phone and email to help you with any project, violation and/or resale-related questions.

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LEC members may enter your property Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., and try hard not to disturb you.

continued...

- 4. The Design Guidelines include information on what is allowed in your yard. Please ensure you are in compliance.
- 5. Most of our complaints involve issues with encroaching plants and messy yards. Please look around your property to ensure that all is in order.

Thank you. Have a great month and see you around the neighborhood.

Public Safety Committee

By John Westerholm, Member

Golf Cart Fire Safety

Golf carts have become increasingly popular for a variety of uses. However, like any vehicle, golf carts carry the risk of fire. Understanding and implementing proper fire safety measures is crucial to protect users and property.

Several factors can contribute to golf cart fires. The most common causes include:

- a) The batteries and electrical systems golf carts rely on to operate—faulty wiring, short circuits, or damaged battery connections can lead to overheating and sparks, igniting a fire; and
- b) Overcharging the batteries can cause them to overheat and potentially burst into flames.

To minimize the risk of fires, implement the following preventive measures:

- a) Conduct routine inspections of the golf cart’s electrical system, battery connections and fuel lines—look for signs of wear, corrosion, or damage and address them promptly;
- b) Only use chargers recommended by the manufacturer and avoid overcharging—remove the charger once the battery is fully charged and ensure the charging area is well-ventilated; and
- c) Equip the golf cart with a fire extinguisher rated for class B and C fires. Ensure all users know how to use it and that it is readily accessible in an emergency.

If a fire does occur, follow these steps to ensure safety:

- a) Prioritize personal safety and evacuate the area immediately—do not attempt to retrieve personal belongings from the golf cart;
- b) Contact emergency services to report the fire—provide them with the location and any relevant information about the fire; and
- c) If it is safe to do so and you have been trained, use the fire extinguisher to attempt to put out the fire—aim at the base of the flames and use a sweeping motion.

Golf cart fire safety is a critical aspect of ensuring the well-being of users and protecting property.

Emergency Preparedness (EPC)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISTRICT CONTACTS

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- Chair Robyn Mack 760-772-1756
- Vice Chair Jeff MacDonald 310-962-4080

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **SUN CITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** | Thursday, March 6, 9 a.m., Palm, Sunset View. A broad view of our community’s preparations to assist residents in a disaster. Valuable information for *everyone* living in Sun City. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Marla Fee at scpdeoc@gmail.com.
- **EPC DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS** | Wednesday, March 12, 9 a.m., San Geronio, Mountain View. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Robyn Mack at desertrobyn@gmail.com.
- **RADIO TRAINING** | Tuesday, March 25, 10 a.m. For details or contact Scott Morse at skmorse78600@gmail.com.

OTHER MARCH EVENTS

- **STOP THE BLEED** | March 5, 1 p.m.
Contact Robyn at desertrobyn@gmail.com.
- **CPR, AED, FIRST AID TRAINING** | March 26 & 28.
Contact Marlene at mglynn36@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

- **SURVIVING THE BIG ONE** | Thursday, April 3, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sierra Ballroom, Mountain View. Something for everyone interested in preparing for a disaster: speakers, displays, handouts.

VIAL OF LIFE INFORMATION

Contact scpdeoc@gmail.com for Vial of Life and/or medical form insert. Keep your information current.

VISIT EPC ONLINE

For information on EPC & how to be prepared, scan here or go to epc.scpdcaclubs.com.





C.E.R.T. TRAINING RETURNS TO SUN CITY APRIL 4, 5 and 6

C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) is all about building resilient communities, preparing you for the hazards in a disaster that may impact an area where you live. The training course is 20-hours over a weekend in basic disaster skills, such as fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. It is free but you must make reservations.

By Ann Floden



WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF CERT TRAINING?

CERT basic training prepares you to help yourself & help others in the event of a disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, CERT training gives you confidence to respond safely, responsibly and effectively to save lives and protect property. Many of these skills are useful in everyday situations, such as fire suppression and medical treatments. This is education many of us missed as it wasn't being widely taught when we were growing up. By attending the classes, you usually receive a free CERT manual, vest, hard hat and backpack to store your gear in as well as a certification of your training.

WHERE DO YOU GET CERT TRAINING?

The easiest answer is here, in Sun City. Riverside County has recertified our community as a FEMA approved training site. In order to register, contact rivcoready.org/cert/registration and click on Sun City location. There are also other training dates and locations in the valley or nearby.

SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM IN SUN CITY

Most of our Search & Rescue team members are CERTs. The following are some of the things they are trained to do but first, in any of these procedures, volunteers are trained not to injure themselves while helping others.

* PERSONAL SAFETY AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

In a disaster, your first responsibility is your personal safety and that of your family, including pets. Then you can assist your neighbors by conducting damage assessment and identifying those who need help.

* INJURY ASSESSMENT, RENDERING BASIC FIRST AID AND MOVING INJURED PERSONS

Our Search & Rescue team is trained on conducting head-to-toe assessments and treating injuries. If it is necessary to move a person, there are several techniques that ensure the safety of the volunteer and the injured person.

* FIRE SUPPRESSION

Search & Rescue Teams are outfitted with fire extinguishers and other equipment. Their training involves learning to aim the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire and using a sweeping motion. Teams can try to extinguish small fires but do not have equipment to handle large blazes. In a major disaster, water supplies most likely will be cut off and if the fire has gotten too big, the effort will focus on evacuation.

* CRIBBING

Cribbing is a technique emergency responders use to lift heavy objects that could not be otherwise managed by human strength. Briefly, it involves building several pillars with 2 by 4's, wedges and crowbars high enough so the trapped person can be safely removed from underneath the object. This may be more than a two person activity but it is a means the responders can use to safely lift heavy objects.



*CERT Fire Suppression
Class at Sun City*

If you are interested in learning more about CERT training and our Search & Rescue team, contact John at jb38@roadrunner.com and come to one of their meetings.

Disability Awareness Month

By David Search

✓ PREPARE FOR A DISASTER

Before an emergency happens, make a Disaster Plan. You need to do what most people do for basic survival: food, water, clean air and any life sustaining items to maintain your health, safety and independence plus some things unique to your individual needs. You also should prepare to be on your own for several days.

✓ SECURE YOUR SPACE

Request assistance from family, friends or a handyman to identify and eliminate home hazards, such as securing items likely to fall (pictures, bookcases), installing latches on cabinets, eliminating clutter, etc.

✓ PACK A GRAB-N-GO BAG

Prepare a "Grab-N-Go" bag or kit. Assemble supplies you (and any pets or service animals) will need if you must leave your residence for several days to several weeks. Store them in easy to carry containers such as a backpack or duffel bag. Tailor this bag to your specific needs.



✓ ORGANIZE HOME EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

In advance of an emergency event, store and rotate basic supplies which include the essential medications and medical supplies in addition to water and food for yourself and your pets and/or guide dog. The amount of water recommended is 1 gallon per person per day for 2 weeks. Store extra batteries for all your devices. Have at hand a battery-operated, hand-cranked or solar radio and cell phone charger, first aid kit, dust mask, flashlight with extra batteries, whistle to signal for help, wrench to turn off utilities, a manual can opener, sanitation items including plastic bags, local maps, etc. There are many other items to consider and it is suggested you google www.ready.gov/disabilities

DURING AN EARTHQUAKE:

Remember the following safety guide:



Do not try to exit from your home or another building. Time is critical so the safest place is probably where you are. **DROP** where you are, onto your hands and knees, **COVER** your head and neck and if you are under a table or some other shelter, **HOLD ON** with one hand and arm. If you are not under a shelter, **HOLD ON** to your head and neck with both arms and hands. Stay put until the shaking stops.

ADAPTIONS:

If you are in a recliner or bed, stay there. **COVER** your head and neck with your hands and arms or pillow.

If you are using a walker or rollator, **LOCK** your wheels. If the walker/rollator has a seat, sit and **COVER** your head and neck with your hands and arms, book or pillow. Bend over and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops.

If you are using a wheelchair, **LOCK** your wheels and **COVER** your head and neck with your hands and arms, book, or pillow. **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops.

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE/EMERGENCY EVENT:

Earthquakes can and will cause items to fall (there could be lots of broken glass on the floor) and furniture may have shifted which will make navigating around your residence more difficult so move slowly and, if you have a cane available, check for obstacles on the floor. If it is difficult to determine if there are obstacles on the floor, shuffling your feet will reduce your likelihood of falling.





DISASTER TIPS FOR ANY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

- *Wear medical alert tags/bracelets, including communication skills.
- *Carry printed information on your devices for first responders.
- *Plan how you will evacuate with whatever needed assistance and how you will replace it if it's lost, damaged or unavailable.
- *Know the disasters that affect your area & when to shelter in place.

TIPS FOR THE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

- *Mark emergency supplies with Braille labels or large print. Check and rotate routinely.
- *Keep eyeglasses or magnifying devices handy and have extra ones available.
- *Consider your guide dog's needs and make sure you have sufficient food and water for them.
- *If you use a white support cane or a long guide cane, keep extra ones at several locations in the house.
- *If you have low vision, place security lights (ones which come on when power is out) in various rooms and hallways to light paths you travel in case there is a loss of power.



TIPS FOR THE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

- *Have a weather radio with text display and flashing alert. Check out smart phone apps.
- *Keep extra batteries or a portable/solar battery charger for hearing aids or cochlear implants.
- *Keep pen and paper handy to communicate with someone who doesn't know sign language.
- *Have extra charging cords and backup batteries.



TIPS FOR THOSE WITH A MOBILITY DISABILITY

- *If you use a power wheelchair, have a lightweight manual chair available as a backup, if possible.
- *If you are using a power wheelchair, pack the charging cord & portable tire air pump when traveling.
- *If an attendant comes daily to assist you in getting in and out of a chair, have alternate plans (a neighbor or friends) in case the assistant cannot come to assist you.



TIPS FOR THOSE WITH SERVICE ANIMALS

- *Always keep an extra harness/leash and a food/water bowl with your Grab-N-Go bag.
- *Always keep the license and ID tags on your service animal and have it chipped.
- *Always keep copies of certification, documentation, immunization records, medications and veterinarian's contact information in your Grab-N-Go bag.
- *Purchase and practice using booties to protect a dog's paws from heat, glass, etc.
- *Be prepared to use alternate equipment/devices if the service animal cannot provide its normal services.
- *Service animals are allowed in shelters, pets are not. Be prepared to provide documentation and to explain the services that the animal provides.



For specific lists of emergency preparation items, check out our website at epc.scpdcaclubs.com and also check out [Red Cross Disaster Preparations](#), then click on People with Disabilities.



Food & Beverage News

BY ALEX GUILLIANO
FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR



Hello everyone!

First off, a huge **THANK YOU** for your continued support! March is shaping up to be an exciting and busy month for our catering department, and I couldn't be happier.

Let's give a big round of applause to *Chef Rosalba* who's doing an incredible job as our catering Chef de Cuisine. She's constantly learning and improving, as well as lending her talents over at Boulevards, teaming up with Chef Rudy and me to craft some deliciously fresh and exciting menus.

Another shoutout to *Adriana*, our new manager, who has been rocking it at Boulevards. She's quickly mastering the ins and outs of operations and is absolutely thrilled to be part of this amazing team. She and Chef Rosalba tell me how welcoming and kind you all are, so thank you for making them feel right at home.

What's New at Boulevards

- We're now taking *reservations for Happy Hour*:
 - *Parties of 10 or more* – contact me directly to book.
 - *Parties smaller than 10* – first come, first served.
- *Martinis* is back open Monday through Friday with *Happy Hour from 4 – 7 p.m.* We've gotten great feedback and have expanded our spirit selection.
- The *beverage cart* is thriving with new spirits as well as an upgraded sandwich and salad presentation.

Keeping You in the Loop

Many residents said they didn't have info on the interruption tables so, thanks to Irma, they are now included in the Daily News. Just scroll down and you'll see all the latest *Happy Hour happenings at Boulevards*.

New Sunday Fun Day Interruption Table

We're switching things up... *Chicken Fried Rice is out, Maker's Mark BBQ Pulled Pork is in!* Here's my fun idea...

Pulled Pork Sundaes (with pulled pork instead of ice cream): Pulled pork, garlic mashed potatoes, more pulled pork, Maker's Mark BBQ Sauce, sweet and spicy bacon, corn

kernels, sour cream and poached cherry tomatoes on top. Let me know what you think!

Weekly Highlights

- *Tuesdays* – Taco Tuesdays
- *Thursdays* – Sloppy Joe Days
- *Fridays* – Fajita Fridays
- *Sundays* – Sunday Fun Days featuring *Maker's Mark BBQ Pulled Pork*

What's Coming in March

- *Wines of the World (March 7)* Sip, savor, snack and socialize with friends and family!
- *St. Patrick's Day (March 17)* at Boulevards. Specials galore! Don't miss out!

Exciting Changes in the Works

Based on your feedback, we're considering a brand-new *"All-Day" Menu*.

- Instead of separate lunch and dinner menus, we'd have *one streamlined menu*, with certain items marked available after 4:30 p.m.
- No more clunky menu covers—we're going for a *sleek, modern feel*:
 - Front of the menu: Starters, appetizers, salads, sandwiches and entrées.
 - Back of the menu: Wines, spirits, beers and specialty cocktails.

Sushi-Making Classes

Want to roll sushi like a pro? We're launching *Sushi-Making Classes*, Mondays at Boulevards, with a *minimum of 25 people* per session. So, if you have 25 or more people in your group, reach out to me ASAP at 650-521-6322.

Once again, THANK YOU all for your support and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to an amazing month ahead. See you soon!



NEW

SUSHI - MAKING EXPERIENCE

Sushi-Making Experience
Available Mondays at Boulevards Restaurant

Join us for a fun, interactive sushi-making class!
Enjoy delicious food, refreshing drinks, and an unforgettable experience while learning to roll sushi like a pro.

Impress your friends and family by showcasing your sushi-making skills at your next gathering!

How It Works:

Contact us – Chat with our team – Select a date & time
Let us know your group size (25-50 guests)
We handle the rest!

What's Included:

Begin with appetizers, cocktails, and soft drinks.
Gather around the chef's table for a step-by-step introduction to the tools and ingredients.

Learn expert sushi-rolling techniques from our skilled team.

Roll your own sushi with hands-on assistance.
Plate and garnish your creation, then enjoy your homemade sushi.

Want a challenge? Opt-in for our friendly judging and scoring competition!

Come for the sushi, stay for the experience—food, drinks, and team bonding await!



650-521-6322

MONDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Ventana

5PM

HAPPY HOUR DRINKS

- FEATURING -

COMEDY NIGHT
MARCH 17

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
MARCH 11

TIM BRYANT
MARCH 24

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
MARCH 18



MARK TATE
MARCH 31

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
MARCH 25



Advance Ticket Sales
Mountain View Clubhouse
Monday-Friday
8:30am-11am and 1:30pm-4pm

BY GEORGE BOUCHER
ASSISTANT FITNESS DIRECTOR



March's HealthNut is... Donna Reine Taylor!

Born in Oakland, Donna grew up on a grape ranch in northern California. She has been married to her husband, Mark Dougherty, for 36 years with two children and four grandchildren. Donna and Mark have been residents of Sun City since 2017.

After the birth of her two sons, Donna continued her education, earning an associate's degree from the College of Marin near San Francisco. She then graduated from Rudolf Schaeffer's School of Design, which she credits as the most influential move in her career. Donna spent ten years serving on the board of the International Society of Interior Designers and co-owned the design firm Design Enterprises, which focused on new constructions and renovation of residential and commercial projects. Additionally, she became a licensed travel agent, arranging and escorting group tours to Mexico and Malta.

A few years later, Donna opened her own art studio/gallery in San Anselmo, where she taught adult art classes. After two years, she converted a large room in her home to continue teaching her classes until relocating to Sun City in 2017. Since moving to Palm Desert, Donna has made many new friends and received favorable recognition in various local art shows. Her current focus is on painting commissions for clients who have important photos.

Donna enjoys Rummy Q and the Art Club, where she continues to meet interesting people.

In April 2023, she had a total knee replacement after her knee gave out while playing Bocce. Due to the injury, Donna began working out daily at the Lake View Fitness Center. For cardio, she alternates between walking laps, using the Nu Step, recumbent bike, and rowing machine. She also incorporates resistance training with several strength machines. Her goal is to rebuild the strength in her back, hips and legs to return to Bocce, Line Dance, and Ladies Putters.

Donna says the benefits of her exercise program include improved strength and flexibility, which have provided pain relief from her knee revision. She adds, "I enjoy the friends I have made on my daily excursions to the gym!"

Please contact George Boucher at 760-345-0505 if you would like to be featured as a Healthnut of the month in an upcoming edition.



Health & Fitness News

BY GLENN SMITH
FITNESS DIRECTOR
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Valley Fever

Anyone who lives in or travels to the southwestern United States (Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, or Utah), or parts of Mexico or Central or South America can get Valley fever. Valley fever can affect people of any age, but it's most common in adults aged 60 and older. Certain groups of people are at higher risk for developing the severe forms of Valley fever, such as:

- People who have weakened immune systems, for example, people who have HIV/AIDS, had an organ transplant or are taking medications such as corticosteroids or TNF-inhibitors
- Pregnant women
- People with diabetes
- People who are Black or Filipino

Is Valley Fever contagious?

No. The fungus that causes Valley fever, *Coccidioides*, cannot spread from the lungs between people or between people and animals. However, in **extremely** rare instances, a wound infection with *Coccidioides* can spread Valley fever to someone else, or the infection can be spread through an organ transplant with an infected organ.

Should I worry about Valley fever if I am traveling to an area where the fungus is common?

The risk of getting Valley fever is low when traveling to an area where *Coccidioides* lives in the environment, such as the southwestern United States, Mexico, or Central or South America. Your risk for infection could increase if you are in a very dusty setting, but even then the risk is still low.

I have had it before could I get it again?

Usually not. If you have already had Valley fever, your immune system will most likely protect you from getting it again.

Can my pets get Valley fever?

Yes. Pets, particularly dogs, can get valley fever, but it is **not** contagious between animals and people. Like humans, many dogs exposed to *Coccidioides* never get sick. Dogs developing symptoms have coughing, lack of energy, and



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						<p>CHANGES OR ERRORS PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES OR ERRORS TO GLENN SMITH 200-2240</p>

FITNESS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE TAHOE ROOM, LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER. CONTACT LOU ANN LIEBERMANN, CHAIR, AT TOMLU141@MAC.COM FOR MEETING TIMES.

weight loss. If you are concerned about your pet's risk of getting Valley fever or if you think that your pet has Valley fever, please talk to a veterinarian.

How can I prevent Valley fever?

It is difficult to avoid breathing in the fungus *Coccidioides* in areas where it is common in the environment. People who live in these areas can try to avoid spending time in dusty places as much as possible. The following are some common-sense methods helpful to avoid getting Valley fever. It is important to know although these steps are recommended, they have not been proven to prevent Valley fever.

- Try to avoid areas with a lot of dust like construction or

excavation sites. If you cannot avoid these areas, wear an N95 respirator (a type of face mask) while you are there.

- Stay inside during dust storms and close your windows.
- Avoid activities involving close contact to dirt or dust, including yard work, gardening, digging, outdoor sports.
- Use air filtration measures indoors.
- Clean skin injuries well with soap and water to reduce the chances of developing a skin infection.
- Take preventive antifungal medication if your healthcare provider says you need it.

Is there a vaccine for Valley fever?

No. Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent Valley fever.



SUN CITY SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

We meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, from 1–2:30 p.m., in the Lake View Recreation Center. From June 22 thru Sept. 28, we meet in the Big Bear Room. From Oct. 12 until June 27, we meet in the Tahoe Room. This group is only for the CAREGIVERS of ones suffering from any form of Dementia. We confidentially discuss issues related to coping with your caregiving and setting goals for self-care. Please contact Dr. Beverly Yahr at 760-200-4410.

Old Time AA Meeting

The AA Big Book Study Group meets from 4 – 5 p.m. on Sundays in the Palm Room, Sunset View Clubhouse, next to the library. Bring your Big Book and join us for fellowship. Any further questions please call Claudia at 760-834-8921.

Grief & Loss Support Group

We meet monthly on the 4th Thursday at 5 p.m. You are welcome to attend our discussions where feelings and memories are shared in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me and I will add your name to the list. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact me, Sherry Joyce, Grief and Loss Facilitator, at 760-834-8495.

Stroke Survivors/Caregivers Support Group

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Silverwood room at the Lake View Recreation Center. For question, call Jim Foudy, Stroke Survivor and Chair, at 760-345-8141 or email him at jimrfoudy@gmail.com.



LOST & FOUND

Any found items should be turned in at the front desk of the clubhouse you are visiting. If it is after hours, please turn the article into the supervisor on duty for proper placement.

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE FRONT DESK

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SUNSET VIEW CLUBHOUSE FINANCE OFFICE

Monday – Saturday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK

Sunday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK



SANTA ROSA GOLF SHOP HOURS

Daily · 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PRACTICE RANGE HOURS

Daily · 6 a.m. – Dusk

Closed Thursday mornings

7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. for Maintenance



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Maintenance & Facilities Update

BY TRAVIS RADTKE
GENERAL MAINTENANCE
DIRECTOR

What a stunning winter season we've been enjoying this year! It's hard to believe that just a year ago, we were recovering from the relentless tropical storms of 2023. While that certainly kept us on our toes, it's a welcome change to shift our focus to current projects rather than piecing everything back together.

This season also presents the perfect opportunity to tackle projects that were sidelined during last year's sweltering summer heat. And before we know it, the temperatures will rise again—but this time, we'll have the welcome shade of brand-new solar canopies in our parking lots to keep us cool. We're thrilled to share updates on recent and ongoing facility projects. Here's a look at some of the latest developments and what's on the horizon:

New Event Setups Department Office (Completed)

Since the pandemic, the Event Setups Department has been operating out of a temporary construction trailer in front of the Mountain View Clubhouse. To provide a permanent and more functional workspace, the Board approved a budget to expand an unused office into a portion of the event storage space behind the Sierra Ballroom. This renovation established a dedicated home for the Event Setups Department, enhancing efficiency and workflow while allowing for the long-awaited removal of the construction trailer.

CVWD Flood Control Channels (Completed)

The extensive construction work at Pineknoll and Brandywine

Parks, which connects Sun City's flood channels to the new flood control system east of Adams Street, was completed in December. This vital flood control connection brings several key benefits to the community, including:

1. **Enhanced flood protection** for homes and land in North Indio, reducing the risk of regional flooding.
2. **Removal of approximately 2,700 acres** of North Indio from FEMA's Special Flood Hazard Area.
3. **Elimination of flood insurance requirements** for affected residents.

Through a collaborative effort between the Golf Course Maintenance and Engineering Departments, several enhancements were completed at the dog park in January. These improvements include upgraded irrigation, fresh sod, new trees, fencing, a shade structure, and designated golf cart parking—creating a more welcoming and enjoyable space for residents and their furry companions.

Solar Project Update

We're pleased to share that the solar project is progressing smoothly. The project remains on track for full completion in May. Once construction is finished, the final step—interconnection and system activation—will require coordination with Riverside County and IID. This process involves a temporary full power shutdown at each location, which may result in certain clubhouses being closed for several hours until inspections are completed, and power is restored. Email notifications will be sent to the community once these dates are confirmed.

During construction at clubhouse parking lots, some regular parking spaces may be temporarily unavailable, requiring guests to park farther away than usual. We kindly ask for your understanding and urge everyone to drive cautiously around construction zones to ensure the safety of all drivers, pedestrians and workers.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation as we enhance our facilities with these sustainable improvements.

Stay tuned for more updates!

Coming Attractions...

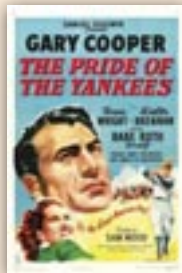
HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY
MARKETING & ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm



For the Love of the Game

Wednesday, March 12, 7 pm



The Pride of the Yankees

Wednesday, March 19,
10 am and 5 pm



(No Movie)

Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm



Major League

FREE · SPEAKERS HALL, SV
DOORS OPEN 15 MINUTES EARLY
NO FOOD ALLOWED
ONLY BOTTLED WATER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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Much Ado About Nothing

BY JOHN ANNARINO

When we watch TV is this really what we want to watch?

Cable news delivering one depressing story after another.

A pharmaceutical commercial promoting a product that lists death as one of its side effects.

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The shocking, scandalous interviews conducted by Dr. Phil.

Friends and *Seinfeld* with their soundtracks of canned laughter.

Turner Classic Movies showing *Gone with the Wind* for the umpteenth time.

Is all this what we really want to watch?

Of course it is.

John welcomes your comments at jjannarino@icloud.com.





News in Brief

Your Monthly Update from the District and Board Meetings

BY NED CALLAHAN

February 4, 2025

- This is the time of year the Board and the Executive Committee make recommendations on updating our financial projections. Items affecting those recommendations include:
 - An extremely hot and unbearably long summer combined with an overall decrease in golf in the Coachella Valley has left the income from Golf below projections. This is true for most clubs in the Valley. Plans are in the works to lure more non-residents to our courses.
 - The Food & Beverage income is below projections, but a new Boulevards manager and a new menu might help.
- Our HOA Operations Manager, Jayme Fakehany, has gone on to a new position.
- The construction activity at the Newcastle gate is for the Kia dealership. The owner of the dealership told our General Manager this was merely for an extension of the parking lot; an additional building would not occupy the space.
- The Lake View Recreation Center will soon add four additional ADA compliant parking spaces.
- A “Not a Through Street” sign will be installed at the entrance to Spirito Court.
- For those of you have trouble finding a legal way to dispose of sharps, Burrtec has instituted a sharps hazardous waste program by mail. If interested contact Burrtec. Please stop illegally throwing sharps in the regular trash bins.
- Boulevards will soon have an “interruption” table on Sundays with interesting new offerings.
- The Parkview and Brandywine parks are both completely open now. All work by the CVWD and the HOA has been completed.
- The CVWD has received funding to work on new water lines. The work will be done in District 6, with some work in District 7.
- Plans are in place to repave the streets when all work has been completed.
- The HOA has installed new uplighting on the palm trees on Del Webb Blvd.
- Planting is underway to replace heat damaged plants on the property.
- Plans are approved and in place for a major reinvestment in the Mountain View and Sunset View Clubhouses. The refurbishment will align with the style of the newly renovated Boulevards Restaurant. This will include floor, wall and ceiling coverings, furniture replacement, and light fixtures. We have not renovated in 20 years. This will be expensive, but it will allow us to compete with the newer projects in the valley.

To watch a video of the latest HOA Board Meeting, sign in to the SCPDCA website, click on “Community Association Info,” click on “Board, then click on “Videos.”



Resident artists decorated the walls of the Green Room, which provides a comfortable space for performers.

BY VEE NOVAK AND BARBARA SCHADLOW

In our last segment of the “Behind the Scenes” series, *News & Views* explores three additional aspects of our community that keep us entertained, organized and safe.

The Green Room

Nestled behind the Sierra Ballroom stage, and unbeknownst to many, is a well-equipped, Hollywood-style Green Room. Available to Sun City clubs and outside talent, the Green Room offers a relaxing environment to prepare for performances. The room is used to apply makeup, change clothes, review scripts, steam one’s throat, or simply relax before and between performances.

The room was designed over twenty years ago when Les Surlow, president of Music Buffs, saw a need and found the perfect space to create this haven. Resident artists decorated the walls with quotes and musical instruments. To this day, professional performers are impressed with the facility and how well they are handled when they arrive for a show. Likewise, resident performers enjoy a comfortable spot to sip a cold drink, reapply their makeup, or rehearse their lines.

Meeting Rooms

A seamless, well-oiled machine—that’s the perfect way to describe the daily operations behind preparing Sun City’s meeting rooms and banquet spaces. The nine indoor rooms, across three clubhouses, are constantly reconfigured to host Committees, Chartered Clubs, Resident Groups, and outside organizations. In addition, residents and non-residents can also reserve one of nine outdoor areas, such as the pool area, tennis courts, bocce courts and softball field, for their events.

Behind the scenes are a dedicated team of employees

managing every detail. From arranging tables and preparing food to assembling decorations and fine-tuning audio-visual equipment, they ensure everything is in place. In fact, rooms are often turned around and prepped for the next event as many as three times a day!

The planning begins a year in advance with an e-blast inviting groups to reserve their rooms and catering services. Irma Lopez, Event Coordinator, skillfully manages these requests using FASTbooks, an event-planning software. Chartered Clubs enjoy free room reservations, while Resident Groups pay a discounted fee. Irma aims to lock down all room reservations in early spring. Any remaining slots are made available to outside groups based on a predetermined fee schedule, generating additional revenue for the community.

All rooms and outside areas must be reserved through the Events Office at 760-200-2200 or 200-2241.

Perry Jeres, AV/Set-up Supervisor, and his team of seven full-time staff are cross trained to handle room setups and operate A/V equipment. They manage sound and lighting for concerts, project presentations on large screens, and ensure microphones are checked, placed, and ready for use. Over the past 22 years, Perry and his team have continuously upgraded the A/V technology, which now includes fully digital audio, lighting and microphones. Perry’s goal is to keep Sun City well equipped with state-of-the-art systems to enhance every event.



Trever Blanton, Catering Manager, has worked in the community for 10 years. He oversees catering for all three clubhouses and outdoor meeting spaces. Food is prepared in the fully equipped kitchen behind the Ventana Room, which was once Sun City's main restaurant before the establishment of Boulevards. Groups using our facilities use the catering services of Trever and nine front-of-house staff and six back-of-house staff. On occasion, groups can bring in simpler meals like pizza or a potluck. In 2025, Trever will be working with Julie Pope, the new Activities Coordinator, to bring residents exciting new entertainment and community events.

We are immensely grateful for the expertise and dedication these professionals bring to their jobs. Their passion and hard work shines through every day!



The Sierra Ballroom, New Year's Eve 2024

Community Patrol

Erik Stacklie, Community Patrol Director, has been in the security field since 2000 and has worked in Sun City for 12 years. Erik currently supervises 24 officers who provide 24-hour security coverage throughout the community. All are trained on driving, though some work solely at the gates. Their normal work shifts run from 5:30 a.m.–2 p.m., 1:30–10 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.–6 a.m. The overlapping times are used to pass down information between shifts or to discuss training topics. During the daytime hours, three patrol officers are assigned at the main gate, one at the North gate. In the afternoon through the early evening hours, two officers are at the main gate, while one is assigned to the North gate. One patrol officer mans the main gate during the graveyard shift; the North Gate is closed during these hours. Erik sometimes comes in at 2:00 am just to help the graveyard shift.

There are a total of three drivers patrolling the entire community 24/7. The drivers have no set route, however, in the course of a 24-hour period, every street is driven by a minimum of three times. The daytime patrols focus on moving violations while the nighttime patrols focus on parking violations, open garages and closely watching the

perimeter of the community for possible trespassers. The nighttime patrols keep the flashing “light bar” on top of their vehicles turned on, to assure the residents of their presence and to alert possible trespassers. All drivers wear a body camera at all times.

Other than speeding and stop sign violations, patrol officers do not typically issue other citations between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. When non-moving violations occur, the community patrols contact the violators and give them a warning which includes a time frame of when to resolve the violations. Although the HOA regulations state that trash cans must be in by midnight, the community patrols have not been issuing citations until 8 a.m. the following day. For reasons such as trash being picked up late and residents going to bed early or getting home late, several trash cans were left out after midnight. Issuing the citations at 8 a.m. the following day, has cut down on trash can violations tremendously, according to Erik.

Erik wants to emphasize that the community patrols are here to observe and report, not to protect life and property. The officers are cross trained for both gate and patrol duties but not as police officers. For criminal activities, residents are urged to call 911 before contacting the Community Patrol as they cannot make arrests or detain the perpetrators. “Our community patrol officers are willing to help any way they can, but all they can do is a citizen’s arrest,” said Erik. “They are trained to act professionally but will (and are allowed to) defend themselves when confronted by unruly residents or guests, (who may get physical),” continued Erik.

Knowing these dedicated patrol officers’ professionally trained eyes and ears are out there 24/7 looking after our safety and well-being, we can feel protected.

For future plans of this department Erik said, “Our current lift gates will be replaced with lighted arms that turn red when down and slowly turn to green as they go up.”

*Don't miss the Community Patrol Corner
Weekly Update in your eblast.*



Cars patrol the community 24/7.

WELCOME to Sun City

BY VEE NOVAK, BARBARA SCHADLOW AND JOY PORRELLO



Peter Brueggeman & Kathy Creely moved to Sun City from the San Diego area on December 31, 2024. They are currently parttime residents planning to spend their summers in San Diego and winters in Sun City. Both Peter and Kathy worked at UC San Diego. Kathy was an anthropology and archaeology librarian and an archivist for Melanesia. Peter was the Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library. Because they are still in the process of moving, they have not had the time yet to explore the activities Sun City offers. Peter and Kathy, welcome to your winter home!

George DiMundo's smiling face tells you how happy he is to be a new resident in Sun City Palm Desert. He has been here for just over 30 days and is hiking, biking and photographing all over the place. He may give bocce a try, too. He is an active person and jumped right in! George came to us from San Luis Obispo County, the area of Paso Robles, Cambria and Atascadero. In his previous life he was a high school mathematics teacher and a civil engineer. Welcome!



Brian & DeeDee Mays came to Palm Desert from northern Virginia. DeeDee is a retired kindergarten teacher, and Brian is retired Army with the rank of Colonel. Their son is in Los Angeles. They have been residents for four weeks and are ready to partake of our amenities. Brian loves golf and all sports. They love travel, theatre and music. DeeDee is a singer and has joined the Sun City Singers. She has sung with a group in the past. They love their two cats. We know you will love it here!

Welcome Gil & Marilyn Spiegel! In July, Gil and Marilyn bravely moved from Encino, CA, to Sun City amidst 117° weather! Despite the heat, they have loved every moment of their new life ever since. Gil is a member of the Financial Club, Menz Putterz and Men's Niners, while Marilyn enjoys Trim 'N' Tone and is involved with the Brandeis Desert Chapter. Together, they participate in Couples Putterz, play canasta and attend karaoke and comedy shows. Having been realtors in Los Angeles, they have continued their careers here in the desert. They affectionately call their new lifestyle "Overnight Camp for Seniors" and encourage their friends and clients from Los Angeles to move here, too.



Bill & Diane Taub moved to Sun City two months ago and they took off running! Bill has joined the Stage Readers group while Diane has been enjoying playing pickleball. Both are regular participants in Aquasize, Chair Yoga and Rummy Q. As they get more acclimated to our community, Bill and Diane are looking forward to trying new activities. Bill and Diane moved from the Los Angeles area where Bill was a TV writer/producer. He still virtually teaches TV writing at UCLA. Diane is an Arbonne consultant for health and wellness and an Osteostromg trainer. Why Sun City? Because they have heard a lot of good things about our community, and they have friends who live here. Welcome, Bill and Diane!





So Stinkin' Cute

BY VEE NOVAK

Andy

Bouncing to the front door, Andy greeted me with energy and joy. To compliment such a heartwarming welcome, I spent a few minutes patting his soft, curly fur. Andy is a full-grown 2½ year old Goldendoodle (cross between a Golden Retriever and Poodle) weighing 21 lbs. Most Goldendoodles are reddish brown. Andy, however, is creamy white with glimpses of champagne on his ears and around his muzzle. A designer dog, Andy exemplifies the best of a Golden Retriever and a Poodle. He is sociable, trainable, intelligent and extremely energetic. Two of his favorite activities are cuddling with his fur Dad, Bill Anderson, on the couch and running around in circles in their backyard.

Wanting a pet dog, Bill searched for a Goldendoodle in the Coachella Valley. Unable to find one, he extended his search to other parts of Southern California. He found a breeder in Corona who had an 11-week-old Goldendoodle available. Bill made the trip to Corona and purchased the puppy. While serving in the US Army, Bill's friends called him "Andy." To honor that name, Bill named his new puppy, Andy.

Andy spends some of his days with Bill's special friend, Merry Williams. Merry prepares Andy gourmet meals of liver, potatoes, carrots and other healthy ingredients. These meals are cooked in big batches so that Bill can freeze some portions, ready for Andy's healthy appetite.

Bill takes Andy for daily walks along Del Webb Boulevard. On Sundays, Bill, Andy and Merry go to a park in La Quinta for their Sunday walks. "Andy causes a commotion wherever we go," said Bill. "People like to pat him and touch him." Merry also takes Andy on some of her shopping trips.

"Everybody should have a dog like Andy. He makes my life complete," Bill concluded.

*Want your pet featured? Please email vee.newsandviews@yahoo.com.
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Share your travel treasures!

The *News & Views* Committee invites residents to send us a photo of an unusual art piece you have collected from your world travels, (*limit one piece per household, please*) for a feature in the October issue of *News & Views*.

Please include a brief description of the piece, including size, where it was acquired, etc., with your photo and email to newsandviews@scpdca.com no later than **July 31**.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Are you new to Sun City?

News & Views wants to welcome YOU by including your name and a brief bio in our bi-monthly feature called "Welcome to Sun City"

designed to introduce YOU to our community.

After the **March 18** NRO, please stop by and see our writers outside the Ventana room @ **11:00 a.m.** They will interview you for an upcoming feature.

You may also email newsandviews@scpdca.com with a request to be interviewed and one of our writers will be in contact.

The Calling

BY BILL SANDERS

They called her “The Diva” for her impeccable fashion sense and commanding presence.

Known as Mrs. Getz during her years as an educator, Josephine (Jo) Salata didn’t merely choose teaching as a career—she answered a calling. “I believe education is the great equalizer. I was determined to empower my students with that opportunity.”

Jo first found her inspiration in her third-grade teacher. “Josephine, I’m going to open up that brain you’re hiding,” she would say. She succeeded. Jo went on to earn a BA from UCLA and an MA from California Lutheran University. It was the start of a teaching career that would inspire generations.

Jo’s early teaching days were anything but ordinary. While teaching in Watts, “a fight broke out between two angry girls,” she recalled. “Their classmates cheered them on, encouraging them to really hit each other. The doors were locked from the outside once class began—what would you expect from a school surrounded by barbed wire?” As one girl’s glasses shattered and blood streaked her face, Jo did her best to separate them. “Fortunately for me, a physical education teacher saw the situation through the window and broke it to rescue me and stop the fight,” she said. Afterward, the principal—impressed by her composure under such duress—offered to buy her a drink. Jo grinned, “I took him up on his offer.”

When Jo later transitioned to more affluent schools, she often taught the children of celebrities—like Chuck Connors, best known as *The Rifleman*. “I had no idea who the father of an unruly student was until his 6’6” frame sashayed into my classroom for a parent/teacher conference.” With Jo occupying the only adult chair, the towering actor had no choice but to squeeze into a student desk. “Picturing him struggling twice as hard to get out as he did to get in still makes me smile.” The son’s behavior straightened out after that.

Jo specialized in Honors and Advanced Placement Composition and Literature. These courses allowed her to emphasize critical thinking and analysis. Her classrooms were dynamic environments where students weren’t just taught to read and write—they were trained to think deeply and to articulate their thoughts. Jo chose novels and crafted lessons around the *Alienation and Isolation of Twentieth Century Man*. This encouraged her students to explore complex emotions and societal challenges through the lens of the 20th century’s greatest works. By aligning her selections with the AP exams, Jo ensured her students were well-prepared academically.



Jo Salata. Photo by Scott McLean.

“An educator has to explore all learning modalities—auditory, visual, kinetic, and tactile—and sometimes just throw it at the walls,” Jo explained, emphasizing her adaptive teaching philosophy. This approach allowed her to connect with as many students as possible.

Following 31 years of transforming lives in the classroom, Jo retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in June 1999. What started as a dinner invitation to celebrate Jo’s teaching career turned into an unforgettable surprise. As she stepped into the Granada Hills restaurant, cheers and applause erupted. Hundreds of former students—some from as far back as the 1980s—greeted her. “Surprise!” Jo stood speechless, moved by the outpouring of love on this unforgettable night.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a binder. The front cover read: *Memories, with Love, Your Students*. Inside were hundreds of handwritten notes—some with colorful illustrations, still others with attached photos. Over the years, the binder has grown, filled with letters and photos from students who have gone on to pursue their dreams and still keep in touch.

Just weeks before her surprise retirement party, Jo received the Los Angeles Excellence in Education Award. It was presented by actor Cuba Gooding Jr. at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. By 1999, she had already accumulated a litany of teaching awards and had been listed in *Who’s Who Among*





"Hawaiian Shirt"



"Faux on Faux" (Fake Flowers on Fake Glass)

American Teachers three times. She would go on to earn four more listings *after* her retirement. In 2018, she was also honored with the prestigious Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I live by two guiding mantras," Jo said. "The first: never simply cover a subject—uncover it. The second: always be in the process of becoming—whether as a wife, mother, artist, or friend. Become better each day."

After retiring, she and her husband Frank relocated to Sun City to embrace a calmer, more creative phase of their lives. Jo became an accomplished artist in acrylic painting and glasswork. Her passion for glasswork began when a carpenter building their home bar admitted he didn't work with glass. Jo took on the challenge herself and discovered a lifelong love. Acrylic painting, on the other hand, started as a favor to a friend seeking company in attending a class. The friend quit. Jo never stopped.

"Glass is my first love. Painting, a mere second. The first time I completed a glass piece, I also felt complete. Glasswork

is expensive, and I use acrylics as an inexpensive way to experiment with color and design." Her experiments have produced hundreds of striking, award-winning paintings.

Jo is also one of the rare artisans who makes Tiffany reproduction lamps. To date, she has created 27 vibrant and colorful lamps, each composed of hundreds of individually cut, foiled, and soldered glass pieces. It's a meticulous process taking up to eight months to complete. The largest lamp had over 1,200 individual pieces!

Driven by a desire to help others discover the joy of creating, Jo returned to teaching. From 2006 to 2012, she taught acrylics at Brandeis University Women's Extension, spending summers in Cape Cod. For the past six years, she has taught both acrylics and glass art here in Sun City.

Jo Salata spent her life mastering the art of teaching. The classroom was her studio; knowledge and inspiration, her mediums; and young minds, her canvas. But her life's work isn't just about teaching or creating—it's about making the world a brighter place. And in that, she continues to succeed.

Tiffany 14" "Dragonfly" Dome (270 pieces)



Tiffany 26" "Poinsettia" Dome (1200 pieces)



Tiffany 20" "Waterlily" Cone (420 pieces)





International Women's Day, on March 8, 2025, is a day when women, regardless of their ethnic, religious, political, cultural or economic backgrounds, are celebrated for their contributions and achievements. In this issue, several News & Views writers are honoring and celebrating women (other than their moms) who have made a significant impact on their lives.

NED CALLAHAN

Two Great Teachers

As a child I was a compulsive rule follower. It always seemed like the best way to stay out of trouble. Miss Orlow, my second-grade teacher, was a firm believer in rules and she used me as an example of how a “good” student would act.

After recess she frequently asked the class to stand in two lines, one for boys and one for girls. She waited for us all to calm down. We had to be still and quiet before we were allowed back into the classroom.

The girls line always settled down quickly. The boys were a lot more boisterous. Miss Orlow on several occasions would allow the girls to go into the classroom and made the boys stay outside until they were quiet. Unfortunately, she would allow me to go into the classroom with all the well-behaved girls.

It didn't take long for my standing with the boys in my class to fall like a rock. Being “teacher's pet” was not working for me.

On the other hand, I became close friends with many of the girls in my class. I have had female friends the rest of my life.

Mrs. Clark taught seventh grade. She made it clear her students were embarking on the early stages of the rest of their lives. Everything we did in her class would affect our success. If we failed at any part of her curriculum, we would be a failure for life. I became terrified of school.

In order to not destroy my chances in life, I resolved to be sick and stay home for the school year.

My parents weren't willing to be a party to this. I had to attend school.

The only way I could deal with my parents' clear lack of concern for my future was to apply myself to my education. I didn't need to do this in kindergarten through sixth grade. I hadn't actually thought about why I was in school.

I became a serious student in the seventh grade. I remained a serious student well into college. Eventually my social life and my involvement in intercollegiate sports began to take a toll on my grades.

Friendly ladies in my class were kind enough to loan me the class notes I needed to study.

I have to thank two teachers with vastly different attitudes for giving me the opportunity to succeed.



LUIGI LEONARDI

A Woman Who Influenced My Life

These days we are familiar with the word influencer. These “influencers” are people employed to push, through different media, products, especially in the fashion and beauty industry, trying to steer people to buy “things” proclaimed to be fashionable and “absolutely necessary to have.”

My interpretation of “influence-r” is based on my younger life experience, when I was more impressionable to people’s actions and how they affected me for the rest of my life.

Donna Letizia burst into my life at a time when I was a young man without a clear vision of my future. At 15, I had no control of my actions because my mother and four older brothers felt the need to provide me with the advice that I was missing from my father who had prematurely passed away. Since then, I had been a mental vagabond, without a compass nor a sense of a future.

Donna Letizia was at her husband’s store when I started working there and she was the “house psychologist.” She would manage all the family emotional nuances, and she soon extended her attention to me as well. Every morning, for the next three years, I would wait for her to arrive so she would talk to me like a mother would. (Looking back, I know my mother approved, as she was working and could not provide me with the day-long attention.) In those days there was no pampering; tough love was the word of the day, but her real care and love would manifest in the ways she would know how to make me feel hopeful for a better future.

Her family had gone through a most harrowing experience in 1943, when they literally ran for their lives, escaping Nazi troops looking for Jewish people through the streets of Rome. They survived two years hiding while many relatives, aunts and cousins were taken away, never to return. Fourteen years had passed, and her sense of survival still felt the need to help others. The loss of my father had been devastating, but Donna Letizia made guiding me daily possible, with her words of wisdom and encouragement. When necessary, she would also impart some lessons about life, making me realize that life was never going to be a bed of roses. Her influence on me was the cornerstone of my successful career.

RONNIE MARSHALL

Celebrating My Sisters

The greatest gift my parents gave me was my sister. My earliest memory was seeing her when they brought her home from the hospital. I was enthralled. My mom told me, “*This is Susan, your new sister, and you must always love her and*

take care of her.” Words that I still live by. I was granted an additional, extraordinary gift when I met my husband John and, through him, his sister Marilyn. When we married, we visited his family in Denver, Colorado. I was especially happy to meet Marilyn, as John often told me how much he loved and cherished his sister. I saw the love they had for each other, and Marilyn, with her gracious and generous heart, extended that love to me as well.

Susan and I have loved each other and relied on each other for strength, support, guidance and wisdom. We have an unbreakable emotional attachment. Sue’s nature is gentle, mine was more aggressive. We were in sync on many things; it wasn’t often that we held opposing views. But we always managed to find common ground. Over the years, we absorbed the better qualities in each other. Sue has made me a kinder person, just by being herself. She has made me more tolerant and less quick to anger. All she is has become the better part of myself.

Marilyn, like Susan, is an extremely kind and sensitive person. Over the past 50-plus years, I’ve seen in Marilyn all the same fine qualities I admire and love in Susan. Our sisters were always very emotionally close and loving to us. Susan and Marilyn visited us often in San Francisco and, after we moved to the desert, continued visiting us, and enriched our lives by being with us. Marilyn, who moved to California for an extended period, was a constant and joyful presence in our lives. I have been truly blessed to have two of the most beautiful (both inside and out), loving and generous sisters. The three of us have a wonderful spiritual bond and love for each other. That bond gave us strength through the loss of John, my beloved husband, Marilyn’s beloved brother, and Susan’s beloved brother-in-law. They are awesome!



VEE NOVAK

Dominga Miniano de la Cruz

To many, she was Mamang (Mom). To me, she was Tia Ingga. Unconditionally supportive, nurturing, compassionate, generous, selfless, Tia Ingga became my second Mom the moment she opened her home to me and my siblings when we went to college in Manila, the capital city of the Philippines.

Her family, consisting of my uncle and their five children, welcomed us with open arms. Needless to say, we lived in extremely cramped conditions, but we were all happy. Tia Ingga tirelessly cooked for all of us. Feeding eight kids ranging from six to 16 years old was financially challenging, but she never complained. She went to market every day and purchased fresh fish, meat, vegetables and fruits. She was loyal to specific vendors and for that she received discounts on her purchases. I went to the market with her several times and witnessed how carefully she chose what to buy and who to buy from. She spent her money wisely, stretching every peso to its limit.

Tia Ingga's life revolved around her family and her faith. She made sure that we kids were happy and healthy. She was troubled by every snuffle and cough we had, preparing a homemade concoction to cure whatever ailed us. To her, prayers were the balm we needed during our low times and



the shroud that shielded us from peril. When things were going well, prayers of thankfulness and gratitude were encouraged.

She earned the title “Mamang” because through the years, Tia Ingga's house became a haven for many college students (mostly not relatives) from our island. With her unselfish guidance and encouragement, every student who lived in her home completed college becoming successful lawyers, nurses, engineers, architects, teachers, businessmen and women. Tia Ingga instilled in all of us the value of quality education, of giving our best in everything we did, of sharing what we have (no matter how small) with others, of wholeheartedly supporting others. She demonstrated confidence in all of us, consistently assuring us that we were capable of achieving anything through hard work and prayers.

Most of all, she taught us self-worth and self-advocacy because as she said, “You are worthy, achieve your goals; speak up for what you want!” To this day, her words of encouragement remain my anchor when the “going gets rough.” To my forever cheerleader, Tia Ingga, “*Maraming Salamat Po!*” (Thank you very much in Tagalog).

MARSHA REED NALL

A Woman I Never Met

In New York I lived on East 80th Street between Third and Lexington. Each morning, I walked up Lex to 86th, bought an everything bagel with butter, and took the 4 or 5 train downtown to the financial district where I worked.

Monday through Friday, almost every day for twelve years on the way up Lex, I walked past a woman dressed for a queen's afternoon tea. She was of a certain age and did not have a smile ready to break open if her eyes met mine, which they usually did. And then she looked away.

I didn't have a smile for her either, this woman in fashionable outfits, purple with pink, lime with thin black stripes, the kind of fabrics you wanted to touch, and me in my drab gray or black or navy suits. I wore running shoes. I walked a lot in New York and cared about my feet, this coming from dance classes. My feet were important.

Sometimes I imagined she was a high-end salesperson at Bloomingdale's, or that she worked in one of the designer showrooms on Madison, but she was walking in the wrong place for either of those. And she wasn't tall enough to be a model.



Where was she off to each morning around 8:15, all dressed up even with snow and salt on the sidewalks? She worked somewhere because women who didn't work waited until all the rush-hour people were out of the way before they stepped onto a sidewalk.

I don't remember seeing any outfit twice. I watched for her, looked forward to seeing this strict-faced woman who did not smile or give me a sign, especially since we usually glanced at each other. (This glancing at someone regularly didn't happen with anyone else.)

It's interesting how someone you don't know can influence you. When I went clothes shopping, I opted for high-waisted trousers or shoes I could never wear on the street for fear of twisting an ankle. But I wore those shoes in my office. I tried to look less slovenly, especially if I had client meetings. Did she notice the change in my appearance?

I still return to New York to visit friends, go to the ballet and opera, see new exhibits, but I've lost this woman. Is she still on the same path or has she moved on like I have? I regret not acknowledging her, been the one to make the first move. Maybe she would have acknowledged me.

BARBARA SCHADLOW

An Influential Woman

I have always sought role models to help me navigate life's challenges — women who were successful in business, marriage or raising a family. Observing them, I learned to adjust my emotions, change my actions or seek help when needed. Only recently did I realize one of my most influential role models was right within my family.

When I was young, my uncle married Aunt Shirley, a remarkable woman who became a strong presence in our lives. She was the first woman I knew who graduated from college, then balanced her career as a nurse with raising a family and pursuing further education. Though she stopped short of earning a PhD, her passion for learning never diminished.

Aunt Shirley and my uncle introduced my sister and me to the cultural wonders of New York City, taking us to Carnegie Hall, museums and the ballet. Their home reflected their love of life: unfinished oil paintings leaned against the walls, Beethoven or Sinatra played on the stereo, and the New York Times was always scattered across the dining room table. No

matter the hour, Aunt Shirley would whip up a new recipe and insist we stay. Their zest for life and the warmth of their home kept me returning, even as an adult.

Aunt Shirley prioritized her mind, family and career over appearances. She didn't dye her hair or wear much makeup, yet her confidence and strong opinions shone brightly. She approached life like a scientist—logical and analytical—but she also had a deeply emotional side. Whether debating medical ethics or explaining why scraping plates before loading the dishwasher was pointless, she freely expressed her opinions.

As the family's health authority, Aunt Shirley guided us through difficult times, especially with my emotionally fragile mother, who found comfort in her wisdom. "Shirley says," became my mother's mantra.

When Aunt Shirley's cancer returned after 25 years, she faced it with calm and clarity, as she had lived her life. During my final visit, she pulled me aside and said, "Barbara, I will die soon, but I'm not afraid. I've had a good life. Dying is part of living. I'll be fine, and I want you to be too."

Her words are etched in my memory. At her funeral, I realized the legacy she left behind: a blueprint for living with courage, caring and authenticity. I can only hope to be as inspiring a role model for my nieces as she was for me.





Our Writers' Corner

A Surprising Weekend

BY JOHN ANNARINO

I was embarrassed when the lady seated next to me at the bar asked if I'd like to see her breast. You'd think she would be the embarrassed one. But she wasn't. She obviously had one drink too many and was intent on living it up. Thankfully, her sober girlfriend apologized for her friend and steered her out the door before any mishap had occurred. That story sounds too good to be true. But, trust me, it's true.

This remarkable incident was only one of the highlights of the weekend trip I made to Lake Arrowhead with my son and daughter. We wondered how we were going to top what happened at that Running Springs bar, but we did.

We were seated at a table on the patio of the beautiful Lake Arrowhead Lodge when we realized a wedding was taking

place. About 100 guests were seated in rows of white lawn chairs. Rose petals made a path to the lakeside wedding site. As the bride and groom exchanged vows, the sun, right on cue, started to set. As weddings go, it went like magic.

After the wedding we headed to Antlers, a rustic gourmet restaurant in Twin Peaks. As we enjoyed our dinner, I noticed an unusual chandelier over our heads. It was big, baroque, with rust-colored arms holding its lamps. I asked the waitress where it came from. To our amazement, she said it came from Disneyland. It had been part of the Pirates of the Caribbean set and was sold when the set was redone.

All in all, it was a great and a somewhat surprising weekend.

I guess I could sum it up this way. Good, better, breast.

The dedicated writing staff of the *News & Views* Committee is responsible for our articles every month, but are not eligible to participate in the Short Story or Poetry contests, which are designed to showcase the talent of our residents. *Our Writer's Corner* is an opportunity for these experienced writers to showcase their work in other styles. We hope you enjoy these occasional features.

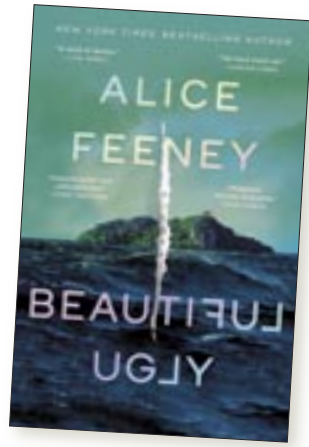


The Bookshelf

BY MARSHA REED NALL

Beautiful Ugly

BY ALICE FEENEY



This plot twister may hook you even before you start reading. In the front of the book, there is a map of the Scottish Isle of Amberly. Marked at the bottom of the map are the words *You Are Not Here*.

Feeney is writing about love and lies and marriage and revenge.

The chapters are short, and the pacing almost frenzied in places. Once into the story, the twists keep occurring. It is difficult to figure out where Feeney is going with her story. But at the end, as crazy as the plot gets, the story makes sense. Feeney has laid the clues down from the beginning.

Feeney's psychological thriller has two points of view (Grady and Abby) with a couple of chapters at the end with a third point of view. The big question from the beginning: Are the narrators reliable?

In the first chapter Grady is on the phone with his wife, Abby. She is on her way home to be with him while he waits for news about his latest book.

Grady hears Abby slam on the brakes, and she tells him there is a body on the road. All the while Grady warns her, "Do not get out of the car." Of course she does. When Grady finds Abby's car near a cliff edge, the driver door is open, her phone is there, but no Abby.

The second chapter begins one year later, and Abby has not been found. Abby's godmother, who is Grady's literary agent, sends him to the Isle of Amberly. "I'm told the cabin has beautiful views...it's very much off the beaten trail. There'll be no noise. No interruptions. No distractions...it is a bit isolated. And rural life isn't for everyone. There aren't many people on the island."

The setting is atmospheric and perfect for a thriller. "I fiddle with the compass and start heading north. The trees seem to shiver as I approach them as though trying to communicate. The leaves take it in turns to rustle and whisper, and when I look up the sun seems to sparkle through the gaps between them offering tiny glimpses of blue sky... Spiders' webs decorated with raindrops sparkle in the redwoods, which are even more impressive and intimidating up close, their sheer size reminding me of how small I am."

Short Story Contest

News & Views invites you to enter our
2025 Spring Short Story Contest

ENTRY RULES:

- Use the opening sentence:
"I caught a leprechaun...now what?"
- 600-words (maximum)
- Limit of one (1) submission per author
- No previously published stories
- Email to: newsandviews@scpdca.com
- Submit no later than **April 15, 2025**

Award: \$50 Sun City Gift Card

The winning entry will be published in
the June issue of *News & Views*.

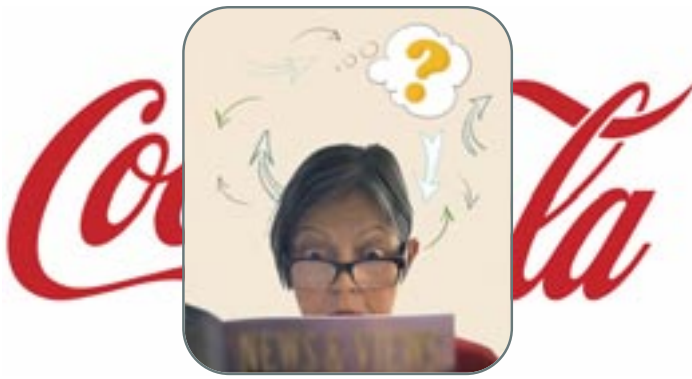
Winner will be chosen by the
News & Views Committee writers.
(Committee members may not enter the contest.)

Are you a published author?

News & Views invites resident authors
to submit one of their published books for
our **June Summer Reading List** feature.

- Limit of one *published* book blurb per author.
(*Previous submissions are not permitted.*)
- Must provide a blurb no longer than 100-words.
- Must provide a high-resolution cover image.
- Email files to newsandviews@scpdca.com.
- Submissions are due no later than **April 15**.





Did You Know...

BY DELYN MEYERS

My husband is a Diet Cherry Coke (bleah) fan, and I was reading an article about uses for Coke and had occasion to try one of the suggestions. So, here are more surprising things you can do with COKE. (*Disclaimer: I have not tried any of these, but I intend to experiment...except with the moldy clothes.*)

Loosen rusty bolts – The little amount of phosphoric acid a can of Coca-Cola contains can produce big results with rust. Soak a rusted bolt with Coke for a while and then try to remove it.

Bug control – Coke is great at bug control, it turns out. The sweet syrup of Coke (and other soft drinks) attracts ants, which feed on the larva of pests that plague crops. A 2004 article by BBC News said in 2004, farmers in India even started using it because it was cheaper than pesticides.

Cast Iron – Much like removing rust, Coca-Cola can clean up cast-iron skillets in a jiffy. You can also polish coins with Coke.

Oil remover – The phosphoric acid proves tough on oil stains around the garage. Pour some room-temperature Coke over a stain, let it soak overnight, and blot the area the next day.

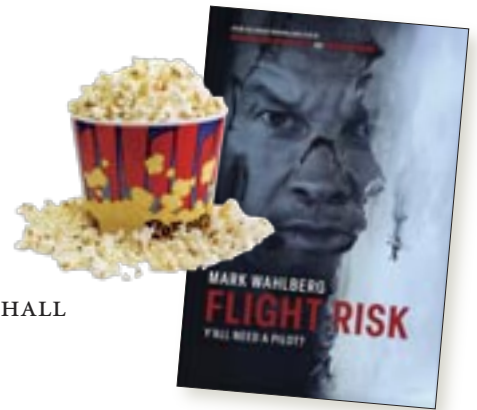
Body lotion – A spoonful of Coke with regular lotion can give skin a silky look. (*I'll just take their word for it. I don't want to attract ants.*)

Polish old jewelry – Let the acid go to work on your old jewelry to give it a nice luster. Many claim it's a reliable source for cleaning silver or silver-plated items.

Clean mold and mildew from clothes – Putting a can of Coke in with the laundry detergent can remove mold and mildew from clothing. It's also good with stains and grease. (*Who discovered this while washing their moldy clothes? Ick.*)

Pass the Popcorn

BY RONNIE MARSHALL



Flight Risk

Starring Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Dockery and Topher Grace
A surprisingly very good movie.

Nervous, nerdy and chatterbox accountant Winston (Topher) is hiding out from the mob at the depressing and dilapidated Hotel Igloo in some godforsaken hamlet in wintry Alaska. A United States Marshal (Michelle, *Downton Abbey*) bursts in on him with two state troopers and takes him into custody. She needs to get him back to New York to testify. The two board a small charter plane, where Michelle literally chains Topher to his seat, including handcuffs and ankle cuffs. She is taking no chances. And here comes Daryl Brook (Mark), the pilot, to take them on their short, 90-minute ride over imposing, snowcapped Alaskan peaks to Anchorage. Sounds simple, yes? Well, in a word: No.

Mark is cheerful and kind of pushy and wants to know more about what's going on than Michelle is willing to share. Mark shrugs it off, and off they go. Topher, still nervous, still talking non-stop (no one is listening to him) is antsy and fearful. He notices paperwork under the pilot's seat and strains his shackled feet to pull it closer to him. Uh oh, it's Daryl's ID and photo. But the Daryl in the photo is not the "Daryl" flying the plane. Topher tries to warn Michelle, and she tells him to "shut up already!" But more conversation between Mark and Michelle is now making Michelle suspicious and, as she's reaching for her gun, Mark, who has the plane on autopilot, viciously attacks her. Michelle manages to subdue him (temporarily) and the rest of the flight becomes a white-knuckle ride as the three of them fly through the vast open skies of Alaska, trying to stay alive. Mark (terrific performance) proves to be a nasty, sadistic and perverted killer, and does not stay subdued.

Michelle, meanwhile, has managed to get the radio working and connects with her office, and with a charming Anchorage control tower fellow (Monib Abhat), who assures her he will get them down safely, then asks her for a date. More conversation with Topher leads Michelle to believe that they were targeted for death because of a leak in her office. The intense, claustrophobic struggles in the plane continue. They finally land, where one more surprise awaits.





What's Cooking?

BY LUIGI LEONARDI

This column is intended to showcase cuisines from all over the world. We invite you to submit a favorite recipe to luigi_leonardi@hotmail.com.

Pollo Al Limone (Lemon Chicken)

We have now reached the main course, or the “secondo piatto.” Traditionally it is composed of either beef, chicken or fish. Today I am cooking chicken, which has become a main protein component of Italian dishes, especially when cooked in a pan style. My mother made it fast; I couldn’t believe it had just a few steps. Once you try it, it will be one of your favorite dishes too. It is a pleasant and light-tasting dish, good for company or when you want to bring some Mediterranean flavor to your meals. Serve with jasmine rice and/or sauteed broccoli.

- 1 lb. Sliced chicken breast or tenders (lightly pounded)
- 2–3 tbs. Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3–4 garlic cloves
- Flour
- 1 lemon
- Sage
- 1 tsp. of Boullion mixed with 2 tbs. of warm water

Prepare the chicken by dusting it with flour on both sides. Squeeze the lemon and add 2 tbs of water. Place the garlic cloves in a large pan with the EVOO. Remove garlic when lightly golden. Place chicken in the pan and add the sage leaves. Turn chicken slices and add the watered bouillon and lemon juice. Cook at medium heat for 4–5 minutes or until most of the water has evaporated, leaving enough emulsion to spoon over the chicken. Garnish with slices of lemon.

A glass of pinot grigio will add a sparkle to the evening.
Cheers and buon appetito!



SCAM ALERT

BY JOY PORRELLO

Everyone needs to stay alert to scammers’ tricks. Simply talking about scams you know of helps your community stay protected. The FTC has free materials and information on hundreds of scams in print and online. Ideas for fraud fighting:

- Start at consumer.ftc.gov to learn what scammers do.
- Sign up for the latest scams at ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts
- Resources in multiple languages are at ftc.gov/languages
- Get free print materials to share at ftc.gov/BulkOrder
- Share information in conversations, leave FTC materials to be seen, and post on social media.
- Report scams to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Sudoku

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Complete the grid so that every digit from 1–9 appears only once in every row, column and 3x3 box. *Solution is on page 70.*



SUN CITY
PALM DESERT
Community Association

The events listed in article headings are updated by the Events Office based on room reservations.

Please call 200-2210 with any changes or corrections.

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Chartered Clubs Events & News

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Art

Oils, Acrylics, Drawing, Mixed Media & Watercolor

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Activities in the Art Studio unless noted

Beginning Watercolor: Mondays 9 AM

Mixed Media: Mon. & Weds. 1 PM

Oil Painting: Tuesdays 9 AM

Acrylic Painting: Wednesdays 9 AM

Basic Drawing: Thursdays 10 AM

Int/Adv. Watercolor: Thursdays 1 PM

Int/Adv. Drawing: Fridays 9 AM

Art Appreciation: Sundays 1 PM

Wine & Cheese: Saturday, Mar. 1, 5 PM

General Meeting: Mon., Mar. 10, 12:30 PM

San Gorgonio+, MV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 4 PM

by Kris Knutzen

The Art Club is thrilled to take part in the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale on March 28 – 29, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Our exhibit will showcase a variety of artistic treasures, including watercolor, acrylic, and oil paintings, as well as mixed media artworks, original cards, and small works. Be sure to explore our patio special, featuring art priced under \$149. Don't miss this opportunity to discover unique pieces that will add a splash of color to your home or make delightful gifts.

Our General Meeting will be Monday, March 10, 12:30–3 p.m. in the San Gorgonio /San Jacinto rooms. We will have a pizza party and nominations for the election of the Art Club officers for 2025–2026 will be presented. This is a very important meeting, and we encourage all members to attend.

The monthly hanging with wine and cheese will take place March 1 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the Art Studio. We have had some incredible works displayed recently and this is a great opportunity to see what

our talented artists are producing. Bring an appetizer and a friend...we will supply the wine.

Astronomy

Star Gazing

astronomy.scpdcaclubs.com

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 26, 7 PM

Tahoe, LV

by Stu Sitzman

Planets Mid-March

- Mercury: Sets early
- Venus: Sets early, gone early in month
- Mars: Visible all night
- Jupiter: Visible to midnight
- Saturn: not visible

March Highlights:

- March 14, Total lunar eclipse:
Begins: 1:26 a.m.
Maxim: 1:58 a.m.
Ends: 2:31 a.m.
- March 20, March Equinox 2:01 a.m.
First day of spring. Sun is directly over the equator.
- March 23, 9:04 a.m.
Saturn's rings will appear edge-on.
- March 29, Partial solar eclipse
Not visible in Palm Desert
- March 29, First of two Super New Moons of 2025. Occurs when moon is closer to Earth than usual. A great opportunity for stargazing.

Constellation of the month: LEO (the Lion)

- One of the largest constellations in the sky. Home to the bright stars Regulus and Denebola. Home to Messier galaxies 65, 66, 95, 96, 105. Two meteor showers associated with the Leo constellation: the "Leonids" on November 17 – 18; the "January Leonids" are a minor shower that peaks between January 1 – 7.

Meteor Showers: Not this month, you'll have to wait until next month for the Lyrids



Billiards

Social & Tournament Billiards

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Richard Bettinson · 760-200-2696

Play & Tournaments in Billiards Room, SV

Member Play: Monday – Friday, 12–5 PM

Singles Tournaments: Tuesdays, 12 PM

Partners Tournaments: Thursdays, 12 PM

Dinner: Tuesday, Mar. 25, 5 PM

Ventana, MV

by Don Campbell, VP

The Billiards Club is a wonderful place for friends to socialize while playing fun and challenging games. All residents welcome. Want to learn or improve? Check out the mentors list on our bulletin board.

Partners 8-Ball Tournaments:

- Jan. 2: 1st Chuck Rinkey/Jennifer Jadovitz; 2nd Chantelle Ethier/Don Campbell; 3rd Farrell Foumberg/Kathleen Wiedmann.
- Jan. 9: 1st Tie Warren Spaulding/Larry Tackett and Gary London/David Harshman; 3rd Mike Levee/Victor Sillanpaa.
- Jan. 16: 1st Tie Mike Flynn/Chuck Rinkey and Malcolm Gochioco/Leroy Richman; 3rd Allan Celestin/Warren Spaulding.
- Jan. 23: 1st Sandy Schachter/Rene Dones; 2nd Tie Larry Tackett/Larry Peckham and Ron Kastner/Dan Dunlap
- Jan. 30: 1st Chuck Rinkey/Dan Dunlap; 2nd Tie Sandy Schachter and Malcolm Gochioco/Milton Greenway.

Singles 8-Ball Tournaments:

- Jan. 14: 1st Farrell Foumberg; 2nd Rich Bettinson; 3rd Dave Spalasso.
- Jan. 28: 1st Dave Spalasso; 2nd Victor Sillanpaa; 3rd Farrell Foumberg.

Singles 9-Ball Tournament:

- Jan. 21: 1st Farrell Foumberg; 2nd Victor Sillanpaa; 3rd Gregg Funfar.

Wednesday Night League play began January 29.

Bocce

Social & Tournament Bocce

bocce.scpdcaclubs.com

Pat Powers · 509-220-2702

Sign-up: Mon., Tue., Wed., 12:30 PM

Bocce Courts, SV

Member Play: Mon., Tue., Wed., 1 PM

Bocce Courts, SV

by Marla Fee

Bocce courts are reserved for members Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Members can sign up between 12:30 – 12:50 p.m., with play starting at 1 p.m. Mid-day play will continue until the end of May.

New and returning members may join by dropping a completed membership form and \$15 check in Box 11 at Mountain View Clubhouse. Dues received after October 1 will be good until December 31 of the next calendar year.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Farewell Party/General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. at Sunset View Clubhouse. Members receive reservation forms via email or at the bocce courts in early March. We promise fun, food and friends!

Monthly tournaments are played on the third Wednesday of each month. March 19 and April 16 will be the last tournaments of the year. Members are notified to sign up the week prior to the tournament.

Boomers & Friends

50s & 60s Revisited

boomers.scpdcaclubs.com

Terry Anne Johnson · 206-295-3240

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 3 PM

Saddleback, MV

Social: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 6 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Barbara Kastner

Spring is just around the corner and Boomers has some great events coming up. March 11 is your next Boomers kick back fun event. MOTOWN is the theme. Think rhythm and blues to feeling that sound and dancing the night away!

There will be a short meeting at this event to announce the nominations for next years elected board members. The nominating committee will officiate. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The election will take place during the April event. The new board begins their term June 1.

Last month's Black & White Ball sold out in just a few days. What an AMAZING party this was. Everyone had a SPECTACULAR evening. The DECORATIONS WOWED the crowd – just lovely. The dinner was outstanding – Chef Rudy outdid himself. The band, Art of Sax with Will Donato, was beyond terrific. A memorable evening for all.

Remember: notice of each event is sent to all members the day following an event. Getting your check and registration in right away is the most successful way to assure yourself a reservation.



Billiards Club 2025 members.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

BZBs

Knitting, Crocheting & Needlecrafts

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Mardell Sunley · mardisue2@gmail.com

Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 9 AM
Saddleback, MV

by Cathy Clemens

We have been busy knitting and crocheting for the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale that will be held at the end of this month on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29. We are also knitting for various charities in the area. We donate hats to the Lucy Curci Cancer Center, hats and scarves to the Marine Base and blankets for Project Linus. Join us on Tuesday mornings to see what we are about. There will always be someone to help with projects and it is also a time of sharing ideas from very talented members in our group.

Canadian Club & Friends

canadian.scpdcaclubs.com

Robert Maitland · 403-612-3936

Social: Saturday, Mar. 8, 3 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

Social: Sat., Mar. 15, 1 PM *Putting Course*
& 3:30 PM *Tahoe+*, LV

Social: Saturday, Mar. 22, 6 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 31, 4 PM
Silverwood, LV

by Robert Maitland

It is hard to believe that the 2024/25 season in the desert is almost over for Canadians who visit Sun City Palm Desert. We have had a good year to date including our Grey Cup party and Welcome Back party in November, a Trivia night in December, a Whist night in January, a busy February with a Bocce blast, concert at El Paseo and Golf tournament. We do have a couple of events planned for March so please join us. Coming events include:

- *Putting Tournament and Annual Meeting* – Saturday, March 15

- *Trivia/Games Night* – Saturday, March 22

Please mark your calendars for these events and plan on attending. Remember guests (no need to be Canadian) are always welcome.

The Canadian Club is already planning our events for the next 2025/2026 season. I would like to thank all the volunteers who make these events possible and the Board

of Directors of the Canadian Club for their hard work. Without volunteers, these events would not occur. If you would like to help your fellow Canadians enjoy their time in the desert, please contact the Canadian Club at their website.

Canasta

Cards

canasta.scpdcaclubs.com

Michele Landa · 310-991-4867

Member Play: Tuesdays, 12 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

by Eleanore Hahn, Secretary

Lani Young, President of the Canasta Club for over a decade, has decided to resign from her position and spend the rest of her retirement years pursuing other enjoyable activities. Thank you, Lani, for your many years of service and wish you the best!

We are now taking resumes for the position of President, as well as other volunteer positions, such as WebEditor and Instructor. If you are interested, please contact one of the Board Members:

- Michele Landa, VP: 310-991-4867
- Judy Evans, Treasurer: 951-258-4845
- Eleanore Hahn, Secretary: 760-200-0631

We look forward to adding members to our leadership team and hearing your ideas.

Regular play continues every Tuesday from 12 – 4:30 p.m. Sign up in advance by contacting Michele Landa at 310-991-4867.

The date for our Spring Luncheon is Tuesday, March 18.

Our next General Meeting will be April 1 at 12:30 p.m., followed by regular play. All club members are encouraged to attend. Please visit our website for more club information and photos of club activities.

Car

Car Shows, Touring, Sharing Love of Cars

Tim Walker · tm.walker@comcast.net

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 10, 3 PM
Tahoe, LV

General Meeting: Monday, Mar. 10, 4 PM
Tahoe, LV

by Tim Walker

In December the Car Club hosted a car show followed by an outdoor drive-in-type movie. First of its kind. Fun had by all. Reviews were “Great event,” “Date night,” “Fun time,” etc. Thank you! The club is planning the next one.

February participated in the Dr. George Car Show, El Paseo Cruise Nights and a rally to the Palm Springs Air Museum.

March 22 will be our Community Spring Car Show in the Mountain View Parking Lot. Please come show off your show vehicles and everyone join in the fun!

Card & Game

Gin Rummy, Cribbage, Hearts, Scrabble

Jill Burt · 760-492-1107

Member Play: Tues., 11 AM, Oasis+, SV
by Jon Holmquist

The Card & Game Club invites you to enjoy hearts, cribbage, euchre, scrabble, rummy-q or pinochle in the Oasis room of the Sunset View Clubhouse. We play every Tuesday with cribbage and hearts at 11 a.m., euchre at noon and scrabble and rummy-q at 1 p.m. New officers are being installed soon. Show up on any Tuesday and learn more about the club. Thanks to Ron Blauer for his long tenure as President.

Ceramics

Open Ceramics

ceramics.scpdcaclubs.com

Jim Murray · 760-782-2312

Member Crafting: Daily, 8 AM – 9 PM

Ceramics Studio, MV
Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 18, 4:30 PM
San Jacinto, MV

by Stu Bailey

With the SCPD November Arts and Crafts Holiday Sale being an amazing success, the Ceramics Club was asked to present work from our club, in concert with the Art Club, at the January Sun City Artists show at the Leland Gallery, the fine arts gallery of the Old Town Artisans Studio. There was a great turnout on opening night and our members who participated had a chance to see their works in lights! While we're hoping to make this an annual event more plans are underway for additional opportunities for club members to display their work in gallery settings.

Spring classes are underway, including glazing techniques and abstract hand-building. Sun City residents are welcome to drop by and watch our Ceramics Club members in action!

Couples Putters

Social & Competitive Putting

couplesputters.scpdcaclubs.com

Steven Klein · 760-200-8792

Sign-up: Saturdays, 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Silverwood, LV



Member Play: Saturdays, 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Putting Course, LV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 3 PM
Saddleback, MV

by June Benson

The IDES of March are upon us and our season is speeding along. February's dinner dance had 162 guests dancing to the music of DJ Ron Felix, eating and drinking with great camaraderie.

March dates to putt will be Saturday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

One of the year's most well-attended events is the *Brats, Beans, Brownies, Beer & Bingo* that follows the putting tournament March 12. There is a 72-couple maximum for this event. The minute you get the flyer, please fill it out with your putting partners and your table mates. Put all checks for your table in the Couples Putters mailbox.

Hope to see you there.

Creative Arts

Paper & Decorative Arts

Karen Keinert • 760-601-7988

Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 12:30 PM
Sewing Studio, MV

by Cathy Clemens

We have been a busy group this year making specialty cards for holidays and other events. We will be participating in the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale that will be held at the end of the month which will take place Friday and Saturday, March 28–29. We are planning on having two tables of cards that will be from all our members as well as a separate table selling cards and other items. We welcome any potential members to stop by on Tuesday afternoon and see what we are about. We do a demonstration each month and if you check out the display window, those cards will also be for sale.

Cyclists

Bicycling

cyclists.scpdcaclubs.com

Kim Murray • 250-240-9689

Jim Robinette 703-229-9168

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 12, 3 PM
Big Bear+, LV

by Chantelle Ethier, VP

This month our meeting will be held on March 12 at 3 p.m. in the Big Bear room of the Lake View Recreation Center.

As fast as the season started, the season is already winding down. We will be having our season end poker run on SATURDAY, March 15. We will be meeting at the Mountain View Clubhouse at 9:45 a.m.

Participants will be split into two groups. You will pick your first card there and then leave your group. After all the stops have been completed, come back to building D for a tasty BBQ. Prizes will be awarded for the top three hands.

Even though there will not be any more formal meetings after this one, the rides will continue throughout the spring and summer. Stay tuned for our first meeting back in the fall.

Thanks to all the members who support this club either by riding or socially.

Stay happy and healthy. Ride safe and enjoy every day.

Duplicate Bridge

Cards

bridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Fred Flegal • 269-649-1539

Member Play: Fridays, 12:15 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

Board Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 13, 9 AM
Silverwood, LV

by Judy McMakin

It may be chilly outside but at the duplicate bridge table it is hot, hot, hot! Taking first place honors were Angela and Dodd Fiori, Deann Young and Rick Rowan, Linda and Victor Sillanpaa, Anne and Tom Lund, Todd Blum and Diane Boger, Rick Flucke and Lynne Castoldi, Susanne Schow and Judy McMakin, and Jim Groves and Mark Graber.

Honorable mentions go to Joyce Gannon and Carol Ann Ackerman, Deann Young and Rick Rowan (2), Chander and Daya Gupta (2), Anne and Tom Lund, Rick Flucke and Rick Gannon (2), Barbara Perschetz and Bobbi Hoffman (3), Jim Graves and Mark Graber (2), Leland Kirk and Janet Cunningham, Joanne Staring and Fran Dickson (2), Rick Flucke and Jane Cushman, Elizabeth and Bill Dani (3), Pat Gershick and Diane Aledort (2), Marlyne and David Weiner, Susanne Schow and Judy McMakin, Angela and Dodd Fiori (2), Linda and Victor Sillanpaa and Fred Flegal and Todd Blum.

Need a partner? Please call Janet Beaty 760-485-6983. We welcome new members.

Financial

Financial Education

financial.scpdcaclubs.com

Rod Gale • 760-880-4638

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 12, 1:30 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

by Rod Gale

What legal changes are happening in 2025 and beyond? What can you do to plan ahead and to protect yourself? Come join us so you can make informed decisions and find out what may impact the wealth that you have worked hard to accumulate and want to protect.

The Financial Club presents Attorney Kimberly T. Lee of the Desert Law Group



Ceramics Club members at the opening of the Sun City Artists show at the Leland Gallery. From left: Sabina Baretta, Cindee Dunlap, Cindy Ratto, Linda Shimplin.

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who will share helpful information so we can be better prepared and take any action necessary. She has been a friend of the Financial Club for many years and her past presentations were well-received by our members. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Check out many of the new subscriptions in the Financial Information Section of the SCPD library. Publications like *Barron's*, *Financial Times*, *Kiplinger Personal Finance* and many other popular financial magazines are available to keep you up to date!

The Financial Club strives to help our members protect and grow their assets. Look for announcements via e-mails, website, bulletin boards and flyers in the clubhouse kiosks. 2025 memberships are \$15 single, \$20 couple with same address. Update your email address with Treasurer Brad Bachtelle, bbachtelle@bachtelle.com or Rod Gale, rodney.gale@uhc.com.

Food & Wine Connoisseurs

Premium Wine Education
fwcc.scpdcaclubs.com

Lou Ann Liebermann · 952-210-6751

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2 PM
Ventana, MV

by Jack Maddan

The February Food & Wine Connoisseur Club dinner celebrated Valentine's Day. In honor of this auspicious occasion, Chef Rudy expertly paired a five-course gourmet, palate-pleasing cuisine with award-winning California wines.

While members dined on Chef Rudy's extraordinary culinary creations, Amanda Cardenas, representing the wine vendor, and Lou Ann Liebermann, FWCC President, provided an enlightening and entertaining experience for the members. Amanda discussed the various California varietals presented; and Lou Ann, in honor of the Valentine's Dinner, presented a wonderful collage of romantic pictures and stories of various FWCC couples.

A General Meeting took place at the beginning of the dinner, at which Karen Boyles was appointed Chair of this year's Nominating Committee. Members who may be interested in serving on next season's FWCC Board were encouraged to contact Karen. Elections will be held at the April

FWCC dinner. Members, please mark your calendars for the next FWCC dinner which will be held in the Ventana on the evening of April 3.

Forum

Discussion Group
forum.scpdcaclubs.com

Brett Thompson · 310-766-5505

Board Meeting: Weds., Mar. 5, 3 PM
Tahoe, LV

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 12, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Brett Thompson

The Forum Club has found when we offer our annual THE DOCTOR IS IN program, attendance at our meetings spike. We assume that's because Sun City residents can't resist free medical advice. We might be crossing you up this season by presenting a topic that you will likely never need... BEAR MAULINGS.

Yes, you read correctly...*bear maulings*. Dr. Larry Iwerson, your presenter, is a board-certified Orthopedic Surgeon from Kalispell, Montana, with 37 years of experience. During that time, he has become THE expert on bear maulings in Northwest Montana and neighboring areas. He has worked with the Montana Department of Fish and Wildlife and has presented his work in several nearby states and Canada.

Special invitation: Are you a member of the Sun City Hiking Club? Planning a trip to a National Park? Just curious? If so, you will not want to miss this presentation. Join us on March 12 for an informative evening.

Fun City Bowlers

Mixed Bowling
funcitybowlers.scpdcaclubs.com

June Klabacha · 714-488-5686

Fall Bowling: Mondays, 1 PM
Fantasy Springs

by Evy Long

It's March already, which means we have three more days than we had in February to sleep, eat, exercise, visit with friends and family, enjoy our perfect weather...and add bowling to that list of activities we enjoy here in Sun City.

March is our sixth month of bowling with only one month remaining in the season. Teams are gearing up for coveted

first place. Friendly competition is felt by all as we count down the final weeks.

If you are searching for a fun and rewarding club to join, please check out Fun City Bowlers. It's a great way to meet new friends, join old friends and enjoy friendly competition. Summer bowling will begin shortly after the season is over. If you are interested in joining our league or summer bowling information, please contact June Klabacha at 714-488-5686. We are an unsanctioned handicapped league with all levels of bowlers welcome.

Bowling – the only sport where you can lose and still have a ball. Bowling is a lot of fun and great exercise. Please join the fun.

Genealogy

Tracing Your Family History
genealogy.scpdcaclubs.com

Sherry Stockton · 909-815-4412

General Meeting: Mon., Mar. 3, 9:15 AM
Idyllwild, MV

Glass Arts

Creating Stained and Fused Glass Art
glass-arts.scpdcaclubs.com

JoAnn Effron · 619-642-9595

Workshops & Classes in Glass Arts, MV

Member Crafting: Daily (*except Thur.*) 8 AM

Member Crafting: Thursdays, 12 PM

by Jackie Landy

We hope you were able to stop by the display case outside of the Glass Arts studio to see the February stained and fused glass art, highlighting reds, pinks and purple colors. Each month our display case features a new theme. March will focus on the garden.

Our Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale is this month on March 28 – 29. Encourage your friends and family to attend by sending an email or flyer so they can get easy access with a QR code that is set up just for this show. There will be beautiful glass artwork for sale created by our talented glass artists.

Last month, the quorum at our Annual Meeting held the election for our new Executive Board. After this meeting we had a club social to celebrate our very special volunteers and the newly elected board members.

Reminders for those doing glass fusion: Please remember to properly fill out the kiln firing slip, including a drawing of your design and list of colors in your pieces AND record your firing request in the "purple book." Baskets need to be kept in the studio, available ONLY for submitting your work for firing.



Hiking

Exploring Nature on Foot

hiking.scpdcaclubs.com

Kerry Berman · kerry@kerryberman.com

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 18, 3 PM

Saddleback, MV

General Meeting: Thur., Mar. 20, 5:30 PM,

Speakers Hall, SV &

6:30 PM, Oasis, SV

by Kerry Berman, President

Our hikes have been enjoyed by many all levels of hikers. When we refer to EASY HIKES, they are interpretive and educational, geared mainly for walkers who like wearing tennis shoes. Our MODERATE HIKES are geared to those who want a higher level of exercise with an elevation gain of approximately 500 feet. If you are interested in covering a lot of territory and enjoy a cardio workout in our beautiful valleys, hills, and mountains then our ADVANCED HIKES are for you.

We are always recruiting potential Board members, volunteers who enjoy coordinating social activities, and new hike leaders. These positions are fun and don't require a lot of time since we work as a team.

Mark your calendar for our General Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. in Speakers Hall. Our guest speaker will Darin Furry sharing his expertise on the different plants in our area that are used for food, building materials and medicine. Following our meeting we will enjoy great food and beverages.

Visit our website for a comprehensive explanation of what we are all about and visit any of our clubhouses to pick up the latest fliers on our hikes and special events.

Home & Garden

Desert Gardening

garden.scpdcaclubs.com

Louise Cummings · 949-300-0842

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 3, 9 AM

Arrowhead, LV

General Meeting: Tues., Mar. 11, 8:45 AM,

Oasis, SV & 10 AM,

Speakers Hall, SV

by Louise Cummings, President

The March 11 meeting will feature Scott Heacox, UCR Field Biologist, talking about "The Benefits of Having Insects in Your Home Garden."

Saturday, March 22, is our signature annual event: The Home & Garden Tour, produced by volunteers of the Home & Garden Club. This year's tour of seven inspiring Sun City homes and gardens is

from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Get your tickets (\$20/members and \$25 for residents and guests), at the Mountain View Clubhouse March 3 and 11, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; March 5 and 13, 12 – 3 p.m. Dates are subject to ticket availability. Go to our website to download a registration form; forms are available in clubhouse kiosks.

This year's Home Tour Steering Committee includes Nancy Humphries, Chair; Elise Santoro, Home Nominating Committee Chair; Louise Green, Secretary/Treasurer; Fran Peveler, Home Tour Sponsor Committee Co-chair; Sharon Hoffman, Sponsor Committee Co-chair; Debe Haller, Graphic Design; Deborah Wright, Marketing Chair; Ilene Haris and Coy Harvie, Plant Identification Chairs; Anne Pritchett, Docent Chair; Renee Thorpe, Homeowner Appreciation Chair; Cheryl Chandler, Ticket Sales Chair; Jim Biewer and Tom Minder, Safety and Security Co-chairs; Norma Saken, Tour Refreshments Chair; Rod Peveler, Post Tour Homeowner Appreciation Party Chair; Debbi LoCicero, Tour Brochure Chair.

Homecrafters

Club for Home Crafters

homecrafters.scpdcaclubs.com

Anne Winchester · 760-668-8341

by Carol Corso

Mark Friday and Saturday, March 28–29, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. onto your calendar. That's when SCPD's Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale will be at Mountain View with ALL club sellers located throughout the clubhouse. Navigate through clubs' display tables and appreciate their variety of quality items.

Our Homecrafters Club members create products differing from other clubs, selling "one-of-a-kind" creations. Find unique specialty products found nowhere else, such as holiday décor, handknitted sweaters, hand painted items, bags/totes, stenciled and sewn towels, toys, tie-dye tees, plus gourds, yard and rock art!

We may not need anything more in our home BUT think "outside of the box"! Challenge yourself to think of purchasing items for others. Perhaps a friend/family member impacted by recent fires, or a lovely surprise gift to take to your neighbor, shut-in, dinner hostess or someone housing you as a visitor on your next trip? Get your shopping done early for birthdays and holidays.

Join Homecrafters: there is a \$20 annual membership fee with two annual required General Meetings.

We hope we see you at the March Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale!



Hiking Club members on the Big Morongo Canyon Trail. L to R: Ron Gleason, Don Bailey, Jim Biewer, Lynne Hopkins, Kevin Rivette, Harry Ayling, Tim Stiger, Nancy Bendel. Photo by Linda Biewer.

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Italian Heritage

Celebrating Italian Heritage

scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/italian-heritage

Bernie Froio • 760-772-3204

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 1 PM

Saddleback, MV

Concert: Tuesday, Mar. 18, 7 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Susan Goldberg

Tuesday, March 18, *Italian Rat Pack Show*—our most requested event! The concert will take place in the Sierra Ballroom from 7 – 9 p.m. Enjoy the delightful music and humor of Frank DiSalvo, Maximo Marcuso and Michael D'Angelo. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite.com, at the door for \$25 cash or check, or by filling out the reservation form attached to the flyers in the clubhouse kiosks and putting it with your check in the IHC mailbox.

Visit our website to read about our monthly Happy Hours. In April, we are looking forward to a “Mad Hatter” party with music by the Fabulous Fossils. And in May, we will say good-bye to our snowbirds with the theme “Arrivederci Roma,” with music by DJ Ronnie Felix and a delicious Italian buffet.

We are looking for a few volunteers with some computer skills to prepare flyers, name tags and to co-chair monthly events. No, you don't have to be Italian to join the Italian Heritage Club!

Jewelry

Creating Finished Jewelry & Components

jewelry.scpdcaclubs.com

Christina Greenway • 760-345-4759

Member Crafting: Mondays, 8:30 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

Social: Monday, Mar. 3, 9:30 PM

San Gorgonio+, MV

Lady Niners

9-Hole Golf

lady9.golfclub.net

Helen Reardon 760-574-8588

Board Meeting: Thurs., Mar. 6, 11 AM

Idyllwild, MV

Luncheon: Thursday, Mar. 20, 11 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Susan Glenn

This month's event, March 17–19, “THE GETAWAY” is always the most fun. Pack your bag and golf clubs and be prepared for a fabulous time with nine holes of golf

and delicious meals with friends. This year we are going to Temecula Creek Golf Club & Resort, a very special place with many amenities.

Last month was our Presidents Cup Golf Tournament. Following the excitement of the Presidents Cup Golf Tournament, we gathered for an Awards Luncheon to honor the remarkable contributions of our past presidents, a time-honored tradition that recognizes the dedication, leadership, and vision of those who have shaped our club's history and ensured its continued success.

If you are not a member yet, you can join our club and find membership applications on our website and in the clubhouse kiosks. Information regarding membership, please call Bev Robinson at 714-948-0073.

Lady Putters

Social & Competitive Putting

ladyputters.scpdcaclubs.com

Charlotte Brady • 760-346-1531

Putting: Wednesdays, 9 AM

Putting Green, MV

Board Meeting: Weds., Mar. 5, 10:30 AM

Saddleback, MV

Luncheon: Wednesday, Mar. 26, 11:30 AM

Ventana, MV

by Annette N Reed

On January 24, our Lady Putters were guests at the Shadow Hills Invitational. What a fun event it was. Shadow Hills made us feel so welcome. Our own Lady Putter, Dorthiann Taylor, and her Shadow Hills Partner won first prize in this event. Congratulations!

Spring is just around the corner, and we have a full schedule of activities planned for this month. Upcoming events for Lady Putters are: March 19 will be Mystery Hole Day. Let's hope the Luck of the Irish will be with us! Our luncheon on March 26 will be to honor Chairs, Past Presidents and Nomination of Officers. Please note that nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Flyers for the luncheon will be available soon. Don't forget to check our website for information, updates and photos.

Let's Compute

Computer & Technology Education

lets-compute.scpdcaclubs.com

Kathryn Querry • 707-803-6119

Member Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10 AM-12:50 PM

Technology Center, MV

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 17, 2 PM

Technology Center, MV



Lady Niners Invitational Committee with SCSH and SCPD. Photo by Claudia Norwood.



General Meeting: Tues., Mar. 25, 1:30 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

by Kathryn Querry, President

Let's Compute Technology Club fosters digital literacy and life-long learning. Members volunteer, learn, instruct, use printers, new Apple and PC computers, and other equipment. Member classes include PC and Mac software, mobile and wearable devices, photo editing, 3D printing, Canva graphic design, and artificial intelligence platforms. Speakers offer informative presentations in Speakers Hall. *Tech Tutor Weeks!* This service offers members one-on-one help during one week within scheduled months.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Technology Center to learn details of our member activities. Volunteers are needed for all areas from technical to beginner. Get involved to learn, help, and keep your mind active.

Member dues are \$25 per year (July-June). Application form is available at the Technology Center in the Mountain View Clubhouse, in clubhouse kiosks, and on our website. Place form with U.S. check/cash in the locked box at the Technology Center, or mail to Let's Compute, 38180 Del Webb Blvd., PMB #166, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

Line Dance

Instruction & Social Dancing
linedance.scpdcaclubs.com

Claudia Norwood · SCPDlinedanceclub@gmail.com
All classes in Pavilion Studio unless noted

Level 1: Tues., Thurs., 11 AM
Level 2: Mon., Wed., 10:15 AM
Level 3: Mon., Wed., 11:15 AM
Level 4: Fridays, 12 PM
Level Varies: Tues., Thurs., 12 PM
Board Meeting: Weds., Mar. 12, 1:30 PM
Tahoe, LV

by Claudia Scott

St Patrick's Day is almost upon us, and we are ready by celebrating with a party on March 17. We will dine on corn beef and cabbage. Wear your green and dance the night away with us. All the dances for the party are taught during the regular classes in the weeks leading up to the dance. During the party the teachers lead the dances and will do a run through before we begin.

Our new schedule of dances is listed above. Remember the first three classes are free and our membership is only \$25. Our classes run five days a week and we would love to see you come and join us.

Dance is music made visible.

Love To Dance

Social Dancing
love2dance.scpdcaclubs.com
Donna Genett · 760-636-0425

All classes in Pavilion Studio, SV

Beginner Classes: Wednesdays, 2 PM
Inter./Adv Classes: Wednesdays, 3 PM
Open Practice: Thursdays, 1:15 PM
Tea Dance: Sunday, Mar. 2, 2 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Donna Genett

While the Irish may be lucky, we're even luckier. We have fabulous dance lessons covering many different styles and we have the most beautiful ballroom in the valley for our dances. So come join the fun!

Our lessons for every level of dancer are going strong. It's exciting to have so many new dancers. *Wednesdays*, Teresa Shiry, one of our dance professionals, teaches a *BEGINNER LESSON at 2 p.m.* followed by an *INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSON at 3 p.m.* Different dance styles are taught each month. \$10 pp. No partner needed. Join our *DANCE PRACTICE at 1:15 p.m. Thursday* to reinforce your learning and be ready for the next dance. Lessons and practice are held in the Pavilion Studio, SV.

Our *TEA DANCE* will be held *Sunday, March 2nd from 2-5 p.m.* Come alone or bring a partner. Our hosts will make sure

everyone gets out on the dance floor. \$10 admission. No need to pre-register, just show up. We hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit our website.

Mah-Jongg

American and Asian Mah-Jongg
mahjongg.scpdcaclubs.com
Ina Gibbons · 760-200-9190

Member Play: Weds. & Fri., 8:30 AM
Thurs., 12 PM, Oasis+, SV
Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 9 AM
Palm, SV
General Meeting: Thurs., Mar. 20, 12 PM
Oasis, SV

by Diane Baum

Happy St. Patrick's Day. If you are interested in learning the game of Mah Jongg, we have two excellent teachers available, Carrie Hayward 562-438-6557 and Iona Allan 760-636-1382.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Mah Jongg tournament on Wednesday, April 2, in the Sierra Ballroom. Flyers for the tournament are available in the kiosks at all three clubhouses and are available during play at the Sunset View Clubhouse.

We will have a General Meeting on Thursday, March 20 in the Oasis room at the Sunset View Clubhouse.



Line Dance Club board and teachers.

Meditation Club

Meditation made simple!

meditation.scpdcaclubs.com

Doug Graham • 505-401-4845

by Tammy Graham, Treasurer

Meditation has well-documented physical and mental health benefits, leading to more positivity, ability to focus, and inner peace. Learn to meditate and see the benefits for yourself. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. We have fun social events, too. Check our SCPD club website for current schedule and locations. No prior experience is needed.

Men's Niners

9-Hole Golf in the Morning

mvmn.golfclub.net

Frank Allen • 760-200-0541

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 18, 3 PM

Idyllwild, MV

Dinner/Dance: Thursday, Mar. 6, 5:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Luigi Leonardi

News, news, news! We have the January 2025 Men's Niners Annual Tournament Championship results! Here they are, in ascending order:

- Gross Flight: 7th Bruce Bennetts; 6th Dave Rowden; 5th Rick Jobe; 4th Steve Arnold; 3rd Perry Lyn; 2nd Frank Hughes and the 2025 Gross Champion is Wayne Gilstrap with a 73-aggregate score (two rounds).
- Net Flight: 7th Roger King; 6th Ken Peterson; 5th Jack McGee; 4th Stephen Muzi; 3rd Jim Larson; 2nd Roy Pool and the 2025 Net Champion is "Coop" Coopersmith with a 66-aggregate score (two rounds).

Congratulations to all the winners! Hopefully you have signed up for the Awards Dinner/Dance on the evening of Thursday, March 6.

The Men's Niners are always looking for new members. We boast two of the most beautiful courses in the Coachella Valley and Thursday morning is the ideal time to play nine holes with some real fun-loving people. You get to meet "Deus ex machina" Jim Larson who will get you in the pairings right up to tee-time (provided there is an empty slot).

These are the latest members: Stan Bunas, Marinus Snyders. *Welcome aboard!*

Menz Putterz

Social & Competitive Putting

menzputterz.scpdcaclubs.com

Luigi Leonardi • 917-362-6262

Putting: Tuesdays, 8 AM

18-Hole Putting Course, LV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 10:30 AM

Tahoe, LV

Award Luncheon: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 12 PM

Ventana, MV

by Luigi Leonardi, President

"Welcome to March 2025! Now that we have completed the Annual Tournament Championship rounds, we look forward to finding out who the sectional winners are and who will be crowned Tournament Champion! When you read this column, we will have completed our February tournament rounds and have a winner for the "Green Jacket", currently on Harvey Tyman's back. Will he have retained it? Will we have a new Champion? You will know it by Tuesday, March 11, at the Annual Award Luncheon! Please hurry to sign up for the luncheon if you have not done so. The cutoff date is Tuesday, March 4, at noon.

To all new (...and veteran) SCPD male residents looking for a fun-filled outdoor activity, come to the putting course any Tuesday at 8 a.m. or call the above number. You will be our guest for a tryout round. Some of the most fun guys are ready to welcome you and share their secret strokes; you won't believe what they know. Ask Gary Salute, Robert Pagan, Richard Murillo, David Oropeza, Ron Tanner and his son-in-law "All in the Family" Ralph Gribben.

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Paul Pendolino • 442-599-1428

Board Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 6, 4 PM

Tahoe, LV

Lunch: Saturday, Mar. 8, 11:30 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Valerie Dudley, Secretary

Spring is just around the corner and our exciting March tournament is the Shamrock Shamble on Saturday, March 8. Computer-paired teams will enjoy playing this format on the Santa Rosa Course with a fun mix

of features from the scramble and from stroke play. Who knows, you might find a four-leaf clover to bring you extra good luck! There will be a delectable luncheon directly following the tournament in the Sierra Ballroom.

Please visit our website often for current information and to download a membership application. All participants are required to have a verifiable handicap to play.

We encourage any member who may be interested in joining the board to contact a current board member. The board welcomes your questions and appreciates your input.

Mountain Vista Ladies Golf

18-Hole Golf

mvlgc2024-2025.golfgenius.com

Mary Robinson • 425-766-3888

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 1:30 PM

Idyllwild, MV

Luncheon: Tuesday, Mar. 25, 11:30 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Jane Blanchard, Secretary

Congratulations to our 2025 President Club winners, Roxie Bivinetto and Marlene Wieseman. Each winner received a custom bag tag, \$60 and a special trophy. Their names will be added to our permanent trophy. Look for it in our trophy case at Santa Rosa.

Our Club Championship Tournament crowned another winner from our "A" flight players with handicap index of 13 or lower. The winner was awarded a keep-sake medallion and trophy. The other flights (B-F) were given sweeps and trophy.

March 25 will be our annual Member/Guest tournament with a "Tea-Par-Tee" theme. We will welcome guests to our club and treat them to a fun day of golf, lunch and prizes.

Stay current with our golf events on our website.

Please join our club at any time.

Mountain Vista Men's Golf

18-Hole Golf

mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Skip Willis • 760-217-4650

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2 PM

Tahoe, LV

Luncheon: Wednesday, Mar. 19, 12 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Art Dion, Secretary

As we enter March, one of our most important tournaments will begin. On



March 5, we begin our Club Championship Tournament. The club champion will be contested amongst qualified players playing scratch play. They will not use any course handicap. The players will play over a three-week contest. Additionally, there will be other contests by additional players wishing to compete in handicapped flights. These contests, differs somewhat, in that it is played over only two weeks.

On March 19, both the Club Champion and the winners of the flighted contests, will be announced at a luncheon to be held in the Sierra Ballroom.

The MVMGC is always open to men wishing to compete with other golf-loving guys. If you are new to Sun City, joining our club. Come out and make new friends and have fun.

Music Buffs

Appreciating & Performing Music
musicbuffs.scpdcaclubs.com

Marilyn Townsend · 760-360-2856

Concert: Monday, Mar. 3, 7:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Concerts: Sunday, Mar. 9, 3:30 & 7:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 17, 7 PM

Tahoe, LV

by Nancy Rosenthal

On Monday March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom, Music Buffs will present *The Tokens*, a musical group from the 60s and 70s, singing many famous songs, including the "Lion Sleeps Tonight."

Monday night concerts are open to residents *only* of Sun City Palm Desert. Tickets will be available before the concert at 6:45 in the main lobby and are \$50 for the total series. Credit cards are not accepted; cash or checks only. Please make out checks to Music Buffs.

Sunday concerts are at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom, and on March 9, Debbie Boone, American singer, author, actress, and Grammy Award winner, best known for "You Light Up My Life." Tickets will be available before the concerts at 2:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. in the main lobby. Doors open for all concerts Sunday and Mondays, 30 minutes before showtime.

Flyers for Monday and Sunday concerts are available online and in the kiosks.

For ticket and show information for the Sunday 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows, please call Marilyn Townsend at 760-360-2856.

Performing Arts

Drama, Comedy & Variety Productions
performingarts.scpdcaclubs.com

Elaine Montgomery · 403-852-6079

Dance Rehearsals: Mondays, 1:30 PM

Wednesdays, 12:30 PM

Pavilion Studio, SV

General Meeting: Monday, Mar. 24, 3 PM

[room?], LV

by Elaine Montgomery, President

Our cast is busy rehearsing our next show, *The Fantasticks*, which will run March 28 – 30. Tickets will go on sale March 10 and will be offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the atrium of the Mountain View Clubhouse. We are also offering tickets through Eventbrite.com. Buy your tickets when you want to and skip the line up at the ticket sales table: www.eventbrite.com/e/the-fantasticks. \$25 reserved seating.

The June "One Acts" will run June 6 – 8. Check our website for audition dates.

Staged Reader's Theatre is now up and running again every Monday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Speakers Hall. All are welcome.

Our next General Meeting will be held March 24 from 3 – 4 p.m. in the Lake View Recreation Center.

Pet Lovers

All Pet Lovers Welcome

petlovers.scpdcaclubs.com

Lucy Nigrelli · 760-691-0878

General Meeting: Thurs., Mar. 6, 1:30 PM

Arrowhead+, LV

Pet Parade: Saturday, Mar. 15, 10 AM

MV Parking Lot

by Lucy Nigrelli

Welcome all pet lovers! No pets, no worries! Join us! We are proud to announce our club continues to grow with over 200 pet lovers! Membership forms are in the clubhouses and dog parks! Are you curious about what makes us so successful? Join our next meeting on March 6, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., at Lake View. Who's talking:

Who: Living Desert, Mary Thomas

What: Coyotes & Painted Dogs

Why: Learn to coexist with coyotes safely.

What is a painted dog?

Who: Tranquil Pets, Jean Brusavich

What: Holistic Pet Care

Why: Learn to care for senior and stressed pets. In-home checkups, animal massage, reiki, CPR, etc.

Big event alert: Pet Parade & Clinic! Join us April 12, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Mountain View parking lot for our very first Pet Parade (watch for details) in partnership with Support 4 Paws, who will be hosting a free vaccination and microchip clinic. Bring your furry friends and let's make this a memorable day!

Pet Parade Contests: Best Costume, Most Unusual Pet, and Most Owner-Lookalike.

Are these dates on your calendar? Thursday, April 3 and May 1, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Lake View!



Meditation Club potluck organizers, from left: Teresa Grandon-Garcia, Grace Vagas, Rhonda Fox, Phyllis Lerner. Seated: Carol Sabotka (with Sugar).

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Photography

Digital Photography & Instruction
camera.scpdcaclubs.com

Gary Pettersen · 206-354-0886

Workshops & Classes in Technology Center

General Meeting: Thurs., Mar. 6, 6:15 PM

Palm, SV & 6:30 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

Social: Sunday, Mar. 16, 4:30 PM

Arrowhead, LV

Board Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 20, 10 AM

Tahoe, LV

by Kathi Malec-Braunlich

We have so much to look forward to this month! Our General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 6. Our topic for Education -In-Action this month is "Elements of an Eye-Catching Photo." March field trips will be announced via email. The end-of-season dinner will be in March again this year to allow our snowbirds to join the fun. All members are invited to attend the Board Meeting on March 20 and our Coffee Corner on March 28. Check our group Facebook page, our website, or Gary's emails for dates, locations, and times of all events.

Our website offers helpful resources for all residents looking for photo inspiration

and tips for taking better photos. New and prospective members are encouraged to review the 'New Member Welcome' section on our webpage. Visit our website or contact President Gary Pettersen for more information.

PickleBall

pickleball.scpdcaclubs.com

Rich Allison · richallison67@gmail.com

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 3, 3 PM

Arrowhead, LV

Dinner/Dance: Friday, Mar. 14, 5 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Jean Mylen

The Pickleball Club held elections for our new SCPB Board members February 27. The results will be announced in the April *News & Views*.

Membership affords our residents many opportunities including free clinics, ladders, mixers, Friday night lights, and special events such as the first Skills Challenge competition which tested our skills over five areas. It truly was a challenge, and we learned a lot about our game!

March brings the close of the Ladders and League Play. The four ladders, Couples, Men's, Women's and Mixed, had over *two*

hundred members participate. Thank you to the Olivera's (Couples) Ramona Schraeder (Women's), Tom Bradley (Men's), and Jean Mylen (Mixed) for being our Captains! We had over eighty club members involved in our SCPB League Play and Desert Leagues which scheduled matches across Coachella Valley clubs/resorts. What we discovered is that not only are our facilities the best, but our good sportsmanship and wins won us a very positive reputation!

March also brings the excitement of our Annual Dinner/Dance with a Rock and Roll theme. Last year was standing, or should I say dancing, room only! Members and guests are invited to our March 14 Dinner and Dance...more information to follow.

Quilters

Group & Personal Projects

quilters.scpdcaclubs.com

Charlene Foran · 403-454-7233

Debbi LoCicero · 703-725-5968

Quilting: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 5, 12 PM

Ventana, MV

Quilting: Saturday, Mar. 15, 9 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

by DJ Miles

March is a busy month for the Quilters. Our monthly General Meeting is on March 5 in the Ventana room. This month we have planned a workshop on a block called the attic window. This happens in the sewing room on March 12. The very next week, on March 19, is our Spring Luncheon. We are traveling off-site for this event. Be sure to get in and sign up for the luncheon at Longhorn Steakhouse. Then comes the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale. We are back in the Ventana Room on March 28 and 29. Come join our fun club. Only \$15 membership per year.

Rainbow Circle

LGBTQIA+ Sun City Residents

rainbow.scpdcaclubs.com

Ray Graves · rainbowsuncity1@gmail.com

Men's Coffee: Tuesdays, 7:30 AM

Daily Grind, MV

Happy Hour: Wednesdays, 4 PM

Martini's, MV

Social: Saturday, Mar. 15, 5 PM

Ventana, MV

Discussion Group: Weds., Mar. 19, 4 PM

San Jacinto, MV

Presentation Group: Thurs., Mar. 27, 5 PM

Arrowhead, LV



Photography Club "I Can't Drive 55" by Gary Pettersen.



by Sheri Holbrook, Dir. Communications
Our goal in the Rainbow Circle is to cultivate a diverse group that espouses and encourages friendship, trust, respect and love in all forms. For us, LOVE is LOVE! And, of course, as the wise Oscar Wilde once said, "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

Ongoing activities for all:
• *Tuesday Morning Coffee*, 7:30 – 9 a.m., Daily Grind, Mountain View Clubhouse
• *Wednesday Happy Hours*, 5 – 7 p.m., Martini's, Mountain View Clubhouse
• *Drag Queen Bingo*: Saturday, March 15, 5 p.m., Ventana, Mountain View
• *Casino Night*: Saturday, April 26, 6:30 p.m., Oasis, Sunset View Clubhouse
Go to our website and select *EVENTS* to RSVP.

Rummy Q

Tile Play
rummyq.scpdcaclubs.com
Liz Klein • 732-266-5955

Member Play: Sundays, 12 PM
Tahoe, LV
Pizza Party: Thursday, Mar. 13, 6 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

by Liz Klein
March is here and spring is in the air!
On Thursday, March 13, bring your appetite as pizza will be served. You may bring your favorite beverage. Doors open

at 6 p.m., followed by a fun round of Rummy Q.
Nothing to do on Sunday afternoon? Rummy Q Club members meet every Sunday at the Tahoe room from 12 – 4 p.m. Come and join us for a challenging, fun game, all this for only \$5 membership per year!

Kathy Miller is our teacher. Give her a call at 360-708-5586.
Sunday, March 9, Daylight Saving Time begins...spring ahead one hour.

RV

All Things RV
rv.scpdcaclubs.com
Ray Ferra • rferra126@gmail.com
General Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 3 PM
San Gorgonio, MV

by Ray Ferra, President
Hello all trekkers! The 2025 season is in full swing. We had a well-attended rally in Temecula and Fountain of Youth in February.

Looking forward to Bluegrass music festival in March at Lake Havasu.
Come join us for our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month, San Gorgonio room in Mountain View, at 3 p.m. Don't forget our monthly socials on the fifteenth of every month throughout the year. Come join us as a guest and see what turns our wheels.

Social Bridge

socialbridge.scpdcaclubs.com
Susan Vee • 760-898-5661
Member Play: Mon. & Fri., 12:30 PM
Oasis+, SV
Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 10, 4 PM
Oasis+, SV
by Sarah Jallinoja, Secretary
During January we were happy to welcome three new members: George Balch, Bill Metzdorf and Betty Beaton.

January First Place Winners: J.B. Sacks/Susan Vee, Ron Loken/Evelyn Weber, Carolyn Fay/Leikny Sabato, Axel Dehne/Nita Steininger, Barb Cembrowski/Dick Salsitz, Kirsten Andersen/Jon Holmquist, Nancy Funnell/Scott May, Kirsten Andersen/Gudrun Bauer-Farr, Shirley Holmes/John Sakowicz. *January Second Place Winners*: Kirsten Andersen/Jon Holmquist, Sarah Jallinoja/Edith Swiggum, Carolyn Fay/John Sakowicz, Shirley Holmes/John Sakowicz, J.B. Sacks/Susan Vee, Jim Maddocks/John McCord, Roxanne Collins/Susan Vee, Barb Cembrowski/Carolyn Fay, Hal Gutterman/ Kathy Mamula.

The top score for January was 7,610 made by J.B. Sacks and Susan Vee on January 31.
The top winner for the month of January was Kirsten Andersen with two first place wins and one second place win. Other winners of note were Susan Vee, Carolyn Fay and John Sakowicz who all had one first place win and two second place wins.



Pickleball Club's first annual Skills Challenge

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Softball

softball.scpdcaclubs.com

Steve Boger • boger.steve@gmail.com

General Meeting: Mon., Mar. 10, 1 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

by Patty Bowers

The club was extremely busy in February with several events including the Phoenix games and our annual golf outing. March welcomes the playoffs which begin on March 4 and the Championship Party on March 20. This season's league has been full of spirited competition sprinkled with camaraderie and good humor. As always, volunteers and board members have given much time and effort into making this a wonderful club to be a part of. A big THANK YOU goes to all who participated.

Solos

Socials and More for Singles

solos.scpdcaclubs.com

Sally Hazzard • solossuncity@gmail.com

Social: Friday, Mar. 21, 5:30 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Sally Hazzard

“SOLOS is for SINGLES in Sun City Palm Desert offering a variety of activities and opportunities to meet new friends.”

• **Special Event:** On FRIDAY, March 21
Join your friends to celebrate St. Patrick's

Day with an evening of great music by the Shadows Band plus a St. Patrick-themed buffet dinner. Signup sheets are in kiosks.

- **Let's Eat Out:** Thursday, March 6. We will go to the *Casa Mendoza* on CA 111 for a wonderful meal. Meet in the Mountain View lobby at 4 p.m. and then we will carpool to the restaurant.
- **Happy Hours:** 4–5 p.m. on Mondays at Legends & Icons; on Wednesdays at Martini's Bar.
- **Golf and Putters:** For a friendly round of golf on Mondays, with no handicap required, contact Phyllis Fackelman 239-994-4838 or fckelmannp@gmail.com. Putters meet Friday mornings at 10 a.m. on the 18-hole putting course across from Lake View Recreation Center. Contact Bill Sterritt cal.canuck@outlook.com or 613-619-1079 or Kathie Miller 360-708-5586.
- **Membership:** Be sure your membership is up to date. Flyers for all events are in the kiosks and emailed to members.

Stitch & Sew

Personal & Group Projects

stitchnsew.scpdcaclubs.com

Beth Lindholm • 507-458-5367

Arlys Sikorski • 605-359-2982

Sewing: Mon., 1 PM & Thurs., 10 AM
Sewing Studio, MV

Sewing: Saturday, Mar. 1, 9 AM
Sewing Studio, MV

Sun City Singers

Choral Singing & Performing
singers.scpdcaclubs.com

Frank Denson • 818-415-0291

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
Idyllwild+, MV

Men's Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 12 PM
Idyllwild+, MV

Women's Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 2 PM
Idyllwild+, MV

Board Meeting: Friday, Mar. 7, 9 AM
San Jacinto, MV

Spring Show: Saturday, Mar. 15, 7 PM
Sunday, Mar. 16, 2 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Frank Denson

Sun City Singers presents *HIGH HOPES* – *Songs of Positivity & Optimism*, on Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom at the Mountain View Clubhouse. Come join us for the spring concert. Songs of positivity and hope. Show tunes and songs from our younger years. Great fun. We also have a sing along of a few Irish Songs for St Patrick's Day. Reserve seating is \$25 on sale in Mountain View Clubhouse, Postal Center lobby from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Watch for singers sign up in September for next season.

Contact Frank Denson, President at 818-415-0291 or fdenson3373@gmail.com.



RV Club members enjoying the Temecula rally early January.



Tennis

What A Racquet!

tennis.scpdcaclubs.com

Sheri Shepherd • 909-215-8228

Annual Gala: Saturday, Mar. 1, 5 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Board Meeting: Weds., Mar. 5, 3 PM

Big Bear, LV

General Meeting: Sat. Mar. 8, 8:30 AM

Oasis+, SV

by Sheri Shepherd

March is a HOPPING month for the Tennis Club! Our Annual Gala is March 1. This year's theme is Senior Prom (get it?), Enchantment Under the Sea. Thanks to our VPs, Carolyn Struck and Susan Whitby and helpers for pulling this fabulous event off! They have outdone themselves with the champagne reception, fabulous menu and a super fun DJ.

There is a General Meeting for our membership on March 8, where members hear all that is happening with their club (including officer elections) while having refreshments and beverages. Whether you are new to tennis, "rusty" to tennis, or play a competitive game, we have court play for you! The applications for the club are at the patio area at Building D which is by the tennis courts. Applications are turned into Box 8 near the Postal Center.

You can sign up for this event as soon as you become a member! Our tennis club is full of friendly folks from 55 – 90! Our website and my cell are above. Feel free to contact me with any questions, finding tennis games or how to get started playing.

Trim 'N' Tone

Aerobic Workouts

trimntone.scpdcaclubs.com

Rozzie Perlmuth • 818-521-8848

All classes in Pavilion Studio SV unless noted.

Step: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 7 AM

Hi/Lo Aerobics: Mon.-Thurs. & Sat., 8 AM

Hi/Lo Aerobics: Tues. & Thurs., 7 AM

Cardio Strength/Tone: Tue. & Thur., 4 PM

Interval Training/Cardio: Fridays, 8 AM

Luncheon: Thursday, Mar. 13, 11:30 AM

Ventana, MV

Coffee and...: Monday, Mar. 31, 9 AM

Ventana, MV

by Pamla Vale Abramson

Welcome to March. The year is rushing by much too fast.

Our spring meeting and party is on March 13. It is the "Luck Be A Lady Luncheon" for all our guys and dolls. The guest speaker is Vivian Segur, head of memory care at Eisenhower Hospital.

We at Trim 'N' Tone do not leave our healthcare to luck. This will be most informative and affects many in our community. You are welcome to bring your spouse or significant other to this event.

Remember to wear green to class on St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 17 for a photo op.

TNT Cruise to Cabo this year will be October 7 – 12. Pick up a flyer in the dance studio before class if you are interested.

Two of our members, Gary Jackson and Gregg Geisendorfer shared a great story with me today:

"We were going to move away – had our house up for sale and a contract for one in Northern California. We pulled out of both contracts because the folks in Trim 'N' Tone and everyone here are too good to leave behind. *'If you have good neighbors, don't move!'*"

So, what are you waiting for? Come join us!

Ukulele Friends

ukulele.scpdcaclubs.com

Lori Fisher • lorifischer@ymail.com

Classes: Monday, Mar. 3, 2 PM

San Gorgonio+, MV

Monday, Mar. 10, 2 PM

Idyllwild+, MV

Wine Tasters

Wine Tasting & Dinner

winetasters.scpdcaclubs.com

Carl Keinert • 760-851-6103

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 3 PM

Idyllwild, MV

Dinner: Thursday, Mar. 20, 6 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Wine Distribution: Fri., Mar. 28, 2:30 PM

Idyllwild, MV

by Lori Schoenlaub

January's dinner was a big success. The wines served were from the Riboli Family of San Antonio. Riboli has several brands based on the location of their vineyards in Paso Robles, Monterey and Napa Valley. Labels include San Simeon, Windstream, Opaque and Riboli. An additional wine was served this month giving members two white wines and three red wines.

We enjoyed a San Simeon Sauvignon Blanc, fermented in stainless and neutral barrels and a Windstream Chardonnay, fermented in 100% French oak barrels. They were paired with a beautifully prepared Asian inspired shrimp cocktail with fried capers and pickled radish.

The red wines included an Opaque 2020 Darkness Red Blend, aged in new French and American barrels with aromas of black cherry, raspberry and dark chocolate. Next was an Opaque 2021 Tannat, a new release aged in 100% French oak with aromas of black plum and blueberry. Last was a Riboli Family 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, from their Rutherford vineyard. This is a deep dark red wine rich in flavors of blackberries, blueberries and tannins. These were served with a delicious and tender Korean short rib with jasmine rice and baby Bok choy.

The next dinner is March 20, join us.



Tennis Club's Happy Days Are Here Again mixer. Pictured from left are Jo Salata, Sandy Myerson, Brenda Ford, Sheryl Strain, Rosemarie Kumbartzki.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

World of Women

www.scpdcaclubs.com

Linda Giles • 760-200-1822

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 10, 9:30 AM
Tahoe, LV

Luncheon: Monday, March 17, 11:30 AM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Anne LeDoux and Ann Shepperd

It's that time of the year for WOW's "Teddy Bear" luncheon! Attendees bring a teddy bear, or any other soft, plush, cuddly animal, which are collected by the American Friends of the Armed Forces to be shared with children of the families at the Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Base! Remember the "Teddy Bear" transcends culture, class, and creed, symbolizing a steadfast and huggable friend, whose warm embrace provides a sense of comfort in times of stress, upheaval or relocation. This year we have planned a surprise program at the Teddy Bear luncheon for your enjoyment.

The WOW luncheons give residents an opportunity to meet new people in the community while discovering local charities. When you check in, you will be provided with your table assignment so that you do not need to go around the ballroom looking for an empty seat.

World of Women is a social and charitable club founded in 2001 for residents of Sun City Palm Desert. It meets on the third Monday of each month, October to April, for luncheons that include an educational or entertainment program.

Writers Circle

Supporting & Encouraging Writers

writerscircle.scpdcaclubs.com

Carol Hazelwood • 949-246-2005

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 5, 2 PM
Canyon, SV

by Norma Saken

Welcome seasoned writers and those just getting started to our Wednesday, March 5, meeting in the Canyon Room at the Sunset View Clubhouse at 2 p.m.

The winners of the writing contest will be announced and read their work. You don't want to miss listening to what constitutes a winning piece of work and being given the opportunity to ask questions; perhaps learning how they chose the subject that won them this prestigious award.

March 28 and 29 is the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale, held in the Mountain View Clubhouse. In addition to supporting Writers Circle authors who will be selling their books, there are many beautiful handmade treasures to purchase.

Our April meeting features Writers Circle poets who, in addition to reading their work, will share their individual styles and how poetry can enhance our lives.

Writers Circle supports your creative endeavor, whatever your literary genre. Come and see for yourselves how writing what you think, feel, experience or imagine can change your life. We believe everyone has at least one book waiting to be written.

Yacht

Radio Controlled Sailboats

yacht.scpdcaclubs.com

Reg Modlin • 248-705-1196

Sailing: Thursdays, 1 PM, *Round Lake*
by Stu Sitzman

The Yacht Club is engaged in sailing and regatta racing of radio-controlled sailboats on Yacht Lake, (unofficial name), with a five-buoy course. Some of boat models we sail include Northwind, DragonFlite-95, Seawind and Soling—all in the one-meter range. Sailors have made many of these boats from kits; others are fully constructed from manufacturers.

Regattas are held weekly on Thursdays at the Lake east of Donny Circle, located between Valley Vista and Alliance. (Follow the golf cart path from Donny Circle to the lake.) We invite and encourage all wannabe sailors, experienced sailors, residents, family, visitors, interested folks, sightseers, realtor agents, et.al., to come-on-down to the lake for some boat talk, info and to spend a relaxing time enjoying a unique Sun City Charter Club in action.

For more information, contact Reg Modlin at 248-705-1196 or Stu Sitzman at 760-360-7726.

Yoga & Pilates

Classes for Men & Women

yoganpilates.scpdcaclubs.com

Ruth Zebrack • 760-772-5149

All classes in Pavilion Studio SV unless noted.

Chair Yoga: Monday, 8 & 9 AM, SV

Tues., Thur., Fri., 8 & 9 AM, LV

Saturday, 8 & 9 AM, MV

Mat Yoga: Monday & Weds., 9 AM

Thursday, 9:45 AM

Saturday, 9:30 AM

Pilates: Tuesday, 9:30 AM

Friday & Sunday, 9 AM

Coffee Social: Monday, Mar. 3, 10:15 AM
Ventana, MV

by Marsha Reed Nall

IMPORTANT: If you're new, arrive fifteen minutes before class to check in. Our volunteers greatly appreciate this.

Our March Yoga and Pilates classes are too crowded to bring guests.

There are several types of yoga.

Hatha Yoga comes closest to traditional Indian Yoga. In this style you focus on holding postures, slow-paced stretches and breathwork to balance the body.

Vinyasa Yoga is a more flowing and creative style, moving in smooth transition between asanas (poses).

Yin Yoga is a slow-paced style of yoga with asanas that are held for longer periods of time. Yin is more meditative than traditional yoga.

Chair Yoga is done while seated on a chair or using a chair as a prop for balance. Chair yoga is adaptable for special needs and is a good practice for seniors.

Our instructors mix the yoga formats, and any pose or stretch can be modified due to injury or ability.

We also offer Pilates which focuses on strengthening and toning the body.

Unlimited classes are \$30 monthly; single classes \$5 each. The first class is free. Annual membership fee \$25.

Don't be late. Classes start on time, and we close the doors. ■

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scpdpics@scpdca.com.

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SCPalmDesertFB@gmail.com





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36890 DEL WEBB BLVD.
PALM DESERT**

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Brandeis Nat'l. Comm. Desert Chapter

brandeis-desert.org
Marcia Plumleigh · 760-310-1822
by Charlene Williamson

It's the Ides of March and the whole country is envious of our weather. Our Brandeis Desert Chapter is enjoying an interesting season. Many of our study groups have waiting lists; call Rollye Rinkey at 612-387-7973 with inquiries. Membership questions can be addressed to Gail Minkow at 310-933-7454.

On Wednesday, March 5, be sure to sign up for our Book and Author Luncheon at Mission Hills Country Club. Dave Karger of Turner Classic Movies will review his book, *50 Oscar Nights*, and show videos of Oscar winners. Shopping with fashion vendors and a lovely lunch with a famous speaker... what could be better? To register, call Gail Minkow at 310-933-7454.

We have added Bridging Cultures trips to ethnic, local restaurants where we enjoy the food of a nation and a lecture discussing the culture of the country. This unusual event should not be missed.

Our entire calendar is available on our website at...it's easy to navigate and most informative. Our chapter strives to inform, invite discussion and have fun. You are missing out if you don't join us.

Chabad in Sun City

Nadine Cazary · 310-351-2524

Democrats in Sun City

suncitypalmdesertdemocrats.org
suncitydems@gmail.com

General Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 18, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Melanie Wank, VP Political Action
Immigration is our current focus. TODEC Legal Center has provided services for over

40 years to immigrants and their families in the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley. Asserting that we find ourselves in the middle of ICE raids that have shredded civil rights and terrorized families, TODEC's representative discussed at our February meeting how they protect members of our community, and provided information on how we can help.

In that spirit, our members distributed 1,000 red cards throughout local immigrant communities. These wallet-size cards, printed in English and Spanish, state the Constitutional Rights of every resident, regardless of immigration status.

Continuing our spotlight on local charities, we welcomed DAP Health to our February meeting. For four decades, this organization has provided equitable access to health care, based on the needs of the diverse communities it serves.

Our new communication team launched the first edition of our newsletter February 1. This represents yet another effort to keep our members informed of our activities as we navigate fast-moving events. We encourage your input.

Don't miss March's meeting! Nicholas Snow, journalist, actor, radio/television host, LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS activist with a podcast on YouTube, will discuss the emerging importance of alternative media.

Friendship Church

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Church Office · 760-260-8640

Services are held in Speakers Hall, SV
Services: Sundays, 8:30 and 10 AM
Speakers Hall, SV

by Dr. Gary Gulbranson, Senior Pastor
"Blue skies smiling on me; nothing but blue skies can I see." I believe I can hear you singing as you read. It comes rather naturally, considering where we are. What a wonderful place to live! We have made our way through the winter though, admitted,



that is a relative term, and anticipate the beauty of spring. We have been honored to help several of you in our community who have requested counseling for various issues, including Memorial Services. God loves and cares about you and so do we. Please feel free to call or email us at Friendship Church or attend our services.

Hadassah

Roni Spetalnick • 760-360-8465

by Nancy Polacheck

Please join Hadassah for a very special program Thursday morning, March 6. Men and women are invited to attend. Join us as Rabbi David Novak (Temple Sinai) will be our guest speaker. Rabbi Novak will have recently returned from a Rabbinical mission to Israel. During the time of his stay, the Hamas/Israel ceasefire negotiations were very close to being signed while the Rabbi was in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. He heard firsthand the effect on the many soldiers and civilians which he will share with us. In addition, he will discuss the effects of the 17 Months War on everyone living in Israel, be it Jew, Arab, Christian, Druze, or other. A question/answer period will follow. Please try not to miss this very important and informative meeting.

This meeting will take place offsite; doors open at 9:30 a.m. for nosh and coffee, and the program will begin at 10 a.m. *Please contact Vivian Posen at 818-687-9446 for more information and to reserve your space.*

If you are interested in more information on Hadassah, contact Eileen Eisenberg, VP Membership at 760-345-9977.

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Pamela Levin • 760-345-5150

General Meeting: Weds., Mar. 19, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Jim Palmer

Well, we've gone and done it—and are we excited! America has elected a President who has already begun to implement improvement and change as demanded by the majority who voted for him. The President has, in repeated and strongly worded promises, committed to Make America Great Again. That includes our Valley benefiting from improvement in areas such as in jobs, visitors, agriculture, health care, and yes, LOWER TAXES! Our success depends on how these opportunities are shaped and managed.

At our March meeting we will focus on the expected improvement in our Valley's economy. Our speaker at our March 19 meeting is one of a group of local financial advisors skilled on this growth subject. We have invited him to offer his opinion on what opportunities the next four years are expected to provide to all of us. Christian MacLean is the President and Founder of MacLean Advisors. Christian is both a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He has 30 years of successful experience in this profession. Please join us as we learn about expected Valley growth.

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by Sharon Emanuelson

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If you're interested or want to learn more, contact President Betty Lou Poloway at 760-200-9575 or bettylou4@me.com.

It's important for Betty to have your contact information in case the meeting room changes, which happens occasionally.

Sun City Jewish Services

Nadine Brinhendler • 707-332-3947

Services: Friday, Mar. 7 & 21, 7:15 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

by Nadine Brinhendler, President

To our membership, friends and neighbors, March is upon us and our Friday night Shabbat services will be held on March 7 and March 21 at 7:15 p.m. in Speakers Hall in the Sunset View Clubhouse. A beautiful Oneg Shabbat will follow in the Oasis room. Sponsors are welcomed and encouraged. You need to speak with Karen Kent to make those arrangements.

The fun holiday of Purim is on March 14, and we will be acknowledging it on one of our Shabbat Services.

Looking towards April, our Bar and Bat Mitzvah class will hold our ceremony on April 5. It is a Saturday morning and will be held in the Sierra Ballroom. A luncheon will follow; price to be announced shortly. Also in April is our Community Passover Seder on April 13 in the Sierra Ballroom. More information to be announced soon. It is Kosher style, not Kosher food.

We welcome newcomers to Sun City as well as anyone that would like to experience our beautiful services.

For information, please contact Nadine Brinhendler, President, at 707-332-3947. ■



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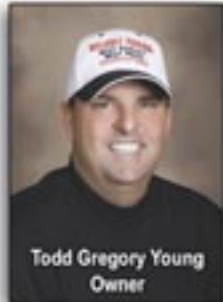


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