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Sun City Palm Desert's Annual

Photo Contest!



LAST CHANCE

Deadline: Feb. 5!

"Faces & Places In Our Desert"

Sun City Palm Desert residents may submit scenic photos of people, places or animals in our desert area.

(SCPD, Joshua Tree, Salton Sea, Anza Borrego & Cabazon allowed.)

Basic photo manipulation allowed.

Sun City Palm Desert residents may submit up to two (2) photos taken by a Sun City Palm Desert resident. Photo(s) must be taken within 2024/2025. Photo(s) must be submitted as **5 x 7 prints** (either professionally or home printed – *best print, not draft copy, please*), must include the photographer's name, phone number and title of each photo written on the back, and be submitted with an ENTRY FORM.

Entry Forms may be requested by emailing Irma in the Events office at Irma.Lopez@scpdca.com.

All entries must be submitted to the **Events Department** in the Mountain View Clubhouse no later than **4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025**.

Prizes awarded by the Association can be a gift card for either *Boulevards* or the *Golf Shop*.

Winners will receive:

First Place \$100

Second Place \$75

Third Place \$50

All photos become the property of SCPDCA and cannot be returned. Photos may be used at the discretion of the Community Association. A panel of five staff members will judge the entries.



SUN CITY PALM DESERT

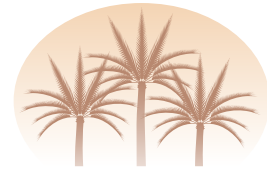
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SUN CITY PALM DESERT

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 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

The start of a new year usually brings change with lots of things happening around the Association. For example, on January 11 two years ago we had the long-awaited grand opening of Boulevards. The first day was busy with over 200 reservations made and multiple walk-ins that frequented the bar and fire pit areas. Since then, we have seen quite a few changes, the main one being our Food & Beverage Director, Alex. Since Alex has been on board, he has increased our Happy Hour times and offerings as well as our interruption tables. These interruption tables feature staff serving up tacos on Tuesdays (2 for \$6), Sloppy Joes on Thursdays (also \$2 for 6) and other great happy hour deals other days of the week. For more information, please see Alex’s article on page 22.

In other happenings, staff is busily preparing for our 2025–2026 fiscal year’s budget. It seems odd to mention those years as many years ago it seemed like 2025–26 would be a futuristic world filled with holograms and flying cars, or at least they would be available to the general consumer! As for the budget, staff will be reviewing where we are to date know that we have six months of actual financials under our belt and use that to help forecast for next year. Per our budget schedule, HOA staff, after review with the Finance Department and the GM, will submit their preliminary budgets to the Board and Finance Committee on Friday, February 28. There will be a meeting to review the budget on Friday, March 14, again with the Board and Finance Committee. This will give all parties involved time to carefully and diligently comb through the budget making any needed changes until it goes before the Board for approval on May 6. Future updates on the budget process and status will be posted in my articles to come, so stay tuned!

Concurrent with the budget each year, we also start into our election cycle. This year we had four Board member terms that were up for reelection. We began accepting applications on December 9 and the deadline to turn them in was Friday, January 10 at 4 p.m. At the close of day, we had four applicants for the four open positions. The applications that were turned in were the four incumbent Board members whose terms are expiring: Randy Dugger, Sue Rogoff, Tom Liebermann and Greg Howser. As there were four applicants for four open positions, we do not need to hold an election this year and can do it by acclamation per California law. I would personally like to thank Randy, Sue, Tom and Greg for continuing to serve on the Board of Directors and for their past leadership.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

BY ARMANN ROHDE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2024



The November 2024 financials were presented to the Finance Committee on Friday, January 3. November finished the month up \$93K to budget, \$364K actual vs. \$271K budget. Golf Shop revenue is down and missed budget in November by (\$70K), \$417K actual vs. \$487K budget. Total golf rounds for November are down (789) along with revenues down (\$82K) for the month. YTD, Golf Shop is (\$164K) down budget. The extreme high summer temperatures are contributing to the decline in golf play by (2,282) rounds vs. budget for the first five months of the Fiscal Year.

Food & Beverage revenues are down to budget by (\$64K) for the month of November, \$304K actual vs. \$368K budget. Daily Grind is down (\$4K), Catering is down (\$20K), and Boulevards is down (\$40K).

The Food & Beverage Department did manage their flow-thru of expenses in Boulevards. With revenues being down (\$40K), they decreased \$15K on their Cost of Sales and \$33K on their salary and wages. Boulevards finished the month with a loss of (\$22K) actual vs. (\$28K) budget. YTD, Boulevards is up \$61K to budget, (\$205K) actual vs (\$267K) budget. Boulevards remains closed on Mondays.

As of December 23, HR has four positions on their Open Positions Report. These open positions include three Facilities Maintenance positions and one Golf Course Maintenance position.

There were 14 homes that closed escrow in the month of November. Reserve Replenishment Assessment (RRA) revenues are \$35,028 for November and fiscal YTD revenues are \$278,770.

Rolling forecasts were prepared this month including five months actual and seven months forecast. Currently, we are on track to make budget for the fiscal year.

The Association remains in a sound financial position.

	Year-to-Date thru November 30, 2024			Forecast for Year ending June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues						
Assessments and Other Income	\$ 9,737,614	\$ 9,670,540	\$ 67,074	\$ 23,257,424	\$ 23,205,355	\$ 52,069
Less: Reserve Assessments	(1,955,117)	(1,955,117)	-	(4,692,281)	(4,692,281)	-
Golf Shop	1,220,749	1,384,621	(163,872)	4,514,964	4,780,496	(265,532)
Food and Beverage	990,224	1,236,705	(246,481)	3,457,934	3,704,415	(246,481)
Communications	148,418	137,000	11,418	296,198	284,000	12,198
Post Office	91,773	119,860	(28,087)	235,066	262,456	(27,390)
Fitness	2,515	1,250	1,265	4,315	3,050	1,265
Gross Operating Revenues	10,236,176	10,594,859	(358,683)	27,073,620	27,547,491	(473,871)
Direct Operating Expenses						
Golf Shop	376,392	432,648	56,256	1,161,012	1,217,218	56,206
Food and Beverage	1,271,200	1,588,598	317,398	4,114,939	4,400,013	285,074
Communications	199,365	208,125	8,760	457,059	460,233	3,174
Post Office	114,453	154,501	40,048	332,159	364,652	32,493
Fitness	292,168	305,444	13,276	788,515	787,445	(1,070)
Total Direct Operating Expenses	2,253,578	2,689,316	435,738	6,853,684	7,229,561	375,877
Net Operating Revenues	7,982,598	7,905,543	77,055	20,219,936	20,317,930	(97,994)
Indirect Operating Expenses						
Administration	1,442,593	1,645,265	202,672	4,308,696	4,433,117	124,421
Community Patrol	656,258	663,786	7,528	1,629,841	1,608,205	(21,636)
Finance	455,022	509,922	54,900	1,269,563	1,291,340	21,777
Information Systems	200,671	229,692	29,021	582,293	574,245	(8,048)
Common Area Maintenance:						
Facilities	1,497,755	1,582,233	84,478	4,109,186	4,052,243	(56,943)
Grounds - General Use	1,104,476	1,106,859	2,383	3,008,383	2,996,766	(11,617)
Grounds - Golf Course	2,517,334	2,627,150	109,816	5,285,824	5,361,997	76,173
Total Indirect Operating Expenses	7,874,109	8,364,907	490,798	20,193,786	20,317,913	124,127
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	108,489	(459,364)	(567,853)	26,150	17	(26,133)
Cable Rebate - Designated Income	166,167	-	(166,167)	398,800	-	(398,800)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ 274,656	\$ (459,364)	734,020	\$ 424,950	\$ 17	\$ 424,933



Board of Directors' Meeting Report · 1-7-25

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS

25-01-100 – Authorize Guralnick & Gilliland, Attorneys at Law, as the Association’s attorney and agent, to execute and record an assessment lien on the following properties pursuant to the Association’s Collection Policy: Account # 791028 and Account # 790164. **MTA BAI 25-01-100 (Howser/Rogoff) carried unanimously.**

25-01-101 – Approve the revised bylaws for the Mountain Vista Ladies Golf Club (MVLGC), a Sun City Palm Desert Charter Club. **MTA BAI 25-01-101 (Rogoff/Long) carried unanimously.**

25-01-102 – Authorize the purchase of ten (10) replacement treadmills from TechnoGym, at a cost of \$127,433 with a 5% contingency fund of \$6,372 to cover unforeseen expenses, for a total estimated expenditure of \$133,805 to be paid from the Replacement Reserves fund. This purchase is necessary to replace aging gym equipment and ensure the continued safety, functionality, and satisfaction of facility users. *Tom Liebermann advised the vendor was selected based on their service plan and positive recommendations from other communities and facilities.* **MTA BAI 25-01-102 (Liebermann/Rogoff) carried unanimously.**

25-01-103 – Request for installation of flashing LED Stop sign per recommendation received by Public Safety Committee. Amount not to exceed \$2,500 which will include installation of pole for stop sign and paint ‘Stop’ with line on street where stop sign is to be installed. *Cost within staff authority to approve, however staff would like approval on installation request heading southbound on Mojave Sage at Suncliff Circle.* **MTA BAI 25-01-103 (Long/Howser) carried unanimously.**

25-01-104 – Disclose the expedited authorization granted to Spreck Energy to utilize and widen the existing underground trench path currently being used for the solar project. The scope includes furnishing and installing an additional 120 feet of four 2-inch diameter PVC conduits to accommodate future 400 amp power requirements for EV (Electric Vehicle) chargers, which will support the new and future electric-powered Golf Course Maintenance (GCM) equipment. The total cost for this work is \$9,856, to be funded from Replacement Reserves. *Steve Rheuban and Clint Atherton noted that this additional project will be charged to Reserves as it is not part of the current solar project; this would need to be facilitated regardless but will be easier to complete with the existing trench.* **MTA BAI 25-01-104 (Rheuban/Liebermann) carried unanimously.**

25-01-105 – Disclose the expedited authorization to purchase twenty-eight (28) new “spectator chairs” from Wayfair for the Billiards room for a total cost of \$9,835 to be paid from Replacement Reserves. **MTA BAI 25-01-105 (Long/Rheuban) 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, FEB. 4 · 2 PM**

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

February						
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Activities Update

BY JULIE POPE
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Thank you, everyone!

I'm excited to share that all tickets for the Trivia event and The Smooth Brothers concert sold out in January!

I created a spreadsheet of all the Bucket List travel ideas that were turned in and there is a strong interest in visiting museums, libraries, and zoos and attending sporting events. Additionally, there are many requests for off-site and out-of-country trips, so I'm currently working on plans for some exciting adventures.

Since my arrival, I've been asked about offering BINGO to our community, and I'm happy to announce that BINGO will begin this month! Please keep an eye out for my e-blast, which will include the dates and times. While there are some rules and regulations I need to follow to organize this event, I assure you it will be fun and prizes will be awarded (though please note that there won't be any cash prizes).

I know our community values social gatherings, and I'm looking forward to bringing more fun and opportunities for our newest members to connect with all of you.

The support I have received so far warms my heart, and I am excited about all the fun we have planned for 2025!

Beer We Go!

SAVE THE DATE!
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

Bus Trip to: Two Breweries in Redlands

****Ticket will include: bus, tour, beer tastings, & food****

Tickets on sale:
Tuesday, February 24th
Activities door @ 8:30am
(across from Technology Center)

**See Julie Pope
for more information**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 TH
VENTANA 5:30 - 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 ST
VENTANA 1:00 - 3:00 PM

GET ON THE BALL ...
BINGO
IS HERE
AND IT WILL "B" A
"NUMBER" OF FUN!

\$15 TICKETS ON SALE
STARTING FEBRUARY 3
8:30 - 11:00 AM & 1:30 - 4:00 PM
IN THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE
ACROSS FROM THE COMPUTER LAB





2025 NEW FUN

ACRISURE ARENA DISCOUNTED EVENT TICKETS

 FIREBIRD HOCKEY GAMES \$38 EA
SUN. FEB 23 VS. SAN JOSE AT 3 PM

 WRANGLER PROFESSIONAL BULL
RIDERS - \$43 EA
FRI. MARCH 21 @ 7:45 PM
TOP ROWS, CENTER SECTIONS (120 / 121)

 CIRQUE DE SOLEIL "CRYSTAL"
FRI. MARCH 30 @ 1 PM \$45 EA
TOP CORNERS (SECTIONS 103, 105, 123, & 125)

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From the Delegate Council

BY CHARLIE THOMPSON
CHAIR, DELEGATE COUNCIL

REMEMBER:
Send your
Delegate your
email address!

It's that time of year again... election season! The time when members of the Board of Directors and the Delegate Council decide whether to run for another term or to step down. It's either, "enough!" or "I can continue to serve."

Why do some choose to serve in the first place...to volunteer? Is it boredom? Ego? Recognition? To begin to understand this answer, you need to understand the core of Sun City's success...volunteerism! Without volunteers, this community would be hard pressed to provide the services and amenities it does and still maintain one of the lowest HOA assessments in the Valley. Think about it.

With some twenty-two million dollars (\$22M) in our Reserves, we have a Finance Committee of volunteers with backgrounds in banking, accounting and financial management who work with our Finance Director, and financial advisor, to ensure the investments remain stable and growing.

We have another committee, Lifestyle Enhancement, of volunteers who develop design guidelines for our homes and grounds to ensure some degree of continuity throughout the community. (No one gets to paint their garage door plum with orange trim.) Another committee of volunteers, Compliance, enforces these guidelines.

A committee devoted just to Insurance, annually reviews all the HOA insurance policies (workers comp, earthquake, property, etc.) to ensure we maintain the best coverage, with the most cost-effective premiums. We have a dedicated group of Strategic Planning volunteers who continually identify what should be addressed in the future to keep Sun City a viable and enticing community. Marketing, part of our Community Marketing and Activities Committee (CMAC) publicizes our uniqueness to those seeking an active, adult community. Fitness and Recreation (FRC) continually research new activities and programs designed to keep us active.

Serving on the Council provides you with an understanding as to how things work, listening to your concerns and speaking on your behalf. To gain more in-depth knowledge, many also serve on the Standing Committees, some of which were previously discussed. I left out Golf, Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety, to name a few others, each with equally meaningful purposes.

For a few, the Council serves as a prelude to serving on the Board. After several terms on the Council, and in-depth work with at least one of the Standing Committees, some are prepared for the next step...the Board of Directors.

Alumnae of the Council and the Finance Committee constitute the incumbent members of the Board. The path is clear...all it takes is commitment and a desire to serve.



ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW COMMITTEE

Arts and Crafts *Spring* Holiday Sale



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

Over 100 Artists and Crafters, 11 participating Clubs,
Selling Unique Treasures and Original Creations

Amazing Ceramics Works • Beautiful Glass Art
HUGE Variety of Crafts and Jewelry
Quilted and Sewn Fabric Products
Creative Paper Arts • Yarn & Needle Works
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Sun City, Palm Desert

**PRESENTED BY CMAC AND
THE FITNESS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**ACTIVE ADULT LIVING
FAIR**

**Mt. View Clubhouse
12-3 pm**

In February, the Community Marketing and Activities Committee and the Fitness & Recreation Committee will be joining forces to present the second annual Active Adult Living Fair. This event will be held in the Mountain View Clubhouse and open to all residents. There will be vendors from throughout Coachella Valley providing information on important topics and services available to seniors, including fitness and health.

Watch for details in upcoming flyers and eblasts



Beyond the Mike



Join us for a **FREE**,
memorable
evening on
Thursday, February 13,
6:30 p.m.
in **Speakers Hall,**
Sunset View Clubhouse

MEET AND BE DAZZLED BY YOUR NEIGHBORS WHOSE VIP CAREERS IN BROADCASTING, NEWS AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS BOTH INFORMED AND ENTERTAINED US. LEARN ABOUT THEIR INDUSTRIES, AND ENJOY THEIR STORIES ABOUT THE FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS WITH WHOM THEY WORKED.

Cindy Sardo: TV news anchor and reporter

Joni Mazer Field: Award-winning producer and video editor

Charlie Thompson: Armed Forces broadcasting director

Roger Blaemire: Sports broadcasting VP and radio station owner



ARE YOU A GOOD DRIVER?

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is introducing **AGE WELL, DRIVE SMART PRESENTATION** to help senior drivers continue to drive safely.

This program is a cooperative effort between the CHP, the Department of Motor Vehicles and our Sun City Palm Desert Public Safety Committee.

Thursday, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

2 PM • SPEAKERS HALL

Attendance certificates will be provided

Learn the Keys to Driving Safer and Driving Longer

How is your eyesight? How do you feel physically?

How is your health? Have you checked your medicines?

**WARNING SIGNS AND SOLUTIONS ARE THE KEYS
TO AGING WELL AND DRIVING SMART**



Funding provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration





Compliance Committee

By Eddie Gruen, Member

Top Priority of Our Patrol

Our Community Patrol puts our public safety first. They show a proactive presence in every area of our gated community. Their presence day and night acts as a deterrence of illegal activities. Their presence helps the residents feel safe and secure.

We are fortunate to have three types of Community Patrol in Sun City: foot patrol, vehicle patrol and technology-assisted patrol.

Community Patrol drives marked patrol vehicles, covering large areas of our community 24 hours a day. Each Community Patrol is given a designated route. They check unauthorized access into our community. They provide rapid and efficient response. They have the ability and visibility to respond quickly in emergencies, such as medical, fire or security breaches. They also check in with residents if their front door lights are blinking.

Sometimes Community Patrol physically monitors areas with limited vehicle access such as dog parks, golf courses and areas with suspicious activities. At times, a more personal approach is necessary, especially if a resident's car or golf cart is not operating. They assist and support residents, visitors, vendors and employees who need a helping hand.

Community Patrol has advanced surveillance technologies, such as cameras and radar to monitor driving areas. Our vehicle patrols also wear live video cameras. These real-time videos provide surveillance when needed throughout our premises. Our patrol agents write reports of all incidents which occur and inform their supervisor of such a report.

Eric Stacklie, our Director of Community Patrol, sends a weekly update by e-mail to all registered residents and writes quarterly articles for *News & Views* to ensure the community is well-informed and involved. Eric also schedules quarterly meetings in the Ventana Room at the Mountain View Clubhouse. These meetings allow us to discuss things happening in our community and any issues you may want to address. These activities demonstrate a commitment to the community's well-being and build credibility and rapport.

As I've mentioned above, the top priority of our Community Patrol is to promote a safer living environment and provide peace of mind to our over 9,000 residents.

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 · DECEMBER 2024

CITATIONS ISSUED

Excessive Speed	162
Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign	28
Trash Container	23
Vehicle Blocking the Sidewalk	17
Vehicle Parked in Restricted Area	6
Facing the Wrong Way	4
Other	2
RV Creating a Hazard	2
Vehicle Taking Two Spaces	1
Non-Golf Cart in Golf Cart Space	1
Obstructing Traffic	1
Gate Strike	1
Monthly Total	248

2024-2025 COMMITTEES

Arts and Crafts Show Committee

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Election Committee

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Finance Committee

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Fitness and Recreation Committee

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Golf Committee

John Little, Chair · johnlittle@theplinthgroup.com

Insurance Committee

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Library Committee

Mary Tapley, Chair · mdtapl@yahoo.com

Lifestyle Enhancement Committee (LEC)

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Public Safety Committee

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Strategic Planning Committee

Scott Erickson, Chair · serickson49@gmail.com

Website Committee

Judy Simmons, Chair · judyread68@comcast.net

If you are interested in any Committee vacancies, please stop by the Mountain View Clubhouse and ask for Dean Lining, Resident Services Supervisor, or Jayme Fakehany, Operations Manager. 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

Now that the holidays are over it is time to review our New Year's resolutions. Most resolutions begin "This year I am going to..."

If your resolution was to become more involved in the community, I have some ideas to help you keep that resolution. Start with small actions that lead to big rewards. Try something new. Invite your neighbor for coffee. Say "hello" to the guy walking his dog. Help the lady across the street with her trash cans. More importantly, attend the District and Board of Director's meetings.

The CMAC (*Community Marketing & Activities Committee*) continues to promote opportunities for fun, volunteerism, education and interest. We continue to conduct the New Resident Orientation (NRO), Movie Nights, the upcoming Speakers Series, an anticipated Senior Expo and a variety of other opportunities for volunteerism.

Many of us have, in fact, volunteered over the years in our community. Through this involvement, those individuals have benefited by obtaining a wealth of 'experience' while helping others. The knowledge and expertise one has can be shared by volunteering right here in Sun City. So the message for the new year is to get up, get out and participate!

Upcoming Events:

- Active Adult Living Fair – 2/22, 12–3 p.m., Mountain View
- Movie Nights – Listings sent out via the weekly eblast
- Speakers Series – Listing in the *News & Views*
- Dance Parties – 2/28, 3/19, 4/23
- Cinco de Mayo

Library Committee

By Mary Tapley, Chair

Thanks to all the anonymous Donation Box contributors for the donations that are used to purchase supplies, equipment and Large Print books. The Donation Box is located on the wall facing the return desk.

Thanks to those who donate current magazines. We shelve National Geographic magazines up to a year old.

The library operates on the honor system and is a valued resource for our community members. It is available for all residents and caregivers with a valid SCPD identification card. While the Association provides the beautiful setting and three daily newspapers, it is the residents who provide the rest of the inventory and support necessary for the library to successfully function. The library receives many wonderful



“gently used” items from our community with the intent that they be shared with other residents. Please do not remove more than a reasonable number of items during your visit and make sure that all borrowed items are returned in a timely manner so that everyone can enjoy them.

To keep reading material fresh, and to best utilize library space, surplus books are donated every week to the College of the Desert (COD). Thanks to Marvin Vernon who delivers the books to COD.

The library is open daily during the same hours the Sunset View Clubhouse is open, barring any unforeseen changes. Thanks to all who support the library, financially, materially or by giving time as a Library Volunteer.

Lifestyle Enhancement Committee

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

WOW, time is flying! It's February, the month of love (my theme for this month).

I love lots of things, including Valentine's Day!

One of the other things I love is the beauty of our community. It takes a village to maintain this beauty, and residents are an integral part of our “village.”

I love the fact that the majority of our residents follow the rules (the LEC Design Guidelines) and maintain their landscaping and homes.

I love seeing home improvements in process.

Most changes to the outside of your home and yard do require LEC approval. Applying is easy! Applications can be

obtained online via the SCPDCA website or from the front desk of the Mountain View Clubhouse. While we publish a 15-business day lead time, simple applications with all required information are often approved within a week.

Have a great month and see you around the neighborhood.

Public Safety Committee

By Dan Oates, Chair

What Does the Public Safety Committee Actually Do?

Some residents may be unaware that there is a Public Safety Committee, and those who are aware may be confused about what we do. You may have recently become aware of the Public Safety Committee because we have been advertising for new members.

We meet once a month from September through May. While we currently have five members, we are authorized to have nine. We each serve two-year terms or longer. Our primary responsibility is to analyze issues brought to us by the Board of Directors and suggest solutions. The Board will take our suggestions, discuss them, and, if they deem appropriate, implement them. Many of the issues involve traffic safety, parking, speeding, crosswalks and stop signs.

At each meeting we listen carefully to the Community Patrol Director as he gives us the traffic stats for the month, looking for trends which may need our input. Some residents mistakenly think we supervise the Community Patrol, but we do not. We may make suggestions, but those go to the HOA Board and/or Operations Manager for their consideration.

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.

LEC STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jacob Hernandez, LEC Home Inspector · Jacob.Hernandez@scpdca.com · 760-200-2214

Eric Perez, LEC Home Inspector · Eric.Perez@scpdca.com · 760-200-2244

Rebecca Parker, LEC Administrative Assistant · Rebecca.Parker@scpdca.com · 760 200-2213

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

At our meetings, the Board's liaison lets us know of any issues the Board would like us to look at, and the Operations Manager likewise brings us issues.

One or more Public Safety Committee member will attend the HOA Board meetings and coffees with the Community Patrol Director, listening for problems from the residents that we may then discuss, analyze and possibly have a positive effect on. Residents are encouraged to voice their issues at these meetings so we know what may need to be fixed.

We present two annual seminars: the Riverside County Sheriff's Crime Prevention seminar in January, and the CHP's Safe Driving seminar in February.


The Public Safety Committee analyzes issues and suggests solutions to the Board. Community Patrol controls the gates to our community and patrols for violations. The Sheriff's Office Thermal Substation responds to crimes, and the CHP responds to accidents. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor CHP report their findings to Community Patrol.

Website Committee

By Judy Simmons, Chair

The Website Committee meets monthly November through April. The Board of Directors has approved the integration of the current website into the Member's First redesigned site. We will provide updates as we obtain more information regarding these changes.

We're watching your speed... are you?



Slow down... the life you save may be your own!

Emergency Preparedness (EPC)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISTRICT CONTACTS

1	Doug Smith	626-533-2520
2	David Gaddie	865-963-5224
3	Chantelle Ethier	403-804-7191
4	Bill Harvey	765-277-6552
5	Dan McCarthy	626-862-1177
6	Marla Fee	949-292-6069
7	David Roberson	206-499-0456
8	—VACANT—	
9	Mary Robinson	425-766-3888
10	Ed Purcell	310-291-6329
11	Joni Migdal	310-877-9292
12	Lloyd Gladden	310-925-1757
13	Bruce Johnston	949-278-0565
14	Doug Smith	626-533-2520
15	Kris Gilbert	916-295-7971
Chair Robyn Mack		760-772-1756
Vice Chair Jeff MacDonald		310-962-4080

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **SUN CITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** | Thursday, Feb. 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, Feb. 12, 9 a.m., San Gorgonio, Mountain View. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Robyn Mack at desertrobyn@gmail.com.
- **RADIO TRAINING** | Tuesday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. For details or contact Scott Morse at skmorse78600@gmail.com.

OTHER FEBRUARY EVENTS

- **CPR, AED, FIRST AID TRAINING** | Friday, February 14, 10 a.m. Contact Marlene at mglynn36@gmail.com for reservations/location.
- **DRILL** | Friday, February 21, 9 a.m. to noon. Community-wide practice drill.
- **STOP THE BLEED** | Tuesday, February 25, 1 p.m. Learn to save a life workshop. For reservations and location, contact Robyn at desertrobyn@gmail.com.

HELP OUR COMMUNITY

To volunteer to assist your neighbors in a disaster and help them to prepare, contact Marla at scpdeoc@gmail.com.

VISIT EPC ONLINE

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





DESERT REGIONAL HOSPITAL PRESENTS



“HEARTS IN RHYTHM”

**Thursday, February 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse**

By Ann Floden

♥ Dealing with a heart that has electrical problems is a journey I began this spring. There were no previous symptoms, only a sudden episode of garbled speech. This led to an overnight hospital stay with tests galore. Those tests showed no stroke but a later trip to a cardiologist and a simple in-office test resulted in a diagnosis of AFib. I am only sharing this to stress the importance being alert to problems your heart might encounter and the ways it can be treated. As we age, health problems do occur and managing them intelligently leads to better results. Fortunately, in the case of heart care, many new procedures have become available. This is an opportunity for you to learn about heart rhythms, what may need correcting and treatment options.

♥ “Hearts in Rhythm” is part of the Desert Care Network’s Heart 2 Heart educational series. Today, some 3 million Americans live with atrial fibrillation (AFib), which is a condition causing the heart to quiver and affecting the heart’s ability to efficiently pump blood to the rest of the body. Over time, and if left untreated, AFib can lead to significant heart damage.

♥ Speaking at this presentation is a cardiologist who deals with electrophysiology or electrical problems of the heart, including diagnosis and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias and complex cardiac conditions. The discussion explains how a quivering or irregular heartbeat is diagnosed and treated through surgery or non-surgical methods, such as medication management, pacemakers and the Watchman implant. Other cardiac related specialists will be joining us to share tips on leading a heart-healthy life.

♥ **MORE INFORMATION TO THINK ABOUT.** AFib is the most common type of irregular heartbeat that often causes the heart to beat too quickly. It increases the risk of stroke about 5 times if untreated. Symptoms of AFib are an irregular heartbeat, heart racing, chest pain, shortness of breath and fatigue. Blood pressure reading is determined by systolic and diastolic blood pressures. Systolic is the top number, measuring the force the heart exerts on the walls of the arteries each time it beats, while diastolic is the pressure in between beats. Below 120 systolic is considered normal and below 80 diastolic. *Source: Mayo Clinic*

Some “Feel-Good Ways to Lower Your Blood Pressure” from AARP: take a hot bath daily (the high temps cause blood vessels to dilate and reduces stress), just stretch (improves blood flow), filter your coffee (may reduce levels of oils in coffee which raise cholesterol levels), and practice tai chi (reduces stress).



Don’t miss “Hearts in Rhythm” and learn more about this important topic!

If Disaster Occurs in Your District -



By Ned Callahan and Ann Floden

You were asleep, but now you are very much awake. You are wondering if you are going to be thrown out of your bed onto the floor. You hear glass breaking, metal grinding, pictures falling off walls, furniture falling over and lamps exploding. The picture over the bed has fallen on your wife and her head is bleeding, or at least it feels wet and you assume it is blood. She is unresponsive. The shaking feels like it is never going to stop.

Finally, the shaking stops and you roll over to your wife. She is still not moving or speaking. You hear some whimpering from the hall and you realize that your dog isn't on the bed with you as she usually is, but must have known something was coming and ran out of the bedroom. You have a flashlight in the drawer next to your bed because you always do. You leave your wife for a moment to take a look around and see how much damage your home has taken in case it is not safe to stay there. Fortunately, you have hard-soled sandals secured next to the bed because there seems to be broken glass everywhere. It's dark. The light switches don't work. Thankfully the flashlight is working. The chandelier you were so proud of in your entry has fallen. There is broken glass near a limping dog. You need help for your wife first, and maybe someone to help your dog as well. You wonder what to do.

Simultaneously, the Emergency Preparedness Committee has activated. Volunteers are assembling at their assignments. Block Captain Coordinators are retrieving their radios and Red Bags, which contain all the equipment to set up a Command Post. AM 1620 radio station is operating with current news of conditions in Sun City. Situation analysis has begun and internal and community radio communications are being tested.

You know there is an Emergency Preparedness Committee in Sun City because they talk about it all the time. It's always been nice to know it is there, but you really didn't have time for it with all the other activities and clubs. You know that twice a year somebody (is it a block captain?) comes by and speaks briefly with you or leaves papers for you if you aren't home. You turn your flashlight on your partner's head. You try to stop your wife's bleeding. (Should have attended that "Stop the Bleed" class). You are starting to get panicky. You need to save your wife. Your cell phone doesn't work, nor does your land line or computer. You know there are a bunch of folks who have tried to prepare for this. How do you reach them?



Command Post 5A

Meanwhile, the Command Posts are opening up. Radio communications are established with the Emergency Operations Center. Block Captains will be checking in and be outfitted to start their assignments. They too had to cope with their own problems and now can report to help others. Search and Rescue has started checking on the clubhouses for damage and occupants that may be trapped inside. If there is no structural damage to the Tennis Court structure at MVCH, that First Aid Station will be first to open.





EPC Command Post District 1- B

Although there is some physical difference in their appearance, each of the 36 Command Posts (CP) have the following:; a CP banner, a two-way radio to talk to Emergency Operations Center, walkie-talkie radios for each Block Captain to talk to the CP in their district, their home assignment sheets, vests and other miscellaneous gear.

There is a knock on your door. Your next door neighbor and buddy has come to check on you and you describe your situation. You have stopped the bleeding on your wife’s head but she is unconscious and you don’t want to leave her. Considering it is a head injury and there appears to be no danger staying in the home, you shouldn’t try to move her until it’s determined there are no other head, neck or spine injuries. The neighbor offers to go to your Command Post but sees the Block Captain down the street, checking on homes and calls out. Your problems are given to the Block Captain, who calls for assistance from the Emergency Operations Center. In turn, they dispatch a Medical Mobile Team to assist you. Chances are your wife has a concussion, which requires rest and close observation.

Pet Rescue has dispatched a team to check on your dog. The dog has a sprained leg and small cut from the chandelier which fell but other than being anxious, is doing OK.

Because of the possible magnitude and time lag element of on-site available assistance in a major disaster, there are limits to what first responders can do. So the more you have learned to care for those in your household, the better off you all will be. While we cannot promise you will always have a positive conclusion to emergencies, what we do know is that disaster preparedness contributes to survival and recovery.

WHAT YOU CAN DO—

LOCATE: Your District Command Post. Locations change occasionally so keep current.

Google <https://scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/epc/epc-locations/> or use QR code to right.

LEARN: CP/AED/First Aid, Classes Feb 14, Mar 26 & 28. Contact Marlene at mglynn36@gmail.com for time and location here in Sun City.

Stop the Bleed. Classes Feb 25, Mar 5, Apr 4. Contact Robyn at desertrobyn@gmail.com

DISASTER PREP: Surviving the Big One. Apr 3, 9 AM to noon, Sierra Ballroom

C.E.R.T. Apr 4-6. For training at Sun City, contact John at jb38@roadrunner.com

Will You Be Ready? Apr 23. 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Arrowhead Rm in LVCH



Command Post 6 A/B



Command Post 2 B

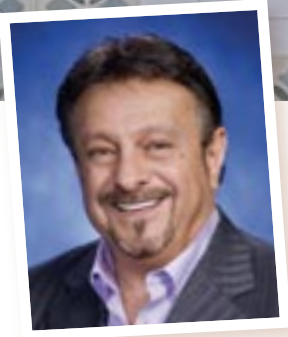


Command Post 7 A



Command Post 1 B

Boulevards



Food & Beverage News

BY ALEX GUILLIANO
FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

Hello everyone!

WELCOME BACK! We're so excited to have you all here in the Food & Beverage Department! Whether you've been keeping up or just tuning in, there's so much exciting news to share about the amazing transformations happening here!

Big News in Food & Beverage Operations

Chef Rudy and I have been cooking up some exciting changes at Boulevards Restaurant. Here's a taste of what's in store...

New Happy Hours & Surprises

Say hello to our Interruption Tables! During Happy Hour (1 – 4 p.m.), our chefs will prepare fresh dishes right in front of you—straight to your plate, straight to your day! Just let your server know, grab a ticket, head to the station, meet the chefs, and enjoy.

Weekly Highlights:

- Tuesdays: Taco Tuesdays
- Thursdays: Sloppy Joe Days
- Fridays: Fajita Fridays
- Sundays: Sunday Fun Days featuring Chicken Fried Rice & Asian Salad

Martinis Happy Hour:

Don't miss out on what's shaking (or stirring) at Martinis! Join us Monday–Friday, 4 – 7 p.m., for Happy Hour. Please

note: Some days, Martinis may be closed for catering events, but Irma will keep you in the loop via the Daily News!

Meet the New Team Members

We're thrilled to introduce some fantastic new faces to our team:

- *Chef Rosalba*, our new Chef de Cuisine for the catering department. Get ready for her magical touch in every dish!
- *Adriana*, Boulevards' amazing new restaurant manager. Be sure to give her a warm welcome!

What's Cooking for 2026?

We're crafting a new lineup of deliciousness, including:

- Exciting lunch and dinner menus to blow your taste buds away.
- Fresh twists on your happy hour favorites.
- The debut of Interruption Tables with fun, interactive events like Luau Happy Hour parties, 6ft-Sub Day, and more! Watch the Daily News for dates and details.

Sushi Lovers, Rejoice!

We're including sushi rolls and more to our Happy Hour menu! Think sushi, poke bowls, and even tasty surprises like crispy chicken karaoke.

We can't wait to see you all enjoying these exciting updates—let's make it a delicious adventure together!



MONDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Ventana 5PM

HAPPY HOUR DRINKS

- FEATURING -

A TASTE OF US
FEBRUARY 10



TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
FEBRUARY 4

COMEDY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 17

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
FEBRUARY 11

CC DURAN
FEBRUARY 24



TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
FEBRUARY 18

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

Valentine's

DINNER & DANCE

Friday

February 14, 2025

Sierra Ballroom

Mountain View Clubhouse

6:30pm

\$65 per person

FIRST KISS

Lobster Bisque

SECOND DATE

CHOICE OF:

Oven Baked Salmon

Red Quinoa Pilaf with Oven
Roasted Sweet Potatoes,
Sautéed Spinach,
Lemon Butter Beurre Blanc

OR

Slow Braised Short Rib

Gorgonzola & Polenta, Haricot
Verts, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Red
Wine Reduction

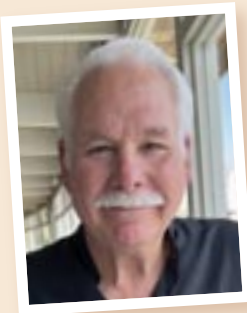
I LOVE YOU

Red Velvet

Seasonal Mix Berries,
Vanilla Bean Mousse and
Raspberry Coulis

Tickets now on sale
in the Events Department from
8:30am - 11am and 1:30pm - 4pm

BY GEORGE BOUCHER
ASSISTANT FITNESS DIRECTOR



February's HealthNut is... Steve Held!

Steve and his wife, Mindy, have been SCPD residents for three years, after moving here from Malibu.

As captain of his varsity champion swim team, Steve then spent 15 years as a lifeguard in Long Beach. After earning a BA in Performance and Percussion from CSFU, and a CLEAR teaching credential, Steve embarked as a drummer on Princess Cruises before joining The Sanborn Singers. The gift of music allowed him to travel throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Central America.

Steve settled in Malibu and began his 30-year career teaching grades K-12, initially in the challenging area of East Los Angeles and then in LAUSD's "home hospital" working with ill children. His teaching style brought hope to the kids he worked with, earning him an award from the Nobel family. He created *Steve's School Services* in Malibu, providing educational services to prominent families. As recommendations spread, Steve's celebrity clientele included Pierce Brosnan, James Cameron, Mel Gibson, Patricia Arquette and Linda Hamilton.

In 1985, Steve began his studies in martial arts, and went on to become a sensei and professional bodyguard. As a certified self-defense and karate instructor, he taught at Pepperdine University and Sensei Blanck's dojo.

In 2024, Steve started teaching a self-defense class at SCPD to give residents an opportunity to feel more self-assured and protected. Feedback showed the class was also a lot of fun! Classes resumed this year on Wednesdays from 10 –11 a.m. in the Canyon/Palm Room at Sunset View Clubhouse and will continue weekly throughout the coming months. There is a \$5 fee per class.

In addition to martial arts, Steve has stayed busy with a variety of hobbies including music, investing and nutrition. He is a member of Boomers and the Car Club and enjoys playing pickleball and strength training.

Steve believes consistent exercise improves his mental acuity and confidence. Steve's motto is, "Slow and steady wins the race," so make a commitment to exercise on a regular basis. You don't need to set any records!

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
glenn.smith@scpdca.com

Ways To Moisturize Your Skin

Dry skin occurs when skin doesn't retain sufficient moisture. This can happen as a result of frequent bathing, use of harsh soaps, aging or certain medical conditions.

During winter months you may suffer from red, rough, raw and itchy skin. This is because cold winter air means low humidity, both outdoors and indoors. The water content of the epidermis (the outermost layer of skin) tends to reflect the level of humidity around it.

Keeping moisture in the skin

Skin moisturizers, which rehydrate the top layer of skin cells and seal in the moisture, are the first step in combating dry skin. They contain three main types of ingredients. Humectants, which help attract moisture, include ceramides (pronounced ser-A-mids), glycerin, sorbitol, hyaluronic acid, and lecithin. Another set of ingredients—for example petrolatum (petroleum jelly), silicone, lanolin and mineral oil—help seal that moisture within the skin. Emollients, such as linoleic, linolenic and lauric acids, smooth skin by filling in the spaces between skin cells.

In general, the thicker and greasier a moisturizer, the more effective it will be. Some of the most effective (and least expensive) are petroleum jelly and moisturizing oils (such as mineral oil). Because they contain no water, they're best used while the skin is still damp from bathing to seal in the moisture.

What can you do about dry skin?

Here are some ways to combat dry skin that are effective if practiced consistently:

1. Use a humidifier in the winter. Set it to around 60%, a level that should be sufficient to replenish the top layer of the skin.
2. Limit yourself to one 5- to 10-minute bath or shower daily. Use lukewarm rather than hot water, which can wash away natural oils.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Yoga & Pilates Pilates (\$) (PS) 9 – 10 AM	Trim 'N Tone Step Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Step Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Step Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 8 – 9 AM	
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3. Minimize your use of soaps, and choose moisturizing preparations such as Dove, Olay and Basis, or consider soap-free cleansers like Cetaphil, Oilatum-AD and Aquanil. Steer clear of deodorant soaps, perfumed soaps and alcohol products, which can strip away natural oils.
4. To avoid damaging the skin, stay away from bath sponges, scrub brushes and washcloths. If you don't want to give them up altogether, be sure to use a light touch. For the same reason, pat or blot (don't rub) the skin when toweling dry.
5. Apply moisturizer immediately after bathing or washing your hands. This helps plug the spaces between your skin cells and seal in moisture while your skin is still damp.
6. To reduce the greasy feel of petroleum jelly and thick creams, rub a small amount into your hands and then rub it over the affected areas until neither your hands nor the affected areas feel greasy.
7. Never, ever scratch. Most of the time, a moisturizer can control the itch. You can also use a cold pack or compress to relieve itchy spots.
8. Use fragrance-free laundry detergents and avoid fabric softeners.
9. Avoid wearing wool and other irritating garments next to your skin.



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, February 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.



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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.

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Monday – Saturday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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Golf Shop NEWS

BY JOE JOHNSON
PGA DIRECTOR OF GOLF

As we are in full stride this season, I hope everyone's new year is off to a great start. The Golf Shop started off with a night of a fun-filled putting competition with the return of our Putting Under the Lights on December 11. Thirty-two, two-person teams dueled it out in a Christmas-themed putting course designed by first assistant Golf Professional Nancy Houtz. George and Barbara Normandin took home the \$100 team payout finishing in first place.

The next Golf Shop-sponsored event will be on Thursday, February 6 with the long-awaited return of the Can-Am Tournament. This has been a very popular event in years past where our contingent of full-time residents (Americans) play for bragging rights against snowbird residents (Canadians). The tournament will be held on the Santa Rosa Course in an 11 a.m. shotgun start with awards, food and libations to follow in the Sierra Ballroom. We will continue our Golf Shop-sponsored events in March, and then again in May, with two Monster Day Events. Stay tuned for exact dates.

On Thursday, January 9, Tyler Truman our Director of Agronomy, and myself held a turfgrass presentation in Speakers Hall to inform our residents about the ongoing

study of alternative grasses to consider using on our golf courses. Specifically, we are looking at a Zoisya grass. This would eliminate the need for the over seeding process in the fall which brings unhealthy air quality due to the scalping of the warmer season grass needed to over seed with cooler season Rye grass. Other benefits to seriously consider moving to Zoisya turf would be the significant savings in maintenance cost as well as the ever-rising cost of seed and water. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, the golf courses would never have to shut down for the four-week period it takes to over seed. Yes, this means our courses would never need to close. This would have a very positive impact on generating more revenue. If you were unable to attend the presentation, it was recorded, and you can find it on the SCPD website.

For the month of February, mark your calendars for the following Demo Days and a special three-day Golf Shop Sale event.

Demo days are as follows:

- Monday, February 3 – PXG Golf
- Wednesday, February 12 – XXIO Golf
- Thursday, February 27 – PXG Golf

The special three-day Golf Shop Sale event will be held... wait for it...you guessed it, Friday, February 14 thru Sunday, February 16, offering a Valentine's Day weekend shopping extravaganza! Here is your chance to score some points with your significant other or get out of the doghouse if that's where you find yourself. Stay tuned for great deals on men's and ladies wear and huge savings on select golf equipment. Gift cards are also a great option as a gift. They are available in the Santa Rosa Golf Shop.

Coming Attractions...

HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY
MARKETING & ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 7 pm



When Harry met Sally

Wednesday, February 12, 7 pm



Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 19, 7 pm




Love Story

Wednesday, February 26, 7 pm



The Proposal

FREE • SPEAKERS HALL, SV
DOORS OPEN 15 MINUTES EARLY
NO FOOD ALLOWED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 SUN CITY PALM DESERT <i>Community Association</i>		
<p>2 GROUNDHOG DAY</p> <p>8:30 AM Friendship Church sv 10:00 AM Friendship Church sv 1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour</p> <p>Liver & Onions Night at Boulevards 4:30 – 8 PM • DINE IN/TAKE OUT</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00 PM Executive Board Mtg. <i>Per Civil Code, closed to the Membership</i> MV</p> <p><i>Boulevards Closed</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM LEC Plan Review MV 9:00 AM Delegate Council MV <i>Delegate/Board Mtg to follow</i> 1:00 PM LEC Main Com. MV 1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour 2:00 PM Open Board sv/ZOOM Free Corkage Tuesday – BYOW 11 AM – 8 PM at Boulevards Fried Chicken Night at Boulevards 4:30 – 8 PM • DINE IN/TAKE OUT</p>
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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

February 2025

LV = LAKE VIEW · MV = MOUNTAIN VIEW · SV = SUNSET VIEW

1
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour

Prime Rib Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

5
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
2:00 PM Election Committee sv
4:00 PM Karaoke mv
7:00 PM CMAC Movie Night sv

Lasagna Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

6
9:00 AM Introduction to EPC sv
10:00 PM Arts & Crafts Com. mv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
1:00 PM Compliance Com. mv

Cantina Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

7
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
1:30 PM EPC Block Captains mv
7:15 PM SCPD Jewish Services sv

Trout Almondine at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

8
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour

Prime Rib Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

12
9:00 AM EPC District Mtg mv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
3:00 PM District 9 Social mv
4:00 PM Karaoke mv
7:00 PM CMAC Movie Night sv

Lasagna Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

13
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
2:00 PM Public Safety Com. lv
2:00 PM Public Safety Seminar:
Age Well, Drive Smart sv
2:30 PM EPC Search & Rescue mv
6:30 PM CMAC Presentation:
Beyond The Mike sv

Cantina Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

14
VALENTINE'S DAY
10:00 AM EPC CPR/AED/First Aid
Training lv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
6:00 PM Valentine's Day
Dinner & Dance mv

Trout Almondine at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

15
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour

Prime Rib Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

19
11:00 AM EPC Supply Bag Check lv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
2:30 PM Strategic Planning lv
4:00 PM Karaoke mv
7:00 PM CMAC Movie Night sv

Lasagna Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

20
9:30 AM EPC Hearts in Rhythm sv
1:00 PM CMAC Meeting mv
1:00 PM EPC Pet Rescue Team lv
1:00 PM Golf Committee mv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
2:00 PM EPC Courier Team lv

Cantina Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

21
9:00 AM EPC Practice Drill
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
7:15 PM SCPD Jewish Services sv

Trout Almondine at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

22
Active Adult Living Fair
12 – 3 PM · MV
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour

Prime Rib Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

26
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
4:00 PM EPC Search & Rescue lv
4:00 PM Karaoke mv
7:00 PM CMAC Movie Night sv

Lasagna Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

27
1:00 PM News & Views Mtg. lv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour
2:30 PM EPC Search & Rescue mv

Cantina Night at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT

28
7:15 AM N&V Delivery mv
8:30 AM Finance Committee lv
1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour

Trout Almondine at Boulevards
4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT



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SCAM ALERT

BY JOY PORRELLO

New “Brushing” Scam

A “brushing” scam is when someone receives an unexpected gift or item in the mail – not ordered – like jewelry, a Bluetooth speaker, etc., from an unknown retailer.

There is no sender information, but when the package is opened, there is a QR code to scan to find out who the sender is.

If scanned, the scammer gains access to all personal and financial information on your phone, and bank accounts may be drained.

Keep the item or toss it, but NEVER scan an unknown QR code.

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Much Ado About Nothing

BY JOHN ANNARINO

I know what some of you are thinking.

You’re thinking that February 2 is Groundhog Day, so I’ll be writing yet another column about that famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil. That’s understandable. Because I grew up in Punxsutawney, I’ve felt duty-bound every Groundhog Day to honor Phil. And you long-time readers are probably sick and tired of reading about it. Well, enough already.

I won’t be writing again about the ceremony that begins at dawn at Gobbler’s Knob. Nor will I mention it’s conducted by members of the Chamber of Commerce decked out in top hat and tails. Nor will I brag again that the ceremony gets national press coverage and is attended by thousands of fans from all over the country who wonder if Phil will see his shadow. If he does, six more weeks of winter. If he doesn’t, spring is just around the corner.

No need to repeat what Gobblers Knob was like when I was a kid. Not a groundhog in sight. Only a lot of parked cars with a lot of necking going on. Nightly, the Knob was littered with beer cans, whiskey bottles and used condoms. But thanks to Phil’s fame, Gobbler’s Knob has undergone a miraculous transformation.

I won’t write again about the hit movie “Groundhog Day” that made Phil more popular than ever. Nor will I complain again about the decision the movie execs made when they scouted Punxsutawney and decided it didn’t look right so they filmed the movie in Woodstock, Illinois.

Some of you probably remember my writing that Bill Murray, the star of the movie, stayed at the town’s best and only hotel, The Pantall. And that his room, now known as the Bill Murray Suite, commands a much higher price than all the other identical rooms.

And, surely, I can skip this pitiful anecdote. Once when I visited Punxsutawney, I went to the Chamber of Commerce to buy some groundhog souvenirs. I saw a tee shirt with this pronouncement on the front: “Punxsutawney, the groundhog capitol of the world!” I asked the clerk if they had printed many of these. “Oh, many,” she said. “It’s our biggest seller!” I didn’t have the heart to tell her it should read “capital” not “capitol”.

Now I must break my promise not to repeat myself. So that I can wish you once again a very happy Groundhog Day.

John welcomes your comments at jjannarino@icloud.com.





News in Brief

Your Monthly Update from the District and Board Meetings

BY NED CALLAHAN

January 7, 2025

- The representatives of the Softball Club presented a plan to improve the softball field. Because the field is in one of the flood control channels, approval is required from CVWD as well as the HOA and the neighboring homes.
Much effort has already gone into this plan. It would include a permanent chain link fence with a green fence cap and a warning track, a permanent 20' flagpole, a field sign, and an announcer and scoring booth.
- The LEC presented new suggested home paint color schemes. These will be posted in all clubhouses. Homeowners wishing to use the new schemes will have to wait until they are officially approved. The old schemes can still be used until the new ones are approved.
- Please remember a licensed driver must pilot golf carts. During the holidays, people saw children driving golf carts. This is a hazard to both the folks on the cart and innocent drivers and pedestrians. The homeowner can be cited if their cart is driven by an unlicensed driver.
- Homeowners have complained about the “temporary” raised flat area created on the East side of Adams after CVWD finished their work on the Adams Street water line project. The area attracts two-, three- and four-wheel vehicles to play. Noise and dust have become a nuisance in an area that was previously free of problems. Homeowners living nearby have requested help from the AQMD, CVWD, and now the HOA to put a stop to this unnecessary nuisance.
- Because trash collection in Sun City can continue after dark, Community Patrol will not ticket trash cans until after 8:00 a.m. on the morning after scheduled collection.
- If you receive this magazine before the last day of January, be sure to attend a Town Hall meeting in Speakers Hall on January 31 at 11:00 a.m. Burrtec will discuss the arrival of a new 36-gallon green trash bin to be used for organic waste. The program will begin rolling out in February.
- The effort to reduce speeding in Sun City is succeeding. There has been a reduction in speeding citations.
- The HOA has begun cleaning up the drift sand, installing new irrigation, and replacing plants on Washington. The crew will move on to Coyote Song when Washington is completed.
- CVWD now has funding to continue main waterline replacement beginning in September. This will affect District 6 and District 7. CVWD will begin digging holes in the asphalt in February to determine utility layers.
- The solar project continues according to plan despite a delay in receiving the last of the solar panels. Completion of the physical project is expected in May. IID will then inspect and allow connection.
- There is new uplighting installed now at the main entrance.

To watch a video of the latest HOA Board Meeting, go to the SCPDCA website, sign in, click on “Administration” then select the meeting you want to view.



News & Views Committee, left to right: Bob Meinhard, Vee Novak, Barbara Schadlow, Luigi Leonardi, John Annarino, Bill Sanders, Ronnie Marshall, Joy Porrello, Ned Callahan, Jo Ann Hunter, Delyn Meyers, Cindy Gunn. Missing: Garrie Kahn and Marsha Reed Nall. Photo by Bob Meinhard.

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The following interviews offer a “Behind the Scenes” look at the *News & Views* team...

Cynthia Gunn

BY RONNIE MARSHALL

Our wonderful editor, Cindy Gunn, grew up in Michigan and has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She moved to New York City after being hired straight out of art school to paint for a renowned Soho artist. She then spent over 20 years working in the pharmaceutical advertising industry for various agencies, winning two coveted Rx Awards for design. With the advent of computers in advertising, she was named Director of Computer Graphics for Sudler & Hennessey New

York, a healthcare communications agency, and subsequently became Director of IT for Sudler & Hennessey Worldwide.

Cindy moved to La Quinta in 2001, two weeks after 9/11, resuming her freelance design career with work for various local country clubs and resorts, including the La Quinta Resort, The Citrus Club and PGA West. In 2009, Del Webb’s Marketing Director encouraged her to apply for the design contract for Sun City Shadow Hills’ publication to bring it up to Del Webb standards, taking it from a newsletter to a magazine. By 2012, she was contracted by Sun City Palm Desert to improve their *News & Views* publication as well.



Cindy's contract with SCPD expanded her responsibilities beyond design, layout and production to include the title of editor. February marks her 151st issue of *News & Views*.

Cindy says, "Working with the talented *News & Views* team of writers, photographer and recording secretary has been a tremendously rewarding experience. Their teamwork is exceptional and inspiring, producing high quality content for their readers every month, which challenges me to continue doing my best work."

Putting out a monthly magazine entails the dedicated work of many people. Here is a glimpse "Behind the Scenes" of our excellent *News & Views* publication.

With a deadline for submissions one month prior to the issue of the magazine, SCPDCA personnel, Committees, Clubs and Resident Groups submit monthly reports, photos and other information to Cindy based on the annual editorial calendar she creates. *News & Views* writers submit monthly columns, resident profiles, general interest features and *Writers' Corner* pieces, and Cindy finds photos or graphics to visually enhance their content. Cindy also coordinates the submission of all resident contest entries. Paid advertising, promotions, event and calendar listings, and other HOA information is supplied to Cindy by Sun City staff.

Working with page layout software, Cindy assembles all the content each month into a template she has created over the years specifically for *News & Views*, with placeholders for everything on the editorial calendar. When each month's layout is complete, she sends a proof to SCPDCA personnel for review and approval to send to print. When approval is received, Cindy sends all the files (layout, artwork and fonts) to the printer. The printer then performs a prepress check and creates a digital proof which is sent to Cindy and SCPDCA personnel for final "print as is" approval before printing over 5,000 copies of the magazine. The magazines are delivered on the last morning of each month for distribution by each District's dedicated resident-volunteers to every household in the community.

We are all very fortunate to have Cindy overseeing our excellent *News & Views* magazine.



Barbara Schadow

BY VEE NOVAK

Barbara joined the *News & Views* committee in 2016, shortly after she and her husband purchased their "vacation home" in Sun City. She was inspired to contribute to the magazine after becoming friends with two volunteers on the Marketing Committee, who often spoke of the exciting projects they were spearheading to bring fresh ideas and activities to the community. Motivated by their enthusiasm and a desire

to give back, Barbara reached out to the *News & Views* Committee, hoping her background in writing and interest in technology would be an asset. Following a rigorous vetting process, she was accepted as a Contributing Writer, due to her part-time status as a resident. In 2023, after moving to Sun City full-time, she became a full-fledged voting Committee Member.

Barbara currently writes the bimonthly *TechTalk* column and contributes feature articles. One of her favorite pieces, *Sun City Circa 1991 to 2001* (November 2023), involved interviewing original residents to capture what life was like in the community thirty years ago. She also enjoys meeting new residents and contributing to the bimonthly *Welcome to Sun City* feature.

Barbara's professional work has always involved technical writing. Early in her career, she developed and marketed professional development resources for teachers. This eventually led to her working with universities worldwide, helping faculty design online college courses and degree programs tailored to adult learners. Passionate about her work and the people she encountered, she didn't stay retired very long. Today, she partners with a former colleague, offering consulting services to universities and organizations focused on online and adult learning.

As a member of the *News & Views* Committee, Barbara said, "I am delighted to be on *News & Views*, working with a group of dedicated, creative and supportive individuals who represent a diverse set of interests and skills."



Bob Meinhard

BY DELYN MEYERS

Meet our fabulous photographer, Bob Meinhard. Bob was born in Barrington, Illinois, but has been a Californian for many years, living in Orange County before finally settling in Sun City. His aunt moved to the community in 2011, so in 2014 he and his wife Becky decided to purchase a home here as an investment. After renting out the house for about three years, in 2017 they finally packed up and made Sun City their permanent home.

Bob has loved taking pictures since getting a Brownie camera as a child. He took photography classes in high school, furthering his love of the craft, and has practiced the art most of his adult life as a hobby.

Already having an BA/MBA in systems information and technology, while living in Orange County he went back to school at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo and got an AA degree in photography. Now that he is retired it's become more than just a hobby.

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Bob is big on volunteering, a spirit he inherited from his mother. He has volunteered as a judge for an annual Robotics tournament for several years. After becoming a resident, he joined the Photography Club where he heard that *News & Views* had put out a call for a photographer for the magazine. He answered the call, and his photos have been a fantastic addition for the past few years.

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Delyn Meyers

BY JOY PORRELLO

A self-proclaimed die-hard Californian, Delyn Meyers was born and raised in California. Growing up, she went from central to southern, back to central and finally southern California. Delyn and her husband, Greg (who is now a professional Sun City golfer) moved to SCPD in 2015 after selling other homes in Turlock and Palm Desert.

Delyn has been a writer and a storyteller her whole life. In 1979, Delyn who was in her twenties, wrote and optioned her first film script. After marrying and living in the central valley (while working in economic development) Delyn wrote radio commercials and magazine articles as well as doing voice-overs for various ad agencies and radio stations. In 2012, she auditioned for a film, writing her own material, and got the part. She has never looked back.

While talking to a friend, it was suggested she apply as a writer for *News & Views*. She has been a member of the Committee since July 2015, writing resident profiles and a monthly column, currently the “Did You Know” column. She told me writing for the magazine has been an eye-opening experience and she has been amazed by the life stories of some of our residents, not to mention the great group of talented writers and editor that make the magazine special.

Delyn primarily writes comedy and humor and is currently tweaking a script (yet again) and started her first novel (a humorous true fiction) in January.

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Gerrie Kahn

BY RONNIE MARSHALL

Gerrie moved to Sun City in 2017 from Chatsworth, California where she taught 5th grade, as well as 6th grade math and 7th grade literature and social studies in both public and private schools. She moved to the desert after encouragement by enthusiastic friends who lived here in Sun City. Gerrie, originally from New York, graduated from Syracuse University and has a master’s degree in museum

studies, with a focus on art research. She continues to have an avid interest in art and art history, volunteering her time to the Sun City Art Club on Sundays for an art appreciation class, presenting DVDs on prominent historical and modern artists and art movements followed by group discussions.

Always interested in writing, she soon began to write a blog for a local art and antiques appraiser. While looking for opportunities here to improve her writing skills, she joined John Annarino’s writing class. She enjoyed this informal group of people interested in sharpening their writing skills. John encouraged her to apply to the *News & Views* as a staff writer. Gerrie did so, and after submitting two articles for the Committee to review, was accepted and has been a valued member ever since.

Among the favorite articles she has written for *News & Views* focusing on art is cats in advertising, entitled *The Cat Made Me Buy It*. Other favorites include pets as the focus of paintings and drawings by famous artists, as well as food in art, notably the still life paintings of the old Dutch Masters.

Gerrie enjoys being a *News & Views* Committee member, “It’s so pleasant and I look forward to our in-person meetings, where we all contribute and discuss features and ideas for the magazine. The camaraderie among our group is very comfortable and fun.”

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Jo Ann Hunter

BY VEE NOVAK

Most of Jo Ann’s dream jobs involved writing, starting in high school as editor of the weekly paper, to editor of her college annual, to working in publicity at the Santa Anita Racetrack, to Community and Sports Editor of the Sierra Madre News, to publicity chair of various community organizations in the Arcadia area. It’s no surprise then that when she and her late husband moved to Sun City 16 years ago, Jo Ann wanted to continue to write.

With a college major in Education and a minor in Journalism, Jo Ann refers to herself as a journalist, (which she defines as one who writes informational materials), not a creative writer. “I thought my journalistic skills were best suited in a secretarial position,” said Jo Ann.

About seven years ago, when the recording secretary position for *News & Views* became available, Jo Ann applied. She, along with three other ladies, were invited to attend a meeting and asked to write the minutes of that meeting. Initially, the position was offered to another applicant who stayed with *News & Views* for only two years. When she left, the position was offered to Jo Ann. “I was their second choice,” Jo Ann said with a lovely smile.



Jo Ann has served as the *News & Views* Committee's Recording Secretary since 2019. She may be the "second choice secretary," but she is topnotch in performing her duties as she accurately records the minutes and regularly contributes ideas and story topics for the magazine.

Having served as secretary of no less than half a dozen SCPD clubs, Jo Ann remains active in Bridge, Mahjong, Solos, Bocce, Arthritis Aquasize and Couples Putters.

On being a part of the *News & Views* family, Jo Ann says, "It's been interesting. I am inspired by the creativity of the committee members."



John Annarino & Ned Callahan

BY JOHN ANNARINO AND NED CALLAHAN

JOHN: Ned, how did you happen to become a *News & Views* writer?

NED: It's funny how that happened. When my wife Dee Dee and I moved to Sun City I was recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery. I was sitting around all day, and Dee Dee became concerned. She always liked the humorous Christmas letters I had written about the antics of our dogs, so she sent the letters to *News & Views*.

JOHN: And the letters got you an interview with the *News & Views* Committee?

NED: To my surprise, yes. When I met with the Committee, I mentioned I wasn't sure if my "Christmas letter" writing skills were what *News & Views* was looking for. But I guess they were because I was approved. My remark about being unsure of my writing ability prompted Cindy Gunn, the editor, to suggest I take your creative writing class.

JOHN: So, you were approved. You took the class. And, in time, you became a damn good writer.

NED: If you say so.

JOHN: I say so.

NED: John, how did you come to write for *News & Views*?

JOHN: After six years of writing a column for *The Desert Sun*, I met with the Committee to discuss the possibility of writing a *News & Views* column. The Committee liked the idea. I've now been writing the column for eight years.

NED: Did you always want to be a writer?

JOHN: Always. At St. Bonaventure University I majored in journalism, edited the newspaper and at graduation I received the Journalism Award.

NED: Then what?

JOHN: I enlisted in the Navy and spent two years in Japan. I launched a newspaper on our naval base, wrote for *Stars and Stripes*, and collaborated with a cartoonist on three books. I also wrote the lyrics for a musical staged at the Ernie

Pyle Theater in Tokyo. The director of that musical, soon to return to his job as editor at Hallmark Cards, said when I was discharged, he'd be happy to hire me. So, I became a greeting card writer. But after a year of writing funny cards I moved to LA. Got a writing job at Capitol Records. Then a job as copywriter and, eventually, as creative director at Doyle Dane Bernbach. I spent 20 years at DDB writing ads and TV commercials. Now tell me about you.

NED: I was a graduate of the USC School of Pharmacy. But when I found myself translating Latin abbreviations into directions that would fit on a prescription label, I decided to try something else. I entered the field of pharmaceutical warehousing and logistics, which has to do with the storage requirements for prescription drugs. I spent 30 years in that business. I set up a joint venture in Memphis to take advantage of the reach and speed of FedEx. My venture partner bought my business, and I went to work with a pharmaceutical dotcom. After the dotcom crash, my wife and I purchased a pediatric pharmacy. But we soon retired. We found the LA traffic impossible. We wanted to move on.

JOHN: That's when you moved to Sun City?

NED: Yes. And it's probably the best move we ever made. I get to write for *News & Views*, which I thoroughly enjoy.

JOHN: And every month I get to write a column, which I thoroughly enjoy. Looks like it's our good fortune to be a part of something good.

NED: What's that?

JOHN: A magazine called *New & Views*.



Joy Porrello

BY RONNIE MARSHALL

Joy Porrello is the Chair of the *News & Views* Committee and has been a member of the Committee for at least 18 years. Joy says, "My files go back to 2007, but I know I joined sometime before that." At that time, Joy was writing club articles for the World of Women, of which she was a founding member. The previous *News & Views* editor, Grace, asked her if she would like to join the Committee and Joy thought that would be fun and give her the opportunity to write about a wider variety of subjects.

Joy comes from the banking and recruiting industries and enjoyed writing letters and other business documents. Now, she really enjoys interviewing our residents and getting to know them. Joy also writes the monthly *Scam Alert* column. She especially enjoys writing resident profiles because she meets such friendly, interesting people. Joy says that some have become good friends. "It's so much fun to learn what

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our residents have done in their professional and personal lives. Our residents have such diverse backgrounds and interests. Their experiences and life-perspectives are quite fascinating and often very moving. I believe our readers enjoy these glimpses into the lives of their neighbors.”

Joy is enthusiastic about our *News & Views* Committee. “We have a great group of people on our committee. We meet monthly to discuss writing assignments and bringing fun and interesting writing opportunities to our readers. Our writing contests are enjoyed by many of our residents, who get to submit poetry, short stories and limericks that are then published in the magazine.”

Finally, Joy says, “Our editor, Cindy Gunn, and our writers are so creative and together we are proud to produce such a great magazine for Sun City residents.”



Luigi Leonardi

BY NED CALLAHAN

Luigi got his introduction to *News & Views* when he was interviewed for the September 2016 issue of the magazine. His background as a man of the world and a leader in the field of fashion made him a natural for a *News & Views* profile.

The fifth of five boys, Luigi was named for his birthday saint, St. Luis Gonzaga. Luigi received a classical seminary education in Greek and Latin. At the age of 17 he left Italy for England to immerse himself in a new language. There he was fortunate to be chosen for a job as a footman for Viscount Cowdray. The Cowdray Estate was at the heart of British polo country. Visitors arrived every weekend. Luigi served monarchs and peers of the aristocracy for two years.

He then returned to Rome and the world of fashion. After military service, Aldo Gucci took notice of Luigi’s skill with customers and his grasp of the English language and offered him an opportunity to work for Gucci in New York. Luigi’s career in fashion eventually led him to manage the Gucci flagship store in Beverly Hills. Luigi has lived in Rome, England, Florence, New York, Calabasas and now Sun City. Even in relaxed Sun City he is still mindful of proper fashion.

Recalling his profile in *News & Views*, he was motivated to send a writing sample to the *News & Views* Committee. In 2023 he was accepted as a Contributing Writer.

Luigi is quick to volunteer to write about anything that meets his wide range of interests—golf, family, fashion, travel or cooking. He has already written several *Behind the Scenes* articles and resident profiles for the magazine and has many more in production. You will enjoy his international view of life here in the desert.



Marsha Reed Nall

BY DELYN MEYERS

Marsha Reed Nall moved from New York to Sun City in 2012. She has always loved writing. Marsha has a master’s in creative writing from The New School in New York City. She also has a degree in English and French from Indiana University and spent a semester studying at The Sorbonne in Paris. Then, in 1976 she decided to become a CPA and got an accounting degree at Texas A&M. She told me she absolutely loves working in the tax field.

Marsha has been writing all her life. She is also an avid reader, reading three to four books at any given time, always one of them in French. She is fluent and reads French literature every day. Of course, her ideal vacation...Paris.

Marsha has family in Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Los Angeles, and after touring numerous Del Webb properties, decided on Sun City Palm Desert. She chose to move here because the community had the most robust club structure. She was looking for a venue for writing and at a Writers Club meeting she spoke with a member of the *News & Views* Committee who told her about the opportunity to write for the magazine. Currently, she writes the monthly book review column and resident profiles.

Marsha is also a member of the Finance Committee, Yoga & Pilates and Trim ‘N’ Tone. Marsha is definitely a woman of many talents.



Ronnie Marshall

BY JOY PORRELLO

Ronnie writes the *Pass the Popcorn* movie reviews and has done so since becoming a *News & Views* member 14 years ago. She also writes resident profiles and *Writers’ Corner* pieces. She contributed features for the annual Garden Club tour for nine years and *Travel Treasures* for ten years.

Ronnie grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where her mom often took her and her sister to the movies and, for special treats, first-run movies at Radio City Music Hall. Movies profoundly affected Ronnie, and she has been an enthusiastic fan and (self-proclaimed) critic and historian ever since. Along with movies, Ronnie loves to read, and in her late teens/early twenties, discovered the hardboiled detective fiction of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett. She also embraced the comical whimsy of P.G. Wodehouse, creator of “Jeeves,” the perfect butler, and the romantic gentility of Regency novels by Jane Austin and Georgette Heyer. These authors inspired her to write and she says she



is still working on the next “Great American Novel,” which has been gestating for the last 50 years.

When Ronnie retired as a legal secretary in San Francisco in 2005, she and her husband moved to Sun City Palm Desert. She was delighted to join the *New & Views* Committee of volunteers. “I’ve enjoyed meeting and interviewing so many charming and interesting people over the years, including a woman who ran as a torchbearer in the L.A. 1984 Olympics, a woman who performs professionally as “Mae West,” and a gentleman who volunteers as a Search and Rescue member of the L.A. County Sheriff’s Office.” Ronnie adds, “We have a terrific and diverse group of writers who, with Cindy Gunn, our great editor, take pride in presenting excellent and informative issues of *News & Views* every month.”



Vee Novak

BY BARBARA SCHADLOW

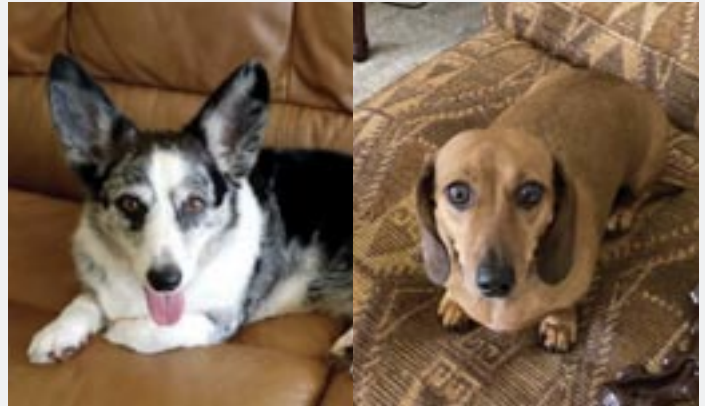
Volunteerism runs in Vee’s blood. Married to an RPCV (Returned Peace Corps Volunteer), Vee has volunteered in every community they have lived, from serving on city and county committees, to food distributions, to annual holiday gift distributions and many more.

Shortly after moving to Sun City, Vee entered a *News & Views* short story contest. Her entry, “Ambushed,” (June 2019) won second place. An email from the *News & Views* editor asking her if she was interested in becoming a member of the committee soon followed. Because she has had no formal training in writing, Vee was reluctant. However, the spirit of volunteerism kept haunting her. She agreed to attend a committee meeting “just to see.”

The meeting turned out to be an interview for which Vee was completely unprepared. One of the writers asked for her resume, to which she replied, “I don’t have a resume. I didn’t know that this was a job interview. I thought I was just attending a meeting!” More questions from the other writers followed. “I must have sufficiently answered them all, because here I am five years later,” Vee said.

Because of her lack of formal training and because English is not her first language, Vee finds writing challenging but fulfilling. Having English as her college major, and her experience teaching reading and writing to special education students for 25 years, helped develop her skills. Currently, Vee writes the monthly *So Stinkin’ Cute* pet column and contributes other feature articles. About her writing Vee says, “I write with my heart.”

In the company of the talented and creative *News & Views* volunteer writers, Vee is surely “Living the Dream” of volunteerism at its finest.



So Stinkin’ Cute

BY VEE NOVAK

Scout and Bella

For two dogs of different breeds and different basic traits (one is a herder while the other one is a hunter), Scout and Bella are best buddies who love playing together. “With Scout, the herder, instigating play time, these best buddies chase each other around the house for hours,” said their fur Mom, Michele Kerr.

Scout is an 11-year-old Cardigan Welsh Corgi who Michele and her late husband purchased from a veterinarian/breeder in Dallas, Texas. According to Michele, Scout is a “talker” who lets you know when she wants a treat or when she wants to go outside or when she wants Bella to play. Scout is a lively, playful, fun girl. She appears to understand human language because when Michele asks her to fetch her favorite toy, she always goes after her worn out, has-seen-better-days big, red doughnut which also seemingly serves as her pacifier.

Michele, a member of the American Kennel Club and the Dachshund Club of America, has always loved dachshunds. Realizing that Scout may need a friend, Michele acquired Bella shortly before the pandemic lockdowns. Bella is a Red Smooth Dachshund who came from a breeder in Fallbrook, CA. At four years old, Bella is a ferocious hunter always tracking lizards in their backyard. She is a petite girl who loves to chill in the evenings by curling up on a chair chewing a toy.

Both girls are friendly. After our introductions, Scout ran around me inviting me to play while Bella tried to climb on my back. They are also great eaters who prefer chewy treats. To keep them healthy, Michele occasionally gives them carrots.

“They are the best alarm system as they alert me when they hear anything outside our house,” concluded Michele.

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Strangers

BY BILL SANDERS

We were strangers—to each other and to ourselves, adrift in a world where acceptance felt essential, yet elusive and often came at a price.

Spinning on this tiny blue dot, in the vast expanse of the infinite and eternal, we found ourselves—the same species—existing in the same fleeting sliver of time and space. Yet instead of marveling at the staggering improbability of this remarkable coincidence and all we had in common, we squandered our lives obsessing over petty differences.

Seeking solace from our divisions, we took refuge in groups. Drawn by the allure of belonging, we often succumbed to herd mentality, suppressing individuality for the illusion of safety and strength in numbers. These

groups, while offering belonging, also demanded conformity, leading many to abandon their true selves.

Wearing masks of civility, we hid behind veils of politeness and pretense. We laughed at jokes we didn't find funny and agreed with opinions we honestly didn't share. These gratuitous gestures wove a fragile illusion of connection, born more from a fear of offending and being ostracized than from camaraderie.

This fear held the group together, but it also kept us apart. Conforming to others' expectations, we sacrificed our identities for the comfort of superficial interactions, trading authenticity for approval and gradually losing sight of who we truly were.

Beneath the masks we wore lay a deeper truth—vulnerability. Past experience taught revealing flaws would be seen as weaknesses, making us targets for ridicule or rejection. By hiding imperfections, we shielded ourselves from pain but forfeited the chance for meaningful bonds.

Our lives brimmed with shallow relationships, but few carried the depth we yearned for. If only we had the courage to shatter the facades of conformity. If only we had the grace to accept those who did.

In the end, we remained strangers—to each other and to ourselves—haunted by the quiet ache of what might have been.

The dedicated writing staff of the *News & Views* are not eligible to participate in the annual 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 *News & Views* writers to showcase their work in other styles. We hope you enjoy these occasional features.





The Bookshelf BY MARSHA REED NALL

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder

BY DAVID GRANN

Grann’s new nonfiction book reads like a thriller set in the 1740s, when Spain and England sent shiploads of men to fight on the high seas, vying to conquer, control the world’s mineral riches, and bring the wealth home, wealth created by enslaved peoples.

The Wager, a British ship with 250 officers and crew, carried munitions for a squadron of six warships. The squadron set sail in September 1740 “on a secret mission: to capture a treasure-filled Spanish galleon known as the prize of all the oceans.” Crews of this time included men impressed into service, invalids pulled from pensioners’ homes, second sons without better prospects and dozens of young boys. “Press gangs headed out...scouring the horizon for incoming merchant ships—the most fertile hunting ground” for men.

In addition to the ship being overly crowded, bad weather, bad decisions, an outbreak of typhoid spread by lice even before the ship left port, and other disasters followed the ship around Cape Horn, possibly the most dangerous water in the world. On the voyage, scurvy decimated the crew. Rats and worms ate the ship and its stores. Hurricane winds ripped the sails. *Dead reckoning* was a poor tool for navigation.

“So miserable was the scene that words cannot express the misery that some of the men died in.”

In May, the *Wager* wrecked off the coast of Patagonia. By then half the crew had died. The surviving 145 castaways, all in poor health, managed to salvage supplies from the wrecked ship. Stranded for months, food was scarce, although the men ate a wild celery that cured their scurvy. The threat of starvation growing, most of the crew wanting to go home decided to build a boat and leave the island, sail through the Straits of Magellan and land in Brazil, which they manage to do. Six months later, another boat washed ashore in



southwestern Chili. The men aboard claimed the men who’d landed in Brazil were mutineers.

“The principal figures from each group...were now summoned by the Admiralty to face a court-martial. The trial threatened to expose the secret nature not only of those charged but also of an empire whose self-professed mission was spreading civilization.”

The Wedding People

BY ALISON ESPACH

This novel begins with Phoebe arriving “at the grand Cornwall Inn wearing a green dress and gold heels, not a bag in sight, alone. She’s immediately mistaken by everyone in the lobby for one of the wedding people, but she’s actually the only guest at the Cornwall who isn’t here for the big event.”

Lila, the bride, has planned to the smallest detail a sumptuous, very expensive wedding. She has planned for everything except Phoebe, who has come to the hotel to take her cat’s painkillers.

“Phoebe does not want to feel rushed. She does not want to go out frantic and through a window like Septimus in *Mrs. Dalloway*, a scene that upset her so much, it became the only book in graduate school that she never finished reading.”

As Phoebe contemplates her life there is a knock on her door and the bride enters, catching Phoebe smoking a cigarette. Lila talks louder than she needs to...and Phoebe wonders what the bride does for a living. Is Lila an actress who has to project her voice? “Maybe she is an airline attendant, good at announcing things to forty-seven passengers.”

With every wedding event and interaction come more reasons for Phoebe to live. Espach’s literary novel is, at its core, about how even small interactions with people can change your life and that we need those people to feel like we’re actually living.

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**.

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Did You Know...

BY DELYN MEYERS

January 29 was the start of the Chinese Lunar New Year 4722 or 4723...the year of the snake. The Wood Snake to be exact. I was born in the year of the Water Snake so I thought it would be fun to have a little history.

The Chinese Zodiac has 12 animal signs: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Each animal comes around every 12 years.

The Elements – Each sign has five elements: Earth, Wood, Water, Metal and Fire. Your element depends on your birth year.

The Legend – A monster named Nian would attack villagers at the start of every year and was afraid of loud noises, bright lights and the color red. So, people would light firecrackers, hang red lanterns and wear red clothes to scare away the beast. These traditions have been passed down for generations and are still practiced today.

The Celebration started January 29 and lasts until Sunday, February 8. This holiday will culminate with the Lantern Festival, a dazzling display of lights and lanterns.

The Fireworks – The most fireworks in the world are set off that night. As in the myth about Nian, firecrackers are supposed to scare off monsters and bad luck. People stay up on Chinese New Year's Eve and set off firecrackers at midnight. In the morning, firecrackers are used again to welcome the new year and good luck.

The Taboos – Showering is not allowed on New Year's Day; sweeping and throwing out garbage is not allowed before February 5; and no hair cutting before February 2. Using scissors, knives and other sharp things, arguing or swearing (darn), saying unlucky words (such as “death” and “sickness”) and breaking things is not allowed.

The Snake – Your year could be challenging if you are a Snake, so trade bad luck for good luck by wearing something red all year. Fortunately, it's one of my favorite colors.





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.

Farfalle con Cipolla, Piselli e Pancetta

Serves four

- 1 lb. Farfalle pasta
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped
- 1 lb. frozen petite peas
- 10 oz. thick-cut pancetta or bacon, diced to 1/8"
- 6 oz. freshly-grated Parmigiano Reggiano
- 2–3 tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- Salt and Pepper to taste,
- Sprigs of parsley

Put a large pot of water on stove over high heat.

Pour 1 cup of water in a small pot and bring to a boil. Add pinch of salt and peas; return to a boil. Simmer and cook until tender.

Place onion and pancetta in a large, deep pan with 2–3 Tbs EVOO over medium heat and stir until the pancetta and onions are deep golden brown.

Drain the peas (*reserving some of the water*) and add to the onion and pancetta with some water. Add salt and pepper, lower the heat, cover and cook for 25–30 minutes. Stir frequently, adding more warm water if necessary.

When the large pot of water is boiling, add salt and pasta, cooking until al dente.

Spoon cooked pasta and 1/2-cup of pasta water into the pan with other ingredients (*the most crucial part of the recipe*).

Continue stirring over low heat, while alternately adding the parmigiano with a touch of pasta water until all the parmigiano is melted, creating an emulsion-like effect.

Serve topped with more parmigiano and a parsley sprig.

Buon Appetito!

Poetry Contest



LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES!

2025 Spring Poetry Contest

- Theme: **Change**
- Maximum length: 14 lines
- Limit one original entry (no previously published poems)
- Email entries to: newsandviews@scpdca.com
- Deadline for entries: **February 14, 2025**

The winning entry will appear in the April issue of *News & Views*.

The winner will receive a \$50 Sun City gift card.

The *News & Views* Committee will select the winning poem.

(Committee members are prohibited from entering this contest.)

Sudoku

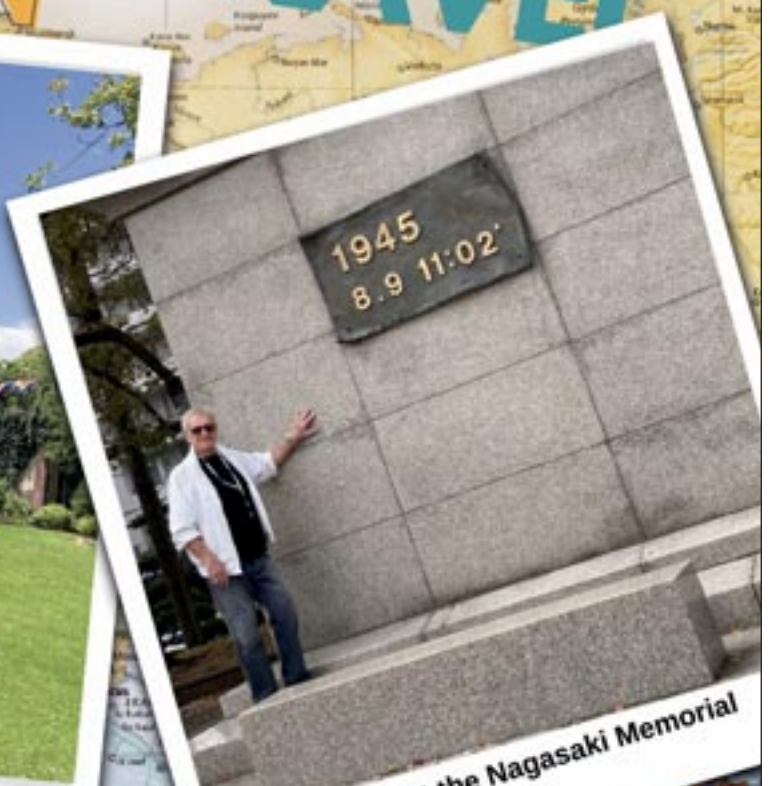
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Complete the grid so that every digit from 1–9 appears only once in every row, column and 3x3 box. *Solution is on page 65.*

VACATION TRAVEL



Kay Nolen in Chicago



Tony Ward at the Nagasaki Memorial



Sun City Wine tasting friends in Paso Robles in April
Photo by Janet and Carl Olsen



VACATION TRAVEL



Pamela Robinson and Christopher Francis at the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame. Cincinnati Ohio



Penny Naughton in Japan



Mary Robinsen, Glenn Evans, Nancy Mertis and Jack Maddan on an Alaska Cruise

Please send in Resident Photos (large file, not reduced for email) to scdpics@scpdca.com



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.

Notice for Contributors

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To guarantee the information you deem most important in your article appears, please send articles that adhere to the word limit.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

LV – LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER
MV – MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE
SV – SUNSET VIEW CLUBHOUSE

Chartered Clubs Events & News

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Art

Oils, Acrylics, Drawing, Mixed Media & Watercolor

art.scpdcaclubs.com

Chris Acosta · 760-200-9469

Activities in the Art Studio unless noted

Beginning Watercolor: Mondays 9 AM

Mixed Media: Mon. & Weds. 1 PM

Oil Painting: Tuesdays 9 AM

Acrylics (All Levels): 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, Feb. 1, 5 PM

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

San Geronio+, MV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4 PM

by Kris Knutzen

Welcome to all returning snowbird artists and new members.

We've added another *Mixed Media* class in the art studio on Mondays from 1–4 p.m. This class is designed for experienced mixed media artists. Participants will bring their own projects to work on during the class period. It is a place to share ideas and inspirations on what and how you paint in mixed media. Informal discussions will be an important part of the class support. If you want to be inspired by others and loosen up your style, this is a good class for you. The class will run all of January, February and March.

Don't forget! The *Home Studio Tour* is this month. The tour will highlight 13 of our very talented Sun City Artists and give the community an opportunity to visit their in-home studios. It will take place on February 8 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Wine and Cheese reception on February 1 will highlight these artists and let you preview the type of art on the tour. If you plan on

attending the reception, please bring an appetizer to share. We will supply the wine and friends are welcome.

Astronomy

Star Gazing

astronomy.scpdcaclubs.com

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

Tahoe, LV

by Stu Sitzman

Planets:

- *February 28 "Seven Planet Alignment":* Saturn, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Uranus, and Neptune. Excluding Uranus and Neptune are all visible to the naked eye pre-dawn to post-sunset. Setting in order: Saturn, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Mars.
- *Mercury:* Rises early morning sets close to sunset
- *Venus:* Venus at greatest brightness the entire year on *February 16*. See it at 7 p.m. before it sets!
- *Mars:* Very bright, in the middle of the Gemini constellation all month near the Twins
- *Jupiter:* Up and bright all night
- *Saturn:* Rises early morning sets close to sunset

February Highlights:

The winter sky is a wonder ablaze with the brightest stars and planets in the firmament. Attending our Star Parties will open a window of AWE for you. Visit our website! *Constellation of the month – Gemini:* The twins Castor and Pollux are part of the *Winter Hexagon*. Pollux was so overcome when his mortal brother Castor died that Zeus reunited them both in the heavens forever. Mars will be keeping company with the twins all month. Gemini hosts 11 stars that have exoplanets. Contains Messier 35, a spectacular open star cluster.



- *Monthly assignment:* Where's the Winter hexagon?
- *Meteor Showers:* Better showers coming soon!

Billiards

Social & Tournament Billiards **billiards.scpdcaclubs.com**

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
by Don Campbell

The Billiards Club is a place for friends to socialize while playing fun and challenging games. All residents are welcome. Want to learn or improve? Check out the mentors list on our bulletin board. Don't forget to sign in for tournaments by 11:30 am.

Congratulations December Winners:

Partners Tournaments:

- Dec. 7 – 1st Place Tie: Warren Spalding/ Jim Heisklov and Mark Sinkey/Mike Levee; 3rd Place: David Harshman/ Sandy Schachter
- Dec. 12 – 1st Place: Chuck Rinkey/Jack Rooney; 2nd Place: Dave Long/ Gary London; 3rd Place: Jennifer/Jadovitz
- Dec. 19 – 1st Place: Don Campbell/Pat Powers; 2nd Place Tie: Warren Spalding/ Gary London and Chuck Rinkey/Kathleen Wiedmann

8-Ball Tournament Winners:

- Dec. 12 – 1st Place: Don Campbell; 2nd Place: Bud Bergstrom; 3rd Place: Jennifer Jadovitz
- Dec. 26 – 1st Place: Richard Bettinson; 2nd Place: Don Campbell

9-Ball Tournament Winners:

- Dec. 17 – 1st Place: Bud Bergstrom; 2nd Place: Richard Bettinson; 3rd Place: Larry Tackett

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 the Sunset View Clubhouse. Members will receive reservation forms via email or at the bocce courts in early March. We promise fun, food and friends!

Tournaments are played on the third Wednesday of each month: February 19 and March 19 will be the last tournaments of this year. Members will be notified to sign up starting the week prior to the tournament.

Boomers & Friends

50s & 60s Revisited

boomers.scpdcaclubs.com

Terry Anne Johnson · 206-295-3240

Social: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Barbara Kastner

Welcome to the beautiful month of February. All the really wonderful, fun and eventful activities are in full swing.

The Golden Globes VIP Afterparty was PERFECT! The meals were outstanding! The entertainment HOT ROX got everyone out on the dance floor to enjoy terrific live music. Lots of fun surprises! Great job by the Boomers Board and many volunteers to provide such great times.

This month you will love the BLACK AND WHITE BALL! This dinner dance will put glamour back in style. You truly will not want to miss this one. Entertainment will be provided by The Art of Sax, a wonderful live three-piece band! Dinner will be terrific. The dress will be a notch above. Wear black or white...or better yet...wear BLACK AND WHITE! It's an event you really want to attend!

Boomers is getting ready for next year's Board nominations. Be sure to contact Terry Anne Johnson, Boomers' President, at terryanne67@gmail.com to get involved. Volunteering to help with events is also an option that is rewarding and fun.

Look for events coming up in March, April and May!

BZBs

Knitting, Crocheting & Needlecrafts

bzb.scpdcaclubs.com

Mardell Sunley · mardisue2@gmail.com

Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 9 AM
Saddleback, MV

by Cathy Clemens

Our room is full now with everyone knitting or crocheting for donations to charities. All yarn and supplies will be available if you wish to help make scarves and hats for the 29 Palms Marine Base, The Lucy Curci Cancer Center and Project Linus. We have patterns for all projects that you may wish to do. Our members are happy to help and share ideas with you. Join our group on Tuesdays from mornings from 9 a.m. to noon...we have friendly members and have great fun each week. We will also be working on items for the March Arts and Crafts Sale.

Our dues are \$5 a year and we welcome everyone to be a part of our group.

Canadian Club & Friends

canadian.scpdcaclubs.com

Robert Maitland · 403-612-3936

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 3, 4 PM
Silverwood, LV

Social: Sat., Feb. 8, 1 PM *Bocce Courts, SV*
& 2:30 PM *Arrowhead+, LV*

Social: Thursday, Feb. 27, 4:30 PM
Ventana, MV

by Robert Maitland

The weather continues to be great this year. Warmer than normal. We held a new event Trivia Night in December, and it was a lot of fun. We also had our Whist Night in January. Both were good events with opportunities to meet new members and catch up with old friends. It is hard to believe that the season is more than half done for us snowbirds. We do have several events planned for February and March so please join us for a chance to get together. Events planned for the remainder of this season include the following:

- *Bocce Blast* – Saturday, February 8
- *Gardens at El Paseo Concert* – Saturday, February 15
- *Golf Tournament* – Thursday, February 27
- *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 as many as you can. Remember, guests (no need to be Canadian) are always welcome.

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Canadian Club for the 2024/25 season. Go to our website for the renewal form and instructions.

See you during this fun season in the desert.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Canasta

Cards

canasta.scpdcaclubs.com

Michele Landa • 310-991-4867

Member Play: Tuesdays, 12 PM

Arrowhead+, LV

by Michele Landa, VP

February brings us Groundhog, Valentine's and Presidents' Days, and beautiful winter desert sunshine. Whatever the weather, our club members have enjoyed playing canasta every Tuesday afternoon for over twenty years at the Lake View Recreation Center.

Reminder that we have scheduled a tournament and light lunch at 12 p.m. on February 25. The tournament for members only starts at approximately 12:30 p.m. with check-in from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. The fee to participate is \$10 at check-in. Don't forget to sign-up as a single or couple by February 18.

REMINDER that your 2025 dues were due January 1. Please make your check for \$25 payable to SCPD Canasta Club and give to our Membership Chair, Louise Green. We cannot accept cash for dues. You may also drop your check into our

club mailbox #26 at the Mountain View Clubhouse. Members not paid by February 1 will be delinquent and not allowed to sign up for play until paid.

Contact Michele Landa, VP, to schedule your game or for questions about our club or lessons, at 310-991-4867. Visit our club website for events schedule and other information about our club.

Car

Car Shows, Touring, Sharing Love of Cars

Tim Walker • tm.walker@comcast.net

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 10, 3 PM

Tahoe, LV

General Meeting: Monday, Feb. 10, 4 PM

Tahoe, LV

Card & Game

Gin Rummy, Cribbage, Hearts, Scrabble

Jill Burt • 760-492-1107

Member Play: Tues., 11 AM, Oasis+, SV

by Jon Holmquist

Welcome to love month and we hope you'll love spending some time with Sun City residents on Tuesdays in the Oasis room of the Sunset View Clubhouse. We play

cribbage and hearts at 11 a.m., euchre, gin and pinochle at noon, and scrabble and rummy-q at 1 p.m. After a free trial, the dues are just \$15 a year, and that includes three parties. Meet new friends and enjoy playing your favorite game. We invite you to call our President Ron Blauer at 310-490-4337 to ask any questions or to get updates. Happy Valentine's Day.

Ceramics

Open Ceramics

ceramics.scpdcaclubs.com

Jim Murray • 760-782-2312

Member Crafting: Daily, 8 AM – 9 PM

Ceramics Studio, MV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 4:30 PM

San Jacinto, MV

by Sherry Morgan

Looking for passion? We are passionate about ceramics! Members are working on decorative or functional projects for their homes, gifts for family and friends or items to sell at the upcoming SCPD Arts and Craft Sale. Stop by our studio window located across from the Postal Center to see members' work. Better yet, come on in! You might find a member pouring a mold, creating with a hand building technique or throwing on a potter's wheel.

We enjoy periodic classes in specific projects for those of all skill levels. Pouring/Slip casting classes are currently scheduled for February 5 and 19. Space is limited, so please sign up in the studio prior to attending. Several club members will continue their adventure in sculpture this month taught by the gifted Cindee Dunlap.

Membership is \$30 a year and all new members must complete a helpful orientation prior to working in the studio. Membership forms, orientation dates and sign-up sheets are located in the studio. Come join us in "maki'n mud magic"!

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, Feb. 11, 3 PM

Saddleback, MV

by Steve Klein

Lots of exciting happenings in February. Our premier event for Couples Putters is the Dinner Dance on February 8. Ron Felix will again be our DJ. He plays music for all



Canasta Club November 19 Tournament Winners (left to right): 1st place Gudrun Bauer-Farr & Joyce Greene; 2nd place Linda Jacobs & Marilyn Chase; 3rd place Cheryl Goldberg & Joanne Massaro.



occasions '50s, '60s and '70s. The event is held every year in the Sierra Ballroom.

This February there are four Saturdays of putting: February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Payouts for the previous month will be on February 1 and 8.

Another big day in February is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your sweetheart. A new putter, some golf balls or something a little more romantic.

Also, we have President's Day to honor many of our past Presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Keep putting!

Creative Arts

Paper & Decorative Arts

Karen Keinert • 760-601-7988

Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 12:30 PM

Sewing Studio, MV

by Cathy Clemens

We are busy this year creating cards and other types of paper art in the clubhouse. Join us on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 4 p.m. and enjoy presentations from our members during the month. On the first Tuesday we will demonstrate how to use our equipment, and we will share materials for you to use. Our group is growing, and we have many talented members who can help with any projects and share ideas. Our dues are \$10 a year and we welcome all new members to our enthusiastic sessions. Drop by and see what we are about.

Cyclists

Bicycling

cyclists.scpdcaclubs.com

Kim Murray • 250-240-9689

Jim Robinette 703-229-9168

General Meeting: Weds., Feb. 12, 3 PM

Big Bear+, LV

by Chantelle Ethier, VP

This month our meeting will be held on February 12 at 3 p.m. in the Big Bear room of the Lake View Recreation Center. This meeting will be potluck style. Everyone please bring a small dish to share.

On February 8 the Tour de Palm Springs in Coachella Valley will be held. There will be approximately 10,000 cyclists from four countries participating in the event. Races will be as short as seven miles or as long as 102 miles, with many choices in between. There are also tandem races. They even have a few walk distances that day. While riding the racers will be surrounded by incredible desert landscape and there will be a lively finish line celebration. Check

out their website for registration or get route information to cheer on the riders.

Tip of the month: Eat before you ride. Energy gels, cereal bars and bananas are all great choices. Consume around 100 to 250 calories every 30 minutes during a ride.

Stay safe and have fun out there.

Duplicate Bridge

Cards

bridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Fred Flegal • 269-649-1539

Member Play: Fridays, 12:15 PM

Arrowhead+, LV

Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 13, 9 AM

Silverwood, LV

by Judy McMakin

We rang out the old with many winners and are now well into the new year. Taking home first place honors were Rick Flucke and Lynne Castoldi, Joyce Gannon and Carol Ackerman (2), Penny and Dennis Stone, Elizabeth and Bill Dani, John Nugent-Patton and Cindy Selberg, Fred Flegal and Todd Blum and Todd again with Len Danon.

Also-rans were extensive including Janet and Paul Beaty (2), Bobbi Hoffman and Barbara Perschetz (2), Joyce Gannon and Carol Ackerman (2), Pat Gershick and Diane Aledort (2) Angela and Dodd Fiori, Rick Flucke and Lynne Castoldi, Susanne

Schow and Judy McMakin, Sandy Hall and Karen Roseberry, Chander and Daya Gupta and Mark Borovitz and Harriet Rossetto.

The club thanks Diane Boger for a great lasagna dinner and Paul Beaty and Bill Dani for planning a great event.

We welcome new members. Need a partner? Call Janet Beaty at 760-485-6983.

Financial

Financial Education

financial.scpdcaclubs.com

Rod Gale • 760-880-4638

General Meeting: Weds., Feb. 12, 1:30 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

by Rod Gale

Local Financial Advisor, past speaker and friend of the Financial Club, Christian MacLean has arranged to have Tyler Furek and another executive with American Funds and The Capital Group be our speakers.

Tyler L. Furek is an intermediary relationship manager at Capital Group, home of American Funds. He has 21 years of industry experience and has been with Capital Group for 8 years. Prior to joining Capital, Tyler worked as a senior vice president at Fidelity Investments. Before that, he was a communications specialist at MassMutual. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, specializing in marketing, from Loyola University in



Car Club's December Car Show was held around the Santa Rosa Putting Green and Golf Range with a variety of vehicles from 1948 to 2024.

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Maryland. He also holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst® and Chartered Financial Analyst® designations. Tyler is based in Los Angeles.

As a bonus, Christian will talk about long term care insurance options, including an asset based long term care plan that is gaining popularity and may be of interest to attendees. They are very knowledgeable about financial matters.

The Financial Club strives through library subscriptions and speakers to inform our members how to better protect and grow assets. Announcements are made via e-mail. Memberships renew for \$15/\$20 couples.

Update e-mail addresses with 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

Dinner: Thursday, Feb. 6, 6 PM

Ventana, MV

by Jack Maddan

The Food & Wine Connoisseur Board met

this past month with Executive Chef Rudy Zazueta to select premium wines to be paired with carefully prepared palate pleasing courses for our February 6 gourmet Valentine's dinner.

While members are dining on Chef Rudy's extraordinary culinary creations at the February dinner, Lou Ann Liebermann, FWCC President, will provide another enlightening and entertaining wine education experience.

Members, please mark your calendars for the final gourmet dinner and premium wine pairing event to be held in the Ventana on the evening of April 3. Please visit our website for additional information.

Forum

Discussion Group
forum.scpdcaclubs.com

Brett Thompson · 310-766-5505

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

Tahoe, LV

General Meeting: Weds., Feb. 12, 7 PM

Oasis+, SV

by Marc Rosen

That crop doesn't grow here anymore...try buying flood insurance in Florida...try

buying fire insurance in rural California... the sea level is rising...it's a long list and we're going to talk about it at the Forum Club. Come and listen February 12 as we discuss CLIMATE CHANGE...THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECT.

Presenting will be Patrick Evans, Chief Meteorologist for KESQ and host of *Eye on the Desert*. Patrick is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a degree in Environmental Science and Political Science. He arrived in the desert in 2002 and has been a vital community member ever since, serving on the Board of Directors of Loma Linda Children's Hospital and YMCA of the Desert among others. He and his wife Andrea have two children and several rescue dachshunds and cats. You can see Patrick each morning Monday through Friday from 5-7 a.m. on KESQ or see him live at the Forum Club February 12.

Note: Forum expects another full house, and our meeting room is limited to 120 people. We ask members to be seated by 6:45 and guests will be seated starting at 6:50. Sorry, but once we reach the Fire Marshall's maximum, we must close the doors.

Fun City Bowlers

Mixed Bowling
funcitybowlers.scpdcaclubs.com

June Klabacha · 714-488-5686

Fall Bowling: Mondays, 1 PM

Fantasy Springs

by Evy Long

February is always a great month. It marks our fifth month of bowling and halfway through our season!

If you are looking 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. If you are interested in a sub position or getting onto our wait list for a permanent team, please contact June Klabacha at 714-488-5686.

We are an unsanctioned handicapped league with all levels of bowlers welcome. Bowling starts at 1 p.m. on Mondays at Fantasy Springs Bowling Alley. The only prerequisite is that you are a resident of Sun City Palm Desert.

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.



Card Club's Christmas luncheon.



Genealogy

Tracing Your Family History
genealogy.scpdcaclubs.com

Sherry Stockton • 909-815-4412

General Meeting: Mon., Feb. 3, 9:15 AM

Idyllwild, MV / Zoom

Workshop: Monday, Feb. 10, 1:30 PM

Technology Center, MV

General Meeting: Mon., Feb. 17 & 24, 9:30

AM, Zoom

by Bob Meinhard

The SCPD Genealogy Club wants to help you discover more about your ancestors! For beginners, familysearch.org is a great place to start. Also, we suggest setting up a free basic account at ancestry.com, which is another great site that has resources available for all genealogists. Our annual club dues are \$25 (\$35 for a couple) for 2024-2025. For more information, please pick up a brochure at one of the kiosks located in all the clubhouses.

We will meet on February 17 and 24 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom only (topics TBD). On February 3, we will meet *in person* in the Idyllwild Room at the Mountain View Clubhouse and on Zoom and welcome guest speaker David Flint, who will be speaking about “Jurisdictions Affecting England Genealogy Research” – don’t miss it! We will also meet for a hands-on workshop on Monday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Technology Center in the Mountain View Clubhouse. On February 24, our past president, Gary Fredericksen, will be hosting “Tech with Gary.” He will be answering member questions about various genealogy research tools. Please plan to join us in person or on Zoom!

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

Social: Monday, Feb. 10, 3 PM

Arrowhead+, LV

by Jackie Landy

Our January 19 White Sale (items that the club has had stored but no longer needs) and Happy Hour were a huge success. We hope you were able to attend, found some good treasures, and were able to socialize with your fellow club members.

The Glass Arts Club was also able to donate some fused glass pieces and support a fundraiser held by the Pet Lovers Club in January.

Elections will be held for our new Board of Directors on February 10. We must have a quorum to elect our new Board, so we hope you are able to attend this very important meeting. It will be held at 3 p.m. in the Lake View Recreation Center. After this meeting a social event will be held.

Remember to complete identification and kiln firing requests in TWO places. One request with your item to be fired, and the other in the purple “kiln book” in the studio. Be as specific as you can with size, shapes, colors and content. Items have not been able to be fired and/or returned to artists because pieces lack this important information.

Hiking

Exploring Nature on Foot

hiking.scpdcaclubs.com

Kerry Berman • kerry@kerryberman.com

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3 PM

Saddleback, MV

by Kerry Berman, President

Wow! What a wonderful start to the season. If you enjoy the great outdoors you don’t want to miss our hikes available for all levels of hikers. Enjoy exercise, fellowship and learning about our beautiful valley and beyond. The monthly calendar is in all clubhouses and on our website.

We now have a full, fabulous board. Welcome and thank you to Beverly Hackett,

Secretary; Sue Anderson, Treasurer and Kevin Rivette, Director at Large.

Now a short recap: Our first General Meeting was attended by 80 members and our Holiday Party had 75 members in attendance. Great food, entertainment by Tim Bryant, and our wonderful social team (beautiful table settings) by Louise Green, Roger Nachman and Joyce Hengesbach. We currently have 162 members.

We always welcome and appreciate new hike leaders. The most important quality for a hike leader is their passion to share our environment. Our current hike leaders are eager to mentor anyone who has an interest. Please visit our website.

Blue skies, sunshine and happy hiking.

Home & Garden

Desert Gardening

garden.scpdcaclubs.com

Louise Cummings • 949-300-0842

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 10, 9 AM

Arrowhead, LV

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

Oasis, SV & 10 AM,

Speakers Hall, SV

by Louise Cummings

The Home & Garden Club will have a special guest at our February 11 meeting: Master Gardener Suzanne Breshears. She will talk about “How to Select and Care for Houseplants.” She promises to introduce



Hiking Club members celebrate a special occasion hike on the La Quinta Bear Creek Trail led by past co-presidents, Jim Biewer and Pat Fonstad. Photo by Linda Biewer.

us to a wide variety of beautiful plants and will focus on how important selecting the right light location is to maintaining a healthy specimen.

Our second trip of the season is February 13 – members only. Tickets are on sale now to The Living Desert for a two-hour shuttle Tour, 9 – 11 a.m. Arranged carpools and lunch on our own. Flyers in the kiosks. Experience the Living Desert in a whole new way with a guided Private Safari tour. This luxury journey includes park admission, a personal guide and a private shuttle for our members. Our guide will enthrall us with fascinating animal facts and park history during this dynamic two-hour adventure.

The club's annual Home & Garden Tour organization is in full swing as 7 beautiful homes and gardens have been selected for this year's Home & Garden Tour, scheduled for Saturday, March 22. Mark your 2025 calendars now. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Tour Chair Nancy Humphries at 512-797-1011 or nancy.humphries@gmail.com.

Homecrafters

Club for Home Crafters

homecrafters.scpdcaclubs.com

Anne Winchester • 760-668-8341

Spring Fling Meeting: Thur., Feb. 27, 5 PM

Big Bear+, LV

by Carol Corso

There have been lots of “happenings” lately. The recent Arts and Crafts Holiday Sale was a big, successful event for our members—it helped get the word out about the great variety of items we make and offer for purchase. A big “thank you” to members who participated...YOU made this event a success.

And a big “thank you” to our neighbors who visited to support our talented crafters and artisans. We hope you found gifts for those on your holiday list (as well as some for yourself!). Many lovely items were admired and purchased.

Perhaps you were inspired by visiting the holiday sale—maybe we sparked and ignited your creative spirit? Then, join us! You need to attend only two required meetings per year to sell your handmade creations at the SCPD Arts and Crafts

Holiday Sales. And we offer several other special meetings, i.e., our recent *First Annual Homecrafter Exchange Party!* Or our recent Orientation Meeting for New Members.

Look for our HOMECRAFTER flyers in all three clubhouse kiosks or call Anne at 760-668-8341 for more information.

Italian Heritage

Celebrating Italian Heritage

scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/italian-heritage

Bernie Froio • 760-772-3204

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 PM

Saddleback, MV

Dinner Dance: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Susan Goldberg

Our Prohibition Party last month was a big hit. Our main event this month, on Tuesday, February 18, will be a celebration of the “Moulin Rouge,” with music by DJ Mike Capitanelli. Pick up your flyers at the kiosks.

We also have a monthly happy hour in a different restaurant each month. Check our website to see where we will be in future months. Better yet, fill out a membership form, become a member, and get all the information in your email. There are also some great pictures from our November event on the website, as well as a history of our club. Check it out.

Coming events: Tuesday, March 18, *Sons of Italy in Concert* – our most requested event! Tickets will be available through Eventbrite. 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 Ronni Felix, and a delicious Italian buffet.

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, Feb. 3, 9:00 AM

San Geronio+, MV

Lady Niners

9-Hole Golf

lady9.golfclub.net

Helen Reardon 760-574-8588

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

Idyllwild, MV

Getaway Meeting: Thurs., Feb. 13, 4 PM

San Geronio+, MV

Luncheon: Thursday, Feb. 20, 11 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Luncheon: Thursday, Feb. 27, 10:30 AM

Ventana, MV

by Susan Glenn

We hosted Sun City Shadow Hills in a game of golf with a theme of “diamonds in the rough.” It was very exciting trying to get within two feet of those diamonds to be eligible for a prize. All ladies were encouraged to wear their “bling” and show off those diamonds. You could see our sparkle on every hole.

Our lunch consisted of the new “boxed” lunch; the only difference was that we served mimosas instead of sodas. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting Shadow Hills Lady Niners. The camaraderie is always fabulous.

The next exciting venture is golfing at Temecula Creek Resort on March 17, 18 and 19. Please read the website to see if there is still room. Take the time to read the website as updates are always being posted.

Lady Putters

Social & Competitive Putting

ladyputters.scpdcaclubs.com

Charlotte Brady • 760-346-1531

Putting: Wednesdays, 9 AM

Putting Green, MV

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

Saddleback, MV

by Annette N Reed

Here we all are...two months into the New Year! Most of us resolve to be more conscious with our food choices and, knowing the benefits, we will exercise. Exercise, make new friends and have fun with Lady Putters. Our Holiday Social in December with Tim Bryant was very enjoyable. Who knew that the Lady Putters would have such great dancing moves? A special thank you to Judi Peterson, Sue Wolfe and their committee who put this event together.

In addition to regular play on February 5, 12, and 26, we will have Mystery Hole Day on February 19 for a chance to earn extra cash. Upcoming events for Lady Putters are the March 26 Luncheon with



Chairs, Past Presidents and Nomination of Officers, and the April 23 Luncheon and Member-Guest Tournament. More information to follow. 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, Feb. 17, 2 PM
Technology Center, MV

Annual Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 27, 4 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Kathryn Querry, President

February 27, from 4 – 6 p.m. is our Annual Member Meeting and Social. It will be in the Sierra Ballroom.

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 new 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 all 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., Feb. 12, 1:30 PM

Tahoe, LV

by Claudia Scott

Line Dance is active and we're enjoying all our new members. In addition to line dance classes offered five days each week, our Line Dance Club has dinner and dance parties four times a year. These parties are for club members and their guests. We have a great time together with two hours of dancing, then a dinner break, then another two hours of dancing!

All the dances for the parties are taught during regular classes the weeks leading up to each party. At the parties, dances are led by our teachers. Dances are given a quick walk-through first.

Our next party, with a St. Patrick's Day theme, is March 17. Wear your green and have a fabulous time.

"I have no desire to prove anything by dancing. I just dance." ~ Fred Astaire

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

Sweetheart Dance: Friday, Feb. 7, 5 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Donna Genett

Love is in the air for Valentine's Day and we LOVE TO DANCE! Our SWEETHEART DANCE is on Friday, February 7, 5 – 8 p.m. It will be an exciting evening of dancing and hors d'oeuvres with DJ Ken Shiry! Be a sweetheart or bring a sweetheart. Our hosts will make sure everyone gets out on the dance floor. \$10 admission. No need to pre-register, just show up. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

We have lessons for every level of dancer so come try them out! Every Wednesday Teresa Shiry, our dance professional, teaches a BEGINNER LESSON at 2 p.m. followed by INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSONS at 3 p.m. Different dance styles are taught each month. \$10pp. No partner needed. To get more out of your lesson, join our Thursday DANCE PRACTICE at 1:15 p.m. The music covers many dance styles and professionals are available to help you improve your moves. Classes and practice are all held in the Pavilion Studio. For more information about our club, visit our website.

Mah-Jongg

American Mah-Jongg

mahjongg.scpdcaclubs.com

Ina Gibbons · 760-200-9190

Member Play: Weds. & Fri., 8:30 AM

Thurs., 12 PM, Oasis+, SV



Lady Niners holiday party karaoke featuring Mary Kay May, Dian Wright, Claire Poliszczuk and Gilda Schultz.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 9 AM
Palm, SV

by Diane Baum

Here we are the second month of the New Year and Mah Jongg play is moving right along. We are pleased we have people taking our FREE Mah Jongg lessons.

If you are interested in learning how to play, please email Iona Allen at ona4zach@gmail.com or text Carrie Hayward at 562-438-6557. These fabulous teachers also do refresher classes.

Please mark your calendar for our next Mah Jongg Tournament on April 2. Flyers for the tournament will be in the clubhouse during regular play. Remember to sign up early as we fill up fast. As a reminder, we will be playing with the 2024 Mah Jongg card!

We want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day; love comes in many forms, including Maj Jongg friendship love! We look forward to seeing many of you during regular play as listed above.

Meditation Club

Meditation made simple!
meditation.scpdcaclubs.com
Doug Graham • 505-401-4845

by Tammy Graham, Treasurer

Why not keep that New Year's resolve to have a different attitude, more focus and peace in your life. Learn to meditate and benefit from developing the ability to choose what you focus on. The Meditation Club has weekly in-person and Zoom meditation sessions. Visit our club's website for current schedule and locations. No prior experience is needed. Everyone is welcome!

Men's Niners

9-Hole Golf in the Morning
mvmn.golfclub.net

Frank Allen • 760-200-0541

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3 PM
Idyllwild, MV

by Luigi Leonardi

Times marches on and here we are in February 2025 with the shortest month of the year! Happy Valentine's Day to all our "Niners"! In January we had our Annual Individual Championship Tournament but, as of this writing, we don't know yet the names that will be engraved on our permanent trophy. All I know is that we

will have tried hard to unseat Joe Gatto (the 2024 A Flight Gross and Net champion).

In December we welcomed Joe Costa, Jim Schmiesing, Rudy Mainelli, and John Florance among our new members. To all SCPDCA men looking for a fun golfing opportunity, the Men's Niners Club is the ideal one to join. Visit our website to discover how you can have much more fun playing golf.

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, Feb. 4, 10:30 AM
Tahoe, LV

by Luigi Leonardi, President

Hello "young at heart" lovers! Welcome to February, when we celebrate Valentine's Day! February is also when we have the Annual Larry Barker Championship Tournament. Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, are dedicated to three rounds of putting for flights A, B and C. The results will crown the sectional winners, including holes in one. In addition, one player, with the lowest aggregate gross score, will be crowned Club Champion and will wear the Green Vest for the whole year. Several players are challenging our current "Green Vest" champion, Harvey Tyman; some are the former champion Ron Sowerby or some new "young lions" like Ronald Richardson, Mike Bell, Mike Emhoff or Mike Richey (I got stuck with Mikes?) and many others who have played consistently. Last year I had a moment with history when I was tied with Harvey for the lowest score. Then the tiebreaker broke in favor of Harvey! This year we will continue our tradition of announcing the winners at our March luncheon at the Ventana Room.

See Luigi in February to sign up for the luncheon. Let's keep on puttin'!

Mountain Vista Couples Golf

Fun in a Golf & Social Setting
mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Paul Pendolino • 442-599-1428

Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 6, 4 PM
Tahoe, LV

Lunch: Fri., Feb. 7 & Sat., Feb. 8, 11:30 AM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Valerie Dudley, Secretary

February is a special month for Couples Golf. It's our signature event of the year, the *Couples Open*. The theme for this two-day event is Hearts & Flowers. Make your own foursome with member/member or invite outside friends to play as your partners. The first day of the event takes place on Friday, February 7, playing San Gorgonio. The game will be 3-4-5. Day two is Saturday, February 8, playing on Santa Rosa. The game will be two best balls. There is a fantastic luncheon in the Sierra Ballroom directly following play both days. We do require that all golfers have a verifiable handicap to play.

Are you new to Sun City or a current resident looking for a fun golf experience? Check out our website for information and to download the membership application. We welcome new members all year long so don't hesitate to join in the fun!

Mountain Vista Ladies Golf

18-Hole Golf

mvlgc2024-2025.golfgenius.com

Mary Robinson • 425-766-3888

Luncheon: Monday, Feb. 10, 11:30 AM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1:30 PM
Idyllwild, MV

Luncheon: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 11:30 AM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Jane Blanchard, Secretary

Our President's Cup concluded in January. The 2025 Club Championship competition will be play on February 18, 21 and 25 with a champion being crowned in all flights.

Looking ahead, our annual Member-Guest Tournament is scheduled for March 25 with the theme of "Tee-Par-Tea."

Keep current with our club happenings on our website. Come join us. If you need an established GHIN, we will help you establish one.

Mountain Vista Men's Golf

18-Hole Golf

mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Skip Willis • 760-217-4650

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2 PM
Tahoe, LV

Luncheon: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 12 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV



by Art Dion, Secretary

The annual Holiday Classic was held December 17–18, followed by a wonderful steak lunch.

The winners in each flight were:

A. Jack Hoovan and Larry Drew

B. Mike Lord and Gary Malloy

C. Dave Permut and George Allan

D. Lionel Durant and Gary Stoney

The Presidents Cup Championship match play continues February 5 and 12 with rounds three and four. A luncheon will follow the last round on February 12.

On March 5 we will begin play for the MVMGC Clubs Championship. The Club Champions flight plays scratch while the other flights are handicapped.

This year there are over 100 members of the Hole in One Club. As a member, any hole in one played by the members pays \$200. Don't miss out by not joining. Last year's group held their own tournament on January 6. It was followed by a lunch and prizes.

Music Buffs

Appreciating & Performing Music

musicbuffs.scpdcaclubs.com

Marilyn Townsend • 760-360-2856

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

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Concerts: Sunday, Feb. 16, 3:30 & 7:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 17, 7 PM

Tahoe, LV

by Nancy Rosenthal

On Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom, Music Buffs will present *Brenna Whitaker*, Golden Diva, who worked with David Foster and Gladys Knight. Monday night concerts are open only to SCPD residents. Tickets will be available before the concert at 6:45 p.m. in the main lobby and are \$50 for the series. Credit cards not accepted; cash and checks only; please make checks out to Music Buffs.

Sunday concerts are at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. and will resume on Sunday, February 16, with the *Folk and Legacy Trio*, a journey through American musical history with their signature dynamic harmonies enriching some of the most beloved songs ever written. Tickets will be available in the main lobby at 2:45 p.m. for the 3:30 show and 6:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show.

March 3, *The Tokens* – Musical group from the '60s and '70s.

March 9, *Debbie Boone* – American singer, author and actress, Grammy Award winner, best known for "You Light Up My Life."

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

For ticket and show information for the Sunday 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. shows, please call: Julie Poe/Ric Krauss at 777-2927.

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

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 24, 1:30 PM

Arrowhead, LV

by Elaine Montgomery, President

We have just finished a successful run of *Farce of Nature*. Our spring musical, *The Fantasticks*, 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. – noon 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! \$25 reserved seating. The June *One Acts* will run June 6 – 8. Check our website for audition dates.

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., Feb. 13, 1:30 PM

Big Bear+, LV

by Lucy Nigrelli

A heartfelt thank you! Our fundraiser for Animal Samaritans was an incredible success, and we couldn't have done it without the support of so many wonderful people. From the dedicated team who made it happen to the generous donors and enthusiastic participants—thank you for helping us make a difference!

Join us on *Thursday, February 13, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.*, Lake View, for a well-rounded line up focusing on safety, planning and a lot of fun!

- Basic Training – Does your dog pull you, get under your feet, jump, listen?
- Pet Cremation – Do you have a plan?

Addressing the everyday challenges of pet ownership, Basic Training sounds incredibly useful for so many pet parents. Safety is critical! Plus, discussing Pet



Mountain Vista Men's Golf Club Board members joined President, Ship Willis to present a donation to The Narrow Door Food Bank on Christmas Eve. Our members donated over \$1100 to this worthy cause which provides help to up to 6,000 families in the valley each month.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Cremation is such a thoughtful way to help people plan for a tough time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **General Meetings:** Thursday, March 6, April 3 and May 1, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Lake View
- **Pet Parade:** March 15
Check out the Pet Lovers Club and join.

Photography

Digital Photography & Instruction camera.scpdcaclubs.com

Gary Pettersen · 206-354-0886

Workshops & Classes in Technology Center

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

Palm, SV & 6:30 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 20, 10 AM

Tahoe, LV

by Kathi Malec-Braunlich

The shortest month of 2025 has arrived, and with it results of our third photo competition of the year will be shared with members at our meeting this Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Speakers Hall. New members are welcome to join us.

Thank you to Diana and Kyle for

establishing our nametags for use at all club events. Please remember to leave the nametag with us or return to Diana, Kathi or Gary if you accidentally wear your nametag home.

The Education-in-Action topic for February is *Street Photography*, led by Diana Edelman. The first class is Monday, February 3.

Field trips were not yet finalized at the time of publication, so be sure to watch for Gary's super helpful weekly emails! Coffee corner will be held on the last day of the month, Friday, February 28. Join us for hot coffee, fresh donuts and lively conversation.

It is not too late to join our club and meet some fun-loving photography enthusiasts! Questions? Visit our club website or contact President Gary Pettersen.

PickleBall

pickleball.scpdcaclubs.com

Rich Allison · richallison67@gmail.com

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 3, 3 PM

Arrowhead, LV

Social: Friday, Feb. 14, 4 PM

Building D, MV

Social: Saturday, Feb. 22, 8 AM

Building D, MV

General Meeting: Thurs., Feb. 27, 3 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

by Jean Mylen

Pickleball has been noted as the fastest growing sport in America and is rapidly growing in other countries as well. Our community has twelve beautiful courts with an active Board that provides multiple opportunities for competitive play and social play, including special events, clinics and lessons.

A wonderful aspect of pickleball is that everyone of all abilities and ages can get great exercise in a place where laughter is welcome, and competition is available! Membership forms and calendar of events are located in the pickleball breezeway. You can also check our website calendar for events (members only) and dates.

- **GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS:** February 27.
- **MONTHLY POTLUCKS:** Potlucks are Fridays under the lights once a month at 5 p.m.
- **MIXERS:** Mixers are held on Saturdays every other month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This social event includes lunch.
- **"PICKLEBALL ROCKS" DINNER & DANCE:** Once again we will be doing a repeat of our "Pickleball Rocks" event on March 14. Come put your hands in the air and wear your dancing shoes!

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

Annual Sew-In: Weds., Feb. 5, 7 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

General Meeting: Weds., Feb. 5, 1 PM

Ventana, MV

Open Sewing: Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

by DJ Miles

This month marks our annual Sew-In. We set up in the Sierra Ballroom for an all-day workshop where we will sew about 40 quilt tops for charity. Don't miss out on this food and camaraderie. This happens on February 5, with our monthly meeting happening that same afternoon.

We have open sewing in the studio on Saturday, February 15. Bring whatever project you want and work with your fellow quilting buddies.



Photography Club "Banded Mongoose" by Kyle Gillis.



The Quilters Club congratulates the winner of the Bonus Mystery Prize at the Fall Arts and Crafts Holiday Sale who won a pretty set of placemats.

Come join our fun club. Membership dues are only \$15 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

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

Arrowhead, LV

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

Arrowhead, LV

by Sheri Holbrook, Dir. Communications

Saturday, January 11, we had a GREAT turn out for our Chili Cook-off and Bocce Ball.

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*
- *Love Is Love Dinner/Dance Event: Saturday, February 15, 4 p.m., Sierra Ballroom, Mountain View. Cocktail Hour, Dinner and Dancing to follow.*
- *Discussion Group: Wednesday, February 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Arrowhead, Lake View*
Go to our website to RSVP.

Rummy Q

Tile Play

rummyq.scpdcaclubs.com

Liz Klein · 732-266-5955

Member Play: Sundays, 12 PM

Tahoe, LV

Member Play: Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30 PM

Arrowhead+, LV

by Liz Klein

This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day with traditional goodies. The Rummy Q Club meets on Thursday evening, February 13, from 6 – 9 p.m. in the Lake View Recreation Center. In addition, we play every Sunday from 12 – 4 p.m. in the same location.

The club dues are \$5 per year. What a bargain. Come join the challenge of the game and see how much fun you will have. New members are welcome. See our flyer in the kiosks in all the clubhouses or check on our website.

RV

All Things RV

rv.scpdcaclubs.com

Ray Ferra · rferra126@gmail.com

General Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 3 PM

San Gorgonio, MV

by Ray Ferra, President

Hello fellow trekkers,

February brings us to rallies at Fountain of Youth Spa near Salton Sea, and the Lake Havasu Blue Grass Music Festival. Many attendees already signed up. Reach out if interested in joining in the fun. We

had a successful holiday season, and the season is in full swing. Join us for our meetings, first Tuesday of each month, 3 p.m. in San Gorgonio room at Mountain View. Come as a guest and get to know our membership and what makes us all spark. Don't have a rig yet? No problem, come and learn about variety. Previous RVer? Come join for the fellowship.

Social Bridge

socialbridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Susan Vee · 760-898-5661

Member Play: Mon. & Fri., 12:30 PM

Oasis+, SV

Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 10, 4 PM

Oasis+, SV

by Sarah Jallinoja, Secretary

On Friday, December 27, Social Bridge Club members and their guests enjoyed a Holiday Party. The event was expertly planned by Mary Kay and Scott May with help from Brian and Judy Grieder, Nancy Funnell and several other members. All of the attendees were impressed with the abundant and delicious food — no store-bought items allowed!

- *December First Place Winners: Ron Loken /June Owen (2), Allyson Balch/Carmon Randall, Jim Maddocks/John McCord (2), Jim Maddocks/Susan Vee, Jay Levine /Dick Salsitz, Sarah Jallinoja/Edith Swiggum (2).*
- *December Second Place Winners: Shirley Holmes/Herb Pritchett, Shirley Holmes/Barbara Mitrosky, Carolyn Fay/Leikny Sabato, Jim Maddocks/John McCord,*



Pickleball Club's December 2024 Ugly Sweater Mixer included a Toy Drive for the military families of 29 Palms.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Allene Moore/Susanne Schow (2), Pat Cowan/Pat Gray, Pat Cowan/Penny Storie, Ann and Wes McNeel.

The top score for December was 7,300 made by Ron Loken and June Owen on December 27.

Also, on December 27 a grand slam was bid and made by Jim Maddocks and John McCord.

The top winner for December was Jim Maddocks with three first place wins and one second place win. Coming in a close second was John McCord with two first place wins and one second place win.

Softball

softball.scpdcaclubs.com

Steve Boger · boger.steve@gmail.com

Social: Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 AM

Softball Field

General Meeting: Mon., Feb. 24, 1 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

by *Patty Bowers*

February is a busy month for the club. In addition to our weekly games, we have two exciting events scheduled for this month. On February 15, the club will host the Phoenix teams coming over to play. This is

always great fun with friendly competition, a great bar-b-que and lots of visiting. Then on February 18 the club participates in our annual golf outing for an afternoon of good fun and, mostly, sub-standard golf. Finally, on February 24, we will have our General Meeting at Speakers Hall at 1 p.m.

Solos

Socials and More for Singles

solos.scpdcaclubs.com

Sally Hazzard · solossuncity@gmail.com

Social: Friday, Feb. 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.”

• **Golf and Putters:** For a friendly round of golf on Mondays, with no handicap required, contact Phyllis Fackelman at 239-994-4838 or fcckelmannp@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 at cal.canuck@outlook.com or 613-619-1079, or Kathie Miller at 360-708-5586.

- **Let's Eat Out:** Thursday, February 6, we will go to the SLOANS 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.
- **Special Event:** On Friday, February 21 join your friends in the Sierra Ballroom for a Mardi Gras themed evening of great food and entertainment. Signup sheets are in kiosks.
- **Happy Hours:** 4 – 5 p.m. on Mondays at Legends & Icons; Wednesdays at Martini's.
- **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

Bonnie Kreizinger · 760-238-0156

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

Sewing Studio, MV

Sewing: Saturday, Feb. 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, Feb. 7, 9 AM

San Jacinto, MV

by *Frank Denson*

New members come and join us. Have fun singing in a chorus.

Rehearsals in the Idyllwild/Saddleback Rooms, Mountain View Clubhouse:

- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Men Sectionals: Wednesdays at 12 p.m.
- Women Sectionals: Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Spring show *High Hopes*:

- Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

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

Tennis

What A Racquet!

tennis.scpdcaclubs.com

Sheri Shepherd · 909-215-8228

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

Big Bear, LV

Mixer: Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 AM

Tennis Courts, MV



Tennis Club's Fall Meet and Greet. Seated (from left): Steve Washington, Ted Kimball, Rosemarie and Gerfried Kumbartzki. Standing (from left): Sheri Shepherd and Dave Strain.



by Sheri Shepherd

We have welcomed a lot of new members (and energy) in the last six months! Whether you are new to tennis, “rusty” to tennis or play a competitive game, we have court play for you! Applications for the club are at the Building D patio area by the tennis courts. Turn applications into Box #8 near the Postal Center.

There are several tennis “mixers” each season. January’s *Happy Days are Here Again* mixer was special because of its *rockin’ and rollin’* 50s theme. We barbecued burgers and AMAZING bakers in our membership provided desserts.

Mixers are great “get to know you” tennis. Join now because the next mixer is February 15! Everyone is welcome to join in, bring a guest, or sign up just to eat and socialize! 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, find tennis games or get started playing.

Trim ‘N’ Tone

Aerobic Workouts

trimtone.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

Coffee and...: Friday, Feb. 28, 9 AM

Ventana, MV

by Pamla Vale Abramson

Welcome to February! It seems like we were just celebrating the holiday season. The older I get the faster the years go by!

A couple of updates. The cost of our monthly unlimited classes has increased to \$35 due to rising costs of everything, but still a great value.

Our second update is the following from our amazing instructor Lark Kenney! “My classes will be as follows: Tuesdays cardio 8–8:45; cool down 8:45–8:50; now added floor and core work 8:50–9:20. Then on Thursdays the same format.” Members only may attend just the extended floor and core work. If you do not use the unlimited class payment you may pay \$7 for the class; checks only. Remember you must be a member in good standing and will not be allowed in once the class begins.

Please check your emails for details of the upcoming March 13 luncheon. As

always, you do not want to miss one of our gatherings.

February is heart month, maybe it is time to check up on yours to be sure it is functioning to the best of its ability. Exercise is one of the ways to help your heart.

Come join us, you won’t be sorry.

Ukulele Friends

ukulele.scpdcaclubs.com

Lori Fisher · lorifischer@ymail.com

Classes: Monday, Feb. 3, 2 PM

San Geronio+, MV

Monday, Feb. 10 & 24, 2 PM

Idyllwild+, MV

by Lori Fischer

New beginner sessions start this month:

• February 3, 2 p.m., San Geronio Rm

• February 10, 2 p.m., Idyllwild Rm

• February 24, 2 p.m., Idyllwild Rm

Please contact lorifischer@ymail.com for specific ukulele needs.

Visit our website for the calendar, weekly song list, member information and current songbooks.

Wine Tasters

Wine Tasting & Dinner

winetasters.scpdcaclubs.com

Carl Keinert · 760-851-6103

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 3 PM

Idyllwild, MV

Dinner: Thursday, Feb. 20, 6 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

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

Idyllwild, MV

by Lori Schoenlaub

December was a busy month, but many members came out for the annual Wine Tasters holiday dinner.

The featured winery was Hartford Court, a family-owned winery located in the Russian River area of Sonoma County. Hartford Court specializes in making wine from single vineyard sites with limited bottling unlike many of the large, mass produced wineries. The first wine served at the dinner was a 2023 Chardonnay, paired with a baked mini lobster tail stuffed with fresh seafood topped with panko and butter.

The main course was served with three wines: a 2022 Pino Noir Lands Edge, with a 92-point rating on Wine Enthusiast; a 2022 Russian River Pino Noir, with a 90-point rating; and a 2022 Old Vine Zinfandel, with a 92-point rating. These wines were selected specifically to be served with a hickory smoked duck breast with winter vegetables, fig citrus relish and a port wine reduction sauce. The dessert was sticky date pudding with caramel sauce.

Here are some members’ comments:

“Excellent food and wines,” George W.



Writers Circle members Norma Saken and Hazel Warlaumont at the 2024 EXPO.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

"The duck was amazing, the dessert was amazing, the service was perfect," Jay W.

"Excellent, the lobster and duck were great and loved the dessert," Debra S.

World of Women

www.scpdcaclubs.com

Linda Giles • 760-200-1822

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

by Ann Shepperd

THE WOW FASHION SHOW has been changed this year to Monday, February 17. The new venue will be Chaparral Country Club located at 100 Chaparral Drive, Palm Desert; the main entrance is on Portola Avenue. Revenge Boutique of Palm Springs will be providing the fashions and accessories for our models to wear.

The TEDDY BEAR LUNCHEON will still be held in March, just not associated with the FASHION SHOW.

The WOW luncheon gives new 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 from October to April for luncheons and entertainment.

Writers Circle

Supporting & Encouraging Writers

writerscircle.scpdcaclubs.com

Carol Hazelwood • 949-246-2005

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

by Norma Saken

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

We'll be discussing the parameters for our writers contest and the different subjects eligible for recognition and monetary reward.

If you have an idea rumbling around in your head, a project you've started or an idea you're thinking about writing for the contest, this is a meeting you won't want

to miss. If assistance is desired for any writing project, our monthly salons are an excellent venue for valuable input.

If you've written and published a book, this meeting will be an excellent time to share your process.

Coming in March the winners of the writers contest will be announced and can read their work. The Arts and Crafts Sale is March 28 - 29, if you have a book or books you are interested in selling.

Writers Circle is always looking for new members, supporting your creative endeavor, whatever your literary genre is. Dues are \$15 per person/\$20 per couple.

Questions? Email Carol Hazelwood at carolomama@gmail.com.

Yacht

Radio Controlled Sailboats

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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, (Round Lake's unofficial name), with a five-buoy course.

Some of the boat models we sail include Northwind, DragonFlite-95, Seawind and Soling, all in the 1-meter range. Sailors have made many of these boats from kits, others are fully constructed from the 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 want-to-be 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 spend a relaxing time enjoying a unique Sun City Charter Club in action.

For more info 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, Feb. 3, 10:15 AM

Ventana, MV

by Marsha Reed Nall

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

Because our classes are now crowded, please do not bring guests during the months of February and March. This applies to Mat and Chair Yoga and Pilates.

A good thing about yoga is that there are several types, two of which are Hatha Yoga (traditional poses, slow-paced stretches and breathwork to balance the body and mind) and Vinyasa Yoga (a more flowing and creative style). 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, especially the core muscles. Gyrotonics is incorporated into our Pilates program and is a series of fluid, circular movements that strengthens, stretches and improves flexibility throughout the body.

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

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

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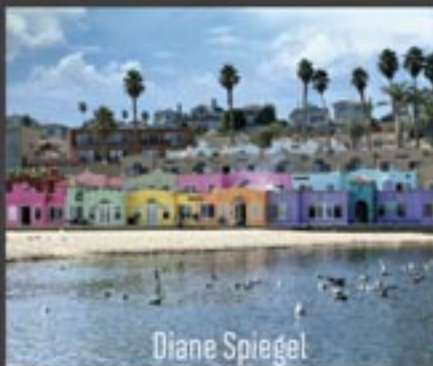
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Doris Tanaka

In October the Photography Club took a Field Trip to the Coast. We spent three nights in the Monterey Area, then on to Marro Bay for two nights. Here are a few shots from the trip.



**SUN CITY
PALM DESERT**
Community Association

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*Resident Groups
Events & News*

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**Brandeis Nat'l. Comm.
Desert Chapter**

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

For those who might be interested in joining a Resident Club here in Sun City, I thought it might be helpful to know about our chapter. Brandeis National Committee is a fund-raising arm for Brandeis University.

We are also a social organization enjoying events such as our University on Wheels Luncheon in January. During 2024, we enjoyed a wonderful Wine and Cheese open house, a Coffee Meet and Greet, a Seasons Preview luncheon, a fun Game Day and a Holiday get-together. There was a jewelry designer show in the lovely home of one of our members and our fabulous Book and Author Luncheon.

We provide study groups which include book clubs, movie groups, cooking club lunches, current events, family dynamics and writing groups among others. My book group is the highlight of my day every month and my writing group classmates have become wonderful friends.

On February 12 at 6 p.m., join us at the Tolerance Center to view *Deis Flicks*, an important film. Flyer to follow.

If all this sounds right in your bailiwick, give us a call. We're a great group, come join us.

Chabad in Sun City
Nadine Cazary · 310-351-2524

Democrats in Sun City

**suncitypalmdesertdemocrats.org
suncitydems@gmail.com**
General Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Melanie Wank, VP Political Action

Setting the pace for the coming year, we marked January with action items. On January 18, we participated in the People's March, rallying in Palm Springs and joining millions across the nation advocating for social justice. On January 20, Dr. Martin Luther King's Day of Service, we answered the call of the activist group, Indivisible, for their project Help Over Hate. This endeavor brings the concept of engagement down to the community level, showing the strength of compassion when addressing local issues. And so, we spent that day volunteering and lifting up our own community, a practice we shall continue.

On January 21, our meeting featured a popular speaker, Julie Bornstein, who returned our focus to the national scene. Framing her outlook in both political and legal terms, she discussed the role of the courts in the incoming administration. She believes nearly every aspect of its operation will be litigated, from presidential appointments to immigration, health care,



state vs federal jurisdiction, Congressional vs Executive authority, etc. A 33-year resident of the Coachella Valley and a former member of the California State Assembly, Ms. Bornstein's career spans affordable housing, law, and government, after earning degrees from UCLA and USC.

Friendship Church

friendshipchurchsuncity.com

Church Office • 760-260-8640

Services are held in Speakers Hall, SV

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 AM, LV

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 9 AM
Speakers Hall, SV

Services: Sundays, 8:30 and 10 AM

Speakers Hall, SV

Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 9 AM
(offsite)

Women's Coffee: Tues., Feb. 25, 9:30 AM
(offsite)

by Dr. Gary Gulbranson, Senior Pastor

February is a lovely month to be in the desert. We are excited to have our seasonal friends with us again. Everyone is welcome to join our services and experience the warmth of true fellowship. We love our Sun City community. Join us in Speakers Hall each Sunday for a time of inspiration, great music, and meeting new and old friends. Service times are 8:30 and 10 a.m. If we can be of help in any way, through counseling or visitation, please contact us. You may join our services in person or online. Visit our website.

Hadassah

Roni Spetalnick • 760-360-8465

General Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Nancy Polacheck

Please join Hadassah for a very special program on Thursday evening, February 11. The Oasis room is the place, and the doors open at 6:30 for coffee and nosh. The program begins at 7 p.m. Men and women are invited to attend. Wayne and Susan Boyer, co-owners of OsteoStrong Palm Desert, will engage us in a meaningful conversation and presentation of *Fracture-Proof Your Future: Building Stronger Bones Today!* They will share information on the importance of proper nutrition, exercise and lifestyle habits to maintain strong bones, stay safe and enjoy an active, healthier fracture-free future. Contact Vivian Posen at 818-687-9446 to reserve your space and for more information if needed.

Want to know more about the Hadassah organization, the research taking place at the hospitals in Israel, the new Gandel Rehabilitation Center, the Advocacy work taking place here in the US, and the programs and events taking place here in our desert area? Contact Eileen Eisenberg, VP Membership at 760-345-9977.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Neighbors 4 Neighbors

Friends of the Desert Village Initiative

neighbors4neighbors.net

Hotline • 760-592-9864

General Meeting: Thurs., Feb. 27, 10 AM

Saddleback, MV

by Charna Ravich

Neighbors4Neighbors will be 14 in March. This organization has carved an important niche in our beautiful community.

But the search for volunteers goes on... and on. If you are a member and can drive, or are proficient in iPad use, or can unplug a sink or toilet, or like doing fix-it things around the house, then YOU are also the perfect volunteer. Many of our volunteers are members and we are grateful for the support.

Thanks to all who have been so generous to us with their friendship and help.

SCPD Republicans

Pamela Levin • 760-345-5150

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

by Jim Palmer

We're pleased to have Mike Morrell, candidate for Chair of the CA Republican Party, as our February speaker. Mike has been very active in CA politics for years, representing District 23. He won election to the Assembly in 2014, then continued on to win election to the Senate where he served until he 'termed out'. He has also served as an appointed delegate to the California Republican Party. He earned his B.A. from the University of LaVerne. His professional experience is in real estate, as a licensed broker and owner/president of Provident Real Estate since 1989. A small business owner for over 25 years, Mike understands the issues faced by residents and businesses in the Inland Empire. His view of government is simple: government exists to serve the public, not to be served by it. The right to private property, the gift of free enterprise, and government by consent are central tenets to our nation and its continued prosperity. Mike is committed to restoring fiscal responsibility and an approach to government that limits government's power and ranks the citizen above the state. Help us welcome Mike to Sun City.



Friendship Church women's bible group luncheon.

Resident Groups Events & News ...continued

SongShine

Gaining Vocal Strength Through the Power of Music

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Betty Lou Poloway • 760-200-9575

Meetings: Saturdays, 2 PM

Palm, SV

by Sharon Emanuelson

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You can try one class before paying the \$150 fee, which is pro-rated based on when you start. Caregivers can attend at no cost, and scholarships are available. There also is a \$10 membership fee.

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

Rabi Speaking: Weds., Feb. 5 & 12, 4 PM
Arrowhead, LV

Services: Friday, Feb. 7 & 21, 7:15 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

Discussion Group: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2 PM
Saddleback, MV

by Nadine Brinhendler, President

Sun City Jewish Services has completed our concert starring Azi Schwartz. It was a fabulous evening and well attended. Thank you to all that helped make it such a great evening.

Our services for February are on February 7 and 21. We look forward to having you observe Shabbat with us. It is in Speakers Hall in the second clubhouse at 7:15 p.m., followed with a beautiful Oneg Shabbat in the Oasis Room. We encourage you to sponsor an Oneg to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one who has passed away.

Our adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah program is underway. If you missed the initial sign up and would like to be part of the first one, please contact Rabbi Emert, Nadine Brinhendler or Alan Gitlin.

Looking ahead... Watch for flyers about Purim. We are planning another costumed Purim dinner in March and, of course, we will be holding our community wide Passover Seder in April on the second night of Passover.

If you have any questions about Sun City Jewish Services, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Morning balloon over Bent Palm Dr. Photo by Don Rose.

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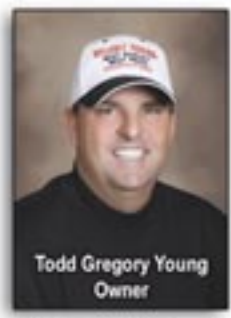
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