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Sun City Palm Desert's Annual

Photo Contest!



DEADLINE:

February 5, 2025!

"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

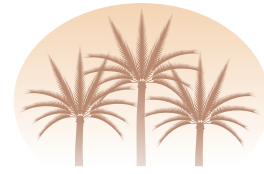
Community Association

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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- Restaurant Cali Café** (442) 282-8209
- Restaurant Daily Grind/Martini's** (760) 200-2235
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- Tee-Off Automated System** (760) 200-2296
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- Burrtec** (760) 340-2113 or 324-1741
- Dewey Pest Control** (760) 343-2912
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- Vector Control** (760) 342-8287
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- Pulte Customer Service** (949) 255-1650
- Pulte Warranty Service** *SoCalService@delwebb.com*
All warranty issues and questions must go through this email.

NEWS & VIEWS

To advertise in *News & Views*, call (760) 200-2241 or email Irma.Lopez@scpdca.com for current rates and information.



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 – Saturday · 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday · 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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





Operations Update

BY JAYME FAKEHANY
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It feels Sun City has been in overdrive since I joined the team this past February. With special projects leading the way, one of my main concerns continues to be public safety, patrol and transparency through communications. I understand that no system is perfect or foolproof, however with community support and member participation we can do our best to make Sun City a safe place to live.

Most recently, Dan Oates joined the Public Safety Committee as Chair and Randy Dugger acts as the Board Liaison for the Committee as well as the Board President for Sun City. The Committee has made several changes including meeting monthly from September through May to allow for better continuity and consistency during season. We have already had several collaborative meetings where the Committee has acknowledged concerns and made recommendations to the Board. The most recent project completion was striping the cross walk at Sunrise Mountain View.

Additional meetings between me, our Director of Patrol and General Maintenance Director also took place to evaluate installation of solar flashing signs that will be going in near Arbor Glen as you approach Ryan's Way at Links to help slow traffic as residents approach a blind curve. Signs have been ordered, however the vendor providing the signage has informed our department there is a 12-week lead time for receipt of those signs. The signs will be installed as soon as received.

Prior to Thanksgiving, the three of us met near the baseball field off Mojave Sage to evaluate additional traffic calming measures, as well as the potential for the addition of a stop sign as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. This item will most likely show up in our January Board meeting for action once all resources and costs have been evaluated.

The Public Safety Committee hosted the Riverside County Sheriff Department, Police Department and Fire Department at the Community Expo where Clubs, Committees, and Resident Groups came together to inform owners of all the great opportunities available to Sun City residents. During this time, we learned 911 is being used for non-emergency issues such as fire alarm battery change out requests and leaking faucets. Please note that 911 should *only* be used for life threatening emergencies. There are volunteers within Sun City who can assist you with these home projects, such as Neighbors 4 Neighbors, which offers a program to help owners change out their batteries. You may contact their hotline number to leave a message for assistance by calling 760-592-9864. Please reach out to your Delegate Representative if you have any questions.

Please continue to be safe while on property, please observe all traffic signs and calming measures placed throughout the property. Most importantly, please enjoy yourself and all Sun City has to offer you!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.



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The mission of the *News & Views*, the official magazine of the Sun City Palm Desert Community Association (SCPDCA), is to communicate to residents all news pertaining to the Association, focusing on Board and Delegate activity, Chartered Clubs, Resident Groups and other articles of interest, produced in the most professional and fiscally responsible means possible.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BY ARMANN ROHDE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

THROUGH OCTOBER 2024



The October 2024 financials were presented to the Finance Committee on Wednesday, November 27.

October finished the month up \$66K to budget, \$95K actual vs. \$29K budget. Golf Shop revenue is down and missed budget in October by (\$28K), \$314K actual vs. \$342K budget. Golf rounds for October are down (387) along with revenues

down (\$18K) for the month. YTD, Golf Shop is (\$94K) down budget. The extreme high summer temperatures contributed to the decline in golf play by (1,493) rounds vs. budget for the first four months of the Fiscal Year.

Food & Beverage revenues are down to budget by (\$28K) for the month of October, \$258K actual vs. \$286K budget. Daily Grind is down (\$0.8K), Catering is up \$12K, and Boulevards is down (\$39K). The Food & Beverage Department did manage their flow-thru of expenses in Boulevards. With

revenues being down (\$39K), they decreased \$16K on their cost of sales and \$44K on their salary and wages. Boulevards finished the month with a loss of (\$16K) actual vs. (\$40K) budget, which is \$24K better than budget. Boulevards remains closed on Mondays.

As of November 25, HR has 21 positions on their Open Positions Report. These open positions include 15 Food & Beverage positions, two Facilities Maintenance positions and four Golf Course Maintenance position. Out of the 15 open positions in Food & Beverage, ten of these positions are simply “on call” positions that are open.

There were 25 homes that closed escrow in the month of October. Reserve Replenishment Assessment (RRA) revenue is \$64,722 for October and fiscal year-to-date revenues are \$243,742.

Rolling forecasts were prepared this month including four months actual and eight 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 October 31, 2024			Forecast for Year ending June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues						
Assessments and Other Income	\$ 7,792,992	\$ 7,743,500	\$ 49,492	\$ 23,234,942	\$ 23,205,355	\$ 29,587
Less: Reserve Assessments	(1,564,094)	(1,564,094)	-	(4,692,281)	(4,692,281)	-
Golf Shop	803,672	897,762	(94,090)	4,515,237	4,780,496	(265,259)
Food and Beverage	686,386	868,578	(182,192)	3,522,223	3,704,415	(182,192)
Communications	81,726	78,500	3,226	287,226	284,000	3,226
Post Office	88,759	96,592	(7,833)	254,623	262,456	(7,833)
Fitness	2,215	1,000	1,215	4,265	3,050	1,215
Gross Operating Revenues	7,891,656	8,121,838	(230,182)	27,126,235	27,547,491	(421,256)
Direct Operating Expenses						
Golf Shop	287,075	342,823	55,748	1,161,470	1,217,218	55,748
Food and Beverage	940,654	1,198,624	257,970	4,137,572	4,400,013	262,441
Communications	126,981	137,219	10,238	450,987	460,233	9,246
Post Office	91,808	127,323	35,515	336,192	364,652	28,460
Fitness	233,007	241,621	8,614	788,683	787,445	(1,238)
Total Direct Operating Expenses	1,679,525	2,047,610	368,085	6,874,904	7,229,561	354,657
Net Operating Revenues	6,212,131	6,074,228	137,903	20,251,331	20,317,930	(66,599)
Indirect Operating Expenses						
Administration	1,156,219	1,328,235	172,016	4,306,867	4,433,117	126,250
Community Patrol	530,156	530,055	(101)	1,639,016	1,608,205	(30,811)
Finance	369,557	418,361	48,804	1,276,584	1,291,340	14,756
Information Systems	159,550	185,620	26,070	567,894	574,245	6,351
Common Area Maintenance:						
Facilities	1,187,351	1,257,443	70,092	4,061,054	4,052,243	(8,811)
Grounds - General Use	879,463	894,491	15,028	2,998,238	2,996,766	(1,472)
Grounds - Golf Course	2,185,364	2,190,657	5,293	5,390,347	5,361,997	(28,350)
Total Indirect Operating Expenses	6,467,660	6,804,862	337,202	20,240,000	20,317,913	77,913
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(255,529)	(730,634)	(475,105)	11,331	17	(11,314)
Cable Rebate - Designated Income	132,933	-	(132,933)	132,933	-	(132,933)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ (122,596)	\$ (730,634)	608,038	\$ 144,264	\$ 17	\$ 144,247



Board of Directors' Meeting Report · 12-3-24

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS

24-12-100 – A motion to 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 #790186. **MTA BAI 24-12-100 (Howser/Rogoff) carried unanimously by the Board of Directors 7 to none.**

24-12-101 – A motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new gate barrier arm operator by InterAccess Systems, for an amount not to exceed \$ 8,921, to be funded by proceeds from an insurance claim for the replacement of a damaged gate barrier arm operator. The replacement has been sole sourced from InterAccess Systems, our current preferred gate vendor, their pricing aligns with comparable bids received from other vendors in the past. **MTA BAI 24-12-101 (Bennetts/Howser) carried unanimously by the Board of Directors 7 to none.**

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

NEXT OPEN BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 · 2 PM

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

For Zoom technical support,
contact Madison Lippert
at 760-200-2264.

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Opt-In for Association E-Blasts!

If you are not getting the Association e-blasts,
please contact Madison Lippert
at **760-200-2264** or **Madison.lippert@scpdca.com**.

Scan here for
Sun City Palm Desert Projects:
Information resources include
video presentations, slideshows,
renderings and more.



SUN CITY PALM DESERT

Community Association

2024-25 Board of Directors

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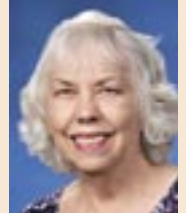
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Trivia Games & Fun For All!

Join... **Roy Cohen** and your hostess **Julie Pope**

LEARN & LAUGH HA HA

WILL YOU BE A WINNER...??

JANUARY 10th
In VENTANA 5 - 8 PM

Happy Hour starts at 4pm

Tickets \$15

TICKET SALES START JANUARY 2ND

Activities Window
8:30am-11am & 1:30pm-4pm



Activities Update

By JULIE POPE
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New year, new adventures! As we say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new one, let's kick off January with exciting activities to uplift our spirits, unite our community, and create lasting memories.

- **January 10 – Trivia, Games & Fun:** Get ready for a great time filled with laughter and learning! Prizes will also be available!
- **January 28 – Happy Hour & Music:** Grab your friends and family to enjoy a fun Happy Hour. Join us for music by The Smooth Brothers from 5 – 8 p.m. in Ventana. Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes!

I am also planning an off-site adventure to tour a few breweries, where you can enjoy flights and food! The date will be announced soon!

Wishing you all a happy new year filled with joy, health, and wonderful community connections. Let's make this year the best one yet!



Happy Hour FUN in Martini's

Happy Hour pricing on cocktails & food starting at 4pm

Enjoy Live Music in Ventana afterwards by:
The Smooth Brothers
January 28, 2025
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | \$15 COVER CHARGE

Advanced TICKETS on sale January 3rd at the activities window
8:30 am - 11:30 am & 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS





Tuesday, January 21



At 1 PM



Ventana



Mountain View Clubhouse



BRUCE BENNETTS

Vice-President



TOM LIEBERMANN

Director

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

LifeStream Blood Bank

Friday, January 24, 9 AM to 3 PM

Ventana Room, Mountain View Club House



SAVE LIVES!

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE
Scan the QR code for an appointment or contact
lsblooddrive.org/suncity



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

A COMMUNITY MARKETING & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTATION



“ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE”



Join us for a
memorable evening on
January 23, 2025
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Speakers Hall,
Sunset
View Clubhouse

WE KNOW THE FUTURE IS WITH AI, BUT WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

Few people know about Artificial Intelligence, but one of them is **Jay Samit**, who has been a leader in the development of AI for many years and is a resident in our lovely community. Jay is going to share with us the latest information in the AI field.

This MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION will bring you up to date on the latest AI developments.

[Photo "Attribution" by Mike MacKenzie]



SCPDCA

2025 ELECTION APPLICATIONS

are available now at the
Mountain View Clubhouse
Front Desk

ELECTION COMMITTEE

2025 ELECTIONS

There will be (4) four open seats for the Board of Directors and all 15 Delegate and Alternate seats this election cycle. Important dates related to the election are:

Friday, January 10, 2025 is the last day to return the completed application for a seat on the Board or for the Delegate Council. Qualified candidates for the Board will be attending a workshop on Monday, January 20, 2025 with our General Manager, a past or current Board member and members of the Election Committee. The workshop will review campaign rules and background on how our Association is run.

If it is a contested election, campaigning will start on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Candidates must submit a 250 word statement along with a photo for publication in the March News & Views no later than Monday, January 20.

All current residents and new residents who have closed escrow by Monday, February 17 will be eligible to vote. If we have a contested election, ballots will be mailed on Thursday, March 20.

Delegate Meetings & Contacts

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District 12 . . . DARK

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District 13 . . . THURS., JAN. 30, 4:30 PM, LV


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Alternate: Jeff Litel

District 14 . . . WEDS., JAN. 22, 9 AM, MV

Delegate: Maralyn Howard
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Alternate: Linda Jenkins

District 15 . . . DARK

Delegate: Debi Cecconi
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Alternate: David Kingsbury



SCPDCA PUBLIC SAFETY Committee

Presents

CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR

JANUARY 16, 2025

2:30 PM

Speakers Hall / Hybrid *


Sunset View Clubhouse


The Riverside County Sheriff's Department will present valuable information on what your response should be when you are subjected to potential scams which are very prevalent at this time.

Potential monetary losses can be significant so your attendance may assist in the prevention of these losses.

In addition, discussion of personal security in stores, shopping centers and theaters will be discussed.

Questions will be answered at the conclusion of the presentation.

*  How to attend via Zoom? Just prior to the start time of the event, log onto the zoom website (www.zoom.com), click on "join a meeting"; enter the meeting ID (852 7992 6560); click on "join"; click on the box "open zoom meeting"; enter meeting passcode "765413" and then click on "join a meeting".





Public Safety Committee

By Ronald Wiseman, Committee Member

I have written articles on various safety issues the past year but have decided this article would be written on miscellaneous issues I have seen within Del Webb Sun City.

1. Drivers not using turn signals when changing lanes. The California Vehicle Code requires all drivers to signal at least 100 feet prior to making a turn or changing lanes. This section states: Any signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle turning.
2. Drivers not yielding to pedestrians crossing the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk at any intersection. Pedestrians *always* have the right of way.
3. Drivers backing out of a driveway and not yielding to walkers or other cars. This is a very common problem in our community. Most of the time, the person driving on the road or the walkers will yield to the car backing out of the driveway. Either the driver is in too big of a hurry or does not use their backup camera. Look first, use your backup camera, and yield to cars and walkers.
4. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 25 MPH on residential streets. Watch your speed and be aware of the 25 MPH speed limit. Be sure to tell workers, guests and family members who come to your home the consequences of excessive speed over 25 MPH on residential streets and 35 MPH on Del Webb will be tickets and fines. I'm sure we've all caught ourselves speeding on 38th Avenue. We should be aware it is our duty to ourselves and the community to be mindful of our speed and stay within the posted speed limits.
5. If you drive your golf cart after sunset, ensure your headlights are working and turned on.
6. Don't drive your golf cart with children in your lap. Don't let your small, precious ones drive the golf cart. Yes, we understand that's cute and adorable, but their lives are too precious to take a chance.
7. Always get home safely and be sure to close the garage door. Before you go to bed, lock the door leading into the house.

VIOLATION SUMMARY · NOVEMBER 2024

CITATIONS ISSUED

Excessive Speed.....	167
Trash Container.....	58
Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign.....	21
Vehicle Blocking the Sidewalk.....	27
Parking – On the Street During Restricted Hours (2 – 6 a.m.).....	20
Vehicle Parked in Restricted Area.....	4
Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian.....	3
Non-Golf Cart in Golf Cart Space.....	3
Facing the Wrong Way.....	2
Abusive Language/Behavior.....	1
RV Creating a Hazard.....	1
Obstructing Traffic.....	1
Golf Cart Taking Two Spaces.....	1
Monthly Total.....	309

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.

2024-2025 COMMITTEES

Arts and Crafts Show Committee

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Wayne Olmsted, Chair · wayneolmsted1@gmail.com

Election Committee

Susan Wilder, Chair · p625ebble@yahoo.com

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Golf Committee

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Insurance Committee

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Library Committee

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Lifestyle Enhancement Committee (LEC)

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News & Views Committee

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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

The cooler weather allows everyone to “get out” and work off the pounds gained over the last two months. It also gives CMAC the opportunity to reactivate the Speaker Series and movie events at Speakers Hall. I encourage everyone to review the upcoming events on the N&V calendar for times, topics and locations. In addition, the CMAC continues the New Resident Orientations and club outreach events.

In February the CMAC and Fitness & Recreation Committee will be joining forces to present the second annual Active Adult Living Fair. This will be held in the Mountain View Clubhouse and is open to all residents. There will be vendors from throughout Coachella Valley providing information on important topics and services available to seniors. Watch for details in upcoming flyers and e-blasts.

February

2/13 · Speakers Series: Broadcasting Industry Panel

2/22 · Active Adult Living Fair, Sierra Ballroom

2/28 · Community Dance Party, Sierra Ballroom, 7 p.m.

March

3/18 · New Resident Orientation, 10 a.m., Ventana

3/19 · Community Dance Party, 7 p.m., Sierra Ballroom

3/27 · Speakers Series: Airline Industry Panel Discussion

Wednesday Movies, Speakers Hall, 7 p.m., Free Admission

The Community Marketing and Activities Committee is looking for individuals who would like to contribute to SCPD by joining the committee. If you would like to become involved, please contact jaylieberman@mac.com.

Compliance Committee

By Wayne Olmsted, Chair

STOP means stop

Stop signs are octagon shaped and bright red containing the large white letters STOP. By law, STOP means stop, no wheels turning.

For some reason, this is a difficult concept for drivers in our community to understand. The majority of vehicles and the vast majority of golf carts keep their wheels moving at a STOP sign. I have never seen a bicyclist stop.

If you are a member of the minority who understands what “stop” means, you can go on to reading elsewhere. If you are in the majority as described above, you are encouraged to read the rest of this article slowly, digesting each sentence.

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month, if you or your group notice you are falling behind, please help by speeding up your pace of play to keep the game enjoyable for everyone.

Lastly, hats off to Dave Long, on behalf of our Mountain Vista Men's Golf Club, for spearheading the inaugural season San Jacinto Golf League. Best of luck to our two teams!

Enjoy the season ahead! As always, if there's anything the Golf Committee can do to enhance your experience, don't hesitate to reach out with comments or suggestions.

Golf Committee

By John Little, Chair

Contact John at johnlittle@theplinthgroup.com or (619) 316-2331

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the upcoming New Year brings you joy, happiness, contentment, and your best round of golf ever.

As you step onto the courses, you'll notice the incredible work Tyler and his team have done to get the courses in immaculate condition. Despite the record heat in September and October, and unusually low temperatures in November, they have ensured that our courses are in the best possible shape. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, our courses rival any in the Valley. Let's show our appreciation for their efforts by helping to maintain these great conditions. Please remember to fill in your divots and repair any ball marks you come across on the greens.

You may also notice that, with the beautiful weather, more of us are taking advantage of the conditions and playing more rounds. This has occasionally led to bottlenecks on certain holes. In line with Joe Johnson's request from his article last

Library Committee

By Mary Tapley, Chair

The Library staff wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

"Welcome" to our new volunteers, Barb Levy and Ligia Bromberg.

We do not shelve books that are not in good condition. Please do not donate books that are stained, dirty, yellowed, have loose binding, missing pages or covers, or that have extremely small print. Marilyn Townsend, who manages the Audio book section, asks that containers be checked prior to returning or donating them to the Library to ensure that all CDs are in the container. If a CD is found after returning or donating the audio book, please bring it to the Library for Marilyn to associate it with the proper audio book. The same request applies to movies. Empty DVD cases are retained in the hope that the disc will be returned and can be associated with the case. If an audio book or movie doesn't play properly, please indicate that when returning it so it can be fixed, if possible. Otherwise, it is returned to the shelf as is. Another

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

Jessica Castillo, LEC Project Coordinator · Jessica.Castillo@scpdca.com · 760-200-2278

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.

item that we associate is dust jackets although we appreciate them being left on the books at all times. If there are missing puzzle pieces, please make a note when returning it.

The Library is open every day during the hours the Sunset View Clubhouse is open barring an unforeseen circumstance. Thanks to all who support the Library either financially, materially or by giving time as a Library volunteer.

Lifestyle Enhancement Committee

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

Happy New Year... a great time for new beginnings! This year the LEC will be making some amendments to our Design Guidelines and want to give you a “heads up” about some of the changes we are discussing. And don’t worry, you will have plenty of opportunities to express your opinion.

It’s been over five years since our last Design Guideline update. At that time, we made major changes and reorganized the entire document. The new proposed changes will be minor in nature and will provide homeowners additional flexibility for home improvements.

We are considering adding some new items to stay up to date with current design trends in landscaping, paint and home improvements. Some of the updates we are discussing include:

- Aluminum covers for mini-split air conditioners (a more attractive and durable alternative than lattice)
- Sound barriers that look like walls and help reduce loud equipment noise
- Shade structures for privacy lots
- Mesh covers for gates, fences and patio covers
- Small glass windows for garage doors
- Expanded use of decomposed granite

Additionally, we are recommending a new color pallet for homes, featuring new schemes for more contrast and some lighter schemes, which residents have requested.

Your input is important! Please send your suggestions to John Little, LEC volunteer, who is kindly collecting ideas (johnlittle@theplnithgroup.com). Once recommendations have been approved by the HOA Board, they will be shared with the community to give residents opportunity for input.

Have a great new year...see you around the neighborhood!

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.

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, Jan. 2, 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, Jan. 8, 9 a.m., San Gorgonio, Mountain View. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Robyn Mack at desertrobyn@gmail.com.
- **RADIO TRAINING** | Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. For details or contact Scott Morse at skmorse78600@gmail.com.

FIRST AID DISASTER PLANS

In a disaster, EPC plans to initially open the First Aid Station at Mountain View (Bldg. D, tennis court) with possible First Aid Stations at Sunset View (bocce court patio) and/or Lake View (Tahoe room). Tune into AM 1620 for updates.

VIAL OF LIFE INFORMATION

Contact email scpdeoc@gmail.com for Vial of Life or insert. Keep your medical information current. The form is also on our website. Click on “Menu, “Documents & Video.”

HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Some streets do not have Block Captains, which means no radio communication and a delay in checking the residents and getting help. To volunteer in a disaster and help your neighbors 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.





EPC JANUARY 2025 EVENTS

Let's talk Emergency Preparedness! Our January schedule is filled with many ways for you to improve your disaster plans and household safety. Preparedness works—just take that step to start or improve your situation. All residents are welcome.

We're looking forward to seeing you!



JANUARY 9, THURS, 9 to 11 AM, PALM ROOM, SVCH
SUN CITY EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS INTRODUCTION

Been putting off starting those New Year resolutions? This meeting is a great way to start and will give you a broad view of our community's plan to assist Sun City residents in a disaster. It has valuable information for everyone who lives in Sun City and how your plans can fit into what has been planned.



JANUARY 10, FRI, 10 AM to NOON
CPR, AED, FIRST AID TRAINING



Learn the techniques of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and basic First Aid. This is a good way to brush up your first responder knowledge. Receive a free first Aid booklet. You will have hands-on practice. There is limited seating. For reservations and the location here in Sun City, contact Marlene at mglynn36@gmail.com



JANUARY 16, THUR, 6 to 7:30 PM, CANYON ROOM, SVCH
WILL YOU BE READY?

This Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network (CVDPN) program prepares residents to be ready for surviving earthquakes and other disasters. It's goal is to strengthen the efforts of our community to prepare for disasters and they have materials to assist our residents to develop their own plans to be resilient and recover.



JANUARY 24, FRI, 9 AM to 3 PM, VENTANA ROOM, MVCH
BLOOD DRIVE [NEW DATE]

This is a convenient way for you to donate blood here in Sun City which will be used in our Coachella Valley area. Blood donations help save lives. You can make reservations by scanning the QR code below right or contact lsblooddrive.org/suncity



JANUARY 28, TUES, 1 to 3 PM
STOP THE BLEED.

Desert Regional Hospital Trauma Team holds a training session on how to stop bleeding that may be life-threatening. Of special interest to those taking blood thinners or subject to accidents. Contact desertrobyn@gmail.com for reservations and location here in Sun City.

SAVE THE DATES!



It's all about

By Ann Floden

A disaster occurs, first responders rush to their appointed posts and one of the first things they need is the ability to communicate—to know what is happening, to make good decisions, to direct response. This is so crucial that good planning includes redundancy and backup systems. This is a story that started out 30 years ago in a small shed behind Engineering and through persistence and dedication to providing disaster aid to our community has morphed into what it is today. Currently the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) operates the following systems: 2-way licensed radios to communicate with the 36 District Command Posts and 8 emergency support teams, HAM amateur radio operations, a satellite phone and a drone for air support. We are also the only HOA in the Coachella Valley to have an emergency broadcast radio station AM 1620, as well as a direct disaster net radio to Riverside County Emergency Operations Center. This gives us the ability to gather crucial information in the community, react to it and communicate with the Riverside County Emergency Operations Center for aid.



The Director of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is Scott Morse, who knows more about radios than most anyone. He comes to us from Santa Clara & Contra Costa County's Emergency Management with experience from the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989. He also is a member of RACES in the Coachella Valley, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service known as HAM Radio. Scott not only provides technical knowledge to our group but also has valuable connections to Riverside County Emergency Management Department. He has been instrumental in outfitting our new Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC). The MEOC

provides us with a backup if the main EOC is damaged and it can also be relocated to an area with heavy damage that requires onsite leadership/communications. The MEOC has its own on-board generator and air conditioning. Sun City Palm Desert was fortunate to receive not only the MEOC but two additional emergency supply trailers which were a part of a grant from the California State Emergency Department.

2 way radio

2-Way Radio is our biggest communication group. Each of our 36 designated Command Posts has a 2-way radio which connects with one of three designated radio channels in the EOC. The way this works is a call comes in from a Command Post radio channel to the

Radio Team member handling that area. If a Search and Rescue or Medical team is required, the message goes immediately to them for follow up. Equipment requires operators, so lets introduce you to some of our talented team. Below right are some of our Radio Team members, lead by Dan Oates. Dan retired after 30 years service with the San Mateo County Sheriff's office. He is a licensed HAM and is chair of the Public Safety Committee here in Sun City. Like many of the EPC volunteers, Dan and his wife are also involved with various community charity work. Meet Pam Garvin, the Alternate Lead for the Radio Team. Pam worked for LA Police Department in communications for close to 20 years, taking 911 calls from residents and screening/prioritizing those calls.

Duties also included dispatch, as the voice police officers spoke to when routinely handling situations such as vehicle pursuits, shootings and officers in need of assistance. She also trained dispatchers, the new 911 operators and then those who wanted to be a trainer. Pam would like you to know that if you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. Experience isn't necessary, just a desire to serve our community as a volunteer in a time of need. Contact us at scpdeoc@gmail.com to volunteer.



Communication



ham radio



Amateur radio dates back to the early 1900s. It began and has stayed as an experimental service with independent thinking volunteers who found ways to communicate after normal ways failed. HAMs have made significant contributions to science, engineering, industry and social services. Today they remain on the cutting edge of a technology which allows communication with one another anywhere in the world with simply a handheld digital transceiver. Robert Tucker leads the EPC HAM Radio Team. He has volunteered over 20,000 hours with the LA County Sheriff Department Reserve Forces, attended FBI Citizens Academy and was a founding member of DEA Citizens Academy. As a certified FEMA Emergency Program Manager and ICS (Incident Command System) trainer, Robert specializes in management of disasters, particularly in improving their communication during major incidences. He developed training programs across LA County, spearheaded the Rapid Response Team at the LA County Emergency Operations Bureau and coordinated communications during major disasters (from the Mandeville Canyon floods of 1970 to the Catalina and Malibu fires in the 2000s).

HAM Health & Welfare Messages. This is something HAM can do to help you reach your loved ones in a disaster that you might not heard of. These messages now go computer to computer via amateur radio which is capable of handling more messages and faster than person to person. After a disaster and once the situation has stabilized a bit, we will notify residents via AM 1620 where to bring their messages. It should go to one out-of-state person designated to relay it. You will need their name, address, phone number and most important, their email address. Keep this info on you in writing as cell phones may be useless. Message limit is 25 words and no return replies.

am 1620



Al Hopwood is Team Lead for AM 1620, our own low-powered radio broadcast system. It is staffed with volunteers who combined, have more than 50 years of radio and television news gathering experience. Their goal is to give you peace of mind by sharing with you what you need to know in order to remain safe during any emergency. AM 1620 is there, running 24/7. Usually you hear a generic prerecorded announcement. During a major event, you will also hear a prerecorded announcement but it is changed to be pertinent to the specific event. But also during the hour there will be live updates with new developments. The flashing lights on Del Webb near the 3 clubhouses signal that activation has occurred or a practice drill is in progress.

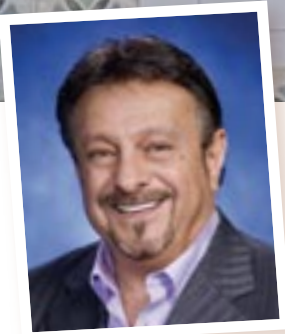
air support

New this year is the Air Support Team, led by Ron Armour and his drone. Ron is a certified and experienced drone pilot. When activated during a disaster, the drone can provide our Incident Command with a quick visual of concerned areas, such as our perimeter gates, bridges that might be down, roofs that have collapsed, roads, suspicious smoke. It can hover over an area to be evacuated and then transmit voice messages to those below. It can be sent to observe areas which might be dangerous for people to go into. And that's just a beginning list.



A great deal of thought, effort and experimentation have gone into designing a workable system for Sun City's EPC disaster communication systems. Our Team Leaders are always considering any technology which might improve our response abilities. New technology surfaces, sometimes at a higher cost. The reliability, durability, maintenance and user friendliness of a product all have to be considered. We are so fortunate now to have some highly qualified volunteers to shape our programs. Over time what sustains the effort to improve SCPD's disaster response is our teams and their ability to work together. To volunteer to help us, contact scpdeoc@gmail.com

Boulevards



Food & Beverage News

BY ALEX GUILLIANO
FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

Hello, everyone!

Oh, my stars and candy canes—can you believe it? Christmas came and went in the blink of an eye, and just like that, I’ve been here for a whole year! Time flies when you’re having fun, right? So, let me take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you all for an incredible year filled with your support, friendship, and kindness. It’s been an absolute joy to serve the amazing Sun City Palm Desert community!

We kicked off the holidays with a fabulous Thanksgiving celebration. We shook things up a bit—moving entertainment to the lobby and switching up the buffet layout. Based on your fantastic feedback, it sounds like the changes were a hit! I’m thrilled to hear that you enjoyed the feast. Nothing makes us happier than seeing our community come together over great food and festive vibes.

Our *interruption tables* are going strong! (No interruptions in the fun, though.) Your positive feedback keeps us motivated and I’m confident they’ll get busier as word spreads.

Looking ahead, we’re cooking up even more excitement in the Food & Beverage Department. Think: new, creative offerings and elevated services. One of our biggest upcoming projects? **Winemaker Dinners** at Boulevards! Stay tuned for details—we’re hunting down some exceptional wines to make these dinners truly unforgettable.

But wait, there’s more! Our beverage cart got a glow-up.

We’ve added High Noon seltzers in fun flavors like pineapple, peach, mango and watermelon (all made with real juice!). Plus, our spirits selection now includes mini bottles of Tito’s, Tanqueray, Bacardi, Patrón Silver, Jack Daniel’s, Jameson, Baileys and Kahlúa. For those chilly early-morning golf games, nothing beats Baileys or Kahlúa in your coffee. And for our sparkling enthusiasts, we’ve added Zonin Prosecco and Sparkling Rosé—perfect for a mid-round toast!

We’ve also switched our soft drink lineup from Pepsi to Coke, and guess what? Sales are bubbling up—cheers to that!

Now, let’s talk 2025! Mark your calendars for these fantastic events:

- **Happy Hour** at Martini’s: Monday to Friday, 4 – 7 p.m.
Note: occasional closures for catering, but we’ll keep you updated
- **January 13** – Tim Bryant in the Sierra Ballroom
- **January 20** – Jason Love in Ventana (single show)
- **January 27** – Mark Tate in Ventana

And don’t forget to check the daily news from Irma—Boulevards has some thrilling events coming your way, and you won’t want to miss out!

Thank you for your continued support. Let’s make 2025 another year to remember! Cheers to good food, great drinks, and even better company. See you at the next event!



MONDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Sierra Ballroom/Ventana

5PM
HAPPY HOUR DRINKS

- FEATURING -



TIM BRYANT
JANUARY 13
Sierra Ballroom

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
JANUARY 7

COMEDY NIGHT
JANUARY 20

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
JANUARY 14

MARK TATE
JANUARY 27



*Sun City's own singing the
Great American Songbook
and beyond!*

TICKETS \$15
ADVANCE TICKET SALES
JANUARY 21

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 are on sale starting January 8
in the Events Department from
8:30am - 11am and 1:30pm - 4pm*

Coming Attractions...

HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY
MARKETING & ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 7 pm



Roman Holiday

Wednesday, January 15, 7 pm



All About Eve

Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm



My Man Godfrey

Wednesday, January 29, 7 pm



The Philadelphia Story

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 SUN CITY PALM DESERT Community Association <h1>January 2025</h1> LV = LAKE VIEW • MV = MOUNTAIN VIEW • SV = SUNSET VIEW		
<p>5</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>6</p> <p>2:00 PM Executive Board Mtg. <i>Per Civil Code, Closed to the Membership</i> MV</p> <p>Boulevards Closed</p>	<p>7</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</p> <p>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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<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Boulevards, Golf Shops & Clubhouses – regular hours Fitness Centers, Postal Center, Daily Grind/Martini's & Administration – closed</i></p> <p>NO MOVIE - HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>Lasagna Night at Boulevards 4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Introduction to EPC sv 1:00 PM Compliance Com. mv 1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour</p> <p>Cantina Night at Boulevards 4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour 7:15 PM SCPD Jewish Services sv</p> <p>Trout Almondine at Boulevards 4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:00 PM Boulevards' Happy Hour</p> <p>Prime Rib Night at Boulevards 4:30 – 8 PM · DINE IN/TAKE OUT</p>
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BY GEORGE BOUCHER
ASSISTANT FITNESS DIRECTOR



January's HealthNut is... Jean Jacques!

Jean grew up in Pacific Palisades, is married to Paul, has two daughters, three granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters. She's been a SCPD resident for three and a half years.

After attending Santa Monica City College, Jean moved to Hawaii for three years, where she swam in the Mary Ann Sears Aquacade in Waikiki. She then returned to California, married her high school sweetheart and began raising her daughters. In 1970, she moved to Northern California and became a legal secretary/paralegal. At 32, the senior partner at her firm offered her a scholarship to Lincoln University Law School in San Jose. She attended night classes while working during the day and raising her daughters. Jean continues to practice what she calls "Happy Law," which includes wills, trusts and estate planning.

Jean attends Trim 'N' Tone aerobics and goes to the Lake View Fitness Center. Jean also enjoys playing Rummikub and golf. She is a member of the Boomers, Ladies Niners and RV clubs. She teaches hula Wednesday evenings at Sun City in the Pavilion Studio. Her classes are free, but she asks students to commit to six-week sessions.

Jean's passion for hula began at the age of eight when she took hula classes and competed in a TV talent show. When her daughters finished school, they both moved to Hawaii, where they lived for 17 years. Jean and Paul spent many years traveling to Hawaii and enjoying the culture, including hula. In 2003, Jean started studying hula in Hayward, California. Ten months later, she competed with her class at the Kupuna Hula Festival in Kona, Hawaii. Jean continued studying under different Kumu Hulas, including her mentor, Kumu Hula Randall Kau Alesna, and with his blessing, she became an instructor. After moving to the desert, she began teaching Hula for Fitness & Fun in Palm Desert as part of the Desert Recreation District. Her Wednesday evening classes began in 2024, and she looks forward to the coming year!

Jean says, "There are many physical and mental benefits of learning hula: improved posture, stamina, balance, memory and coordination!"

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
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Relax your way to lower blood pressure

The easiest way to lower blood pressure is to pop a pill. But pills cost money and often have side effects. Fully relaxing your body and your mind for a few minutes a day could lower your systolic blood pressure (the top number of a blood pressure reading) by 10 points or more—at no cost, and with no side effects.

Researchers with Benson-Henry Institute for Mind-Body Medicine compared a stress management technique called the relaxation response with lifestyle changes such as sodium reduction, weight loss and exercise. They found:

- Blood pressure decreased more in the relaxation response group.
- 32% of the volunteers in that group were able to eliminate one blood pressure medication and still keep their blood pressure under control, compared with only 14% of the lifestyle group.

The relaxation response has been shown to reduce heart rate, blood pressure, breathing rate and muscle tension. Here's how to do it:

- Select a word (such as "one" or "peace"), a short phrase, or a prayer to focus on.
- Sit quietly in a comfortable position and close your eyes.
- Relax your muscles, progressing from your feet to your calves, thighs, abdomen, etc., up to your neck and face.
- Breathe slowly through your nose, silently saying your focus word, phrase, or prayer to yourself as you exhale.
- When other thoughts come to mind, don't worry. Simply return your attention to your focus word, phrase or prayer.
- Do this for 10–20 minutes.
- Sit quietly for a minute or so, then open your eyes.
- Practice the relaxation response once or twice a day.

Blood Pressure Basics

Blood pressure is the force that a wave of blood propelled from the heart exerts on the arteries. It is measured at two points; each recorded in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg).

Systolic pressure gauges the pressure in the arteries at systole (SIS-tuh-lee), the instant the heart contracts and pushes blood along the arterial tree (think "s" for squeeze). It is the top number of a blood pressure reading.



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

Diastolic pressure reflects the pressure during diastole (die-AS-tuh-lee), the brief period of relaxation between beats. It is the bottom number of a blood pressure reading.

Hypertension is the formal name for high blood pressure.

Blood Pressure Categories

	<i>Systolic</i>	and	<i>Diastolic</i>
Normal (optimal)	less than 120		less than 80
Pre-hypertension	120 – 139	or	80 – 89
Hypertension	140 or higher	or	90 or higher

Hypertension Symptoms

High blood pressure is often called a silent killer because it may have no symptoms for years. One in five people with the

condition do not know they have it while it can be damaging the heart, lungs, blood vessels, brain and kidneys. Untreated, it is a major risk factor for strokes and heart attacks.

The Hypertension Danger Zone

You have hypertension if readings average 140/90 or higher—for either number—though you may have no symptoms. At 180/110 and higher, you may have a hypertensive crisis. Rest for a few minutes and take your blood pressure again. If still very high, call 911. A hypertensive crisis can lead to a stroke, heart attack, kidney damage or loss of consciousness. Symptoms of a hypertensive crisis can include a severe headache, anxiety, nosebleeds and feeling short of breath.



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, January 13, 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.

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Golf Course NEWS

BY TYLER TRUMAN
DIRECTOR OF AGRONOMY
AND GROUNDS

What a year it has been. Summer temperatures soared over 110°F more than 55 times, a dramatic increase from the 35 days recorded last year—and far higher than in previous years. For those of us who live and work here year-round, this summer was especially difficult. There were moments when I found myself questioning, *what am I doing here?* The relentless heat took its toll, but as we entered November I realized, as tough as the heat was, it's still better than shoveling snow and battling freezing temperatures.

With rising temperatures becoming the norm, what does this mean for us in the long term? The effects are already noticeable. Our Bermuda grass, typically dormant during the cooler months, is growing longer and thriving in the extended heat. This presents new challenges, particularly when it comes to overseeding. Overseeding requires us to manage both the Bermuda grass and the ryegrass, which is a delicate balance. The extreme temperatures force us to rely more heavily on growth regulators, herbicides, and fungicides to control the competing grasses. This, in turn, leads to an increase in grass clippings, adding to the workload and placing additional stress on equipment.

One period, from September to October, has become especially taxing. Between dealing with the constant influx of grass clippings—often finding their way into my ears, nose and eyes—combating allergies, handling the occasional water overflow complaints from homeowners, and cleaning dust and clippings from the pool, I've found this time of year to be particularly challenging. The question remains, *“What can be done to alleviate these issues?”*

Three years ago, as Clint Atherton humorously dubbed me a “mad scientist,” I began researching alternative solutions to avoid the need for overseeding altogether. This led to a collaboration with Oklahoma State University to test various Bermuda grass varieties, but none seemed suitable for the long-term needs of our region. Then, I turned to the USGA to explore a new variety of grass—Zoysia—that had never been used on the West Coast.

The initial trial started last year, when we sodded 2,000 square feet of Zoysia on hole 6. The results were promising, so this past summer, we expanded the experiment, planting an entire acre of Zoysia on the same hole. As we approach December, I'm pleased to report that the Zoysia is holding up well, maintaining excellent color and health even in the colder months. (*See photo below for a glimpse of its progress.*)



Joe Johnson and I will present our findings and discuss the future of Zoysia grass on January 9 at 2 p.m. in Speakers Hall. We will share insights on our experience with this new grass variety and outline potential plans for expanding its use. Our ultimate goal is to reduce water usage, minimize dust, and eliminate the challenges that arise during the fall overseeding process.

I invite all who are interested in the future of turfgrass management to join us for this important presentation. Your feedback and insights are invaluable as we work toward creating a more sustainable, efficient solution for the challenges we face on the course. Together, we can help shape the future of turf management in our region.



HAPPY NEW YEAR - WELCOME 2025 - THANK YOU TO OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

The New Year is a great time to try a new activity to benefit our neighborhood, go to our website at Neighbors4Neighbors.net or a clubhouse carousel to retrieve an application to join our dedicated volunteers! You'll be paid in smiles and appreciation!



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To receive services a resident must join The Desert Village Initiative. The membership fee per household is \$100/year for the first year and \$75/year for renewals. You are given a DISPATCH phone number and you may receive up to six services per month.



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

Contact Us at: Info@desertvillage.com or 760-592-9864



NEW SEASON - NEW PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORS 4 NEIGHBORS



After more than a decade of service to our community, Charna Ravich stepped down as President of Neighbors 4 Neighbors, Desert Village Initiative and passed the gavel to our new President, Candace Cook.



**THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD AND
THE VOLUNTEERS THAT KEEP OUR
ORGANIZATION RUNNING!**

JOIN OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

Neighbors 4 Neighbors, Desert Village Initiative volunteers provide extra help with tasks such as:

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



Sun City Palm Desert Performing Arts Club Presents

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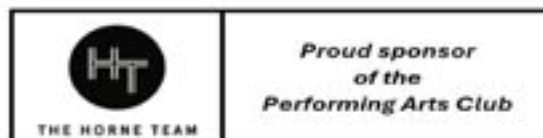
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Susan Adler

NATURE



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Tenors & Bases 12-1:30
Sopranos & Altos 2-3:30
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The talented and fun Bruce Mangum
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REHEARSALS BEGIN JAN. 7, 6:30 PM



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Speakers Hall

Sunset View Clubhouse

Messages given by

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Men's and Women's Bible Studies

Starting Wednesday, January 8th

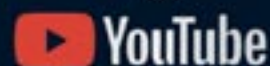
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LakeView Recreation Clubhouse
- Ladies - 9:00 AM Speakers Hall
Sunset View Clubhouse



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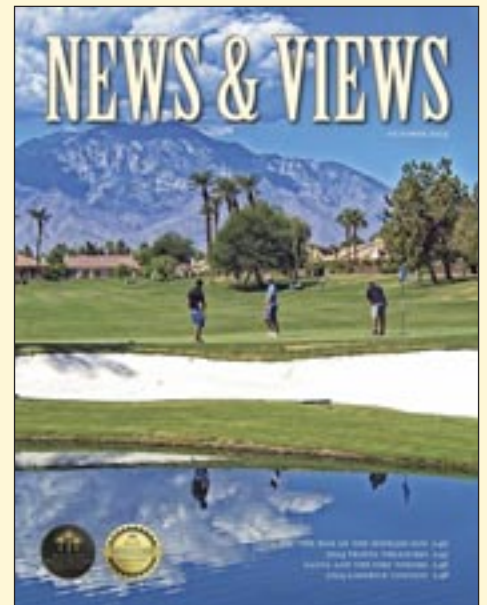
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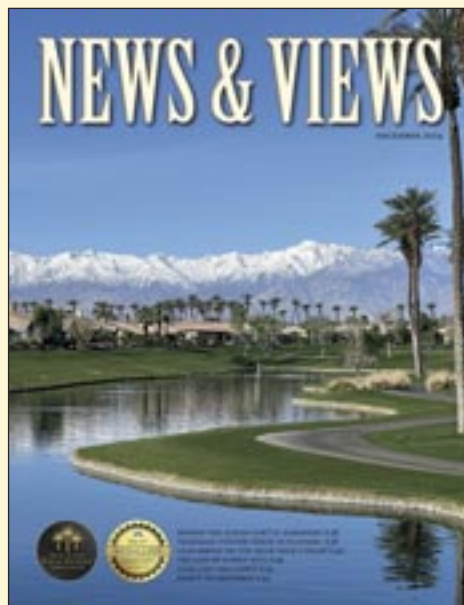
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2026 Cover Shots

The *News & Views* invites all photographers in SCPD to submit photos for the *News & Views* 2026 cover photo selection.

You are encouraged to show off the beauty of the SCPD community with flora, fauna, vistas and active lifestyle shots.

Photos with individuals should present them in such a manner as that they are 'anonymous,' i.e. not recognizable, so that the photos remain essentially beauty shots of SCPD.

Photos **MUST** be taken within SCPD.

Files **MUST** be *at least* 8.75" w x 11.25" h at 300 ppi (2625 x 3375 pixels) to be considered.

Interested?

Email your photo(s) no later than October 1, 2025 to newsandviews@scpdca.com.



SCAM ALERT

BY JOY PORRELLO

Scammers Love Charities

There are many good causes to donate to, but scammers are pros at tricking people into opening their wallets for false charities.

To be sure your dollars go towards supporting legitimate causes follow these tips:

- Don't be rushed, especially over the phone.
- Research the charity. Search the name plus "complaint" or "scam."
- Don't trust caller ID.
- Check the charity's website. Does it give lots of details?
- Watch how you pay. If asked to use cryptocurrency, Western Union, MoneyGram, a payment app or gift card, it may be a scam. A credit card or check is safer.

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Much Ado About Nothing

BY JOHN ANNARINO

"The Bucket List", a 2007 movie starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, is a tale of two terminally ill men who escape from a cancer ward and go off on a road trip with a wish list of things to do before they die.

I thought the start of a new year is the perfect time to make a bucket list. Here's mine.

- Get more exercise than walking to my car.
- Swim with the dolphins.
- Work at a soup kitchen.
- Sing at kareohke.
- Learn to spell kareohke.
- Visit Scotland and get to the bottom of that kilt business.
- Go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.
- Kiss the Pope's ring.
- Play hopscotch with a kangaroo.
- Take a selfie with Emma Stone.
- Visit a prison.
- Don't visit a prison.
- Find out if Machu is better than Picchu.
- Have tea with the King.
- Become an ordained minister.
- Learn to speak Italian fluently.
- Drink from a coconut.
- Ride a mechanical bull.
- Rescue a dog.
- Skydive.
- Don't skydive.
- Go white-water rafting.
- Take guitar lessons.
- Visit Hawaii and be sure to get lei-d.
- Search for classified documents at Mar-a-lago.

When I looked over my bucket list, I realized there's no way could I do all those things. So, I tore up the list. But as I did so, I couldn't help but make a devil-may-care comment. It rhymes with bucket.

John welcomes your comments at jjannarino@icloud.com.





News in Brief

Your Monthly Update from the District and Board Meetings

BY NED CALLAHAN

December 3, 2024

- The District Meeting started with a presentation by a representative from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). This organization is not a branch of the county, but is a stand-alone commission funded by the 0.5% sales tax approved by County Measure A. The purpose of RCTC is to improve all forms of transportation in Riverside County. Currently all funds approved by Measure A are already earmarked for current projects.
The RCTC representative suggested that we all go to their website, rctc.org, to see the projects they are currently funding and consider sending letters to our state representatives regarding the difficulties existing state agencies may create in funding traffic relief projects in our valley.
- The LEC may give us our first look at the new house paint schemes in January.
- The Emergency Preparedness Committee will hold a drill on February 21.
- The Association is looking at the possibility of adding additional stop signs at particularly dangerous intersections. None of these would be on Del Webb. Additional lighting and painting are being considered for crosswalks.
- A flashing solar sign will be installed on Ryans Way to warn of a blind curve.
- The CVWD projects affecting the Pineknoll and Brandywine greenbelts are completed. Trees and turf have been replaced. Concrete staining and new fencing are underway. Anticipate the reopening of the Pineknoll dog park in January.
- We are reminded that winter is coming and when temperatures drop below 40 degrees golf carts can damage the new grass. Golfers are requested to get the course conditions app at the App Store to get updates on any changes.
- The major construction on the parking lots for the solar project is completed. There will be future brief disruptions for the installation of the electrical connections. The solar for the cart barn near the bocce courts is underway. We may anticipate full completion of the solar project in May.
- The parking area on the west end of the Lake View Recreation Center will be redesigned to add four additional ADA parking spaces. Those spaces had been removed because they blocked emergency vehicle access. The parking area will be extended to accommodate the ADA spaces.
- Boulevards remains closed on Mondays. There are 15 open positions to be filled for the Food & Beverage Department.
- We are reminded that 911 is *only* for emergencies, not because our smoke detectors need new batteries or when we have a water leak.
- The next New Resident Orientation (NRO) will be on January 21 at 10 a.m. in the Ventana Room.
- The Events Set Up Department will have a new home inside the Mountain View Clubhouse. They will close the temporary trailer currently in use.

WELCOME to Sun City

BY BARBARA SCHADLOW AND VEE NOVAK



Welcome Harry Ayling!

Harry settled in Sun City from Fairfax County, Virginia to provide support and companionship for his mother. He left behind a 42-year career as a psychiatric social worker in local government agencies. Recently he worked in a homeless shelter with people experiencing mental illness and addiction. He also provided support for people addicted to opioids in the form of MAT (Medically-Assisted Treatment). Harry described the enormous adjustment moving from the bustle of city life to more tranquil living in suburbia. He looks forward to the change of pace and meeting new people, which he certainly will as a new member of the Hiking, Cyclists and Solos Clubs.

Welcome Mary Cornell!

Although Mary has lived in the desert since 1989, she moved to Sun City last September because this community is only 10 minutes away from her horses. She currently owns two Russian Warmblood Dressage. Other than the horses, Mary also has an Old English Sheepdog (her 8th). She has been a member of PGA West, Mountain Dunes and Citrus Clubs for 30 years. Having designed and built two custom homes in La Quinta, it is no surprise that Mary is currently renovating her house in Sun City. Once the renovations are complete, Mary would like to explore the amenities our community has to offer. She is especially interested in Line Dancing.



Welcome Don and Genni Garland!

This fall, Don and Genni made the big move to Sun City from Germany where they lived for 21 years. They met over 40 years ago when he was stationed in Italy—Genni's home country. They also lived in Maryland and Colorado Springs. When Don retired from the Department of Defense, the couple considered their next move. The desert presented itself as an ideal location in proximity to their daughter who lives in Los Angeles. They look forward to the many amenities our community offers. Genni will resume quilting, a passion for over 15 years. Don looks forward to golf and pickleball. Together they plan to join the Italian Heritage Club to meet new people.

Welcome Arlene Hirsch!

Having spent winters in the desert for 10 years, Arlene already knew what a great community this is! After retiring from a long career as a teacher and school administrator in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in Beaverton, Oregon, Arlene moved full time to Sun City in August. She was drawn to the Coachella Valley by the beautiful weather and the cutting-edge art scene it offered her as an artist. Arlene likes to mix up what she calls "sit & get" activities with physical ones. She is already a member of the Art, Pickleball, Mah-Jongg and Lady Putters Clubs. She also ushers in two local theaters.





Welcome Bill and Sue Lowery!

Bill and Sue moved to Sun City from Seattle, WA. They are part time residents, splitting their time between Seattle and Sun City. Bill was a Maritime Ship Pilot for the State of Washington while Sue worked in the ferry system of the State of Washington’s Department of Transportation. They have been coming to the desert for several years now. When asked why they chose Sun City, both replied in unison and with wide smiles, “The sunshine and the nice people here!” Bill currently belongs to the Financial Club and would like to join Neighbors 4 Neighbors once they are full time residents. A sunshiny welcome, Bill and Sue!

Welcome Karen and Steve Walton!

The warm weather beckoned Karen and Steve to move from Chicago to Palm Desert this past spring. Having never lived anywhere else, they tested out the big move for six months before making the plunge to full-time residents. Karen is retired from a career in risk management with an insurance company. Steve left a career in IT with Baxter Health Medical Supply. Once settled in their home, they quickly got involved as block captains with the Emergency Preparedness Committee and became members of the Home & Garden, Wine Tasters and Yoga & Pilates Clubs. Steve will soon be seen performing with the Sun City Singers.



So Stinkin' Cute

BY VEE NOVAK

Turbo and Zeus

At 12 and 14 years old respectively, Turbo and Zeus welcomed me to their home with much energy and vigor.

Adopted two years apart by Dan and Sue Wolfe, the dogs get along famously. Both dogs enjoy relaxing on the chaise

lounge in their backyard. Turbo lies down on his back savoring the sun while Zeus calmly chills.

They also like mealtime with Dan. “When I sit down to eat, Turbo jumps on the chair next to me, looks at me, and waits for table scraps. Zeus, on the other hand, is content just lying down by my feet,” said Dan.

Turbo, a chihuahua, came from their daughter who rescued him from a shelter in Redding, CA. When he first came home with the Wolfes, he hid most of the time, indicating that he may have had limited interaction with his previous owner. Turbo was, and still is, afraid of loud noises including the rustling of leaves caused by high winds. Although his socialization skills have come long way since he came home with the Wolfes, Turbo still prefers to hang out in their living room by himself.

Zeus, a Shih Tzu, came to them from a Sun City resident who passed away. During his first days with the Wolfes, Zeus would let out a loud, screeching sound much like a distress call. Sue broke him from that habit by ignoring him. At 14 years old, he gets a monthly pain blocker injection that allows him to walk and move around with ease. Sue said, “He is arm candy as Dan carries him to and from the golf cart because of his aching leg.”

With a chuckle, Sue added, “They are our old men, and it is appropriate that they live in Sun City.”

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From Riches to Rags and Back Again

BY BILL SANDERS

In the heart of Shanghai, China, stood a beacon of luxury—the estate of Mennie Wong’s parents. She and her five siblings lived in this sanctuary of wealth. Maids and butlers were as common as the lavish parties that filled the evenings. Mennie’s father, an industry titan, ran a uniform manufacturing empire, employing over 6,000 workers, even supplying uniforms to companies like Shell Oil in the U.S.

But in 1957, winds of change swept through China. The Anti-Rightist Movement, targeting intellectuals and capitalists, cast a dark shadow over the Wongs. Mennie’s father, who was accused of holding views contrary to Communist ideals, was imprisoned and spent the next five years in hard labor.

As the government tightened its grip, the Wongs watched helplessly as their business, home, and wealth were taken from them. Their grand mansion became a distant memory. Mennie, her mother, and five siblings were relegated to the cramped maid’s quarters—a mere 500 square feet with a single bathroom.

While grappling with this new reality, another disaster loomed. In 1958, the Great Chinese Famine began its brutal siege. Shanghai, though better off than most regions, still faced hunger. Each person’s monthly ration consisted of four ounces of oil, a handful of sugar, a meager portion of rice, and five pounds of sweet potatoes. Their meals, often just the outer leaves of a cabbage head—served as a bitter reminder of the abundance they once knew.

At just 19, Mennie left Shanghai for the first time, leaving behind her family and everything she knew. For a year, her aunt had been writing letters to the Chinese government, seeking permission for Mennie to join her in Hong Kong as a caregiver, but her requests were to no avail. In 1961, her aunt traveled to Shanghai to help plan her escape.

By 1962, the plan was in motion. After a grueling 36-hour train ride to Canton, Mennie stood alone on the platform, overwhelmed with loneliness. As she tried to gather her bearings, a woman named Miss Mao approached and asked, “Are you alone? Do you have money?”

Mennie wore a money belt her mother had sewn for the journey. Miss Mao led her to a cramped, dingy hotel room with one bed, where Mennie slept squeezed between the wall and a woman with a sour temperament and overpowering odor. Miss Mao and another hopeful escapee stayed in an adjoining room.

The foursome took turns standing in line, six hours at a time, to keep their place. They were waiting to catch a boat to Macau—the first step in their journey toward freedom in British-controlled Hong Kong.



Mennie Wong

On the fourth day, tired of looking like a weary traveler, Mennie treated herself to a makeover—hair styled, a white dress, and bright red block heels. Dressed up, she stood out in line like a fresh flower in a field of withering weeds. After just an hour, a tall, well-dressed man walked by, staring at her. Mennie felt frightened. He hesitated, turned away, but then came back and asked, “Are you alone? Do you have money?”

The man, Chief Wayne Loung, a government harbor official, handed her his card. He encouraged her to forget her friends and meet him at his office the next morning at 9 a.m. Without an alarm clock, Mennie was too nervous to sleep. She snuck out at dawn and walked 22 blocks in her new heels, arriving at his office right on time.

Loung explained how her innocent look and impractical outfit had caught his attention—and likely saved her life. He warned her standing in line at the harbor was dangerous, with rapes and murders all too common. People often waited a year for their chance to escape, but Mennie had been lucky. Her unusual appearance had made all the difference.



Chief Loung gave Mennie strict instructions: take only three dollars because any more would risk arrest. He handed her a fake passport that identified her as a sugar trader. For exactly three dollars, he sold her a ticket to Macau. He also introduced her to a “snakehead”—a smuggler who specialized in helping people escape mainland China. Mennie still recalls that boat ride as one of the luckiest turning points of her life.

Mennie’s aunt traveled to Macau and stayed three days helping to arrange the final leg of her escape. To help ensure Mennie’s safe passage across the harbor to Hong Kong, her aunt paid another snakehead double the usual ten-dollar fee.

Coincidentally, years later in Hong Kong, Mennie ran into Miss Mao, who was shocked to see her alive. Miss Mao explained that after her disappearance, fearing the worst, they had filed a missing person report. When Mennie shared her escape story, Miss Mao revealed it took another eight months of waiting in line before she and the others finally made it to Hong Kong.

Mennie spoke Mandarin but to adapt to her new life, she had to learn Cantonese. She found a job managing the gift shop at the Ritz-Carlton, where she not only mastered the language but also met her future husband, Chris Abelardo.

Chris was a talented music arranger for the iconic Shaw Brothers film studio, often referred to as the Universal Studios of Asia. An accomplished bassist, he regularly played with legends like Louis Armstrong and Matt Monro, who always requested Chris when performing at the Hong Kong Hilton.

Chris visited Mennie’s shop daily, buying five or six packs of cigarettes. Concerned for his health, Mennie thought, “*At this rate, he’ll kill himself.*” As it turned out, the cigarettes were just an excuse to see her.

They married in 1963. Their life together blossomed. In 1964, with the Chinese Cultural Revolution looming, they welcomed their first son. Two years later, they welcomed a second son.

In 1968, Mennie and Chris emigrated to the United States. They planned to join Chris’s parents in Florida, but a stopover in Los Angeles changed everything. When Mennie called their former neighbors, the Lees—now living in Palm Springs and owners of the Rainbow Room, Coachella Valley’s second Chinese restaurant—they insisted the couple visit. Within days, Mennie and Chris fell in love with the desert oasis and decided to stay. Palm Springs became the perfect backdrop for Mennie’s entrepreneurial spirit.

Soon after settling in, Mennie landed a job as a gofer at the offices of renowned orthopedic specialists Drs. Danielson

and Baldwin. Her dedication to even the smallest tasks set her apart. She escorted patients to exam rooms, often using an electric massager to relax their backs.

In 1969, Mennie treated a particularly famous patient. After finishing her routine, she stepped out of the exam room and found her coworkers buzzing with excitement. “I can’t believe you got to give Elvis a massage!” Did you get his autograph?” they gushed.

Mennie maintained her professional demeanor. “Elvis? Just another patient.” Though she couldn’t forget the thrill of hearing him say, in that unmistakable Southern drawl, “Thank you very much.”

Inspired by the Lees, Mennie soon opened the Hong Kong Restaurant, the third Chinese eatery in the Valley, attracting a star-studded clientele. Building on her success, she followed with the House of Bamboo in Rancho Mirage, further solidifying her place in the local dining scene.

In 1983, Mennie launched Nonchalance, a supper club featuring live entertainment. Then came Maxim’s, a French restaurant that graced the Palm Desert Mall during its grand opening. “French food is less labor-intensive,” Mennie remarked, “because Chinese cooking requires chopping vegetables all day.” She managed both establishments until 1988, when she sold them and retired.

With two of the Valley’s premier Chinese restaurants, Mennie catered to A-list stars like Bob Hope, Elizabeth Taylor and Frank Sinatra. She attended parties at Bob Hope’s estate. He always affectionately called her “Miss Hong Kong”, but when he asked her to cater one of his events, she declined, laughing, “He always came with a crowd, but he never paid the bill.”

One memorable day Telly Savalas wandered into Mennie’s Hong Kong Restaurant, located next to Peter Epstein’s Rolls-Royce dealership. Savalas had just bought a new Rolls and was killing time while it was being prepped. Shirtless and shoeless, he seemed unfazed by the restaurant’s strict dress code. Mennie simply pointed to her sign: *No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service*. Undeterred, Savalas borrowed a too-small shirt and ill-fitting shoes from the dealership. “Nowww, can I come in?” Mennie chuckles at the memory. “Who shops for a Rolls half-naked?”

From that grand Shanghai mansion, Mennie’s journey is nothing short of remarkable. Surviving one of history’s darkest chapters, she has carved out a full life through sheer determination, hard work and a bit of luck—demonstrating the indomitable strength of the human spirit. Shaped by both privilege and hardship, her story is a powerful reminder of the resilience within us all to persevere and prevail.



Mennie with Bob Hope



Photo by Ron Armour

BY LUIGI LEONARDI

This is part three of the “Behind the Scenes” series *News & Views* has published to bring more information to our residents on the unseen effort that goes into running a successful community, bringing into focus the parts that make the “SCPD Big Machine” work.

This segment is dedicated to the “hardscapes” of Sun City. We usually don’t stop to admire buildings or roadways the same way we admire a manicured fairway or flowers.

Like perhaps many of you, I didn’t know what the word “hardscapes” really comprised. One day I sat down with Travis Radtke, SCPD’s General Maintenance Director, and got a good education on the many activities that go on behind the scenes.

Travis oversees the maintenance of all of SCPD’s public buildings, from the ground to the roof, and every nut and bolt and screw and bulb and faucet and frame (I am sure I forgot many other “things”) that are in them! Travis oversees seven departments, which also includes the fitness centers, swimming pools, pickleball and tennis courts, the “hardscape” of the softball field, the community’s perimeter walls and, of course, all street surfaces, sidewalks and golf comfort stations. Accordingly, Travis manages many of the “emergency calls” with different employees; 18 engineers, 18 housekeepers and 20 fitness centers employees.

Some of Travis’s most recurring concerns are the state of the “hardscapes” which need constant monitoring. Just like Tyler Truman watches over the SCPD “greenscapes,” Travis has a detailed agenda regarding the repaving of the roads, inspection of the roofs, and maintenance of each building and air conditioning system. Many of the big maintenance tasks are subcontracted to external, specialized companies, and Travis is constantly monitoring the inspection times and dates for their optimal upkeep and damage prevention.

In recent months Travis has been overseeing multiple major projects, including the construction of the solar panels in the clubhouse parking lots and the large-scale flood channel (under construction for several months and now in its final stages) that lies between the road link known as Manorgate-Brandywine-Pineknoll.

Travis regularly meets with Clint Atherton, our GM, to review and discuss, among other things, what may have fallen into sudden disrepair and how quickly and efficiently it can be repaired and at what cost.





Solar panels structures at Mountain View Clubhouse parking lot

Travis is a native of Wisconsin and, after getting a college education in Engineering, travelled far and wide from his home state, going, among many places, from Boise, Idaho to Austin, Texas and as far as Hawaii, where he spent five years managing large scale hotel and resort properties.

What brought Travis to Sun City Palm Desert? His wife is originally from Palm Springs and the desire to be closer to her mom made them investigate relocating here.

December marked Travis' third year at SCPD. Travis loves the spirit of the community and the ability to interact with many residents, although he is *not* the one to call if your faucet is leaking!



Meet Travis Radke, SCPD's General Maintenance Director

Travis is a handsome young fellow who emanates a glow of comfort, trust and confidence; he is the perfect person for such a big job. As the saying goes, "...do not fear, Travis is here."



Did You Know...

BY DELYN MEYERS

Once again, as a public service, we will learn some new Gen Z slang for 2025 so you can communicate with your grandchildren or barista and not look **Cheugy** (out-of-date and un-trendy).

BASIC – Someone who follows mainstream trends, lacks originality, and may have a lack of creativity or personality.

BET – Agreement or confirmation. Someone: "Wanna get a drink later?" Me: "Bet."

CAP – Lying or making false statements, where **capping** is deliberate lying, and **stop capping** means to stop lying. **No cap** means telling the truth, and can be used as a question to confirm honesty, i.e., "No cap?"

YEET – An exclamation of approval or excitement. "I just won 245 million in the lottery. Yeet!"

DRIP – Drip refers to those who possess a confident fashion sense, exuding distinct sophistication and trendiness in their demeanor, or anyone/anything that radiates confidence, swag, or elegance. (I always try to be chic. Now I will be drip. Nah, I'll stick with chic.)

GLOW UP – A glow up is a positive transformation or evolution in a person's appearance, confidence or lifestyle over a period of time, i.e., "Over the summer she did a total glow up."

MID – Mid is used to describe something that is of average quality or mediocre... just okay.

TEA – Gossip. "**Spill the Tea**" means tell me some gossip.

SITUATIONSHIP – An undefined and/or noncommittal romantic relationship.

GUCCI – Good or doing well. Someone: "Hi Delyn, how are you doing?" Me: "Gucci." (And here I thought it meant handbags.)

OK, BOOMER – A dismissive or sarcastic response to an older person, typically of the baby boomer generation. (Note: If you hear this just say "Wow, how basic.")

TechTalk

BY BARBARA SCHADLOW

AI in Everyday Life

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an integral part of our lives. Simply put, AI is technology that learns from data and patterns to assist with tasks that usually require human intelligence. From the spell-checker on your computer to the GPS that finds the best route, AI is already helping you.

While it's wise to stay cautious of misinformation or misuse, AI, in most forms, can be a handy tool to make life a little easier. Here's how it's already making a difference:

Wearables and Health Apps

AI-powered wearables like the **Apple Watch** and **Fitbit** monitor activity, heart rate, and sleep patterns, while tools like **LifeFone** detect falls and alert emergency services. Devices like **KardiaMobile** analyze ECGs to detect irregular heartbeats, offering early warnings for health issues.

Voice Assistants

AI drives voice assistants like **Amazon Alexa**, **Google Assistant**, and **Apple Siri** to respond to your requests using Natural Language Processing. Whether it's setting reminders, turning off lights, or sending a quick text, these tools adapt to your habits, simplifying daily tasks.

Entertainment and Learning

Streaming services like **Netflix** use AI to recommend shows based on your viewing patterns, while apps like **Duolingo** personalize language-learning lessons. Brain-training apps such as **BrainHQ** and **Luminosity** adapt exercises to challenge you based on your prior performance.

Transportation

Ride-hailing services like **Uber** and **Lyft** use AI to optimize routes and reduce wait times. While still in the early stages, self-driving vehicles show promise for providing seniors independence in the future. Los Angeles and other cities are testing self-driving taxis like **Waymo**.

Chatbots

Advanced forms of AI drive chatbots like **ChatGPT**, **Microsoft Copilot**, and **Perplexity.ai**. These tools assist with writing, editing, research and learning new skills. They can even generate images or respond to voice commands. However, privacy concerns and occasional errors mean human oversight is crucial.

The Potential of AI

Artificial Intelligence technology is moving fast—from solving complex problems to transforming the way we live, work and interact with the world. Stay vigilant and stay tuned!



AI-generated image

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Pass the Popcorn

BY RONNIE MARSHALL



Red One

Starring Dwayne Johnson, Chris Evans and Lucy Liu

A fun Christmas movie for adults (who are still kids-at-heart). This movie poses the age-old question, “Is Santa Claus real?” The answer is an emphatic, “Yes, he certainly is!”

Young Jack is convinced Santa is just a myth. Thirty years later, Jack (Chris Evans) is grown up, but he’s still a cynic, a world-class computer hacker and infamous bounty hunter. He’s also a poor excuse for a dad, constantly disappointing his 10-year-old son. We’re introduced to Jack as he causes a distraction to steal valuable information for a client.

Meanwhile, at the North Pole, everyone is busy preparing for Santa’s Big Night. Christmas Eve is only a couple of nights away. Callum (Dwayne Johnson), Chief of Security for the North Pole compound, makes sure everything is running smoothly, with no security problems. His jacket proudly proclaims E.L.F. (Extremely Large and Formidable). Callum chats with St. Nick (a buff and upbeat J.K. Simmons, who plays a great Santa) about how weary he has grown of the job. He doesn’t see the “joy” in people anymore. After 542 years on the job, he’s ready to retire.

About an hour later, Callum discovers Santa is not to be found anywhere. Oh, dear, Santa’s been kidnapped! Callum notifies Zoe (Lucy Liu), the Director of the Mythological Oversight and Restoration Authority, and together they track down Jack to help find Santa. Lots of fun, silly escapades ensue, with our intrepid would-be rescuers looking all over the real *and* fantasy worlds for Santa.

Santa’s disgruntled adopted brother, Krampas and his ex-girlfriend, Gryla, a shape-shifting entity that appears as a gorgeous woman or as a slimy monster depending on her mood, are in league to disrupt Christmas and punish all of the way-too-many people on the “Naughty List.” Gryla is making snow globes to capture all the naughty people and keep them imprisoned forever.

Callum and Jack save Santa...and Christmas too! Jack and his son hitch a ride on Santa’s sleigh Christmas Eve, and together discover the true magic of Christmas and their love for each other. Callum is so happy that all has ended well that he asks St. Nick for his job back. Santa, of course, is delighted to have him back. The special effects are wonderful.



What’s Cooking?

BY LUIGI LEONARDI

This column is intended to highlight interesting dishes from a variety of cuisines from all over the world. Today I am making *Pomodori Arrosto alla Caprese*, roasted tomatoes Capri-style as a first course appetizer / antipasto.

Pomodori Arrosto alla Caprese

*Preheat your oven to 400 degrees.
Total baking time about 30 minutes.*

- 4–6 vine-ripe medium tomatoes
- fresh basil
- shredded mozzarella
- extra virgin olive oil
- balsamic vinegar
- salt, pepper and aromatic dried herbs of your choice
(I like to add oregano, garlic-powder and parsley.)

Wash the tomatoes, pat dry and slice about 1/3-inch thick (usually four slices per tomato). Place the slices on an oven tray with parchment paper. Drizzle slices with extra virgin olive oil (EVOO), season with salt, pepper and your herbs (oregano, etc.), and then a drizzle of balsamic vinegar (don’t alter the sequence). Place the tray in the oven for 25 minutes.

Wash basil in cold water, pat dry and julienne. Have your shredded mozzarella ready, together with the julienned basil, EVOO, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper.

When ready, remove the tomatoes from the oven. **KEEP THE OVEN ON!** Pinch an abundant amount of mozzarella onto every tomato slice. Repeat with the julienned basil. Add few drops of EVOO, balsamic vinegar, lightly salt and pepper and put back in the oven for 5 minutes or until the mozzarella is melted.

Take the tray out and let the tomatoes cool off for 5–10 minutes.

Serve on a small dish with toasted artisanal bread and a glass of pinot grigio.

Salute e Buon Appetito!



Coffee Conundrum

BY BILL SANDERS

“Flat white, extra shot, oat milk, one pump mocha, and a caramel drizzle for Karen!” The barista shouted as she set the carefully crafted drink on the bustling café’s counter.

Turning to Bob, she added, “Good morning, boss. Welcome to Javabrewtopia. What can I get started for you today?” she asked.

“Uh, just coffee with milk and sugar, please,” Bob said, managing a faint smile.

“Sure. What size? Tall, Grande, Venti, or Trenta?”

“Biggest one you got.”

“That’d be Trenta.”

“Whatever happened to small, medium, and large?”

“This ain’t McDonald’s, boss. You want ice in that?”

“Ice? No. I want hot coffee.”

“Well, then you want Venti. Trenta’s only for our cold drinks.”

“Alright, Venti.”

“Drip or pour-over?”

“Just...regular coffee,” Bob muttered, his patience waning.

The barista nodded, unfazed. “Gotcha. So, drip. What kind of milk would you like?”

“What kind of milk?” Bob’s frustration deepened.

“We have oat, almond, soy, coconut, macadamia—”

“Just...regular cow milk,” Bob cut in, rolling his eyes.

The barista barely blinked. “Alright, dairy. Two percent, whole, non-fat, or half-and-half?”

“You’ve got to be kidding me.”

“Nope, just trying to get you the perfect cup of joe, boss.”

Bob clenched his jaw. “Fine, whole.”

“Awesome. Cane, raw, stevia, honey, or Splenda?”

“Seriously?”

“If it helps, cane sugar is the classic option.”

“Fine.”

“Okay, boss. How many cubes?”

“Two.”

“Any flavors? We’ve got vanilla, hazelnut, caramel—”

“Please, for the love of caffeine, just give me a normal cup of coffee.”

“You got it. One hot Venti drip with whole milk and two cane sugars. For here or to go?”

“Here.”

“Alright, that’ll be six dollars and thirty-eight cents.”

“Six thirty-eight? For coffee?” Bob gaped in disbelief.

“Best brew in town. What’s your name?”

“Boss,” Bob replied, his tone dry.

“I’ll call you when it’s ready, Boss,” the barista said, jotting it on the cup with a grin.

“For that price, a white-gloved butler ought to bring it to me on a silver platter.”

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.

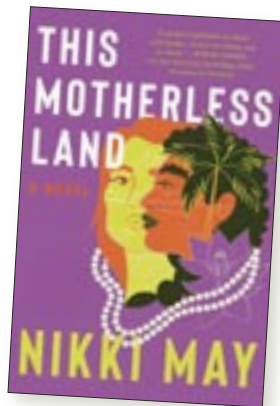


The Bookshelf

BY MARSHA REED NALL

This Motherless Land

BY NIKKI MAY



May, who was born in Bristol, raised in Lagos and is Anglo-Nigerian, is loosely retelling Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*, Austen's most political and critically controversial novel.

May's novel is structured around four crucial moments in the lives of two cousins, Funke, Nigerian-born and biracial, and Liv, English-born and white. The novel explores custom and class and how family ties both bind and divide.

In the first section, ten-year old Funke is living comfortably in Lagos with her parents and brother, when her problems are superstitious and disapproving relatives, her annoying younger brother, and her status as a girl in a country where boys are favored.

On the way to school, where Funke's mother teaches, their car slides under a stalled oil tanker. Funke's mother and brother are killed. Only Funke survives.

"No one wore seat belts in 1978 Lagos. No one except Funke, who always followed the rules."

The family convinces Funke's father to send her to her mother's family in England where she is known as Katherine /Kate (her middle name). Like Austen's Fanny Price, Kate is at the mercy of supposedly better-off relatives. Kate learns quickly, *"England wasn't a fairy-tale land of plenty and these people weren't rich. The house was run-down and worn out—holes in the rugs, squeaky floors, ramshackle furniture."*

But Kate has Liv, her cousin, who welcomes her. The opposite of Liv's bother, who calls Kate *Zebra*, and Liv's mother Margot, who resents Kate because she reminds her of her sister of whom she was always jealous.

Kate and Liv grow up in the first section of the book as the closest of friends.

It is in England that Kate believes she'll *find her mother*, or the things her mother talked about, but she finds nothing that reminds her of her mother.

The story jumps to 1986 London. Kate has secured a university scholarship, and Liv, who wants to be a model, is blackmailed by a fraudulent modeling scout after a racy photo shoot. Other crises occur and Kate becomes the scapegoat. Since she is no longer a minor, Margot sends Kate back to Nigeria.

Poetry Contest



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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	5			2		8		
	7	1	3			2	6	

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.*



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

Chartered Club articles are **due no later than the first of each month**. Publication of articles received after that time is NOT guaranteed.

If your club article exceeds the **200-word** limit, *News & Views* staff may edit for length, clarity and grammar.

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

Articles should be sent directly to the Editor at newsandviews@scpdca.com.

Notice for Readers

Club and Resident Group articles are directed to the members of the particular club or group addressed and should not be construed as either fact or as an editorial opinion piece.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Chartered Clubs Events & News

SCPDCA Residents having a valid SCPDCA Membership Card or valid Renter's Card are eligible to join any Club. Before joining a Club, Residents/Renters are encouraged to visit Clubs a limited number of times. Once Club hospitality has been enjoyed, and Club operations and programs have been explained and understood, Clubs may require membership for continued participation.

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

Oil Painting: Tuesdays 9 AM

Acrylics (All Levels): Wednesdays 9 AM

Mixed Media: Wednesdays 1 PM

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, Jan. 4, 5 PM

by Kris Knutzen

Happy New Year! May this new year be full of adventure and artistic growth. Now is the perfect time to make a New Years Resolution...*create more art!*

This month's hanging Wine and Cheese social will take place January 4, 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the Art Studio. If you plan to attend, please bring an appetizer to share. We will supply the wine, and friends are welcome.

The Art Club is excited to announce a Home Studio Tour that will highlight 13 of our very talented Sun City artists. The tour will take place on February 8, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and gives you the opportunity to visit the in-home studios of these artists.

The Wine and Cheese reception on February 1 will highlight these artists and let you preview the type of art on the tour.

The tour is open to all SCPD residents and their guests. The cost to attend will be \$15 and tickets may be purchased at a table across from the Glass Studio at the Mountain View Clubhouse, January 6 – 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mark your calendars...we are only selling 150 tickets, and they will sell quickly!

Astronomy

Star Gazing
astronomy.scpdcaclubs.com

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 22, 7 PM
Tahoe, LV

by Stu Sitzman

Planets:

- *Mercury:* Not visible
- *Venus:* At its highest point, very bright in the Western sky after sunset.
- *Mars:* Rises in the East, bright all night. At its brightest until 2031.
- *Jupiter:* Rises in the East, very bright, visible until mid-morning.
- *Saturn:* Very bright in the Western sky after sunset. Sets closely after Venus.

January Highlights:

- *All month:* Bright planets: Mars, Saturn, Jupiter
- *January 13:* The Moon eclipses Mars! Very rare event! Look East 6 p.m.
- *January 16:* Venus and Saturn very close together, very bright, look West at sunset

Constellation of the month – Orion: Rises in the east by 6 p.m. Orion constellation and *Orion's Belt* are located in our Milky Way! Orion is home to many famous nebulae: Orion Nebula (Messier 42), Running Man Nebula, Barnard's Loop, and the Horsehead Nebula. Follow Orion's Belt to *Sirius* which is the brightest star in our Milky Way

Meteor Showers – Quadrantids meteor shower: January 2 – 4, above average shower up to 40 meteors/hour with bright fireballs, produced by dust grains from extinct comet 2003 EH1. The crescent moon will set early leaving dark skies for what could be an excellent show from 3 – 5 a.m. looking east. Radiate from constellation Bootes.



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 Richard K Bettinson

“A welcome place for pool players to learn, play, compete and make new friends.”

Congratulations to all Wednesday Night League Winning Teams:

1. Stick it To ‘Em — Larry Tackett, Jim Heilskov, Gary London, ALTERNATE
2. Color of Money — Malcolm Guchioco, Rene Dones, Dave Long, Randy Rogers
3. Chalk and Awe — Richard Bettinson, Ron Kastner, Matt Borzello, Gary Ryba

Individual Play Winners:

1. Larry Tackett; 2. Richard Gilbert; 3. Malcolm Gochioco

Congratulations October Winners:

Partners Tournaments

- Nov. 7 – 1st Place Russ Cartwright/Dan Dunlap; 2nd Place Brett Halford/Roger Carsrud; 3rd Place Jim Heilskov/Danny Haller
- Nov. 14 – 1st Place Chuck Rinkey/Ron Overli; 2nd Place Jim Heilskov/Gary Ryba; 3rd Place TIE Brett Halford/Milton Greenway AND Matt Borzello/Roger Carsrud
- Nov. 21 – 1st Place Ralph Lao/Jennifer Jadovitz; 2nd Place Brett Halford/Gene Schulz; 3rd Place Don Campbell/Ron Overli

8-Ball Winners:

- Nov. 12 – 1st Place Farrell Foumberg; 2nd Place Danny Haller; 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

General Meeting/Party: Sat., Jan. 25, 5 PM
Oasis+, 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 “Winter Wonderland” Party and General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at 5 p.m. at the Sunset View Clubhouse. We promise fun, food and friends!

Monthly tournaments will be played on the third Wednesday of each month: January 15, February 19, and March 19. 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

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 3 PM
Saddleback, MV

Social: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Barbara Kastner

Happy New Year one and all!

As this new year begins, great events are in store for our Boomers & Friends members.

January 14 will be our first of the year event with the theme “Golden Globe VIP After Party.” Great music by the band HOT ROX and a terrific menu are in store for attendees! The e-blast from our Boomers webmaster, Marc Schwartz, will be coming to your inboxes soon. Be sure to sign up right away! The November Kick Off Boomers event SOLD OUT in 10 days! Cocktail attire or casual, of course, and as always, your choice! You just do not want to miss this one...

In February, Boomers will take you in another direction. “The Black and White Ball” will not disappoint. Wonderful music by a live band and excellent menu. Fun time to dress up in black and white or just one or the other, your choice! Mark your calendars for February 11 in Mountain View Clubhouse, Sierra Ballroom!

If you have any interest in serving on the Boomers Board, it’s not too late. Get in touch with Terry Anne Johnson at terryanne67@gmail.com.

BZBs

Knitting, Crocheting & Needlecrafts **bzb.scpdcaclubs.com**

Mardell Sunley · mardisue2@gmail.com

Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 9 AM
Saddleback, MV

by Cathy Clemens

Welcome to a new year in Sun City. The snowbirds are back, and all activities are in full swing. We are a busy group on Tuesday mornings knitting and crocheting for many of our favorite charities. Join us for a fun morning sharing ideas and patterns for blankets, hats and any number of other projects. If you wish to knit for our charities, we will provide the yarn and patterns. Our dues are five dollars a year, so come join us in the Idyllwild room in the Mountain View Clubhouse.

Canadian Club & Friends

canadian.scpdcaclubs.com

Robert Maitland · 403-612-3936

Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 6, 4 PM
Silverwood, LV

Social: Saturday, Jan. 18, 6 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

by Robert Maitland

It is hard to believe that the New Year has come so quickly. The Canadian Club has had three successful events: the Grey Cup party on November 17, the Welcome Back dinner on November 24 and Trivia night on December 9. This was the 111th Annual Grey Cup game and it was very exciting until Toronto took over in the fourth quarter. Many Canadians went home for Christmas, but we have events planned for the new year. Join these events for a chance to meet new friends and connect with old ones.

- Whist Night – Saturday, January 18
- Bocce Blast – Saturday, February 8
- Gardens at El Paseo Concert – Saturday, February 15
- Golf Tournament – Thursday, February 27
- Curling Briar Party – Sunday, March 9
- Putting Tournament and Annual Meeting – Saturday, March 15
- Trivia/Games Night – Saturday, March 22

Please mark your calendars for these events and attend as many as you can. Remember: guests are always welcome (no need to be Canadian).

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership 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

Lani Young • 760-772-0380

Member Play: Tuesdays, 12 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10 AM
Palm, SV

by Lani Young, President

Happy New Year! Hope you are all healthy, safe and happy to be living here in our beautiful Sun City. Our elections were held on November 12 with reelections for Lani Young, President; Michele Landa, VP; Judy Evans, Treasurer; and Eleanore Hahn, Secretary. Congratulations!

We celebrated our annual Holiday Brunch in December with pastas, salads and yummy desserts. Special thanks to our Social Chair, Cheryl Goldberg and her helpers for putting on another wonderful event for our club.

Tournament and a light luncheon are tentatively planned for February 25. Join in on the fun and win at your game! More information to come next month.

The 2025 club dues are due January 1 for the year. Please give your \$25 check, payable to SCPD Canasta Club, to Louise Green, Membership Chair, or drop it into our club mailbox #26 at the Mountain View Clubhouse. Dues need to be paid by February 1 in order to sign up for play.

For scheduling games, contact Michele Landa at 310-991-4867. For canasta lessons or other questions, contact Lani Young. More information on our website.

Please take care of yourselves and be kind to others as we start the New Year!

Car

Car Shows, Touring, Sharing Love of Cars

Tim Walker • tm.walker@comcast.net

Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 13, 3 PM
Tahoe, LV

General Meeting: Monday, Jan. 13, 4 PM
Tahoe, LV

by Tim Walker, President

Happy New Year! The club hosted recent Happy Hour Social Events, and a Car Show/Outdoor Movie Night. Come join even more activities. Thank you!

Card & Game

Gin Rummy, Cribbage, Hearts, Scrabble

Ron Blauer • 310-490-4337

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

With the New Year, the Card & Game Club offers you a new opportunity to enjoy and have fun. We play a variety of games including hearts and cribbage at 11 a.m., euchre at noon and scrabble and rummy-q at 1 p.m. You'll meet new friends and share a lot of laughs every Tuesday in the Oasis Room of the Sunset View Clubhouse and

all for just \$15 a year. We know you have many other options to choose from with the 80 plus clubs, but we hope you'll give us a try. Call Ron Blauer at 310-490-4337 if you want to learn more and we wish you a very happy 2025.

Ceramics

Open Ceramics

ceramics.scpdcaclubs.com

Jim Murray • 760-782-2312

Member Crafting: Daily, 8 AM – 9 PM
Ceramics Studio, MV

by Jen Chow

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Ceramics Club!

The Holiday Party and much anticipated Elephant Gift Exchange was a great success! A big thanks to all who helped! The new board that was elected at the October 2024 General Meeting begins their new term and are planning a host of fun socials and learning sessions with committee leads to release your inner artist.

Current schedule of classes:

- Next Orientation: Tuesday, January 7, 5 – 8 p.m.
- Pouring / Slip Casting Class: Wednesday, January 15, 9 – 11 a.m.
- Sculpture Course: Consecutive Sundays January 5 thru February 9, 1 – 4 p.m.

Sign-up sheets and class information are in the studio. We hope to be adding a couple more classes and will be developing an Education Notebook for new information. Keep your eyes open for an e-blast.

2025–2026 membership fee is \$35, and membership forms can be found on the website. Please have your member form and fee submitted before you sign up for classes.

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, Jan. 14, 3 PM
Saddleback, MV

by Steve Klein

As we enter a new year, Couples Putters is in full swing. Most of our snowbirds have returned and every Saturday morning has been a good-sized group.

Our Welcome Back Luncheon was a huge success with 181 people in attendance. We look forward to more of the same in our upcoming months. Keep on the lookout for



Car Club members Dave Downard, Tim Walker, Walt Peter and Rose Stepan at the Community Expo.



our Dinner Dance flyer which will be held in February. The putting course is open every day for anyone that wishes to practice. Please avoid Tuesday morning and Friday morning as there are two other groups that use the course during those times.

In January we will have four Saturdays for putting. Don't sit around...get down to the Lake View Recreation Center and sign up for either the 8:30 a.m. session or the 10:30 a.m. session.

Keep putting!

Creative Arts

Paper & Decorative Arts

Karen Keinert • 760-601-7988

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

by Cathy Clemens

It is a new year, and everyone is busy in our club making cards and other related paper products. Besides working on our own, we offer monthly classes on different projects for everyone to do. On the first Tuesday of the month, we have someone demonstrate how to use the equipment in the room for newcomers. We have lots of supplies for you to use and some very talented members who can share ideas and be of help. Join our friendly group on Tuesday afternoons.

Cyclists

Bicycling

cyclists.scpdcaclubs.com

Kim Murray • 250-240-9689

Jim Robinette 703-229-9168

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 8, 3 PM
Big Bear+, LV

by Chantelle Ethier, VP

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to, and came out for, the Ms. Claus event we held in December—you truly made a difference for the children of the valley.

New year, new you, new goals, new fun. The Cyclists Club has riders of all levels. We are a fun group of people with the common goal of staying active. We even have rides that do not leave Sun City. All bikes are welcome including Trek eBikes. Please check out the SCPDCA website for all upcoming rides. The club requires each rider to wear a helmet.

Cycling tip: It's a new year. As you are getting tuned up, make sure your bike is getting tuned up as well.

Duplicate Bridge

Cards

bridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Fred Flegal • 269-649-1539

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

Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 9, 9 AM
Silverwood, LV

by Judy McMakin

Lots of winners last month including first placers Rick Rowan and Deann Young, Angela and Dodd Fiori, Anne and Tom Lund, Mark Graber and Jim Groves, Joanne Starling and Fran Dickson and twice for John Nugent Patten and Cindy Selberg.

Scoring master points but not quite at the top were Joyce Gannon and Carol Ann Ackerman (2), Diane Boger and Todd Blum, Diane Boger and Fran Dickson, and Diane Boger (again!) with husband Steve Boger (2), Elizabeth and Todd Blum, Sandy Hall and David Sherer, Sandy Hall (again!) with Karen Roseberry, Todd Blum and Joyce Gannon, Rick Rowan and Deann Young, Daya and Chander Gupta, John Nugent Patten and Cindy Selberg, Susanne Schow and Judy McMakin (2), Barbara Perschetz and Bobbi Hoffman, Anne and Tom Lund, Fred Flegal and Jackie Wilson, Angela and Dodd Fiori. Pat Gerschick and Diane Alerdort and Dennis and Penny Stone. Congratulations all!

Need a partner? Please call Janet Beaty at 760-485-6983.

Financial

Financial Education

financial.scpdcaclubs.com

Rod Gale • 760-880-4638

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 8, 1:30 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

Workshop: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2 PM
Tahoe, LV

by Rod Gale

SENIOR IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUDS AND SCAMS. On Wednesday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m. we will have special guest speaker Maricela Segura, Regional Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Western Region Los Angeles Office. With 16 years of FTC experience, and five as Regional Director, Ms. Segura brings extensive experience involving all aspects of consumer fraud. She will be speaking on the extremely important topic of scams, frauds and identity theft issues facing seniors today.

The Federal Trade Commission mission is, "Protecting the public from deceptive or unfair business practices and unfair methods

of competition through law-enforcement, advocacy, research, and education."

As the only federal agency that deals with consumer protection and competition across broad sectors of the economy, the FTC is the national repository for personal criminal data, offering information across all types of activities and impacted demographics. Ms. Segura share information about the latest frauds and scams, how to spot them, and what to do if you or someone you know has been impacted by fraud.

Members and Sun City residents are welcome to attend in Speakers Hall in the Sunset View Clubhouse. Please reach out to Brad Bachtelle (bbachtelle@bachtelle.com) or Rod Gale (rodney.gale@uhc.com) with any questions.

Food & Wine Connoisseurs

Premium Wine Education

fwcc.scpdcaclubs.com

Lou Ann Liebermann • 952-210-6751

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2 PM
Ventana, MV

Forum

Discussion Group

forum.scpdcaclubs.com

Brett Thompson • 310-766-5505

Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 2, 3 PM
Tahoe, LV

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 8, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Marc Rosen

CONSPIRACIES, LIES AND PROPAGANDA are flourishing in today's polarized political climate. They have proven to be the tools of power, and they work. Why are they so prevalent? Who among us is most likely to believe conspiracies? How are our brains wired to accept outrageous lies rather than truths? How are conspiracy theories used to generate power and influence?

Join us on January 8 as we examine how the power of artificial intelligence, social media and propaganda techniques can motivate us to believe almost anything. What can we do to recognize it and minimize its effectiveness? Why is it so difficult to change a conspiracy believer's mind?

Join educator and frequent presenter, Marc Rosen for an in-depth analysis of CONSPIRACIES, LIES AND PROPAGANDA on January 8. Check in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m. in the Oasis room, Sunset View Clubhouse.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Fun City Bowlers

Mixed Bowling

funcitybowlers.scpdcaclubs.com

June Klabacha • 714-488-5686

Fall Bowling: Mondays, 1 PM

Fantasy Springs

by Evy Long

Happy New Year 2025. Welcome back! We've enjoyed a few weeks off to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Hopefully you have all returned safe and healthy. Now is the time to dust off your bowling balls and get back into doing what we love to do on Mondays. Bowl!

If you are looking for a fun and rewarding club to join in the new year, 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.

As we celebrate this year, so many of us will realize that gifts are not as important as the joy of family and friends. We hope you take the time to enjoy each moment of the new year.

Genealogy

Tracing Your Family History

genealogy.scpdcaclubs.com

Sherry Stockton • 909-815-4412

General Meeting: Mon., Jan. 6, 9:15 AM

Idyllwild, MV / Zoom

Workshop: Monday, Jan. 13, 1:30 PM

Technology Center, MV

General Meeting: Mon., Jan. 20 & 27, 9:30

AM, Zoom

by Bob Meinhard

The Genealogy Club is here to help you discover more about your family history! For beginners, myheritage.com is a great place to start. We also suggest setting up a free account at ancestry.com, another great site with resources available to genealogists. Our annual club dues are \$25 (\$35 for a couple) for 2024-25. For more information, pick up a brochure at one of the kiosks located in all the clubhouses.

We will meet on January 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom only (topics TBD). On January 6, we will meet *in-person* in the Idyllwild Room at the Mountain View Clubhouse and on Zoom and welcome guest speaker Thomas MacEntee, who will be speaking about "Creating an Ancestor Sketch" – don't miss it! We will also meet for a hands-on workshop on Monday, January 13 at 1:30 pm in the Technology Center in the Mountain View Clubhouse. On January 27, our past president, Gary Fredericksen, will be hosting "Tech with Gary." He will answer 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

by Jackie Landy

If you are just coming to town, you missed one of the best Arts & Crafts Holiday Sales. Not only did the sale spread into the Mountain View ballroom, but also to the Glass Arts studio where our members were showing beautifully handcrafted items at additional tables. The talent in this membership is amazing.

Membership renewal ends January 31. If you are planning to continue membership, stop by the studio during store hours, complete the renewal form and pay your fees for 2025. If you do not renew, you will need to give up your locker. Lockers must be emptied by the end of January and your key returned to the storekeepers. The membership form has been revised so members can indicate their interest in volunteering to help support the club.

Elections will be held for a new Board on Monday, February 10, at 3 p.m. at Lake View. After this meeting a social event will be held. Please plan on attending this important meeting. If you'd like to hold a Board position, please contact Darlene Atteberry at darleneka@yahoo.com.

Join us in the Glass Arts studio where new classes are available for all skill levels.

Hiking

Exploring Nature on Foot

hiking.scpdcaclubs.com

Kerry Berman • kerry@kerryberman.com

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 3 PM

Saddleback, MV



Hiking Club members at the Whitewater overlook on the Mission Creek Preserve trail. Photo by Linda Biewer.



by Kerry Berman, President

What a wonderful time of year. May you all have a healthy, happy and safe new year!

By now most of you have experienced our hikes and first General Meeting and Social, "Hiking with the Stars." Thanks to the Board, Hike Leaders and Social Committee (Lynne, Cherri, Elena). On behalf of the club, I am taking the liberty of saying, "What a wonderful holiday party!" attended by many hikers, family members and Sun City residents.

We are delighted to announce our new secretary, Beverly Hackett, was unanimously elected. Our outgoing treasurer Laurie McCully, who has done an outstanding job, and her husband Mark are probably on their way to their new home (Mar-A-Largo in Florida at a very reasonable price). I'm not sure at this writing if we have found a new treasurer.

Special thanks to Past President Pat Fonstad for leading us on the Bear Creek Hike. I also want to mention our great hike leader Jack Madden was seriously injured while reconning his Pushawalla hike; we pray for his quick recovery.

Please check our website and pick up a hiking calendar at all clubhouses.

Sunshine, blue skies and happy and safe hiking.

Home & Garden

Desert Gardening

garden.scpdcaclubs.com

Louise Cummings · 949-300-0842

Board Meetings: Mon., Jan. 6 & 27, 9 AM
Arrowhead, LV

General Meeting: Tues., Jan. 14, 9 AM,
Oasis, SV @ 10 AM,
Speakers Hall, SV

by Louise Cummings

The Home & Garden Club has a special guest for our January meeting — Tony DiMaggio, owner of Sacred Blossom Farm, to talk about his quest to sustainably grow and deliver herbs of spectacular quality and explain how he turns them into delicious health-benefiting teas. Tony's farming methods are innovative, employing both wild harvesting and polyculture techniques. He intends to introduce us to the array of award-winning blends of tea currently being sold through outlets such as Whole Foods.

The Club has two trips planned for early 2025, including a botanical garden and the Pasadena Showcase. Watch the kiosks for dates and details.

The annual Home & Garden Tour organization is in full swing as seven 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 nancy.humphries@gmail.com or 512-597-1011.

Please note the social hour of our monthly meetings – the second Tuesday of the month – will start at 9 a.m. in the Oasis Room, Sunset View Clubhouse.

Homecrafters

Club for Home Crafters

homecrafters.scpdcaclubs.com

Anne Winchester · 760-668-8341

by Carol Corso

Looking for an outlet for your creative self? Become a member of Homecrafters!

One of our club's interesting fine artists is Kathy Parry, who loves to paint on gourds. Kathy grew up in the mid-west, residing in Indiana for over 36 years. After studying commercial art and taking lessons from successful artists, she got involved with local art clubs and co-chaired local festivals.

Upon moving to Iowa in 1985, Kathy was invited to teach art classes, leading her to eventually opening her own studio, gallery and art supplies store, which included custom framing. When classes became popular, she was forced to expand

and hire other instructors. After selling her business, she relocated to Kentucky in 1992, where she repeated this whole process once again!

After moving to California in 2001, Kathy became a resident of SCPD six years ago. Kathy joined our Homecrafters Club four years ago and has been having fun painting gourds into playful subjects which she offers for sale at SCPD's Arts and Crafts Sales and has also been an active contributing member of our club.

Be like Kathy...join Homecrafters!

Italian Heritage

Celebrating Italian Heritage

scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/italian-heritage

Bernie Froio · 760-772-3204

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1 PM
Saddleback, MV

Party: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Susan Goldberg

Happy New Year 2025, everyone! Are you ready to start off another great season with the Italian Heritage Club?

We had a terrific time last month at our Disco Ball with the Shadows Band. Our main event this month, on Tuesday, January 21, will be a "Prohibition Party," *Gangsters, Molls & Bootleg Hooch*, with



Homecrafters Club member, Kathy Parry volunteering at this year's Community Expo.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

entertainment and dance music by Frank Di Salvo. Pick up your flyers at the kiosks.

We also have a monthly happy hour in a different restaurant each month. Last month we returned to the Shadows Restaurant. 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.

Coming events:

- Tuesday, February 18: *At the Moulin Rouge*, a French Speakeasy with DJ Mike Capitanelli
- Tuesday, March 18: *Sons of Italy in Concert* – our most requested event!

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

Lady Niners

9-Hole Golf

lady9.golfclub.net

Helen Reardon 760-574-8588

Board Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 2, 11 AM
Idyllwild, MV

Getaway Meeting: Fri., Jan. 10, 4 PM
San Gorgonio+, MV

Luncheon: Thursday, Jan. 16, 11 AM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Susan Glenn

Happy New Year! Welcome, 2025. We had a great celebration at our holiday party – very festive and karaoke was fabulous. Who knew we could sing so well? Thank you for your generosity with our charity Joslyn Center, Meals on Wheels and Penny's Pantry.

We will host a golf invitational to Shadow Hills Classy Niners this month on January 16 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom. Play dates continue every Thursday morning with tournaments on the first and third Thursday of the month. The cost is three dollars and optional two dollars for closest to the pin. We do not make change, so bring the exact amount in one-dollar bills.

Our club Getaway Trip is scheduled for March 17–19. The final payment and last-minute instructions will be made on January 10. Check the website for further details.

Lady Putters

Social & Competitive Putting

ladyputters.scpdcaclubs.com

Charlotte Brady • 760-346-1531

Putting: Wednesdays, 9 AM

Putting Green, MV

Board Meeting: Weds., Jan. 8, 10 AM

Saddleback, MV

Luncheon: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 11:30 AM

Ventana, MV

by Annette N Reed

Happy New Year to all! We are all trying hard to keep our New Year resolutions. A great way to get more exercise and make new friends is to join Lady Putters. Putt 18 holes in the fresh air and sunshine every Wednesday morning. In addition to regular play on January 8 and 15, we will have Mystery Hole Tournament on January 22 followed by our luncheon.

Mark your calendar for January 24 and plan to play Sun City Shadow Hills vs. Sun City Palm Desert Tournament to be held at their course. It is a lot of fun and players of all skill levels are welcome. Members may sign up for this event until it fills. If you haven't yet participated in an invitational tournament, give it a try. They are always great fun! Go to our website for details.

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, Jan. 20, 2 PM
Technology Center, MV

General Meeting: Tues., Jan. 28, 1:30 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

by Kathryn Querry, President

On January 28, Jay Samit returns to us one year later with an AI update, "How will Artificial Intelligence Affect You, Your Children and Your Grandchildren?" All SCPD residents are invited.

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, 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., Jan. 8, 1:30 PM
Tahoe, LV

by Claudia Scott

Summer is now over, and winter is upon us. Line Dance celebrated their big holiday party on December 12, and it was a huge success. We dined on great food, danced to lively western music and socialized with old and new friends.

We have revised our dance class schedule into levels as you can see above. Level 1 being the basic beginner and it goes up in more advanced dances from there. We also have a one-hour workshops on Tuesday and Thursday at noon for just one dance and the dance and its level will be in our weekly emails.

Remember that dancing is great exercise, supports brain and memory powers and is just a lot of fun. Please come and join us. Remember the first three classes are free and then the membership for the year is only \$25.



Love To Dance

Social Dancing

love2dance.scpdcaclubs.com

Donna Genett • 760-636-0425

All classes in Pavilion Studio, SV

Beginner Classes: Wednesdays, 2 PM

Inter./Adv Classes: Wednesdays, 3 PM

Open Practice: Thursdays, 1:15 PM

Tea Dance: Sunday, Jan. 5, 2 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Donna Genett

Cheers to a happy 2025 filled with dancing! Get happy feet by joining us for great lessons and fabulous dances throughout the new year. A New Year's resolution to begin or improve dancing will strengthen and energize your body, mind and spirit.

Every Wednesday Teresa Shiry, our dance professional, teaches a *BEGINNER LESSON at 2 p.m.* and *INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSON at 3 p.m.* in the Pavilion Studio. Different dance styles are taught each month. \$10 pp. No partner needed.

Take your dancing to a higher level with our *Thursday DANCE PRACTICE at 1:15 p.m.* in the Pavilion Studio. Instructors will be on hand to help, host and make sure you're ready for the next dance!

Our first dance of the year will be a tea dance, Sunday, January 5 from 2 – 5 p.m. Come alone or bring a partner to all classes and dances. 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 kick up your heels!

For more information about our club, visit our website.

Mah-Jongg

American & Asian Mah-Jongg

mahjongg.scpdcaclubs.com

Ina Gibbons • 760-200-9190

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

Thursdays, 12 PM

Oasis+, SV

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 9 AM

Palm, SV

by Gloria Decanio

HELLO NEW YEAR 2025! My wish for everyone is a wonderful year filled with peace, harmony, health, prosperity and a time to explore new things. The game of Mah Jongg is a great way to start a new year, meet new friends, expand your learning potential and have lots of fun too.

Keep your eyes open for a potential tournament in April. Details will follow. We are always open to new ways to expand

our membership and make our Mah Jongg Club a great success.

Remember, membership dues are due by January 20 to receive your new card by April 1. Membership is \$15, a large card is \$15, and a small card is \$14. Membership forms are available at the Sunset View Clubhouse, kiosks, and online.

I would like to thank our wonderful officers and our board members for their service to our club. Without those who are willing to serve the club, we would not have the great club we have. Let's all work together to make Mah Jongg even bigger and better.

Meditation Club

Meditation made simple!

meditation.scpdcaclubs.com

Doug Graham • 505-401-4845

by Tammy Graham, Treasurer

Make meditation a part of your new year and resolve to experience the mental and physical benefits of mindfulness and inner peace. Taking even a few minutes to practice these calming techniques is immensely beneficial. Join the meditation club to learn how to practice simple meditations that are easy to learn. We offer both in-person and Zoom options.

Everyone is welcome!

Men's Niners

9-Hole Golf in the Morning

mvmn.golfclub.net

Frank Allen • 760-200-0541

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 3 PM

Idyllwild, MV

by Luigi Leonardi

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME TO 2025! We look forward to another exciting year for the Men's Niners Club. Have you made your golf wish list, like shooting a par or a hole-in-one? We enter the new year full of hopes of getting our new goals and playing on a full course. January is also the month when we have our two rounds for the individual Championship. More specific information is available on our website. In November and December, the club had more sign ups than 72 players and two members had to wait for a cancellation to play! In November we also welcomed new members Dan Dorr, George Banister, Jim Barklow, Jim O'Neil and Bob Morrow. WELCOME ABOARD. On December 12 the Men's Niners Club held a luncheon to celebrate the holidays. Also, this year the Board of Directors term will expire and there is a "Search Committee" responsible

for recruiting members to be involved in the running of the club. If you are a member and you are interested, please contact Dennis Lusin for more information.

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, Jan. 7, 10:30 AM

Tahoe, LV

by Luigi Leonardi, President

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to January 2025. As always, at this time of the year, we renew our good intentions and have great expectations. Therefore, we look forward to having another fabulous year of putting! It is also a time to renew our friendships, remembering those no longer with us and hoping to enjoy each other's company on this wonderful life journey.

In February we will have four Tuesdays (4, 11, 18 and 25) dedicated to the Annual Larry Barker Memorial Tournament Championship. The first three rounds will count for your total score (the Green Jacket Tournament Champion is the one with the lowest aggregate gross score). The fourth date is a make-up for those members who may have missed one of the first three rounds. All the winners will be announced at our luncheon on a Tuesday in March.

In 2024 we welcomed, among the many new members, Steve White, Tom Bradley, Ray Bartus, Aaron Zell, Bill Conover, Ed Lotstein, Dennis Ardo, Mel Goldstein, Dale Hart, Frank Phillips, Larry Schelhorse, David Little, Fred Miller, Michael Kotrick, Ted Pollock and Mickey Kovsky. *Welcome aboard!*

Mountain Vista Couples Golf

Fun in a Golf & Social Setting

mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Paul Pendolino • 442-599-1428

Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 9, 4 PM

Tahoe, LV

Luncheon: Saturday, Jan. 11, 11:30 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Valerie Dudley, Secretary

Happy New Year to all!

Our first tournament in 2025 takes place on Saturday, January 11. The theme is "Dynamic Duos" and we will be playing the exciting Pinehurst format. There will be a delicious luncheon in the Sierra Ballroom directly following the tournament.

Chartered Clubs Events & News ...continued

Not a member yet? Why not make a New Year's resolution to join us. We always have fun playing monthly theme tournaments that include great luncheons. Please visit our website for information, registration forms, tournament schedules and photos.

Cheers to a happy, healthy, prosperous 2025!

Mountain Vista Ladies Golf

18-Hole Golf

mvlgc2024-2025.golfgenius.com

Mary Robinson • 425-766-3888

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1:30 PM

Idyllwild, MV

Luncheon: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 11:30 AM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Jane Blanchard, Secretary

January will be busy with our President's Cup tournament on January 14 and 21. On the first day of competition, we play a Chapman format followed by One Net Best Ball on the second Tuesday. Our luncheon will be a time to celebrate our past MVLGC Presidents.

February will see the start of our Club Championship on February 18 and 25.

You can find applications forms on our website. If you don't have a USGA GHIN, we can help you establish one.

We are continuing to enjoy our two beautiful golf courses. Come join us.

Mountain Vista Men's Golf

18-Hole Golf

mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Skip Willis • 760-217-4650

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2 PM

Tahoe, LV

Luncheon: Monday, Jan. 6, 2:30 PM

Big Bear+, LV

by Art Dion, Secretary

Well, Happy New Year to all. The January mornings might be a little colder, but the men's golf is still very hot. In January, the MVMGC competitive squad will begin our second season in The Desert League. The 12-member team, with alternates, will play competitions against teams from various country clubs throughout the valley.

Also in January, The Presidents Cup will begin. The first round of the "match play" tournament will be held on January 22. There will be three additional weeks of play to determine the winners in each flight. The one big change this year is the tournament will be single elimination. Win, you move on. Lose, you're out and then you may sign up for the alternate tournament. The Presidents Cup will end with a luncheon on February 12.

Starting on March 5, the three rounds of the Club Championship will begin. There will be a "scratch flight," to determine the official Club Champion. Additional flighted, net (with handicaps), groups will complete for the additional titles.

Come join us every Wednesday.

Music Buffs

Appreciating & Performing Music

musicbuffs.scpdcaclubs.com

Marilyn Townsend • 760-360-2856

Concert: Monday, Jan. 6, 7:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Concerts: Sunday, Jan. 12, 3:30 & 7:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 20, 7 PM

Tahoe, LV

by Nancy Rosenthal

On Monday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom, Music Buffs will present, Nic & Desi. Nic and Desi sing, dance and share their love story, in this duo celebration of classic and contemporary Broadway and Hollywood. Monday night concerts are open to residents of Sun City Palm Desert only. Tickets will be available before the concert at 6:45 in the main lobby and are \$50 for the total series. Credit cards are not accepted, checks and cash only. Please make checks out to Music Buffs.

Sunday concerts are at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom, and on January 12 will present a Tribute to Elton John starring Kenny Metcalf. Kenny sings and will transport the audience to feel as if they are attending a real live Elton John performance. Tickets will be available before the concert in the main lobby at 6:45 p.m. and are available to everyone.

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

For ticket and show information for the Sunday 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows, please call:

Julie Poe/Ric Krauss at 777-2927.



Menz Putterz Club members from left: Tony Bivinetto, Steve Klein, Chuck Seaton and Kevin Gibbons.



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, Jan. 20, 1:30 PM
Arrowhead, LV

General Meeting: Monday, Jan. 20, 3 PM
Big Bear+, LV

Shows: Fri., Jan. 31 & Sat., Feb. 1, 7 PM
Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 PM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Elaine Montgomery, President

Our cast is busy rehearsing the upcoming show, “*Farce of Nature*,” which will be performed January 31 – February 2 in the Sierra Ballroom. A hilarious comedy with mistaken identities, doors slamming, gangsters and good old Southern boys!

Tickets sales will open January 13 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – noon in the Mountain View Clubhouse atrium. \$25 reserved seating. Shows are January 31 and February 1 at 7 p.m., and February 2 at 2 p.m. We hope to have our on-line ticket sales open for this shows as well through eventbrite.com.

Our Spring Musical will run March 27 – 30. The June One Acts will run June 6 – 8. Check our website for audition dates.

Our next General Meeting will be held January 20 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., Jan. 2, 1:30 PM
Arrowhead+, LV

by Lucy Nigrelli

Here’s a rundown of upcoming events:

- **General/New Year Meeting Highlights**
Thursday, January 2, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.,
Arrowhead, Lake View
 - **Living Desert Guest Speaker:** Tips on living with coyotes, insights on painted dogs and other desert animals.
 - **Living Free Guest Speaker:** Efforts in rescuing and re-homing dogs and cats from kill shelters, training wild mustangs to assist veterans.
 - **Animal Communicator:** Discover what your pet is thinking and needs—this is fascinating stuff!
- **Fundraiser Details**
Saturday, January 25, 1 – 3 p.m.,
Falsetto Dog Park/Greenbelt
 - **All Proceeds go to Animal Samaritans**
 - **Entertainment:** Country singer *Tim Bryant*. \$10 donation per person.
 - **Activities:** Pet photos and agility course where you can watch/learn/participate.
 - **New Year Sale:** Wonderful gifts, home décor, crafts, and more.
- **Get Involved**
With over 170 members, please join Pet Lovers and enjoy the upcoming events! Meet other pet lovers.

Sounds like a great way to start the New Year while making a difference in animals’ lives!

Photography

Digital Photography & Instruction
camera.scpdcaclubs.com

Gary Pettersen • 206-354-0886

Workshops & Classes in Technology Center
General Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 9, 6:15 PM

Palm, SV & 6:30 PM
Speakers Hall, SV

Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 AM
Tahoe, LV

by Kathi Malec-Braunlich

Happy New Year Shutterbugs! Members and non-member residents are all welcome to utilize the resources we have online for photography improvement, checking out our “Competition Photos” for inspiration and, if you misplaced the monthly calendar, that too is available on our website. Click on “Scheduled Events.” If you are ready to join the club, click on “Membership Form.”

Field trips offer opportunities to take interesting photos and learn from each other. This month we will visit Thermal for horse jumping and we start our Education-in-Action series with “Portraits in Natural Light” with Steve Nadler.

Want to learn more? Contact President Gary Pettersen to learn more about our club. Membership envelopes are in clubhouse kiosks, and a printable form is available on our webpage.



Photography Club photo “Grazing Above the Columbia” by Kyle Gillis.

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PickleBall

pickleball.scpdcaclubs.com

Rich Allison · richallison67@gmail.com

Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 6, 3 PM
Arrowhead, LV

by Todd Rainey, VP

Introduction to Pickleball Clinic, Mondays, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. You do not need to be a member of the SCPD Pickleball Club to participate in this clinic. THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS CLINIC. The clinics are designed for community members wanting to learn the game of pickleball. During these lessons you will learn to serve, return the serve, do some dinking and learn how to score and play the game. Our emphasis will be on safety, fundamentals of the game, rules and court courtesy!

YOU MUST SIGN UP:

newbiescpd@gmail.com.

WHEN: Started on October 21

CLASS SIZE: 16 player MAX

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Randi Allison

Quilters

Group & Personal Projects

quilters.scpdcaclubs.com

Charlene Foran · 403-454-7233

Debbi LoCicero · 703-725-5968

Quilting: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 8, 1 PM

Ventana, MV

Open Sew: Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

by DJ Miles

Can you believe another year has come and gone, and we are celebrating the arrival of 2025?

We are starting the new year with a potluck on January 1 in the Sewing Studio. Bring your sewing projects and a treat to share.

There will be a fabric clearance sale in the Idyllwild Room on January 19. You know you can't resist the fabulous bargains you get there.

Next, there is a bus trip scheduled to go to "Road to California" on January 23. Don't miss this opportunity. Be sure to sign up soon.

As always you can check the website for updates and activities. Come join our fun club. Only \$15 membership per year.

Rainbow Circle

LGBTQia+ Sun City Residents

rainbow.scpdcaclubs.com

Ray Graves · rainbowsuncity1@gmail.com

Men's Coffee: Tuesdays, 7:30 AM

Daily Grind, MV

Happy Hour: Wednesdays, 4 PM

Martini's, MV

Discussion Group: Weds., Jan. 15, 4 PM

San Jacinto, MV

Movie Night: Thurs., Jan. 23, 5 PM

Tahoe, LV

Social: Saturday, Jan. 25, 3 PM

Bocce Ball Courts, SV

by Sheri Holbrook, Dir. Communications

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
- *Wednesday, January 15, DISCUSSION GROUP* Look for flyer soon! 4–5 p.m., San Jacinto, Mountain View Clubhouse.
- *Thursday, Jan. 23, LGBTQIA MOVIE NIGHT* Look for flyer out soon! 5 p.m., Tahoe, Lake View Recreation Center
- *Saturday, Jan. 25, BOCCE BALL & CHILI COOKOFF* 3 – 5 p.m., Bocce Ball Courts, Sun City Palm Desert
- *Saturday, Feb. 15, LOVE is LOVE NIGHT* 5 – 9 p.m., Sierra Ballroom, Mountain View Clubhouse.

Go to our website to RSVP.

Rummy Q

Tile Play

rummyq.scpdcaclubs.com

Pat Ankeny · 760-772-8191

Member Play: Sundays, 12 PM

Tahoe, LV

Member Play: Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 PM

Arrowhead+, LV

RV

All Things RV

rv.scpdcaclubs.com

Ray Ferra · rferra126@gmail.com

General Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 3 PM

San Geronio, MV

by Ray Ferra, President

Hello Trekkers! We are on a roll for the 24-25 season. Great Holiday Party last month, welcoming several new members. Rallies on schedule for January, February, March and May.

Come join us at our January meeting and meet our members. Lots of fun trip reports. Our first meeting for 2025 will be on January 7, 3 p.m., San Geronio room, Mountain View Clubhouse. Refreshments will be served. See you there.

Social Bridge

socialbridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Susan Vee · 760-898-5661

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

Oasis+, SV

Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 13, 4 PM

Oasis+, SV

by Sarah Jallinoja, Secretary

During the month of November, we were happy to see the return of many of our snowbird members. Our average table count is up to 10–11, which adds a lot of energy and fun to our sessions.

Starting in November we have added a brief presentation at the beginning of each session to review club policies and practices to assure that members are on the same page. The presentations are being conducted by JB Sacks, a member whose name often appears in the winner's section of these articles.

November First Place Winners: Nancy Funnell/Scott May, JB Sacks/Susan Vee, Lanei Cross/Mennie Wong, Sarah Jallinoja/Edith Swiggum, Jeanne Barry/Jay Levine, Jay Levine/Dick Salsitz, Kirsten Andersen/Dick Salsitz, Ann and Wes McNeel, Jim Maddocks/John McCord.

November Second Place Winners: Jay Levine/Dick Salsitz, Hal Gutterman/Kathy Mamula, Susanne Schow/Guest (Judy), Ann and Wes McNeel, Mary Kay and Scott May, Norma Hegge/Rives Wiggins, Dorothy Graham/Dick Salsitz, Allene Moore/Susanne Schow, Jay Levine/Herb Pritchett.

The top score for November was 7,010, made on November 25 by Scott May and Nancy Funnell.

Congratulations to our two top winners for November, Jay Levine and Dick Salsitz, who both had two first place wins and two second place wins.

Softball

softball.scpdcaclubs.com

Steve Boger · boger.steve@gmail.com

Social: Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 AM

Softball Field

by Patty Bowers

Games resume after our Christmas break (December 23 through January 8). So far, all teams are extremely competitive, and the ratings are close.



The CANAM games will be January 18 and promise to provide lots of fun and laughter for fans and players alike. Weather has turned chilly so be sure to dress warmly while enjoying the entertainment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

Solos

Socials and More for Singles

solos.scpdcaclubs.com

Sally Hazzard · solossuncity@gmail.com

Social: Monday, Jan. 20, 5:30 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Sally Hazzard

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

- *Special Event* on **MONDAY, JANUARY 20** in the Sierra Ballroom featuring Rock and Roll entertainment with *ELVIS PRESLEY TRIBUTE ARTIST MICHAEL CULLIPHER*. Our special dinner this time lets you choose either breast/wing or thigh/leg. With the chicken will be potato salad, corn, biscuit and butter, and dessert – vanilla ice cream sundae, topped with a cherry.

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

- *Let's Eat Out: Thursday, January 9*. Note this is the second Thursday for this month only because of the holidays. We will go to the Si Bon for a wonderful meal. Meet in the Mountain View lobby at 4 p.m.

- *Happy Hours*: 4–5 p.m. on Mondays at Legends & Icons and on Wednesdays at Martini's Bar.

- *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, Jan. 4, 9 AM

Sewing Studio, MV

by Claudia Cloward

It's a New Year and we are already working on the next Arts & Crafts Sale.

My resolution is to finish the projects that got put aside to start something new. Wish me luck.

We are all looking forward to Road to California in Ontario. I for one can't wait. I will get 10,000 steps in that day. If you have never been, you should make it a point to go. There are so many sewing vendors and booths with great ideas for us to sew. We have a flyer in the studio with all the info if you are interested.

We are counting down the days to the Spring Arts & Crafts Sale on March 28 – 29, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. At this time, we will still be in the sewing

room (subject to change). Hope to see you there.

We are busy in the studio, making all your favorites and bringing in new items. We hope you like them.

If there is something you're looking for and have not found, let us know. We might be able to help you out. Stop into the sewing studio Mondays 1 – 4 p.m. or Thursdays 10 – 4 p.m.

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, Jan. 3, 9 AM

Saddleback, MV

by Frank Denson

Sun City Singers rehearsals begin *Tuesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m.* This Tuesday only we are in the Oasis Room in the Sunset View Clubhouse.

Sectionals start *Wednesday, January 8*, in the Idyllwild/Saddleback rooms, in the Mountain View Clubhouse. *Men at 12 p.m., and Women at 2 p.m.*

New members come and join us. Have fun singing in a chorus. Contact Frank Denson, President, at 818-415-0291 or fdenson3373@gmail.com.



Softball Club's opening day for Monday AA softball league; the red team won both games.

Tennis

What A Racquet!

tennis.scpdcaclubs.com

Sheri Shepherd · 909-215-8228

Mixer: Saturday, Jan. 18, 8:30 AM

Tennis Courts, MV

by Sheri Shepherd

Welcome to the New Year and Happy 2025 to everyone. January is the month for our first Tennis Mixer (January 18). The theme is *Happy Days are Here Again* and it is '50s themed. Get your membership application in now because you don't want to miss it! We play tennis and share a meal put on by the Tennis Club at a very reasonable cost!

If you are looking to knock the dust off your racquet, Men's Drop-In (Wednesdays and Saturdays), Silver Foxes (Thursdays for men 80 years+) and Saturday Women's Drop-In are all available for members to join in the fun. The activities for members are a great opportunity to meet more community. Applications for the club are at the patio area at Building D which is by the tennis courts. Our Tennis Club is full of friendly folks from 55 – 90. Feel free to contact me with any questions, finding tennis games or how to get started playing.

Trim 'N' Tone

Aerobic Workouts

trimntone.scpdcaclubs.com

Rozzie Perlmuth · 818-521-8848

All classes in Pavilion Studio SV unless noted.

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

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

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

Cardio Strength/Tone: Tues. & Thurs., 4 PM

Interval Training/Cardio: Fridays, 8 AM

Coffee and...: Friday, Jan. 31, 9 AM

Ventana, MV

by Pamla Vale Abramson

2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR! May you enjoy the coming year in good health and may all that you wish for yourself come to fruition. Trim 'N' Tone hopes that you had a great time with family and friends over the holidays. We hope that your New Year's resolutions include working with our fabulous instructors.

Trim 'N' Tone had a fun-filled December. We began the month with our Holiday Party which was, as always, just fabulous. Everyone was dressed in their holiday attire, even our male members. The outstanding entertainment was our own, very talented

Lark Kenney, she got us all in the holiday spirit. It was joyous.

Then on New Years Eve we had our Chocolate Extravaganza Coffee and December Birthdays celebration. Diets are definitely in order and extra exercise!

Due to the continually rising cost of everything we are increasing the price of unlimited classes to \$35 a month. If you have not yet paid your yearly dues of \$40 you may write one check for \$75 made out to Trim 'N' Tone.

So, what are you waiting for? Come join us you will not be disappointed!

Ukulele Friends

ukulele.scpdcaclubs.com

Lori Fisher · lorifischer@gmail.com

Classes: Monday, Jan. 6, 2 PM

San Gorgonio+, MV

Monday, Jan. 13, 2 PM

Idyllwild+, MV

by Lori Fischer

New beginner sessions start this month:

- January 6, 2 p.m., San Gorgonio Rm
- January 13, 2 p.m., Idyllwild Rm
- February 3, 2 p.m., San Gorgonio Rm
- February 10, 2 p.m., Idyllwild Rm
- February 24, 2 p.m., Idyllwild Rm

Please contact lorifischer@gmail.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, Jan. 7, 3 PM

Idyllwild, MV

Dinner: Thursday, Jan. 16, 6 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Wine Distribution: Fri., Jan. 24, 2:30 PM

Idyllwild, MV

by Lori Schoenlaub

Postcard: *Having a great time, wish you were here!*

Hello friends, we are sending you this postcard from our visit to the Sun City Wine Tasters Dinner. We had a delightful evening, and we wish you were here to enjoy the fun. It started with a sparkling wine reception and lots of conversations, meeting new people and visiting friends. The dinner consisted of three courses and four different styles of wine selected specifically for each course. On this visit the winery chosen was Whitehall Lane, located in Napa Valley. We were served



Tennis Club members, from left: Patti Groves, Lynne Prince, Suzy Skone, Mona Klimmek, Ada Ko, Linda Johnson, Lesley Gagnon and Jill Delaney.



Whitehall Lane Pinot Noir, a Tri Leoni red blend and a 2020 Cabernet. Whitehall Lane has limited white wine, so a Walt Winery Chardonnay was also served.

The first course was roasted asparagus and mushroom salad, candied pecans, blue cheese, and red chili-mustard vinaigrette. The entrée consisted of slow roasted pork tender loin, herb stuffing, baby heirloom carrots with a port wine reduction. Dessert was apple caramel cheesecake filled with velvety cream cheese nestled in brown sugar.

Make plans to join us on January 16 with a visit to the Wine Tasters Dinner in the Sierra Ballroom. You won't be disappointed.

Bon Voyage.

World of Women

www.scpdcaclubs.com

Linda Giles • 760-200-1822

Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 13, 9 AM
Tahoe, LV

Luncheon: Monday, Jan. 20, 11:30 AM
Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Ann Shepperd & Anne LeDoux

The WOW luncheon on January 20 will be held again in the Sierra Ballroom. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and our speaker will be Sean Webb, the Executive Director of the Coachella Valley's READ WITH ME Volunteer Program. Sean will be sharing details regarding what the program does in the Valley and how we as citizens can help this organization.

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

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

Writers Circle

Supporting & Encouraging Writers

writerscircle.scpdcaclubs.com

Carol Hazelwood • 949-246-2005

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 8, 2 PM
Canyon, SV

by Norma Saken

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Writers Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 2 p.m. in the Canyon Room located in the Sunset View Clubhouse.

P.O.I. The winner, for our "BOWL OF BOOKS" drawing (donated by many of our authors) for The Arts & Crafts Sale is Mary Lou Green, local Sun City resident. Congratulations!

Our speaker for January is Betsy Fogel Tighe, an accomplished and award-winning poet, traveling from her home in Oregon to share her thoughts on THE IMPORTANCE OF A MENTOR, no matter what your writing style is. Betsy was mentored by the very significant American poet, James A. Wright, Pulitzer Prize winner for Poetry. In addition to sharing valuable insights about mentoring, Betsy will read one of Mr. Wright's poems as well as her own.

Our February meeting will offer information about our writing contest, so start thinking about what you want to contribute. This year, the Writers Circle has added new categories for the contest.

Writers Circle will support your creative endeavor whatever your favorite literary genre is. Seasoned writers and those just getting started are welcome. Dues are \$15 person/\$20 for a couple.

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

Yacht

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Sailing: Thursdays, 10:30 AM, *Round Lake by Stu Sitzman*

The Yacht Club is engaged in the sailing and regatta racing of radio-controlled sailboats; all approximately one meter in bow to stern length. Among the boats we sail are DragonFlite 95, Seawind, Soling and CR-914. The sailboat is controlled by a hand-held radio transmitter and a receiver inside the boat. These controls have two functions: sails (jib and main) and rudder action. Wind is the only source of power.

Regattas are held weekly at the lake located East of Donny Circle between Valley Vista and Alliance. Follow the golf cart path off Donny Circle to the lake. (*The lake we sail on historically has many names: Yacht Lake, Pump Station Lake, Round lake, et.al. Just follow the above directions to get there.*)

We welcome all residents, guests, SCPD newbies and visitors to drop by the Yachting Lake for some boat talk, membership info or just to relax, watch and peacefully enjoy the unique hobby of sailing, all at a pristine lake water's edge.

Contact Reg Modlin at 248-705-1196 or Stu Sitzman 760-360-7726, and visit our Yacht Club website.

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, Jan. 13, 10:15 AM

Ventana, MV

by Marsha Reed Nall

IMPORTANT: If you're new, please arrive fifteen minutes before class starts to check in. Our volunteers greatly appreciate this. New Classes: We are adding 8 a.m. Chair Yoga classes on Tuesday and Thursday for January, February and March only at Lake View Recreation Center. This is when classes become extremely crowded. Please do not bring guests during this period. This applies to Mat Yoga and Pilates also.

According to Brown University Health, Chair Yoga is derived from traditional yoga, an ancient practice with poses that date back over 5,000 years. Many traditional yoga poses can be replicated as sitting yoga poses or stretches. This makes Chair Yoga both suitable and enjoyable for individuals at all levels of experience, including seniors.

According to Robert Butler, National Institute on Aging, "If exercise could be packaged in a pill, it would be the single most widely prescribed and beneficial medicine in the nation."

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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

The optimist in me always thinks the start of a new year is filled with the promise of good things to come. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Brandeis friends a very happy and healthy new year. I promise there are exciting things planned for our coming season.

I'd like to call attention to our new email address: brandeis-desert.org. Using this new address is easy and any information you might need is readily available. You can check for a calendar of seasonal events, a message from the President and enjoy pictures of our members having a great time. Being on the Brandeis member mailing list is important. Make sure that you contact Gail Minkow if you are not receiving messages and flyers. Her number is 310-933-7454.

SAVE THE DATE:

- *Thursday, January 9* – Our University on Wheels luncheon at Indian Wells Country Club.
- *Friday, January 17* – All are invited to attend our Annual Meeting at the lovely home of Jean Carrus. Details to follow.

Exciting things are being planned, be sure to join us.

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

Democrats in Sun City
suncitypalmdesertdemocrats.org
suncitydems@gmail.com

General Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 PM
Oasis+, SV

by Melanie Wank, VP Political Action

This season of gratitude and renewal was evident in our December activities. We caught the spirit of renewal from Leigh McGowan, the nationally renowned podcaster and activist, a.k.a. "PoliticsGirl", at Speakers Hall on December 7. Our holiday gathering on December 17 featured profound gratitude for the community we have built, benefiting from the energy and talents of every member.

We take pride in the year's achievements, both within the organization and over the entire political landscape. Democrats won important down-ballot races throughout the country, and most notably, likely gained two U.S. House seats, which would bring the total to 220R-215D, the smallest margin in modern history.

At our December meeting, officers were elected for the next two years, expanding the Board by three positions to better serve our members. The new Board includes both new and returning members, with our president again taking the helm.



As we thank each of you for being a part of who we are and what we do, we now look ahead to 2025. Through common purpose, this community will find every way possible to be there for each other and for this country and for what it can be still. Happy New Year!

Friendship Church

friendshipchurchsuncity.com

Church Office • 760-260-8640

Services are held in Speakers Hall, SV

Services: Sundays, 8:30 & 10 AM

by Dr. Gary Gulbranson, Senior Pastor

Happy New Year! For some it is just the turning of the calendar, for others it is the turning of a new leaf, starting over, altering one's life.

If you are looking at 2025 with a desire to improve your life, make some positive changes and make the most of this new year, please consider making Friendship Church a part of the process. Friendly people, inspiring messages, uplifting songs of faith and the opportunity to enhance one's relationship with God, all await you.

Come as you are, enjoy an hour of inspiration and fellowship, and leave renewed and encouraged. Pastors Gary Gulbranson, Jim Boehner and Catherine Martin look forward to meeting you.

Hadassah

Roni Spetalnick • 760-360-8465

General Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 PM

Oasis+, SV

by Nancy Polacheck

Wishing all family and friends a Happy Healthy 2025!

Join Hadassah on Thursday evening, January 9, for an interesting program, "There are Three Guarantees in Life: Death, Taxes & Menopause." This will be held in the Oasis Room in the Sunset View Clubhouse. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., for coffee and dessert with the *program beginning at 7 p.m. Please call Vivian Posen at 818-687-9446 to RSVP.* Cover is \$20/person.

Save the date:

On Sunday, *January 19, at 3 p.m.*, we will be holding a wonderful musical performance show featuring Wendy Becker and Rik Howard as they sing and dance to a repertoire ranging from the Beatles to Broadway, hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s to today.

Neighbors 4 Neighbors

Friends of the Desert Village Initiative
neighbors4neighbors.net

Hotline • 760-592-9864

General Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 23, 10 AM

Saddleback, MV

by Charna Ravich

Happy and healthy New Year to all!

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.

As we get ready to move back to our family, Richard and I hope that all the organizations we've been involved in continue to flourish and add to the incredible perks that come with living here. Our main job is to stay well and happy. Thanks to all who have been so generous to us with their friendship and help.

Happy every day,

SCPD Republicans

Pamela Levin • 760-345-5150

General Meeting: Weds., Jan. 15, 7 PM

Oasis+, SV

by Jim Palmer

Gerald Pfohl is a product of Riverside County. He has built a career here based on integrity and justice. He's served the community professionally and personally to make a positive impact. In the just completed November elections, Pfohl, presently a Deputy District Attorney, ran for the office of Riverside County Superior Court Judge. Public service is a part of Gerald's (Jerry's) DNA. Since joining the District Attorney's office 16 years ago, he has forged a well-rounded career where he has prosecuted every kind of criminal offense. In 2023, the Riverside County Southwest Bar Association named him as their Attorney of the Year. Gerald has been married to Marianna Maxwell for over 10 years. Marianna is a local physical therapist and another hometown Temeculan. They have two children, their eight-year-old daughter Rory and their five-year-old son Cooper. Gerald is excited to continue to serve the people of his community as a fair and knowledgeable Deputy DA, who will

treat all with respect and strive to make sure that everyone who comes into his courtroom that their case will be handled the right way. We look forward to meeting DA Pfohl and hearing from him, particularly regarding the recent elections.

SongShine

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Betty Lou Poloway • 760-200-9575

Meetings: Saturday, Jan. 4, 11 & 18, 2 PM

Palm, SV

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 PM

Idyllwild, MV

by Sharon Emanuelson

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You can try one class before paying the \$150 fee. Caregivers can attend at no cost, and scholarships are available. There also is a \$10 membership fee.

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

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

Sun City Jewish Services

Nadine Brinhendler • 707-332-3947

Services: Friday, Jan. 3 & 17, 7:15 PM

Speakers Hall, SV

Concert: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7 PM

Sierra Ballroom, MV

Discussion Group: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2 PM

Saddleback, MV

Rabi Speaking: Thursday, Jan. 16, 6 PM

Palm SV

by Nadine Brinhendler, President

January has arrived and our Carol Rader Memorial Concert is scheduled for this January 8.

Resident Groups Events & News ...continued

Azi Schwartz is back with a new and amazing performance, along with friends Danny Maseng, Jenni Asher and Sarah Lonsert with Musical Director Dr. Tali Tadmor. It is being held in the Sierra Ballroom, Mountain View Clubhouse at 7 p.m. Don't miss it. VIP tickets are \$125 with special seating and a meet the stars reception in the Ventana room immediately following the concert. Tickets are \$54.

Our regular Friday night Shabbat Services will be held on January 3 and 17 at 7:15 p.m. in Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse. A beautiful Oneg Shabbat is held following our services. Sponsors are welcome and encouraged.

Our Bar & Bat Mitzvah program is now underway. Please contact the Rabbi if you would like to be part of this meaningful experience.

We are a very friendly congregation and welcome newcomers to Sun City as well as anyone that would like to experience our beautiful services. Leading us is Rabbi, Dr. Kenneth Emert, Cantorial soloist Ezra Yaron, and accompanist Bruce Mangum.

For any questions, please contact Nadine Brinhendler.

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77 NON-SMOKER formerly from Florida lost everything in the Hurricane. Staying with family in Sun City. Looking for a casita to rent permanently. 760-702-4027.

LOOKING TO start a French Club. Bienvenue! Vous êtes invités à adhère un nouveau club. Nous essayons de développer un club français pour les résidents de Palm Desert Sun City. Nous vous invitons à nous faire savoir si vous êtes intéressés. Are you a bit rusty in your French skills or want to learn French? Welcome! You are invited to join a new startup club. We are trying to develop a French Club for Sun City Palm Desert residents only. We invite you to let us know if you are interested. The focus of this French Club is intended to develop an immersion into spoken French and learn about the culture of France. The spoken French language would be the primarily focus and secondarily the culture, since it will add a nice supplement to what we do in club. By not insisting on French being spoken all the time, students with little to no background in French can still come and enjoy activities. Let me know if you are interested. Please contact me Rick Dowdle by January 15, 2025 at rdowdle.rd@gmail.com.

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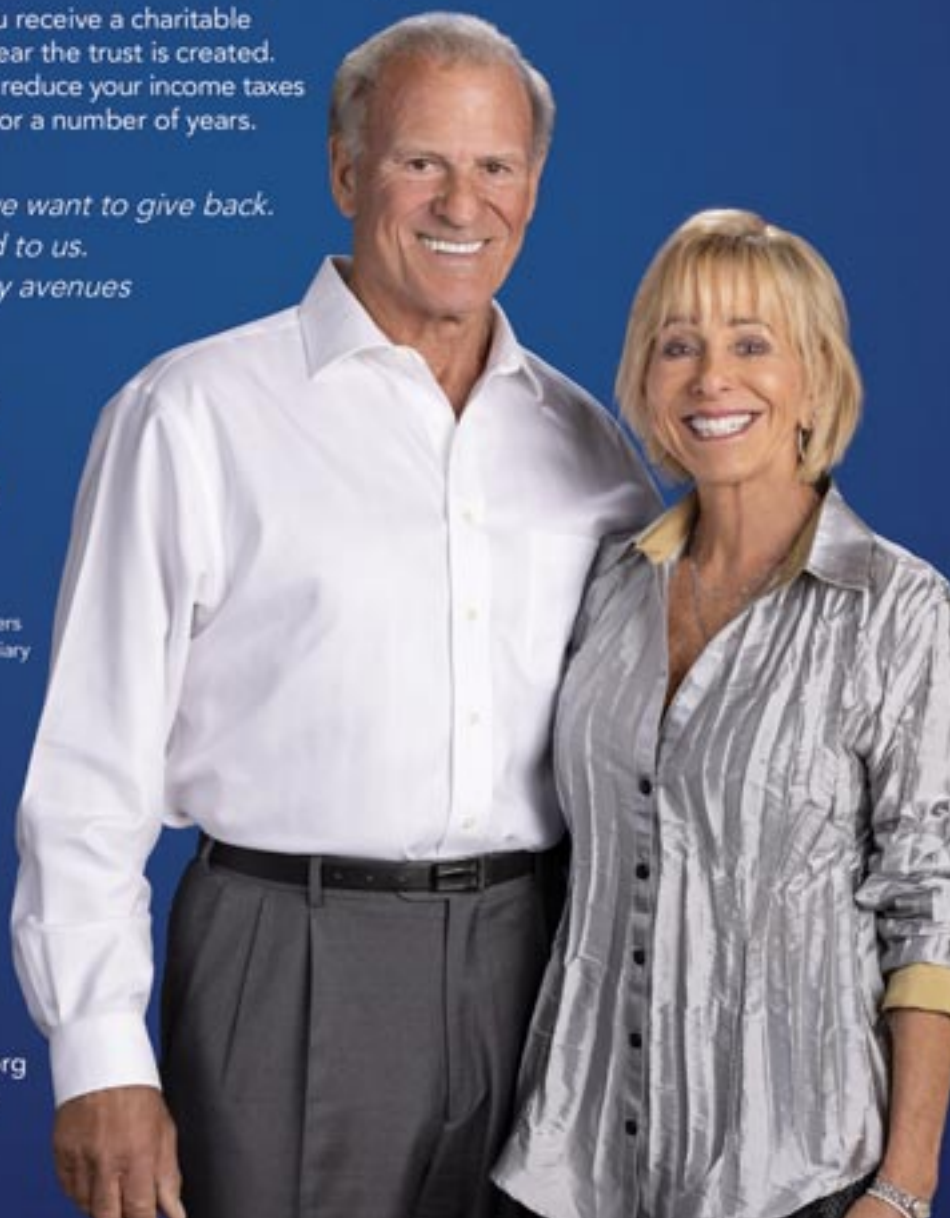
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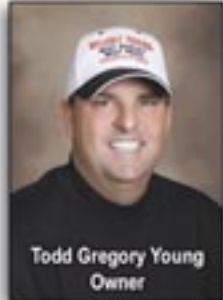
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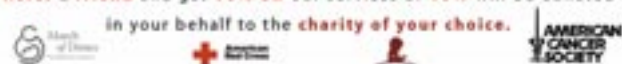
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