

# Venture Out Lines

www.VentureOutRVResort.com

5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

February 24, 2017

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday • March 7 • 7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

Mar 6  
Sewing Club's  
Quilt Raffle  
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Denver Style  
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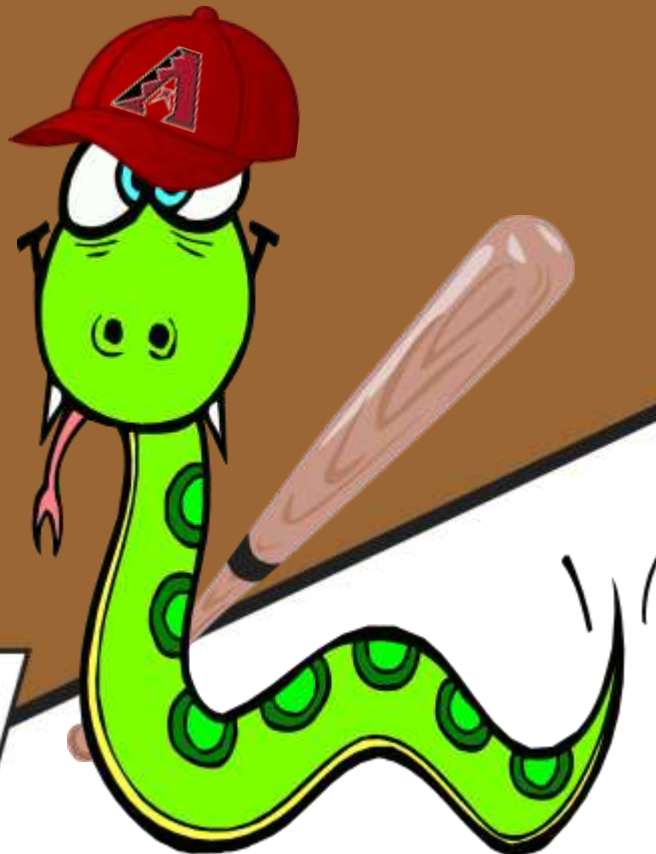
Mar 3  
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(Tennis  
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Mar 1  
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Annual Fine Art  
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Mar 2  
Music by the Pool  
with Root Beer  
Floats  
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# Administration

## Venture Out 5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
(480) 832-0200  
VOGM

@VentureOutRVResort.com  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Monday - Friday  
Closed Sat. & Sun.  
Notary Available - By  
Appointment Only  
Mon Afternoon  
Friday

ACTIVITY OFFICE  
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Monday - Friday  
Closed Sat. & Sun.

VO POST OFFICE  
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Monday - Saturday

SECURITY  
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Security

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Newsletter

Submissions Only:  
Outlines

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*"Venture Out is an active 55+ retirement community where friendship, cooperation and volunteerism are highly valued, and where residents are involved in diverse activities, while keeping the park safe, secure, progressive, cost-efficient, and responsive to changing needs."*

### SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET SESSION

Tuesday • February 28  
1:30 pm • Cabana

### SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET SESSION

Thursday • March 2  
1:30 pm • Cabana

### CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday • March 2 • 9:00 am • Oasis  
AGENDA

#### Invocation:

#### President's Comments:

#### General Manager's Report:

Lot Owners' comments, lasting not more than thirty (30) minutes dealing with any agenda item or, at the pleasure of the chair, on any other matter. Maximum time limit for any subject shall be five (5) minutes. You may speak on only one subject one time.

#### Adoption of Minutes:

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Correspondence:

#### Social Board Report:

#### Reports:

#### Old Business:

#### New Business:

#### Recess

#### Work Session

### SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tuesday • March 7 • 1:30 pm • Oasis  
AGENDA

#### Invocation:

#### President's Comments:

Lot owners' and/or visitors' comments addressing any agenda item or, at the pleasure of the chair, any other matter; may not last more than two (2) minutes per speaker and must be limited to one topic.

Maximum time limit for any subject shall be five (5) minutes.

#### Changes to Agenda:

#### Adoption of minutes:

#### Correspondence:

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Planning Report:

#### Transmittal Report:

#### Liaison Reports:

#### Condo Board Liaison Report:

#### Old Business:

#### New Business: Star

#### Volunteer

#### Karaoke Request

#### Adjournment:

#### Work Session to follow

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday • March 7 • 7:00 pm  
Buena Vista Ballroom

### CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday • March 9 • 9:00 am • Oasis  
AGENDA

#### Invocation:

#### President's Comments:

#### General Manager's Report:

Lot Owners' comments, lasting not more than thirty (30) minutes dealing with any agenda item or, at the pleasure of the chair, on any other matter. Maximum time limit for any subject shall be five (5) minutes. You may speak on only one subject one time.

#### Adoption of Minutes:

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Correspondence:

#### Social Board Report:

#### Reports:

#### Old Business:

#### New Business:

#### Recess

#### Work Session

### CONDO BOARD BUDGET SESSIONS

February 27 - March 3 • 9:00 am  
Oasis

### CHILDREN'S SWIMMING HOURS

(under the age of 16)

#### WEST POOL

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### EAST POOL

12:00 - 2:00 pm

#### WEST & EAST POOL

4:00 - 7:00 pm

### OUT-LINES SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

The Out-Lines staff reserves the right to correct errors in spelling and grammar, as well as deviations from the style guide.

- Send your submission to [outlines@ventureoutrvresort.com](mailto:outlines@ventureoutrvresort.com)
- Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office
- The deadline for ALL articles: Noon on the date listed below.

#### Due Date

Monday, February 27

For

Friday, March 10

#### Due Date

Monday, March 13

For

Friday, March 24



# Administration

## Perimeter Plant Tour



Hear the story of how VO's perimeter plantings were started and planted by volunteers over the past 6 years. You'll be able to identify many local

desert plants by the end of the tour. Meet at the Administration Office on Tuesday, March 7 with a bike, golf cart, or walking shoes. Sign-up sheet is near the travel sign-up board. Tour leaves at 9:00 am.

Sponsored by the ROC

**Tuesday • March 7**  
**Meet outside Administration**  
**before 9:00 am**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED CONDO BOARD MEMBERS!



**Alice Anderson**



**Bert Sebastian**



**Gary Johnson**

## 2017 - 2018 CLUB OFFICERS

To be completed by club president

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>
President _____		
Vice-President _____		
Secretary _____		
Treasurer _____		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Other _____		

Month officers are elected \_\_\_\_\_ When term becomes effective \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ACTIVITY OFFICE**

# VENTURE OUT ELECTION REPORT

February 15, 2017

<u>CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES:</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE:</u>
1. Alice Anderson	1081	81.5%
2. Bert Sebastian	944	71.2%
3. Gary Johnson	854	64.4%
4. Ken Winter	764	57.6%
NON VOTES 50	VOTES COUNTED	1326

## PROPOSITION VOTES:

PROPOSITION #1 Sports Plex VOTES COUNTED 1364  
YES: 742 Percentage: 54.4%  
NO: 622 Percentage: 45.6%

NON VOTES: 12

PROPOSITION #2 IRS Ruling VOTES COUNTED 1358  
YES: 1309 Percentage: 96.4%  
NO: 49 Percentage: 3.6%

NON VOTES: 18

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 1376

PERCENTAGE OF LOT OWNERS VOTING: 78.7%

ELECTION CHAIR: Robert Hayes:  Date: 2/15/17

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Gene Waters:  Date: 2/15/17

Bill Lees:  Date: 2/15/17

Doretha Gupton:  Date: 15 Feb 17

Votes Tabulated by VOTE NOW

# Administration

## 2017-2018 CONDO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**President**  
Terry Warren  
316 Boing

**Vice-President**  
Terry Farris  
320 Navajo

**Treasurer**  
Randy Lopaschuk  
620 Debonair

**Secretary**  
Dot Baker  
12 Douglas

**Director**  
John MacDonald  
521 Aztec

**Director**  
Gene Waters  
11 Douglas

**Director**  
Alice Anderson  
204 Debonair

**Director**  
Bert Sebastian  
308 Merlin

**Director**  
Gary Johnson  
427 Navajo

### **OFFICIAL NOTICE VENTURE OUT SOCIAL CLUB, INC.** **ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING**

The Venture Out Social Club, Inc. Annual Meeting and Election will be held **Tuesday, March 21 2017** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. Three (3) candidates will be elected to each serve three (3) year terms. All active members of the Social Club (which includes each lot owner and spouse) are eligible for one (1) ballot each. In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws, only one (1) vote each (for up to three candidates) will be accepted on the ballot. To clarify who is entitled to a ballot for the Social Club, Inc. we would remind you that the Social Club is made up of people, not lots. Each person has one ballot. If ownership of the unit is in the name of husband, or wife only, the spouse shall also be an active member of the Social Club and allowed to vote. **Polls will be open for voting from 12 noon until 1:00 pm the day of the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Ballots are also available at the Activity Office, beginning Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 until Monday, March 20, 2017 for those unable to vote on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.** Ballots are not allowed to leave the Activity Office. Should there be a hardship, contact the Activity Director. She will schedule a ballot delivery. **Be sure to wear your owner's badge when voting.**

All contracted classes & club events are not scheduled from **12:00 noon until the close of the meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017**, the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. The Activity Office will close for the day at 12 noon.  
**A quorum of 25% of the active members is required for transaction of any business and election. Please make every effort to vote.**

# Special Events

## Sewing Club Quilt Raffle

**Tickets**  
**\$1.00 each**  
**6 for \$5.00**  
**15 for \$10.00**  
**35 for \$20.00**

Enter for a chance  
 on numerous  
 prizes  
 donated by  
 Sewing Club  
 members  
 as well as  
 the Grand  
 Prize  
 quilt



Available at various  
 VO events

Quilt displayed  
 at . me of cket  
 sales & in the  
 Sewing Room

Drawing at the Fashion Show, Monday, February 29.  
 Proceeds go to Social Club!

**Ticket Sales u nt il Marc h 6**  
**Dr awing Mar ch 6 at**  
**t he Fashion Show**

## DENVER STYLE EGG BREAKFAST

**\$5.00 Per Person**  
**90 years and over eat free**  
 Tickets available at event



**MENU**  
 Delicious ham,  
 green peppers and  
 cheese folded into  
 tasty scrambled  
 eggs, served with  
 country potatoes,  
 toast, chilled juice  
 and coffee.

**Everyone  
 welcome!**

*Bring your own table  
 service and coffee mug*

**Saturda y • Febr uary 25**  
**7:30 - 9:30 am • Baja Bist r o**

## A Night at the Oscars

Reserved Seat Tickets from the Activity  
 Choice \$9.00 Cabaret Seating  
 General Seating \$1.00  
**Sold  
 Out**



*A fun-filled evening of  
 entertainment,  
 music, songs and  
 dancing. We all love  
 to see the  
 talents of the  
 talented members of  
 the Hams at Heart Club*

BYOB & Snacks  
 Ice & Water Provided

Sponsored by the Hams at Heart

**Monday • Febru ar y 27 and**  
**Tuesday • Febru ar y 28 • 7:00 pm**  
**Buena Vista Bal room**

## CRAZY PUTTING PARTY

Tickets \$6.<sup>00</sup> • Includes Lunch

**Lunch Menu**  
 Club SANDwich, Chip Shots  
 & Arnold Palmers

Take a swing with a  
 hockey stick!

Best your peers with a  
 broom-shot!

**Putters provided if you  
 don't have one**

Sign up for singles,  
 doubles or groups  
 of 3 or 4 in the  
 Activity Office

**Crazy Prizes  
 Awarded!**

Show your putting skills  
 with wild holes and wacky  
 putters in this tournament  
 of craziness.



**Only 72 Tickets Sold!**

**Tuesday • Febru ar y 28**  
**10:00 am Tee Time • Putt ing Gr een**  
**Lunch & Award s Fol lowing event at BBQ**

# Special Events

## Mahi Mahi Fish Dinner

— MENU —

*Herb Baked Mahi Mahi*

*Baked Potato with Butter & Sour Cream*

*Vegetable*

*Roll & Butter*

*Coffee & Lemonade Dessert*



Tickets \$8.50  
Past Deadline  
See Post Office  
Hallway for Ticket  
Purchase Opportunities

*Bring your own table service*  
Sponsored by the Rock & Gem Club

**Wednesday • March 1**  
**Two seatings**  
**5:00 & 6:30 pm • Baja Bistr o**

## Annual Fine Art Show & Sale

All Original Work • All Mediums

New Category! Adult Coloring Books!  
View the work of creative VO artists!  
Original art in various mediums on display and for sale. 10% of all sales goes to the Social Club. **Participant applications may be picked up at the Post Office, or 903 Debonair. Return application to Joyce Bell by February 24 at 903 Debonair.** Questions, call Elma Becker at 480-396-6147.



**Thursday • March 2**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro**

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## ANNUAL FINE ART SHOW AND SALE

Thursday, March 2 - Baja Bistro  
**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**



Submit to 903 Debonair by FEBRUARY 24, 2016

ARTIST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of your original art: (Painting, including all mediums, cards, magnets, Adult Coloring Books etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Your space requirements: (Note: special lighting or power not available) **One table per participant**  
Additional tables not reserved distributed by Joyce with consensus.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Everyone handles his or her own work or has someone cover for you.

# Special Events

## MUSIC BY THE POOL

WITH  
ROOT BEER FLOATS

ROOT BEER FLOATS \$2.50

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

\*In case of nasty weather,  
event to be held in the  
Baja Bistro

Music by  
Dawgus  
Bear



Thursday • March 2  
2:00 - 4:00 pm • East Pool

## — TENNIS CLUB'S — YEAR END AUCTION/RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Open 8:00 am (Rummage Sale)  
Sign up for Auction Numbers at 9:00 am  
Auction Begins at 10:00 am  
*Please No Early Birds*

For pick up call  
Don DeCleene 480-854-1259.



Drop off donated  
items to the roped-off  
area behind the  
Laundry building  
before 11:00 am  
on Thursday, March 2  
For pick-up call  
before  
Wednesday, March 1

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTED TO SOCIAL CLUB

Friday • March 3 • BEHIND LAUNDRY FACILITY  
Bake and Rummage Sale 8:00 am  
AUCTION STARTS AT 10:00 AM

## Electronics Club Raffle



Tickets available March 4 - 18 at the  
Electronics Club, special events at the  
Baja Bistro or call Nick Perrin at 403-  
606-9079. Raffle drawing March 18 at  
1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.



Don't miss out on our  
fantastic prizes:

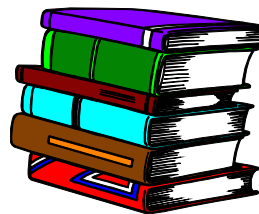
- 50" Samsung Smart HDTV
- 40" Samsung Smart HDTV
- Dell 15.6' Notebook
- 2 x iPads
- iPad Pro 9.7
- 2 x Blaze Fitbits

Tickets 1 for \$5  
or 5 for \$20  
You do not need  
to be present to  
win! Good luck!

Tickets Available March 4  
Draw on March 18 • 1:00 pm  
Baja Bistro

## VO LIBRARY Used Book Sale

The Library thanks  
everyone for donations!



Main Lobby  
BEFORE AND DURING  
THE JUMBO HOT DOG &  
DESSERT SALE

Come to our book sale in  
the lobby of the  
Community Center from  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm.**  
Books for 25, 50 and 75 cents.  
What a bargain!

SATURDAY • MARCH 4  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
COMMUNITY CENTER



# Special Events

## JUMBO HOT DOGS AND DESSERT

**¼ lb Grilled Hot Dog, Sauerkraut, Chips & Beverage \$4.00**

Sponsored by the Poolroom Association

Tickets purchased at the event

Cake Sale \$1.50

Sponsored by the Croquet Club



*Bring your own table service*

**Saturday • March 4  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bist r o**

## Glass Art Club RAFFLE

Come and see the many wonderful hand-crafted items our artisans have provided in the display case.

Raffle Draw Following the Jumbo Hot Dog BBQ

March 5

Get your tickets during various events in the Baja Bistro and March 4 prior to the draw



Tickets \$1.00  
7 for \$5.00  
15 for \$10.00  
35 for \$20.00

Tickets available until March 4  
Raffle Draw March 4 following Jumbo Hot Dog BBQ • 1:00 pm • Baja Bist r o

## New Event! RIBS N' BIBS DINNER SHOW

**Reserved Seating Tickets \$20.00**

Available from the Activity Office or from Shuffleboard Members

Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 1

### — MENU —

**BBQ Baby Back Pork Ribs  
Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes  
Crisp Cole Slaw  
Three Bean Salad  
Biscuit & Butter Beverage**

**Plus... a Stage Show!**

Featuring national performing artists... "House of Steel" Bringing you a Country Western, Nashville performance guaranteed to bring the house down!



*Bring your own table service*

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club

**Sunday • March 5 • 4:30 pm Happy Hour  
Dinner 5:30 pm • Entertainment Following  
Buena Vista Ballroom**

## Sunshine, Lollypops and Rainbows Fashion Show Lunch & Quilt Raffle

**Reserved Seat Tickets \$16.00**

\*Table Hostess names available in the Sewing Room on February 11 where you can contact a Hostess for tickets

or

\*Purchase single tickets from Activity Office February 13

**Fashions by "Macy's Department Store" & Lunch by the Sewing Club**

Sponsored by the Sewing Club

**Monday • March 6  
Doors open at 12:00 noon  
Buena Vista Ballroom**

# Special Events



## Concert Series



### Folk Collection

In the great tradition of the folk groups of the 60s, The Folk Collection entertains with its unique blend and sound with a repertoire that is familiar to audiences of all ages. This dynamic trio out of LA performs songs including hits such as *If I Had a Hammer*, *Mr. Tambourine Man*, *Blowin' in the Wind* and *The Sound of Silence* all reflecting their love of the story songs, great melodies, and three-part harmonies of that acoustic era.



**Reserved seating:** Gold \$18.00 & Silver \$16.00  
Available from the Activity Office until 10:00 am the day of the performance.  
Tickets \$2.00 extra at the door.

**Monday • March 6**  
**7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ball room**

## Chicken Parmesan Dinner



### MENU

Chicken Parmesan with Marinara Sauce,  
Herb Roasted Potatoes  
Lemon Buttered Carrots  
Tossed Salad  
Beverage  
Spumoni Ice Cream

### BYOB

*Bring your own table service*

Meal Tickets \$8.50  
Deadline: 10:00 am,  
Wednesday March 1

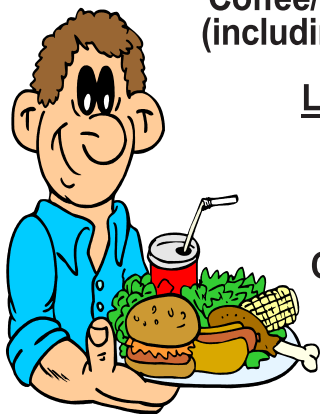
Sponsored by the Glass Art Club

**Wednesday • March 8**  
**4:30 & 6:00 pm • Baja Bist ro**

## VO Diner

**Good Morning! 8:00 am - 11:00 am**

Variety of pastries \$1.25  
Coffee/tea 50 cents  
(including one refill)



**Lunch: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Egg Salad Sandwich,  
Chips, Pickle &  
Bottle of Water \$6.00

Chicken Caesar Salad,  
Corn Bread &  
Bottle of Water \$6.00

Pie by the slice \$2.00

Table Service Provided  
Sponsored by the Fired Clay Art Studio

**Thursday • March 9**  
**8:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bist ro**

## Special Dance

### Flipside-45



Flipside-45 is all about the music of the 50's, 60's & 70's. If you like fervent vocals and harmonies, along with the groovy vibe of the Hammond organ, crunchy chiming guitar, wailing sax, pulsing bass and thundering drums, then you are going to love a Flipside-45 dance. The members of Flipside-45 have been entertaining audiences in the Southwest, performing over 500 shows & dances in the past five-plus years.

**50/25/25 Raffle**

**Tickets \$10.00**

B.Y.O.B. & Glasses • Soda & Popcorn sold \$1.00 each

Tickets available from the Activity Office or at the door  
Sponsored by the Recreation Department

**Friday • March 10**  
**7:00 – 10:00 pm**  
**Buena Vista Ball room**

# Special Events

## BLUEBERRY PANCAKES BREAKFAST

\$5.00 Per Person

Tickets available at event

Special  
Performance by  
The Kitchen Band

### MENU

The most popular breakfast of the season featuring blueberry-topped pancakes, grilled sausage, chilled juice and coffee.



Everyone  
welcome!

*Bring your own table  
service and coffee mug*

**Saturday • March 11  
7:30 - 9:30 am • Baja Bist ro**

## “Life’s A Beach” Pool Party



Tickets \$10.00

Available in the Activity Office

Price includes entry fee, first drink,  
unlimited nachos and entertainment!

Deadline to Purchase Tickets: 10:00 am  
Wednesday, March 8

Free Nacho Bar      Music By Chuck-E Baby      Synchronized Swimmers

Buck-a-Duck Race      Margaritas (\$3.<sup>00</sup>) & Beer (\$2.<sup>00</sup>)  
50/50 Raffle

Sponsored by VO Current & Past  
Social Board Directors

**Saturday • March 11  
1:00 - 3:00 pm • East Pool  
2:00 pm Synchron ized Swimmers**

## “Buck-a-Duck”

Race to be held during the  
“Life’s a Beach” Pool Party on  
Saturday March 11, East Pool  
2:30 pm

1st Place - 2 Gold Reserved seat tickets to the 2018  
Concert Series  
2nd Place - 2 Silver Reserved seat tickets to the 2018  
Concert Series  
1st Place - 2 Reserved seat tickets to the 2018  
Special Performance

**\$1 Buck-a-Duck \$1**

Need not be present to win  
\*Life’s a Beach Event Tickets sold separately

Sponsored by VO Current & Past  
Social Board Directors

**Saturday • March 11  
2:30 pm • East P ool**

## Go Crazy with Creativity

With

Linda Macphee

Tickets \$12.00 includes workshop and lunch  
available from the  
Activity Office until Friday, noon March 10

International leader & innovator in the  
clothing design & home sewing industries &  
TV host of “Sew Much Fun”  
presents embellishment  
(shoes, cushions, greeting  
cards, etc) green sewing  
(men’s shirt into a fancy  
apron), a trunk show &  
more

Lunch Menu:  
sub sandwich - chips -  
cookie - a bottle of water



Sponsored by the Recreation Department

**Monday • March 13  
10:00 am - 2:45 pm  
Buena Vista Bal room**

# Special Events

## Dave & Daphne Gospel Concert

**Meet Daphne** –  
Southern Gospel  
Music Female Vocalist  
of the Year



**Meet Dave** – Barbara  
Mandrell's lead  
guitarist for 10 years

Come ready to enjoy yourself and plan to be blessed with Dave and Daphne as they share Classic Hymns, Gospel favorites, a Military Honor and even a little country music!

**Tickets \$10.00 available from  
Activity Office & at the door**

**Sponsored by the Rock and Gem Club**

**Monday • March 13  
7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ball room**



## CASINO OUTING BY BUS!

Let's go play! Bingo! Slots!  
Great dining and entertainment!  
Must present a Winners Circle  
card at casino to receive  
\$10 in free play.

Sign up in the Activity Office.

**Sponsored by the Recreation Department**

**Tuesday • March 14  
3:30 pm • Bus Loading Zone  
Depart Casino 10:30 pm**

## FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES

Tickets \$7.00

Tickets Available from the  
Activity Office

Deadline: 10:00 am,  
Wednesday, March 8

### MENU

French Dip Sandwich  
(Succulent Roast Beef  
Au Jus on French Roll)  
Fresh Tossed Salad  
Dessert  
Beverage



*Bring your own  
table service*

**SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB**

**Wednesday • March 15  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Baja Bistro**

## Juke Box Jive Dance

**\$10.00 Tickets**

Available from the Activity Office & at the Door

Take a trip down Memory Lane with Arizona's  
most energetic rock & roll band. Prepare to  
dance the night away, or  
simply bounce in your seats,  
as the music takes you back  
to those  
good ole'  
days of  
music  
from the  
60's &  
70's.

Return  
appearance  
by the  
**8 - Tracks**



50/50 Raffle • BYOB  
Popcorn & Soda for Sale \$1

Sponsored by the Fired Clay Arts Studio

**Wednesday • March 15  
Door Opens 6:30 pm • 7:00 - 10:00 pm  
Buena Vista Ball room**

# Special Events

## IT'S ANOTHER... MYSTERY TRIP ?

Tickets: \$99 per person. All inclusive with lunch & bus transportation.

? Available Tuesdays until sold out in the Baja Bistro from 12:00 - 2:00 pm or call Doris Fraser 480-654-1858. Tickets for the April 21 Amazon Fulfillment tour will also be available at this time. ?



Wear comfortable shoes & bring a warm jacket.

**Open to All!**

SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

**Thursday • March 16**  
**Bus Departs 7:30 am**  
**Bus Loading Zone**

## St. Patty's Day Lunch

Tickets \$5.50 Available in the Activity Office  
Deadline: March 8 at 10:00 am.



### Menu

Piping hot potato baked with shredded corned beef, a touch of sauerkraut and swiss cheese - Sounds different but It's delicious! Served with a tossed salad & beverage.

*Bring your own table service*

Sponsored by the Recreation Department

**Thursday • March 17**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Baja Bistro**

## Coming Soon! Seymour's Real Soon! Adventure Parade

Go VO Parade!



Attention Clubs, Residents, Renters, Pets, Golf Cart Drivers, Bike Riders and Everyone Else!

Be a part of the 2017 Venture Out Parade - Saturday, March 18!  
"Adventures of Seymour" is the theme and we want you to be a part of the day's festivities. Mark your calendars and start planning your "entry" today.  
**Entry forms available in this edition of the Out-Lines.**

Contact for Information:  
Kristy Smith  
Assistant Activity Director  
480-832-9000  
[astdir@ventureoutvresort.com](mailto:astdir@ventureoutvresort.com)

**Saturday • March 18**

## FUDDRUCKERS MEAL DEAL

Present the flyer at FuDDRuckers and 10% of your dining bill (excluding liquor) will be contributed to the Venture Out Social Club



**Flyer in Next Out-Lines**

Sponsored by the Pet Association

**Sunday • March 19**  
**4:00 pm - 8:00 pm • 6455 E. Southern Ave.**  
**(480) 396-3077**



2017

# "Seymour's Adventure Parade"

Saturday, March 18

10:00 am - Community Center

Group     Individual     Pet     Club  
 Group/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you utilize a     Car     Open-Bed Pickup     Golf Cart  
 Bike     Trailer     Walking Unit     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you provide music?  Live Music     Singing     Band  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Balloons, helium and poster board available from the Activity Office at no cost.  
 Please provide a written script below to be read to the public when  
 your unit passes the review stand.**

(Attach an additional sheet if more space is needed)

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Entry form must be submitted to the Activity Office by 3:00 pm on Monday, March 15



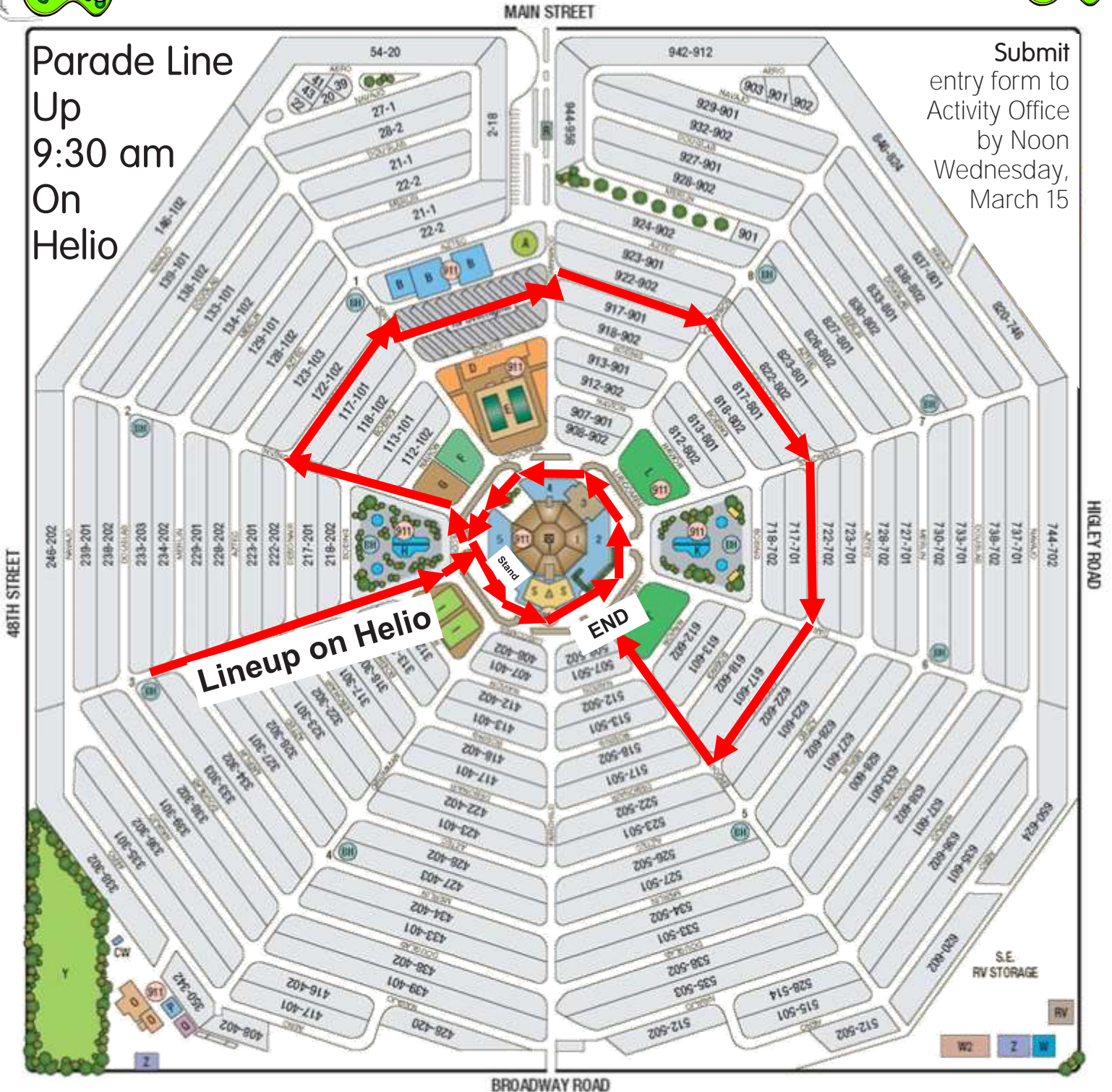
# PARADE 2017

## SATURDAY · MARCH 18 · 10:00 AM



Parade Line  
Up  
9:30 am  
On  
Helio

Submit  
entry form to  
Activity Office  
by Noon  
Wednesday,  
March 15



### PARADE UPDATE

- Helium will be available for parade balloons beginning at 7:00 am, Saturday, March 18, in the Baja Bistro
- Balloons, string and poster board may be obtained from the Activity Office, free of charge, anytime of the week of March 13 - 17
- Line up for parade is scheduled at 9:30 am along Helio
- Review stand to be located next to BBQ area outside the Community Center
- Feel Free to watch the parade around the Community Center, by the review stand, on the Dessert Terrace or enroute.

# Special Events

## ENCHILADA DINNER



**Tickets \$8.00**  
Available in the  
Activity Office  
Until Sold Out

### MENU

Chips & Salsa  
Beef Enchilada  
Tossed Salad  
Refried Beans  
Beverage  
Ice Cream

*Bring your own table service*

Sponsored by the Electronics Club

**Monday • March 20**  
**5:00 pm • Baja Bist ro**

## ☆☆☆☆ Concert Series ☆☆☆☆

## To Ella with Love

This international performer and American Idol semi-finalist got her start singing in her home town of Tucson, Arizona. Singing sensation Crystal Stark takes to the Venture Out stage in an evening devoted to celebrating American singing legend Ella Fitzgerald. Joined by music master Khris Dodge and special musical guests, Crystal will scat, swing, and serenade you with hits such as "Bewitched," "Cry Me a River," "Summertime," and "Blue Skies." It's an evening you won't want to miss!



Reserved seating: Gold \$18.00 & Silver \$16.00  
Available from the Activity Office until 10:00 am the day of the performance.  
Tickets \$2.00 extra at the door.

**Monday • Mar ch 20**  
**7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ball ro om**

## The Freddie & Sheila Show

Tickets \$10.00 available from  
Activity Office & at the door

The Freddie and Sheila Pelletier Show features world class guitar picking and fantastic singing. Their presentation is fun and humorous and their years of experience keeps it exciting and engaging! Freddie, on lead acoustic and electric guitar and vocals emulates the work of Chet Atkins, Jerry Reed and others playing classic country, bluegrass, 60's rock and much more. He is truly an extraordinary guitar instrumentalist. Sheila, lead vocalist and rhythm guitar, sings a mix of classic country, folk, 60's and 70's rock and yodels. They also do an array of original material, humorous songs and Freddie clogs while playing the guitar.



Sponsored by the Woodshop Club

**Monday • Mar ch 27**  
**7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ball ro om**

## CHICKEN ALFREDO DINNER

Tickets \$8.50  
available from the  
Activity Office  
Deadline:  
10:00 am  
Wednesday,  
March 22

### MENU

Chicken Alfredo  
Tossed Italian Salad  
Cheesy Bread Sticks  
& Beverage



*Bring your own table service*

SPONSORED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday • March 29**  
**5:00 pm & 6:30 pm • Baja Bist ro**



# ANNUAL WEENIE ROAST

TUESDAY • WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 21 • MARCH 22  
6:30 PM

BEHIND OASIS (RETENTION BASIN)

IT'S  
FREE!

In case of rain watch  
bulletin boards for  
updates!



Pick up your complimentary  
ticket from the Activity Office  
by Monday, March 20

Hot dogs, buns, condiments and  
fireside entertainment provided!  
Please bring your own beverage,  
fire stick, table service,  
marshmallows and chairs.

If retention basin is too wet, the  
event will be cancelled

GUESTS \$3.00 EACH

No Wood  
Donations  
Needed

Fireside Music by  
Pioneer Pepper  
and the  
Sunset Pioneers

LIMITED PARKING  
Please do not park in front of the Higley  
gate entrance at the Oasis

This event is your Social Board's  
"Thank You" for your volunteer  
efforts this season!

# Clubs and Organizations

## AMATEUR RADIO (A Section of the Electronics Club)

Would you like to obtain your Ham Radio License? We can help! You can also join us for on-going Ham Radio Coffee sessions to share news and ideas in the world of Ham Radio. We assist the Activity Office and Security with traffic control for events such as the Fall Tennis Classic, Homecoming and the 5K Walks. Come visit us at the Electronics Club or call!



### BILLIARDS 8-BALL - SNL Marie Austin 480-396-8766

Saturday Night Live is still going strong, so come and join us for our Mixed Couples Doubles, every Saturday Night. Just a note, that the last Saturday of the month is Jack and Jill night, wherein you bring your own partner to play. So, bring a buck (no large bills, please) and sign up by **6:15 pm** and play starts at **6:30 pm**. You must be a member to play and have some knowledge of the 8-Ball Rules. We also have gloves and other accessories for sale. If you have any questions, please call me.

### BOCCE BALL CLUB Marilyn Tomkinson 810-874-6643

Congratulations to Murray Rigg, singles winner for February. The singles tournament is **Saturday, March 4 at 8:00 am**. Sign up in the clubhouse. Fun night is **Wednesday, March 1 at 4:00 pm**. Hamburgers, coleslaw and chips will be served for \$2. You need to sign up. The next Bocce Meeting is **Wednesday, March 13**. Election of officers will take place. Mesa Regal will be here on **March 15**. Sign up in the **Clubhouse**. The next Mystery Trip is **March 16**, check with Doris Frazier.

The Bocce Banquet will be **Saturday, March 18**. Check your e-mails for Marcia Boyette's updates.

### BOOK OF REVELATION ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Lauran and Dean Decker  
702-659-0765

Will be held on **Saturday, February 25 at the Cabana, East Pool Complex from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Two dozen handouts! \$5 donation for course materials. Bring your bible, pen, sack lunch, snacks and beverages (Ten minute breaks every hour; you may go home for lunch if you prefer). Please sign up to secure one of the 80 available spaces: Lauran Decker, 702-659-0765 Lauran1945@yahoo.com 910 Debonair. •

### CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN Linda Rigg 480-218-5024

Join us in the music room each **Tuesday at 1:00 pm** for singing and conversation in German. Members have various levels of knowledge of German. You will not feel out of place regardless of your understanding or speaking of German. •

### CREATIVE WRITING Jeri Robbins 480-220-8402

This group could be called "Writing for Fun" because

we have so much fun writing our stories and sharing them with each other. If you think you might like to try, come listen in – **Thursday** afternoons at **2:00 pm** in the **Sonoran**.

### DRAWING CLASS Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000

Drawing class **Fridays till the end of March, noon-2:00 pm in the Sonoran**. Join us for 30 minutes of free instruction in the **Sonoran** and 90 minutes drawing outside in the sunshine. Each week the class picks a new subject, such as umbrellas, trees, fountains, cactus, and palm trees, to draw and receives pointers on drawing it. All ability levels are welcomed! All you need is a pencil, eraser, and paper. Bring a large hat, a drink and snacks, some sunscreen, and a smile. •

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE Jan Carr 515-971-7907

Join us for bridge in the **Mojave Room Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and Friday and Saturday at 12 noon**. Mark your calendar for the annual potluck in the Cabana Room at **4:00 pm on February 23**. Please bring a dish to share, table service and BYOB. Chicken provided. • Call

### ELECTRONICS CLUB

Bernard Hoggarth  
218-791-6764

Old 8mm and Super8 mm. The Electronics Club is in the process of preparing to offer its members the use of equipment in order to convert photo and film media into digital format. We are creating a work area to meet the needs of club members. You will be able to Convert slides to digital files, Convert 8 mm or Super 8 mm to digital files, Convert 16 mm to digital files, Convert VCR to DVD, and Convert old photos to digital files. Keep this in mind as you prepare to return to Venture Out for the **2017-2018** season. •

### FIRED CLAY ART STUDIO

Steve Oldham  
480-830-2704

Have guests who will be at Venture Out for four weeks or less? The Fired Clay Art Studio is offering a guest membership for these guests. They will have access to ceramics, hand building, extruder and pottery wheel. Arlene Smith, professional ceramist, is available to provide instruction and hands-on in helping them with their projects. Stop by the Studio and visit with Arlene to learn more about our guest

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# Clubs and Organizations

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membership program.

Arlene is in the shop  
**Monday & Wednesday  
mornings, and Tuesday &  
Thursday afternoons.**

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## GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

Alice Petersen  
651-434-2678

**Wednesday, March 1**  
marks the final meeting of  
this season. We meet in the  
**Oasis from 7:00 to 8:00  
pm.** It will be a time to  
share your "finds" of the  
season and look at summer  
homework suggestions.

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## GOLF ASSOCIATION 9-HOLE GOLFERS

Judy Sell  
503-407-0182

Sign-ups are **Tuesday**  
mornings at **7:45 am** sharp  
in the **Sonoran**. There are  
coordinators for three  
different courses; Gail  
Oldham, 801-571-1244, for  
Royal Palms GC on  
**Tuesdays** starting at  
**1:50 pm**; Linda & Laz  
Tollas, 480-807-7875 for  
Sunland Village GC on  
**Wednesdays** with a  
**2:15 pm** shotgun start;  
Dick & Marj Skinner,  
480-924-6164, for Sunland  
Village East GC on  
**Thursdays** with tee times  
starting at **10:45 am**. Our 9-  
holers tournament will be  
held **March 9 & 16**. Cost is  
\$4.00 to enter. Dick will be  
signing up entrants on  
**Tuesdays, February 22,**  
and **28**.

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## GOLF ASSOCIATION 18-HOLE GOLFERS

Larry Booth  
480-854-3696

The Venture Out Annual 18-  
Hole Golf Tournament will  
be held on **Thursday, March  
9** at the Arizona Golf Resort  
and **Monday, March 13** at  
Western Skies G.R. Entries  
by **March 2** to Larry Booth,  
480-854-3696, 605  
Navajo.

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## HAM RADIO Paulette Thompson 480-807-1791

The new lightning-  
protection and grounding  
system has been installed  
for the ham shack. Thanks  
to Thom Davis W6LDX and  
his dedicated crew. Special  
thanks to Cirtcele Electric  
for the loan of a  
jackhammer and the  
employee they sent to  
install an 8' ground rod.  
Check out #19 in the Baja  
Bistro showcase cabinet:  
ham radio memorabilia at  
its best, thanks again to  
Thom W6LDX. Volunteers  
also cleaned and organized  
the external shed. Howard  
KF6JTT Heithoff's  
Electronics Class has had  
good practice in soldering  
and assembling a Signal  
Generator. Thanks to all  
who helped another group  
obtain their FCC-radio  
licenses.

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## HAMS AT HEART Sandy Hammond 480-325-2833

You don't want to miss  
Venture Out's "Night at the  
Oscars" on **Monday and  
Tuesday nights, February  
27 and 28**. Presented by  
the Hams at Heart, the  
program is songs and  
dances we all love from the  
movies. Each night's  
performance will be the  
same numbers, and each  
performance starts at 7:00  
p.m. Tickets are on sale at  
the Activity Office. Cabaret  
seating (8 people to a table)  
is \$9 per person. General  
Admission on the perimeter  
is \$8 per person. You are  
welcome to bring snacks  
and your favorite beverage.  
You'll see a star-studded  
program, presented for you  
by your friends and  
neighbors. This evening will  
be a highlight of your  
experiences at Venture Out!  
Questions? Call Sandy  
Hammond.

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## HANDYMAMS Pam Klocke 763-516-6214

Our last meeting of this  
season will be held on  
**Friday, March 3 at 9:30 am**  
in the **Activity Office**  
conference room. All  
members are invited.  
Please use the breezeway  
to access the room.

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## HAPPY HARPERS Ian Stenberg 480-452-3707

Harmonica playing is  
actually good for your  
health. It forces you to  
breathe deeply, inhaling and  
exhaling. We meet every  
**Tuesday and Wednesday**  
in the **Music Room, 9:00 to  
10:00 am**. Join us or just  
come to listen.

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## HIKING Jim Cox 515-999-9554

Meet at the **Baja Bistro**  
**Mondays at 7:45 am**  
SHARP. Wear hiking boots  
or good heavy ribbed soled  
shoes. Gloves and hiking  
stick recommended. Bring  
water, lunch and \$5 for gas.  
Ratings: "A" easy to "D"  
tough. "D" hikes often have  
an easier alternative. (T)  
trail (B/W) Bushwhacking.  
Post Office hallway has  
detailed descriptions,  
schedule and guidelines.  
**February 20** Arnett  
Canyon crossing Arnett  
Creek frequently between  
Picket Post and Boyce  
Thompson Arboretum lunch  
at Los Hermanos  
restaurant. B/C 8 miles (B/  
W). **February 27** Geronimos  
Cave/Robber's Roost C/D 8  
miles **March 2** annual Hiking  
Group Social **Cabana**  
**5:00 pm**. Potluck sign up  
in the post office hallway.

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## HORSESHOE CLUB Bob Pederson 360-348-3657

Its time for fellowship,  
exercise and a bit of  
competition with  
Horseshoes available. For

more information call Bob  
Pederson.

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## KITCHEN BAND Patti Mortenson 701-770-5020

The Kitchen Band meets  
every **Monday from 3:00 -  
4:00 pm** in the **Oasis** for  
practice. Come join us and  
bring a Kazoo or tea pot  
and play along with us.  
Questions call Patti, 701-  
770-5020.

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## LAWN BOWLING Mardal Flynn Mardal@shaw.ca 480-351-9727

Upcoming events for March  
will be our regular pot lucks,  
a tournament and a brats  
party at the tennis patio. We  
do have lots of fun at lawn  
bowls. Lessons are  
**10:15 am on Tuesdays**  
and **Thursdays**. Come and  
give lawn bowls a try.  
Curlers welcome as it is an  
easy adaption from ice to  
greens...it is never too late  
to learn new things. Come  
and give it a try.

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## LINDA PARTY Linda Swanson 602-229-3707

The Lindas of Venture Out  
will be having their 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual "Linda" party at  
**9:00 am, Thursday,  
March 2** for breakfast at  
Linda's Hoosier Café  
located at 5050 E University  
Dr # 101, Mesa, AZ 85205  
(Higley & University).  
Questions or to RSVP call  
Linda Swanson.

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## MANITOBA PARTY Vivian Penner

It's back on. **Sunday, March  
12** at the **Oasis**. Please sign  
up on sheet by **Post Office  
Hallway in Community  
Center**. Happy hour  
**4:30 pm, Dinner 5:30 or  
6:00 pm** Pot Luck. Please  
bring your own table service  
and BYOB. \$2.00 per  
person at door.

# 2017 Social Board



**Bonnie Haapala**, of 323 Navajo, has been at VO for 12 years, 10 years as an owner.

She and husband Matt spend 5 months here and the rest of the year on the BC Coast, at Nanaimo, BC.

As a Registered Nurse and Long Term Care Administrator, there have been many professional educational opportunities and work challenges. The majority of her work was creating and implementing In-service Education for professionals, and as Director of Care overseeing the day to day operations of Long Term Care facilities. The experiences were varied, and included Program, Policy and Procedural development and implementation. The prime area covered Fire & Disaster planning, Safety of both residents and staff, Staff Education and Quality Assurance, setting standards and goals, and supervising the implementation of training to meet these goals. Her final 9 years were back to basics, providing front line services to clients with dementia and those requiring end of life care.

Community volunteerism has been a high priority for Bonnie throughout her life, and it is just as important for the life and operation of Venture Out. Bonnie is currently a Glass Art Monitor and instructor. She is past president who saw the Glass Art Studio evolve from transmittals through to reality, assisting to organize and set up the studio through to its grand opening. Bonnie has worked on the breakfast crew for 11 years, has served on the VO Dance Committee and as a Dance organizer and Chair for over 6 years, leader for Dance Aerobics for 3 years, and participates in early morning yoga and is a member of the Sunshine Carvers.

Bonnie has great respect for the ongoing operation and guidance of both Venture Out boards over the years. They have fulfilled the vision of the quality resort that it is. She will do her best to ensure that this vision continues to evolve and flourish. She believes in a proactive approach in order to maintain or improve the high standards set by those who have come before us. She is organized, flexible, fair, and adaptable. She can clearly think through problems and exercises a simple common sense approach to problem solving. Bonnie is open to change and fully endorses the philosophy that "change is inevitable, growth is optional, choose wisely"!



**Alan Thomson**, 838 Douglas

Alan & his wife Kathy purchased in 2007, and have resided in the park for 5 ½ months each year for the past three years. After graduating from high school Alan started working for the Canadian Department of National Defense. He retired in 2007 after serving 38 years working with the Navy, repairing & refitting their war ships and auxiliary vessels. He served a four-year apprenticeship and worked as a tradesman for 5 years before becoming a manager at the tender age of 27. He spent the remainder, 29 years, managing & directing a workforce of anywhere from 75-175 tradesmen. The last 3 years were spent Program Managing the refit & conversion of the British Upholder Class submarines, into the Canadian Navy. In those early career days, Alan was also a Naval Reserve Officer, instructing cadets in seamanship, parade and ceremonial, and navigation skills, eventually taking the position of Commanding Officer of his unit.

He also volunteered as an area coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society and was a coach for youth soccer.

As a result of managing & directing a large workforce, Alan has a multitude of skills. Working for a Government Department, Alan says that he has attended & chaired more meetings than any one person should be asked to do. He has provided numerous briefs to Senior Personnel and has experience working with MS Power Point, Excel & other software products. He has responsibility & oversight for budgets of > \$250 million.

Alan is actively involved in playing Tennis, Pickleball and Bocce within the park and East Valley. He plays in tournaments and volunteers as a scorekeeper and referee when needed. He has just become, a USAPA Certified Referee for Pickleball, and can be found refereeing some of the world's best players at tournaments here in the Phoenix area.

As a Production Manager, Alan has always been concerned with time constraints and efficiencies. While he is goal oriented, he is keenly aware of the need to listen to others and work toward win-win solutions.

# Election Candidates



**Charles Crouse** of 602 Boeing  
My wife Charlotte and I have spent our winters here in the Venture Out for the past 6 seasons.

This community has been a wonderful source of joy, activity and valued friendships. One of the most valuable features of our park is the amount and quality of the volunteers. This makes Venture Out a very special place.

I invested all my working years in service to local church congregations. My wife Charlotte and I served as leaders of congregations in Oregon, Washington and California. We have spent our lives working with and being of service to people. When asked to consider being a candidate for social board, it seemed only right to contribute my energies to help where I can.

My activities in the park include pickleball, tennis, bocce and golf.



**Dolores Ramsay**, 907 Aztec

My name is Dolores Ramsay. You will note in my bio that Dolores is spelled with two letters "ohs" which is the Spanish spelling, an unusual choice for my Ukrainian parents. My home is in Vancouver BC where my husband, Peter and I own a condo. We raised a son and daughter in BC and now have three lovely granddaughters to enjoy. We have been coming to Venture Out for six years and have owned for five. Like many of you, we were introduced to this fabulous community through friends who have been encouraging us to come down for many years.

My passion in life is people and the people here have welcomed me into their lives and their activities. As a result, I am very interested in serving this community on the social board. My background has provided me with a wide range of experiences which I believe will serve me well as a Social Board Director.

After receiving a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of British Columbia, I taught school for a number of years in Vancouver. When my husband opened up his law practice in Nanaimo, we located to this Vancouver Island city. While raising my children, I became active in the parents' group ultimately serving as the president of the PTA. When my children were in their middle school years, I opened a small retail store utilizing realistic planning, financial accountability and hard work. I saw it evolve into a successful, lucrative business within the eight years I owned it. At that time, my outside interests revolved around the activities of the University Women's Club where I also served on the executive for a number of years. When we returned to re-establish a home in Vancouver I worked as a substitute teacher for ESL students. My last career change was to become a realtor which I did for 10 years. During this time, I invested in a number of recreational and rental properties in British Columbia and the United States.

My many career experiences have allowed me to hone my people skills, manage finances, develop business and financial plans, refine my organizational skills and has given me confidence as a public speaker.

Venture Out has a rich culture of activities and active people. I look forward to becoming more familiar with the diversity of interests and activities, learn what the needs and wants are of various clubs and find ways to support the direction the clubs and community wishes to go.

Remember it's Dolores with the two "ohs" when you cast your ballot.

# Clubs and Organizations

## NEBRASKA STATE PARTY

Mary Springer  
402-493-3389  
Jean Croghan  
480-924-1577

Nebraska party will be held on **Sunday, February 26** in the **Oasis** for those who have signed up. Happy hour starts at **4:30 pm**. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, & your table service. BYOB.

## OREGON PARTY

Judy Sell  
503-407-0182

Our final Oregon Party for this season is scheduled for **Sunday, March 26**. It will be held on the **Desert Terrace** at **5:00 pm** and we will be having sub-sandwiches, salad, dessert, and hopefully a beautiful Arizona sunset. Tickets will be sold from **1:00 - 2:30 pm** during the Ice Cream Socials on **Tuesdays, March 14 and 21**. Tickets are \$4.00 each. If you are going to be here thru March, please join us.

## PET ASSOCIATION

Chris Volz  
507-340-6708

The Pet Association End of the Year Party will be held **March 24** in the **Oasis** beginning at **4:30 pm**. Albertson's Chicken will be served along with a pot luck. \$5.00 tickets will be available from **March 9** to **March 21**. Bring your own tableware and beverage. Lemonade and Coffee will be served. Contact Chris Volz 507-340-6708 for information or tickets. Hope to see you at the Paw-Wow.

## PICKLEBALL

Nancy Johnson  
218-697-2774

Our next big event is our In-House Desert Classic Tournament on **February 27, 28 and March 1**. It's finally warm enough to really enjoy a Root Beer

Float so come out **Monday, March 2** from **2:00-4:00 pm** at the **EPC**.

Board meeting is **Thursday, March 9** at **10:00 am**. Talk to our board members with your ideas and concerns. They represent us! We still need someone to step up and write these articles for the Out-Lines. Please call Nancy J. if you are willing to do this. We are also looking for people handy with a camera to take photos at our events. Remember – Keep Your Paddle Up!

## ROCK AND GEM

Sue Nobles  
505-205-7894

Lapidary (the Rock Shop), a place filled with kind people who readily share their knowledge and stones, stones that miraculously change into amazing and wonderful creations. The Fish Fry is March 1. Kitchen help from members is still needed. We have a field trip coming up in March. The next club meeting is **March 6** at **9:00 am**.

## SCRABBLE

Carol Lid  
480-358-7891

Scrabble will be discontinued the end of February due to surgery and lack of interest at this time. We will continue next season. •

## SEWING ROOM

Karen Frank  
206-391-9592

The silent auction continues until **Monday, February 27** at **noon**. The machines are available for viewing in the Sewing Room. The quilt for the raffle is also displayed in the sewing room. Tickets are available there also. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Sewing club Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon to be held on **March 6**. All sewing club members may participate in the preparation for this

event. You may even find out what yo-yos are to a quilter. Club elections are approaching. Think about running. See you at the meeting on the second Tuesday Two week memberships available for \$10

## SHEEPHEAD CARDS

Shirley Dunkel  
920-850-2110

Please join us **Wednesdays** at **6:00 pm** in the **Baja Bistro**. Come and have some fun. •

## SHUFFLEBOARD

Dan Stuehrenberg  
480-325-4880  
djstuehrenberg  
@yahoo.ca

Lessons every **Wednesday** at **9:15 am**. Mentors assist novices **Thursdays** at **9:15 am**. Watch the blackboards for additional play times. Next Turkey Shoot **March 7**.

Congratulations to Gold Cap winners Doreen Seville and Walt Diem.

Congratulations to captain Joe Egli and teammates Carol Egli, Gary Handel, Paul Summer, Nellie Kadijk, and John Goluk of Venture Out Winners for winning the out-of-park Pima League championship. Sign-up at the courts to help with the **March 5** Ribs & Bibs Dinner Show. The Venture Out Couples Tournament will be **March 13-15** – sign up individually and you will be paired with a partner.

## SILVERSMITH CLUB

Alice Petersen  
651-434-2678

Remember to sign up for the "End of the Year Gathering," **Wednesday, March 15**. Details are in the shop. Special thanks to Nicka Lockman for overseeing each of the Make and Take Earring classes this season – from materials preparation to class instruction.

## SPLASHERS

Robbie Oldemar  
480-396-9987

Come join us and see how we play water volleyball at Venture Out. We have a lot of laughs while we play in the **West Pool every Monday-Wednesday-Friday** from **1:00-2:30 pm**. No previous experience necessary - just a desire to have fun. We have a few Coyote Books left. Lots of golf, eats and things to do. Get yours today. Questions? Call Robbie Oldemar.

## STITCH & CHAT

Dianne Gilbert  
480-993-7794

Welcome to all our new stitchers joining us and, if you are into stitching, please come **Thursday** mornings **9:00 am-12:00 pm** in the **Mojave Room** for stitching of any and all types and lots of chat. In addition, if you don't stitch but just want to meet new people and join in our company (maybe be inspired), do come see us. If you have any good clean yarn, please donate for our Christmas Angel projects – can be left in the **Activity Office**.

## TABLE TENNIS PING PONG

Al Manter  
253-584-6307

Time is flying by as we just had our Table Tennis annual meeting and our ladies singles tournament. Congratulations to the winner, Mary Waitrovitz, and everyone who participated. The men's tournament for members only will be held **Tuesday, February 28**. We play at the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday, Tuesday and Friday** from **7:00 pm** until **9:00 pm**. On **Thursdays** we play from **3:00 pm** until **5:15 pm** and on **Saturday** from **9:00 am** until **noon**.

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# Clubs and Organizations

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Open play is **Sunday** from **9:00 am** until **2:00 pm**. Our dues are \$5.00 a season.

## **TENNIS CLUB** **Janice Schwartz** **480-436-9065**

Only two more weeks of league fun! Hard to believe, but be sure to thank your captain for 4 months of phone calls and matches. Then thank club president Kristi DeCleene, maintenance man Stan Johnson and entire tennis board for our great season. We need all members at election meeting at **3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 8** in Oasis. Bring baked goodies and volunteer at auction/rummage sale **Friday, March 3**. Entry forms for our Fall Classic October 30-November 4, 2017 at bulletin board or [votourney@gmail.com](mailto:votourney@gmail.com). View recent photo directory groups at [votennisclub.com](http://votennisclub.com). Tennis is wanting concrete pilers—the type they set the units on. Call Stan at 480-396-1790.

## **THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Wilf Lund**  
**480-654-3748**

The Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study meets weekly **7:00 – 8:00 am** in the Sonoran. Paul Harrington will be leading the discussions in **March**. Join this supportive group for lively discussion, fellowship and prayer. We celebrate communion on the last **Thursday** of the month. Short-term visitors to the park are most welcome. Bring a Bible, a coffee, and a friend. The Holy Spirit always attends and participates.

## **WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP** **Laurie Horan** **480-993-7878**

If you are a widow and would like to join other widows for a monthly potluck lunch, this is for you. We meet the fourth **Wednesday** of the month in the **Activity Office** conference room – enter through the breezeway. Bring a dish to share, BYOTS and beverage container. Beverage provided. We meet from **11:45 am to 1:15 pm**. Please note new time and place. For further information please feel free to call Laurie at 480-993-7878.

## **WIG – WINDOWS INTEREST GROUP** **Duane Steffes** **206-276-3726**

Where: Electronics Club Board Room. When: **Wednesday** from **2:30-3:30 pm**. Cost: Electronics Club Membership. Types of Topics Covered: Free Software Utilities – where to download, what has been tested and what to avoid. Free Office Products. Privacy and Personal settings for Windows 10. Windows 10 Tips and Tricks. Open Forum Questions. All levels of Windows expertise are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are also in need of a vice-president, an educational director, and a monitor director for next season. Contact any officer if interested.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** **Betsy Kiofstad** **480-854-8883**

On **Friday, February 24** at **9:30 am**, the Book Group will be reviewing "The Wives of Los Alamos" by Tarashea Nesbit. Our moderator will be Nancy

Thuesen. On **March 10**, the book will be "The Perfect Son" by Barbara Claypool White. We are beginning to put the Summer reading list together and would like your input.

## **GOLF SIGN-UPS 18-HOLE COURSES**

### **ARIZONA GOLF RESORT**

Play Thursdays  
T-times start 10:08 am  
For info: Larry Booth  
605 Navajo or  
480-854-3696

### **WESTERN SKIES**

Play Mondays 8:30 am  
For info: Larry Booth  
605 Navajo or  
480-854-3696

## **9-HOLE COURSES**

### **ROYAL PALMS**

Play Tuesdays 1:50 pm  
Gail Oldham 801-571-1244

### **SUNLAND VILLAGE**

Play Wednesdays 2:15 pm  
Shotgun Start  
Linda/Laz Tollas  
480-807-7875

### **SUNLAND EAST**

Play Thursdays  
First tee time 10:45 am  
Dick & Marj Skinner  
480-924-6164

### **9-HOLE SIGN UP**

7:45 am • Tuesdays  
Sonoran

### **TREASURER**

Bonnie New, 902  
Navion,  
480-807-3684

### **President**

Judy Sell  
503-4070182

## **CARDS & GAMES**

**31**  
Wed • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

**500**  
Tue • 1:00 pm  
Sat • 7:00 pm  
Mojave Room

**American Hand & Foot**  
Sat • 12:30 - 4:00 pm  
Sonoran

**AZ Valley Bridge**  
Tue • 9:00 am • Mojave

**Cribbage**  
Tue • 7:00 pm • Mojave

**Darts**  
Fri • 7:00 pm • Classroom

**Duplicate Bridge**  
Wed • 6:00 pm  
Fri & Sat • 12:00 pm  
Mojave Room

**Euchre**  
Fri • 6:45 pm • Mojave Room

**Men's Poker**  
M, Tu, W, Th, Sa • 5:30 pm  
Classroom

**National Mah Jongg**  
Tu • 6:30 pm • Classroom

**Pan**  
Mon & Wed • 12:30 pm  
Sat • 8:30 am • Mojave  
Tue • 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro

**Pinocle**  
Mon & Thu • 6:30 pm  
Mojave

**(Pony Tail Canasta) Hand Foot & Toe**  
Wed. • 12:30 pm  
Mojave

**Sheephead Cards**  
Wed • 6:00 pm • Baja Bistro

**Social Bridge**  
Thu • 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Sun • 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Mojave Room

**Spades**  
Thu • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

**Texas Hold-Em**  
Wed • 7:00 pm  
Aux Ballroom

**Whist**  
Sun • 6:30 pm • Sonoran

## **Note**

People throwing away needles need to use the "red box" which they can purchase at Walgreen/CVS ETC; or empty coffee can with the lid taped closed with duct tape written on the outside "needles" and thrown in the trash. This is a request from the security committee and owners/residents

# VENTURE OUT PHOTO DIRECTORY

This season we are partnering with LifeTouch to publish a new full color resort photo directory. It will feature beautiful color portraits of our residents, renters, as well as our staff, volunteers, groups, clubs, sports, activities and events. You are a big part of our family at Venture Out and we want to make sure you are included in this directory. There is no charge to be included. **Have your photo taken and you will receive a FREE directory and an 8 x 10 photo!** If you choose, you may order portraits and additional copies of the photo directory at reasonable prices. Discounts will be given for bringing a non-perishable food item, being a senior (55+) & supplying an email address at time of photo shoot. The more the better the photo directory. Portraits will be taken in the Lobby of the Community Center.

There are two ways to schedule your personal appointment. You may visit the Bug in the Activity Director's Office OR click the link on our website at [www.ventureoutvresort.com](http://www.ventureoutvresort.com). To schedule your portrait session on our website, go to Latest News at the top of the page and scroll down to **2016-2017 Photo Directory Appointment Scheduling**. Then, follow instructions as indicated. **Dates Available for individuals or couples**

**More  
Dates Added!  
2017**

**February 24  
March 7, March 8, March 9, March 10,  
March 14, March 15, March 16, March 17**

## Club, Organization & Group Photos

We would like to include photos of all clubs, organizations and groups in the upcoming Venture Out Photo Directory. Action shots and group photos are needed. Should you wish to be included, please complete the form below and return it to the Activity Office.

Name of Club, Organization or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your group meet & when \_\_\_\_\_

How large is your group \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have a current activity photo of Venture Out that you think would add to our photo directory, please email to [offmgr@ventureoutvresort.com](mailto:offmgr@ventureoutvresort.com) and put "photo directory" in the subject line.**



# It's a Weekly Thing

TGIR - Thank Goodness I'm Retired!

## HAPPY HOUR

It's time for some good music, a few laughs and some great company in the Baja Bistro for TGIR!



**BYOB, Snacks & Glass.  
Ice & Water Provided.**

**Friday • February 24  
3:00 - 5:30 pm • Baja Bistro**

## Friday Night Dance

**February 24  
Midnight  
Confessions  
(Oldies Rock)**

**March 3  
Saguaro  
Sunset  
(Old-Time Rock &  
Country)**

**March 10  
Flipside 45  
(Music of the 50's, 60' & 70's)  
Special pricing in effect  
\$10 per ticket**



**Tickets \$8.00**

**B.Y.O.B. & Glasses • Soda & Popcorn sold  
50/25/25 Raffle \$1.00 each**

*Tickets available from the Activity Office  
beginning the Friday prior to the dance or at the door*

**Fridays • Doors Open 6:30 pm  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Buena Vista Ballroom**

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Feb. 26: Rev. Joan Gray  
Offering: PICK- Phoenix  
Inner City Kids

Mar. 5: Rev. Brian Wechsler  
Offering: Village Missions

## GABFEST

*Come enjoy  
fresh coffee  
and donuts!*



**Coffee 50¢  
and  
Donuts \$1.25**

*Gabfest is an informal gathering with your friends  
and neighbors for conversations! Please feel free to  
visit before & after worship service.*

Sponsored by the Glass Art Club

**Sundays • 9:00 am • Buena Vista Ballroom  
Gabfest • Baja Bistro  
Before & After Worship**

## It's the VO "GRAPEVINE"

**Go Green!  
Bring your own coffee mug**



**Free  
Coffee & Donuts!**  
*Event updates! Door prizes! Ticket info &  
news of what's happening at Venture Out!*

**Mondays  
9:00 am • Baja Bistro**

# It's a Weekly Thing

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

\$1.00 a scoop with free toppings!

- Vanilla
- Chocolate
- Mystery Flavor



Please bring your own bowl & spoon.

Every Tuesday  
1:30 - 2:30 pm • Baja Bistro

## Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring

### Living Wisely in the Desert

This presentation provides ways to save on energy and water at Venture Out through customer price plans, offers, rebates and low-cost, no-cost programs. Your facilitator, Tanya Hughes with the SRP Corporate Event and Relationship Marketing Department, will provide everything you'll need to know about living wisely and economically in the desert.



Bring table service and beverage glass and a dish to serve eight. Beverage provided.

Tuesday • February 28  
5:00 pm • Baja Bistro

## BINGO

WIN  
BIG!



\$110.00  
REGULAR GAME  
—  
\$500.00 MONEY  
BALL  
—  
\$900.00  
BLACKOUT  
LAST GAME

Please bring your own coffee mug! Concession Stand Available

The Venture Out Bingo program includes favorite games such as Double Action and Odd & Even!

Thurs days • 6:45 pm • BV  
Ballroom  
Doors open at 5:15 pm

It's Friday and that means  
it's time for...

## DON'S CLASSIC KARAOKE



BYOB,  
Snacks, Glass  
and Voice.  
Ice & Water  
Provided.

TGIR - Thank Goodness I'm Retired!

Friday • March 3  
3:00 - 5:30 pm • Baja Bistro

# It's a Weekly Thing

## Ed's Grill

Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers

and

— SPECIAL OF THE DAY —

Menu items subject to change.



**March 2**

Chicken salad sandwich with  
cole slaw



Your Choice

**\$5.00**

Table service & soda included.  
Bring your own container for left-overs.

**Thur sday • Mar ch 3**  
**11:00 am- 1:00 pm • Baja Bistr o**

## Tuesday POTLUCK

Dinner & Entertainment Featuring

### “Sing n’ Strum”

More amazing  
Venture Out  
TALENT! The  
lively music  
performed by  
our “Sing &  
Strum” guitar  
group will



warm your hearts and tickle  
your fancy. Guaranteed!

Bring table service and beverage glass and  
a dish to serve eight. Beverage provided.

**Tuesday • March 7**  
**5:00 pm • Baja Bistr o**

## T.G.I.R. TRIVIA PARTY

Hosts:

Forrest & Jan Simmons



Join us for group  
trivia!

Bring your own  
bottle, glass,  
snacks and  
thinking cap!

50/50 Drawing  
Tickets \$1 each

Ice & Water Provided

**Frida y • March 10**  
**3:00 pm • Baja Bistr o**

**2 DVDs  
for 2 Days**

**New Movies!**

- Shattered Trust
- Silent Light
- Prime

**New Movies!**

- USS Indianapolis
- Loving
- Jack Reacher  
Never Go Back



# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

FRIDAY SEMINAR

## “Natural Solutions for Healthy Pets”

Join Mary DeRoche from the Pawsitive Wellness Center to discover natural solutions in creating balanced, happy, healthy, pet companions. Nutrition, behavioral issues, allergies and building the immune system will be discussed in this “paw-pular” class!



**Friday • February 24**  
**1:30 pm • Auxiliary Ballroom**

## KNOW YOUR GYM



Fitness Volunteers are available to instruct you on the proper use of the exercise equipment available in the Fitness Center:

**No sign-up required** Monday - Friday  
**8:00 to 10:00 am**

These training sessions are **Free!** Look for the volunteers at the EPC desk wearing a “Volunteer” badge.

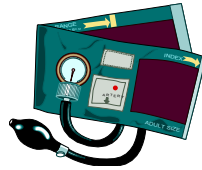
**Monday - Friday**  
**8:00 - 10:00 am**  
**Fitness Center Lobby**

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Monitor your Blood Pressure

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a repeatedly elevated blood pressure exceeding **140 over 90** mmHg. It is widely known that a diet high in salt increases the risk for high blood pressure, as well as high cholesterol.

Genetic factors are also a primary cause. Treatment for high blood pressure is generally lifestyle changes and if necessary, diet.



## “ASK YOUR PHARMACIST” March 6

Resident Pharmacist, Robert Hayes, 480-641-0876, will be available for your prescription questions. Please bring a list of your current medications and/or labeled prescription bottles.

*Be proactive in your health care, get answers to your concerns!*

**Blood pressure check Every Monday**  
**“Ask Your Pharmacist” Monday • Mar 6**  
**Following Grapevine Community Center Lobby**

## SPECIAL HEALTH SEMINAR Back by Popular Demand!

### “Brain G.Y.M.”

Want to boost your brain health? Come flex your brain muscles at a FREE Brain Health Program! Your brain is so much more than memory! In this program, learn about the different domains of your brain, such as cognition, language, attention, visuospatial, executive function, and, of course, memory. By starting with a discussion of the difference between “normal aging” & something more serious & a self-assessment, the Brain Health Program can act as your personal trainer by teaching you activities to aid in strengthening domains that you want to improve. Also reviewed are lifestyle factors related to brain health.



**Sign up in the Activity Office.**  
**Space is limited to 25 participants**

**Tuesday • February 28**  
**1:00 pm • Oasis**

# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## Do Your Eyeglasses Need to be Adjusted?



If you need your glasses adjusted, or cleaned, come to Therapy Room #2 for this free service.

**She does not have replacement parts such as nose pads or screws**

**No eye glass adjustment March 14**

**Tuesdays • 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Therapy Room #2 (EPC)**

## BREAKFAST WITH THE DOC

Free  
Event

Please join Banner Heart Hospital when they present "Oh...My Beating Heart – What is Cardiovascular Health?" presented by Dr. Sorof, MD, FACC, SCF, Cardiovascular Association of Mesa (Member of Banner Health Network) in her discussion on cardiovascular health from high blood pressure, cardiac implications and complications.

**Sign-Up on the EPC Bulletin Board Required. Limited to 50 People as Specified by Banner Health.**

Sponsored By



Banner Health

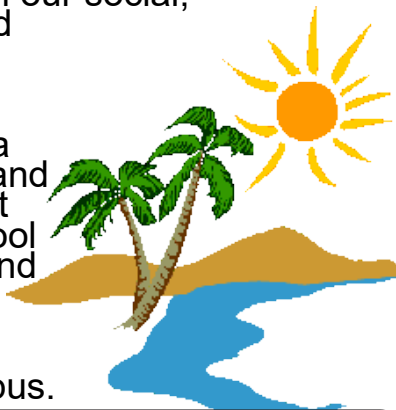
**Thursday • March 2  
9:00 am • Cabana**

FRIDAY SEMINAR

## "Whiskey's for Drinkin' Water's For Fightin'"

Water is the essential lifeblood of all things. Have you ever wondered how societies from ancient to modern times were able to survive in the desert? Learn about the history, development and impact of water on our social, environmental and economic fabric.

Presented by Dr. George Seperich, who is a retired professor and Associate Dean at the Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness at Arizona State University/ Polytechnic Campus.



**Friday • March 3  
1:30 pm • Auxiliary Ballroom**

SPECIAL SEMINAR

## "Senior Safety & Self Defense"



Mesa Police Crime Prevention Officer, Lindy Marino, will guide you through an interactive **2 hour** Senior Safety and Self Defense course. She will cover important topics like:

- How to avoid unsafe situations
- Techniques for getting yourself out of unsafe situations
- Options in case you are attacked
- Discussion of situations to avoid

**Monday • March 6  
10:00 am • Oasis**

# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS

Is your Food Handler's card about to expire? Would you like to volunteer in the kitchen but have no card?

Attend one of the monthly Food Handler's classes instructed by our own Chef Ed.

No studying required! No Test! No Cost!



No need to go off property to take a test.

This 30-Minute class does the trick! Receive your Food Service card - good for 3 years

**Tuesday • March 7  
10:00 am • Baja Bistr o**

## THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

### "Did You Hear That?"

As most of us know there are definite changes in the auditory (hearing) system as we age. Some of these changes simply happen over time and cannot be avoided, others have to do with decisions we make in life regarding our health and work or connections to recreational environments. Most individuals over 65 have some sort of hearing impairment, but many choose to do nothing about it, even though in almost all circumstances, hearing devices would improve hearing ability and quality of life. Today's presenter, David McBride, is a licensed audiologist and is certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.



**Thursda y • Mar ch 9  
1:00 pm • The Cabana (EPC)**

## Venture Out's March Madness 5K (3.1 mile)

Stroll • Walk • Power Walk • Jog • Run



Route map available in the Activity Office and at the event. Refreshments served at the finish line.

Ham Radio operators on duty to assist en route!

**Frida y • Marc h 10 • 10:00 am  
9:45 am Warm-Up Stret ches  
Outside Fr ont Community Center**

## FRIDAY SEMINAR

### "The Great Depression and the New Deal"

Your favorite history buff Ron Gumm returns! Many of our parents were children of The Great Depression and their experiences had a major impact on our lives. The Great Depression, which began and centered in the U.S., quickly spread throughout the industrial world. President



Roosevelt's New Deal reshaped the economy, in order to end the poverty during that crisis in the United States. The New Deal programs would employ and provide financial security to millions of Americans.

**Frid ay • Marc h 10  
1:30 pm • Auxil iar y Bal l r oom**

# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## ASK ELDON



Resident Eldon Becker teaches simple tips to maintain and repair household items.

**Free! Bring paper and pencil**



### *This Month*

How to check your incoming waterlines  
 How to determine condition of and how to replace or secure water lines  
 How to close and summerize your unit  
 BYO questions

**Tuesday • March 14**  
**1:00 pm • Activity Office**  
**Conference Room**

## Friendship Bible Studies

Friendship Bible Studies for 2017  
 Jean Sanders 608-778-4520

9:00 am Monday (MW) "Who is the Holy Spirit" contact Carol Kennedy 480-325-1780

10:00 am Monday (W) "Growing Older and Wiser" contact Linda Taylor 480-832-7581

9:30 am Tuesday (W) "Knowing God's Will" (Ruth) contact Laurie Horan 480-993-7878 907 Navajo

1:30 pm Tuesday (W) "Philippians" contact Blanche Rasmussen 480-325-9429 301 Merlin

1:30 pm Thursday (W) "I John" contact Jean Sanders 608-778-4520 818 Debonair

**(M) denotes Men's Study (W) denotes Women's Study and (MW) is co-ed.**

Anyone interested in joining a group, please call the contact. If you have a suggestion for a group, please call Jean at 608-778-4520.

## A BIG, HUGE THANK YOU!



The following clubs held fundraisers for the Social Club over the past two weeks. Without their herculean efforts, the wonderful lifestyle of Venture Out wouldn't exist. Each club and their volunteers deserves a **BIG HUGE THANK YOU!**

- Sewing Club** - Open House and Sidewalk Sale - February 11
- Fired Clay Art Studio** - Open House and Sidewalk Sale - February 11
- Pet Association** - Home and Art Tour-February 12
- Glass Art Club** - Gabfest - February 12 and 19
- Electronics Club** - Enchilada Dinner - February 13
- Croquet Club** - Valentines Flowers - February 12, 13 & 14
- Solos** - Nicole Pesce Cabaret Show - February 15
- Pet Association** - Fuddruckers Meal Deal - February 15
- Tennis Club** - Taco Salad - February 16
- Softball Association** - Hamburger BBQ - February 18
- Woodshop** - Raffle - February 6-20
- Horseshoe Club** - Ice Cream Sales - February 18
- Shuffleboard Club** - Pork Loin Dinner - February 22
- Table Tennis** - Club Ice Cream Sales - February 23

A special "thank you" must also be extended to the many volunteers who assisted with the following Social Club/Recreation Department projects and events these past two weeks.

Valentine's Trivia Party, Sing-n-Strum, Friday dances, Friday Seminars, Saturday Breakfasts, Putting Tournament, Grapevine, Concert Series, Photo Session, Sunshine Carvers Carve Off, Poker Run, Motor Expo, Chili Dogs, Bingo, Valentines' Day Tower Point Concert, Flipside 45 Special Dance, Ft. McDowell Casino Run, Potluck, Meet the Social Board Candidates, Sing-a-Longs, Musical Jam, the Activity Office and the Out-Lines.

Teresa Beally  
 Activity Director

# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## 7:30 AM EXERCISE WEST POOL Robbie Oldemar 480-396-9987

Have fun while you exercise with gentle aerobics in the **West Pool at 7:30 am**. A great group of people will welcome you. - Come join us! Questions, please contact Robbie Oldemar 396-9987.

## 9:00 AM WATER AEROBICS & NOODLES - WEST POOL

Marie Austin  
480-396-8766

Classes are **Monday** through **Friday**, starting with our Noodle Workout at **8:45 am**, followed by our Water Aerobics at **9:00 am** with music. This program is designed to teach us to breathe better, with flexibility, cardio conditioning and strengthening our core. So come and join us in our warm, wet and wonderful water. These classes are free, so come and see what the excitement is about as we get fit and fabulous together. Remember, everything done in the water is less stressful on the body and produces great results. Our banquet is today, **February 24 at 2:30 pm** in the **Sonoran**.

## BANDS, BALANCE, CORE & A WHOLE LOT MORE

Ann Marie Henry  
480-205-5942

Come join in the fun Tuesdays and Thursdays in the EPC. This group exercise class will challenge your balance, coordination and core strength. Utilizing free weights and resistance bands for strength training, exercises can be performed standing or seated in a chair. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes.

Bring dumbbells and bands if you have them. Don't forget water. **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **10:00 to 10:45 am** in the **Cabana at the EPC**. \$4 per class.

## CO-ED EXERCISE Priscilla Egelston 480-641-0399

Co-ed Exercise begins at **7:25 am** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Stretch and Tone (for men and women) follows at **8:00 am**, also in the **Ballroom**. Bring a mat and weights. Everyone is welcome!

## DANCE AEROBICS Bonnie Haapala 480-981-0466

Dance Aerobics is a low-impact exercise program done to the classics. Classes are every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **8:40 am to 9:20 am** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Please wear comfortable clothing and good, supporting foot wear. Bring water. Note: There will not be a class Tuesday, February 28 due to Oscar Night setup. •

## DANCE LESSONS WITH MONA BRANDT Mona Brandt 480-491-2393

Every **Monday** afternoon in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**, we have several lessons to choose from. **1:00 - 1:50 pm** is the very popular West Coast Swing. This is a basic class; we will teach you from the beginning. Then from **1:50 - 2:40 pm** we have a Ballroom class learning the Waltz and Foxtrot. From **2:40 - 3:30 pm** we will be teaching the Latin dances, Cha Cha and Rumba. Take 1, 2 or all 3 classes! Each class is \$7/person, or if you take 2 or more classes on the same day, the classes are \$5/person per class. No partner necessary, Singles

and Couples welcome. For more information call 480-491-2393, email [info@shallwedancephoenix.com](mailto:info@shallwedancephoenix.com) or check out the website at [www.shallwedancephoenix.com](http://www.shallwedancephoenix.com).

## DANCING WITH VEILS Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000

Dancing with Veils **Tuesdays thru the end of March, 1:00-2:30 pm in the Auxiliary Ballroom**. Ladies, learn to dance with a three-yard long silk veil to Middle Eastern music for free. It's a fun and graceful way to stretch and dance at the same time. Your instructor, Latifa, who has over 40 years of experience performing this dance form, will show you how to fill the veil with air and let it glide gently around you. Bring a hip scarf, if you have one, and wear exercise clothes.

## EAST POOL EXERCISE Elma Becker 480-695-7222

Come join us in the East Pool **Monday thru Saturday at 9:00 am**. The water buoyancy will be gentle but will strengthen the muscles. We enjoy the music from the 50's and 60's and much more. Come exercise with us for your cardio and your health. The **10:00 am** class has a great instructor, Janis Seville. Any questions call Elma Becker 480-695-7222.

## "FREE" ESSENTIAL OILS CLASS Peggy Lou Deyak 480-238-5656

WHAT- are Essential Oils?  
HOW - are they used?  
WHY - do we need Essential Oils? WHEN - Every **Monday 1:00-2:00 pm**. WHERE - **Activity Office Conference Room**.

Moderator is Peggy Lou Deyak - Retired RN

## INTRO TO WEIGHT TRAINING

Ann Marie Henry  
480-205-5942

Three One-Hour Sessions for \$135: a personalized fitness program to help you improve your mobility, strength, balance, coordination, aerobic capacity or flexibility. Each workout will be different and will include weight machine set up, use of cable and free weights and functional exercises. By appointment only and sessions to be conducted in the EPC. Please contact me for more information.

## IRIS FOLDING CLASS

Elma Becker  
480-695-7222

Don't miss the Iris Folding Class: **March 7**. We will have a spring and Easter theme. Cost is \$5.00 all materials furnished. Call Elma Becker to register 480-695-7222.

## MASSAGE THERAPY Maryanne Schuster 210-287-4719

Let's begin by losing weight through a healthy diet but not just a diet for the short term, rather a healthy long term way of changing eating habits. Start eliminating those foods high in sugar such as canned soda and processed foods. Read your labels for sugar and sodium content. Now start an exercise routine, walking, water aerobics, biking, hiking 3 to 5 times a week for 30 minutes and don't forget to reward yourself with a massage. Call now (210-287-4719) for your appointment. •



# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Safety Flashers and vests

Available from  
Nancy Wel ykhol owa  
209 Navajo  
480-257-4520

Stay Safe On  
Your Nighttime  
Strolls.  
Sponsored by the Pet



## PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Ron Tofani  
802-355-2005

Get off to a good start! For folks with reasonable mobility, Beginner/Novice lessons are held Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at Courts 5 and 6. Sign up the day of lessons at the courts. Name tag and non-marking court shoes are required. Equipment is furnished by the pickleball club.

## QIGONG

Pamela Halpin  
480-231-1038

Qi Gong literally translated means "Life Energy Cultivation." Join us for easy-to-follow instruction of slow flowing movements. Qi Gong helps open the energy pathways in the body to promote the body's immune response and energize the lymph system. The gentle movements and deep breathing encourages mental and physical relaxation while moving vital life force energy through the body. This new class is **Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 am** in the **Cabana Room** \$5.00 per person.

## STRETCH AND TONE

Joe & Kathy Blitgen  
563-451-4828

Calling all men and women to a FREE Stretch and Tone Class. Come join us

at the Buena Vista Ballroom **Monday-Friday 8:00-8:30 am**. Weights on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. All you need to do is bring your mat and weights!

## THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Yari Blanco  
480-396-4400

Rehabilitation Chiropractic will be offering massages in **Therapy Room 1** from **12:30 to 4:30 pm** every **Monday and Friday through the month of March**. Our Massage specialist specializes in Swedish Massage, Deep Tissue, and Myofascial Trigger Point Massage. Cost is \$50 for 50 minutes. Office specials do not apply. Please call Rehabilitation Chiropractic, 480-396-4400 to schedule your massage. We look forward to helping you.

## TAI CHI

Kathy Smith  
480-241-1653

Come and experience Tai Chi! The benefits of this gentle exercise are greater flexibility, better balance, and a sense of relaxation and general well-being. We meet in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** mornings from **9:00 to 10:00 am**.

## TUESDAY CHAIR YOGA

Vikki Lane Kunstman  
920-246-5340

Chair Yoga is in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** on **Tuesday mornings at 8:45 am**. This introductory Yoga Class is offered for those unable to participate in regular yoga classes but desire to benefit from Yoga breath work, warm-ups, asanas (poses) and savasana (relaxation). Participants do movements seated and standing sometimes using props such as blocks, straps and other times doing wall work. Yoga is done without strain, working at one's own pace listening to one's own body. Come join us and integrate mind, body, and spirit.

## WEIGHTWATCHERS

Sue Ruthstrom  
602-248-0303

WeightWatchers.com/  
Arizona

**Thursdays at 3:45 pm** in the **Sonoran** at back of the Community Center. With the last class held March 16. Rated #1 Best Plan for Weight Loss: 2015-2014-2013-2012-2011 by U.S. News & World Report.

## YOGA

Vikki Lane Kunstman  
920-246-5340

Yoga classes are offered in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** at **7:15 am** and **11:15 am**. For those who have never tried Yoga but want to observe a class, please come and watch the DVD and see what is required to participate in this Gentle Yoga class. When coming to participate bring a 1/4 inch yoga mat and be prepared to be barefoot on the mat. Individuals are encouraged to have their own mat; however, there are mats for visitors' use. Each class begins with breath work, warm-ups, asana (poses), releases, and savasana (relaxation). Please arrive ahead of class starting time.

## EXERCISE CLASSES

### Co-ed Exercise

7:25 am • Mon - Fri  
Buena Vista Ballroom

### East Pool Water Aerobics

9:00 am • Mon - Sat

### Lap Swimming

(every day)  
6:00-8:30 am • East Pool  
7:00-8:00 pm • West Pool

### Morning Yoga

7:15 - 8:30 am • Mon - Fri  
Auxiliary Ballroom

### Noodles

8:45 - 9:00 am • M - F  
West Pool

### Qigong

10:30 -11:30 am • Wed  
Cabana

### Round Dance

Tue • 1:00 pm  
Buena Vista Ballroom

### Stretch & Tone

8:00 am • Mon - Fri  
Buena Vista Ballroom

### Tai Chi

9:00 -10:00 am • M, W, F  
Auxiliary Ballroom

### Water Walking

6:00 - 7:30 am • West Pool

### West Pool Water Exercise

7:30 am • Mon - Fri  
10:00 am • Mon - Fri

### West Pool Water Aerobics

9:00 am • Mon - Fri



# This and That

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Connie  
 Langemeier Feb 25  
 Murray Rigg Feb 28  
 Sam Martindale Feb 29  
 Ken Dowlin Mar 11  
 Bev Goodno Mar 13  
 LaVerne Wilger Mar 15

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Diane Obert  
 Mar 9 53 yrs  
 Ken & Jan Dowlin  
 Mar 11 56 yrs  
 Lin & Murray Rigg  
 Mar 14 47 yrs

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

To submit information Email  
 Pat Laurita at  
 pattyjo2012@gmail.com  
 or call the Activity Office  
 at 480-832-9000

Horace Kempster, a former renter, passed away February 7.

## NEW OWNERS

Ed & Shari Hallett  
 703 Douglas  
 Traverse City, MI  
 R. Thane & Joan Hales  
 213 Debonair  
 Ogden, UT  
 Ellen Thompson &  
 Jenna Runyon  
 609 Aero  
 Mesa, AZ  
 Gary & Linda Leonard  
 929 Navajo  
 Grass Lake, MI

## NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION



Should you be new to our beautiful community, as a homeowner or a renter, please plan to attend a **Newcomers' Orientation Friday, March 3, 10:00 am, Mojave Room.** Feel free to bring any and all questions you may have regarding your home, recreation or administration. We'll do our best to be of assistance.

## Artists' Participation Needed!

*Fine Arts Show & Sale*  
 Thursday, March 2

- All mediums of art accepted
- Original work only
- May show and/or sell items
- Applications may be picked up in the Post Office Hallway or see page 14.



Questions?  
 Contact

Elma Becker at 480-396-6147

## CONTINENTAL COFFEE HOUR

### Annual Potluck Supper

Dr. Prema Caruna Parsons, M.D. who was born in India and raised as a Hindu-Brahmin, presents "True Love Forever." Music by David & Colleen Beyer and friends



Bring your table service and  
 Blocks 500, 600, 700, 800 a Hot Dish for 12 Blocks 900 and 000 a Vegetable Salad for 12 Blocks 100, 200 a Fruit Salad for 12 Blocks 300, 400 a Dessert for 12  
 Both Men and Women Welcome  
 A Free Will Offering will be taken

Questions contact Jean Sanders 608-778-4520

**Saturday • March 4**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Buena Vista Ballroom**



Gary Bloomfield keeping score as the competition heats up at the Putting Tournament

# This and That

## NEW IMAGE FASHIONS BY DON SCOTT

- Major brand fashions at 25%-75% off department store prices!
- Over 9,000 garments from many leading manufactures such as Ruby Road, Cactus, Erin London, Maxine Swimwear & others
- Sizes to fit 4 petite - 3X Women's
- Watch Batteries replaced for \$3.00



*Bringing the store to you!*

Monday • March 6  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Baja Bist ro

## MARKETPLACE

It's a smorgasbord of jewelry, cosmetics, tools and other must-haves that you can't do without and just-gotta-have "thingamajiggies." Don't miss your chance to find that special unique item.

**All licensed vendors!**



**Be sure to have lunch at the VO Diner!**

Thursday • March 9  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bist ro  
11:00 am - 12:45 pm • VO Diner Open

## PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Last Monthly Tournament

- Win cash prizes
- Winners qualify for the Championship Tournament!
- Hole-in-One prize!
- Most Aces prize!
- Will pay 1st place in every flight for men and women!



Be sure to bring...  
• Putter  
• Ball  
• \$1.00

All invited to participate!  
No experience necessary!

Chairpersons:  
Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

Saturday • March 11  
10 am - 2 pm • Putting Green

## KARAOKE FOR SINGERS

An easy evening of Karaoke for singers and those who want to listen



\*This event is different from the TGIR Don's Classic Karaoke on Fridays

Saturday • March 11  
6:00 - 8:30 pm • Sonoran

# This and That

Congratulations to the winners of the Artisan Showcase!



Bob Crandall 1st place



John Fuller 2nd place



Howard Snider 3rd place

## Bike Owners



Bicycle Registration is available again this season the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm behind the laundry at Tennis Courts 7 & 8.

## Musical Jam



Don't forget to mark your calendar for our musical Jam. Everyone welcome! Musicians and singers are encouraged to participate in this fun laid-back event. Our audience can just sit back and listen, or dance to the lively music. See you there!

For more info call  
Tony Koch 480-396-7016

**Sunday • March 12**  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Buena vista Ball room

## ANNUAL YEAR-END CHAMPIONSHIP PUTTING TOURNAMENT!

### Participants:

Charlie Crouse  
Dave Dhanjal  
Guy Marston  
Dennis Cox  
Bob Lewis  
Paul DeMerchant  
Bill Finlarpon  
Doug Pavlik  
Jay Schultz  
Doug Hamilton  
Daryl Young  
John Grier  
Nan Larson

Marlene Sumi  
Jo Kelly  
Susan Martin  
Colleen Paul  
Carolyn Lewis  
Susie Martin  
Anneliese Johnson  
Kathy Franta  
Donna Gobel

Be sure to bring...

- **Putter**
- **Ball**
- **\$1.00 for participants only**



**Everyone is welcome to watch and cheer for your favorite golfer!**  
Chairpersons: Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

**Wednesday • March 15**  
10:00 am - Shotgun Start  
Putting Greens

# This and That

## Putting Tournament Winners for January 11, 2017 Prizes can be picked up at the Activity Office



50 Men, 22 Women

### Men:

1st Flight Winner Doug Hamilton .....	67
2nd Flight Winner Daryl Young .....	77
3rd Flight Winner John Grier .....	82
High Score Dean Hoechst	

### Ladies:

1st Flight Winner Susan Martin .....	76
2nd Flight Winner Susie Martin .....	81
3rd Flight Winner Donna Gobel .....	89
High Score Gail Silver	

### Aces Men:

Don Hamilton .....	8
Doug Hamilton .....	6
Lewis Shelton .....	6

### Aces Ladies:

Susan Martin .....	4
Anneliese Johnson .....	3
Colleen Paul .....	3
Bev McCachla .....	3
Jean Pick .....	3
Sandy Haima .....	3

Carded back from #8 2nd round

**2017-2018 Room Request forms now available from the Activity Office.**

**Club Meetings! Private Parties! Card Games! Everything in Between! Forms must be submitted.**



**Now Available from the Activity Office**



Tammie Penny won the Poker Run with a full house



The winners of the Sunshine Carver's Carve-off  
3rd. Place Judy Jensen • 1st. Place George Edle,  
2nd. Place Matt Haapala,



## Chairpersons Needed

for Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners for next season. If interested please contact Teresa at

[Recdir@ventureoutvresort.com](mailto:Recdir@ventureoutvresort.com)

**Interested in joining the Audio Visual Club?** This volunteer service organization provides AV assistance at various events such as the Concert Series, weekly potlucks, Board meetings and special events. If interested contact Matt Haapala (480-981-0466) or Sandy Hanson (480-832-0576). Will train!!

# This and That

## No Wood Needed

Wood donations are not needed for the Annual Weenie Roasts. The Fire Marshal now requires that only "clean" fire wood is burned.



This wood's not for burning, it's for carving!

## Green Committee

Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000



**Kill your weeds *naturally*** with: boiling water or full strength white distilled vinegar or white vinegar, salt, and liquid dish soap **No need** for 10% or 20% vinegar (acetic acid) which is very dangerous to handle

### Peeling lots of citrus fruits?

Please bag 5 or more pounds of citrus peelings **separately** from your garage. Place the tightly-tied, plastic bag of peelings **on the top** of your garbage pail. This is very helpful to our maintenance staff who collect this by hand.

### Why should we put our curb-side recycling in a white or light colored 13 gallon plastic bag?

VO's maintenance staff can visually check your tightly-tied, curb side recycling for contaminants like coffee grounds, kleenex, paper plates and napkins in a light colored plastic bag instead of a black bag. These contaminants cause your whole bag of recycling to be tossed in the garbage. Picking up **one filled, 13 gallon, white** plastic bag is a much more efficient use of time and energy by our maintenance staff who pick these bags up by hand.

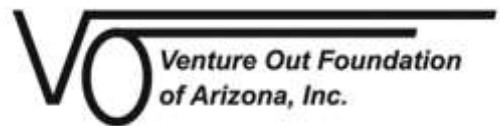
## Now Available!



Book your block party or birthday celebration at the new and improved "Patio" located behind the

laundry facility. 13 round tables with umbrellas and 4 chairs at each table, 2 BBQ grills (bring your own propane tank or rent one from the Activity Office), 2 outdoor ping pong tables, 2 sets of corn hole (bean bag) games and party lights above the area.

The Patio is available for booking in the Activity Office.



At this time of the year be sure to remember that tax deductible contributions to the Venture Out Foundation will benefit all your neighbors as well as yourself. How about the amount you need to contribute from your IRAs instead of paying taxes on it?

### Foundation Social

**March 15 on the Terrace at 4:00 pm.**

We invite all previous Board members, supporters, and interested residents to come and celebrate a great year and hear about the programs and goals of the Venture Out Foundation. Snacks will be provided, but BYOB.

# This and That

## Star Volunteer



*Way to go,  
Vira Amende*

Vira Amende has lived in Venture Out for the last 32 years. In that time she has helped the community in many ways. Some of her activities include originating the

Newcomer's Orientation in 1998, Coordinating and playing in the Kitchen Band, performing with the Happy Harpers, leading Bible studies, Co-Chairing the food portion of the continental breakfast and Signing up golfers in the mornings. Did she stop there? Oh no. Vera also Co-Chaired a Baked Potato Block Party with her sister, Served at the Silversmith's Spaghetti dinner, and Organized the End of the Season Party for the Kitchen Band. Whew, what an example.

Only a few left

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Please Register...

## YOUR PET

Registration is for the pet's safety. If an emergency occurs, park staff can contact the pet association to care for your pet. Tags are available in the Activity Office. Be sure to bring current rabies tag information. Pets must be registered annually!  
July 1 - June 30

Dogs:  
Seasonal: \$15.00  
Monthly: \$10.00  
Weekly: \$5.00  
Cats:  
Seasonal: \$10.00  
Monthly: \$5.00



**All Season!**  
Pick up Tags from the Activity Office  
during normal business hours

**Mar 4-18**  
**Electronics**  
**Club Raffle**  
**Pg 8**

**Mar 4**  
**Used Book Sale**  
**(Library Sponsored)**  
**Pg 8**

**Mar 11**  
**"Live's a**  
**Beach"**  
**& Buck-a-Duck**  
**(Social Board**  
**Sponsored)**  
**Pg 11**

**Mar 6**  
**Folk Collection**  
**Pg 10**

**Mar 13**  
**Go Crazy with**  
**Creativity**  
**Pg 11**

**Mar 4**  
**Glass Art Raffle**  
**Draw**  
**Pg 9**

**Mar 4**  
**Jumbo Hot Dogs**  
**(Poolroom Sponsored)**  
**& Cake Sale**  
**(Croquet Sponsored)**  
**Pg 9**

**Mar 5**  
**Ribs n' Bibs**  
**(Shuffleboard**  
**Sponsored)**  
**Pg 9**

**Mar 15**  
**French Dip**  
**Sandwiches**  
**(Bocce Sponsored)**  
**Pg 12**

**Mar 6**  
**Sunshine, Lollypops,**  
**and Rainbows**  
**Fashion Show & Quilt**  
**Raffle**  
**(Sewing Sponsored)**  
**Pg 9**

**Mar 17**  
**St. Patty's Day**  
**Lunch**  
**Pg 13**

**Mar 9**  
**VO Diner**  
**(Fired Clay**  
**Sponsored)**  
**Pg 10**

**Mar 10**  
**Special Dance**  
**Flipside-45**  
**Pg 10**





# **Manager's Corner**

**February 24, 2017**

This week's occupancy is 1556 or 89% vs. 1559 the last count and 1546 the year prior. There are currently 435 renters in the park.

Welcome to all our Spring Break Visitors, so far 2500 of you have checked in and on average we will host 8000 overnight guests in the next 30 days. So if it seems a little crowded at the pool... it is. Our janitorial crew is having difficulty accessing and getting the pool bathhouses cleaned due to this crush, so if you see the signs outside the door, please give them a few minutes to finish their job.

Remember, no one can drive a golf cart that is not at least 16 years of age or up. Lock up your bikes and make sure you accompany your young guests at all times.

With the passage of the Sport Plex proposition, this office has a big job sorting out all the RV storage requests in both the North and South lots. First, we currently have 42 cars and pickups in storage. We have approximately 240 homeowners/units that are not in residence during the peak of the season. Some of those homeowners already rent out their driveways to their neighbors, but many are vacant. We will first contact all the absentee lot owners and ask them if they are willing to rent their driveways out this next season. We will start a list in our office of those available spaces and make that list available to those who need a second car space. When the new web site is finished, we will have a specific spot on the Bulletin Board just for car space rentals, so they will be easy to find. We are fairly confident that if we make this easy for both parties, then lot owners should be able to find a spot for a second car or pickup close to their home. Finally we will also heavily promote this with the summer newsletter.

This reserves the SE lot primarily for storage of RV's. Spaces that are too small for an RV will be available for cars. After consultation with the Board, it is agreed to have some parameters. First is the term of the lease, the longer the lease, the more likely the space will be yours. Second, is the individual's tenure as a renter in either storage lot. If you are a long term renter, you will be at the top of the list. Third will be having an available space that fits the unit. We have 88 RV spaces in the SE lot and 89 RV's and one boat that have been renting spaces. The sizes of the spaces of course are not uniform and may not fit all the requests we have.

We have also been calling around to other storage facilities and have found availability near VO. We found one storage facility that is \$50/mo. and they have availability now. It would probably be a good idea to put your name in with these other facilities now, to insure a space next season as we sort out the units in the park.

Please come into the ADMIN office and give Lynette and Olivia your space request. They will need at least until the end of May to sort through all the reservations and place people/RVs per the above guidelines. Please also, 'Don't kill the messenger'! We know that many of you are anxious about getting a space and we will do everything we can to help you.

Construction will start shortly after season. The NE lot will need to be vacated as soon as possible. If you have a unit in the NE lot that is to be there past April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will let you know how long you can stay in the space, and when it must be moved, we will find another location until you leave. As most people leave in March, spaces will open up.

Next week we go into budget. For one solid week, the Board meets and starting at ZERO, they build the budget. Anyone who has ever sat through the process has found it to be very enlightening. There is nothing that is considered 'too small' to be deliberated. By contrast all the 'for profit' rental parks around us that are comparable, average between \$7000 and \$8000 a year for their lot rentals, which really demonstrates the job that your Board does.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Mary Schmit**

General Manager  
vogm@ventureoutrvresort.com



# Recreation Update

February 24, 2017

**Ballots for the Social Club election are available from the Activity Office Monday, March 6 through Monday, March 20. Each resident is entitled to one vote in this election regardless as to how many units are owned. Voting will also take place from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom on March 21 prior to the Social Club Annual Meeting.**

If you're 90 years age of older, you're invited to a free breakfast in your honor Saturday, February 25 from 7:30 - 9:30 am in the Baja Bistro. Those under that golden age will pay the low, low price of only \$5.00 for a breakfast of scrambled eggs loaded with cheese, ham and green peppers served with hash browns, toast, juice and bottomless cups of coffee!

Tickets are currently on sale in the Activity Office for the Glass Art Club-sponsored Chicken Parmesan Dinner. Shoot! You had better hurry as the deadline to purchase is 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 1.

Does your block have a "Mayor" or "Captain"? If so the Recreation Department is looking to reach out to them. Please give the Activity Office a buzz if you happen to be that person!

Mark Thursday, March 2 on your calendar and head to the Baja Bistro between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for the resident Fine Art Show and Sale. You will not only be amazed at the talent displayed, you just might find that one special piece of art for which you've been searching. Bring a bit of extra cash as Ed's Grill will be open for lunch.

The Hams at Heart production of A Night at the Oscars is sold out for both evenings! Check the Ticket Resale Board in the Post Office Hallway for possible ticket opportunities.

The weather on March 2 is going to be beautiful so you'll want to join the Pickleball Club for some music and root beer floats at the East Pool between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. The floats are \$2.50, the music is free but you may want to put an extra dollar or two in your pocket as you'll be able to pick up raffle tickets from the Glass Art and Sewing Clubs as well as Buck a Duck tickets from your Social Board Directors.

Those innovative Shuffleboard members have come up with something new and exciting on March 5. A Ribs and Bibs Dinner Show complete with a full BBQ baby back pork rib dinner and a country western stage performance featuring the national performing artists House of Steel. An event not to be missed!

The last Tennis Auction and Bake sale of the season is Friday, March 3 behind the laundry facility. One never knows what treasures can be found at this happening event. The Rummage and Bake Sales begin at 8:00 am with the auction slated for 10:00 am sharp.

If you are new to our beautiful community and are interested as to the who, what, where, when and the why's of Venture Out plan to attend the Newcomers Orientation on March 3. The meeting is at 10:00 am in the Mojave Room which is on the main floor of the Community Center.

Ladies! There are only a few tickets remaining for the Sewing Club's Fashion Show and Lunch scheduled for Monday, March 6. This annual event never fails to bring a smile to my face. A delightful fashion show (this year presented by Macy's), a delicious lunch, an amazing quilt presentation and the coveted quilt raffle draw, which I will win this year!

The Poolroom Association will host their last Jumbo Hot Dog BBQ of the season on Saturday, March 4. The Croquet Club will sell cake and the Library has another of their famous used book sales on that day as well. As a special treat the VO Combo will entertain for your listening pleasure. The action all takes place in the Community Center with the BBQ from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm with the Book Sale from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and the Glass Art Club raffle draw at 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.

I just love a good Chicken Parmesan Dinner. How about you? If you agree then you'll want to pick up tickets for the Glass Art-sponsored March 8 dinner soon as the deadline to do so is Wednesday, 10:00 am, March 2.

Please remember, unless noted otherwise, you are to provide your own table service and beverage glass for food events. This assists your community in their "green" efforts and saves the Social Club money on paper products.

Get your tickets for the party of the year! The "Life's a Beach Pool Party"! The \$10.00 ticket includes your first margarita, beer or bottled water, music by the Chuck E Baby Combo, a performance by synchronized swimmers, the great Buck a Duck Race and a free Nacho Bar. Margaritas and beer will also be available for purchase at this Saturday, March 11 event. This is a fundraiser being sponsored by your current and past Social Board Directors. It's going to be the best of parties!

**The East Pool will be closed for the "Life's a Beach Pool Party" Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please utilize the west pool for your swimming and sunning needs that day.**

The talented Dave and Daphne will be at Venture Out for a Gospel Concert on Monday, March 13. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from the Activity Office or at the door the evening of the performance. Sponsored by the Rock and Gem Club.

Wood is **NOT** needed for our annual Weenie Roasts scheduled for March 21 and 22. We'll be burning "clean" this year with wood purchased from a supplier.

The 8-Tracks Band was such a hit at last season's Fired Clay Art Studio special dance they were invited for a return engagement this year. Tickets are now on sale for the Wednesday, March 15 Juke Box Jive from the Activity Office or at the door the evening of the dance.

Please be courteous of others should you have a room booked for a private party. Do not enter until your assigned time. If you wish to get into the room earlier than assigned, please check with the Activity Office for availability.

It's Outlandish! It's Outrageous! It's the Outlandish Outrageous Olympus and it's time to get your team together for this year's event scheduled for April 4-5-6 Olympics! Guaranteed to be outlandish, outrageous, wild and fun!

Be sure to get your raffle tickets for both the Sewing Club Quilt and the Glass Art Raffles. These clubs have outdone themselves this year with their gorgeous hand work.

See you at Happy Hour on February 24 from 3:00 - 5:30 pm in the Baja Bistro. BYOB, snacks, sit back and enjoy music by the Guilty Pleasures Duo. Water and ice are provided.

**Teresa Beally**

Activity Director

recdir@ventureoutvresort.com

# DAILY TIMETABLE

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Electronics Open	7:00 am - 9:00 pm	Electronics Bldg
Yoga Class	7:15 am	Aux Ballroom
Water Exercise	7:30 am	West Pool
Co-ed Exercise	7:25 - 7:55 am	BV Ballroom
Stretch & Tone	8:00 am	BV Ballroom
Lawn Bowling Draw	8:45 am	LB Green
Noodles	8:45 am	West Pool
Water Aerobics	9:00 am	West Pool
Water Aerobics	9:00 am	East Pool
Rock and Gem Shop	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Rock Shop
Rock Shop Open	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Rock Shop
Water Exercise	10:00 am	West Pool
Water Aerobics	10:00 am	East Pool
Children's Swim	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Yoga Class	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Aux Ballroom
Children's Swim	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	East Pool
Lawn Bowling Draw	12:45 pm	LB Green
Post Office	1:30 - 2:30 pm	VO Post Office
Children's Swim	4:00 - 7:00 pm	East & West Pools
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

## Weekly Recurring Events

### MONDAYS

Know Your Gym	8:00 - 10:00 am	EPC
8-Ball Pool Tournament	9:00 am	Poolroom
Clay Art Classes	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Clay Art Studio
Grapevine	9:00 am	Baja Bistro
Electronics Treas. Hrs	9:00 - 10:00 am	Electronics Bldg
Tai Chi	9:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Shuffleboard Open Draw	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Blood Pressure Check	9:45 - 11:15 am	Community Center Lobby
Library (locked case)	10:00 am - Noon	Library
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Pan	12:30 pm	Mojave Rm
Ham 2M	1:00 pm	Ham Shack
Essential Oils Class	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Activity Office Conf. Rm
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Beginner Westcoast Swing	1:00 - 1:45 pm	Aux Ballroom
Beginner Ballroom	1:50 - 2:40 pm	Aux Ballroom
Beginner Ballroom Latin	2:45 - 3:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Kitchen Band practice	3:00 pm	Oasis
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Classroom
Pinochle	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm
Ping Pong	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

### TUESDAYS

Nine-hole golf	7:45 am sharp	Sonoran
Know Your Gym	8:00 - 10:00 am	EPC
Dance Aerobics	8:40 - 9:20 am	BV Ballroom
Chair Yoga	8:45 am	Aux Ballroom
Harmonica Instruction	8:45 am	Music Room
Beading	9:00-11:30 am	Classroom
Happy Harpers	9:00 am	Music Rm
AZ Valley Bridge	9:00 am	Mojave Rm
Electronics Treas. Hrs	9:00-10:00 am	Electronics Bldg
Wire Mng Tree	9:00am - Noon	Sonoran
Shuffleboard Open Draw	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Round Dance - Phase 5	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	BV Ballroom
Round Dance - Phase 3	1:00 - 3:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Lawn Bowling	10:00 am	LB Green
Soap Stone Carving	10:00 am - 12:00 Noon	Rock Shop
Func/fit/balance class	10:00 - 10:45 am	EPC Cabana
Pickleball Lessons	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Courts 5 & 6
Eye Glasses Adjusted	1:00—2:00 pm	Therapy Rm @ EPC
Round Dance	1:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Clay Art Classes	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Clay Art Studio
Conversational German	1:00 pm	Music Room
Hardanger Class	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Sonoran

"500" cards	1:00 pm
Int'l Dance & Exercise	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Ice Cream Social	1:30 - 2:30 pm
Swimming Lessons	1:30—2:30 pm
Square Dance WS C3A	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Potluck	5:00 pm
Men's Poker	5:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Pan	6:30 pm
National Mah Jongg	6:30 pm
Cribbage	7:00 pm
Ping Pong	7:00 - 9:00 pm

### WEDNESDAYS

Know Your Gym	8:00 - 10:00 am	EPC
Bocce Lessons	9:00 am	Bocce Courts
Bridge Lessons	8:30 - 10:15 am	Mojave Rm
Choir Practice	9:00 - 10:00 am	Music Rm
Electronics Treas. Hrs	9:00 - 10:00 am	Electronics Bldg
Tai Chi	9:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Clay Art Classes	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Clay Art Studio
Shuffleboard Open Draw	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Shuffleboard Lessons 11/16	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Func/fit/balance class	10:00 - 10:45 am	EPC Cabana
Croquet Lesson	10:00 am-12:00 noon	Croquet Green
Square Dance WS C1	10:00 am- 2:00 noon	BV Ballroom
Library (locked case)	10:00 am-12:00 Noon	Library
Qi Gong	10:30 - 11:30 am	EPC Cabana
Pickleball Lessons	12:00 noon-1:00 pm	Courts 5 & 6
Drawing/Composition	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Sonoran
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Hand-Foot-Toe	12:30 pm	Mojave Rm
Round Dance Rhythm	12:30-2:30 pm	BV Ballroom
Investment Group	1:00 pm	Oasis
Ham 2M	1:00 pm	Ham Shack
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Classroom
Sheephead Cards	6:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Duplicate Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave Room
Texas Hold-em	7:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
"31" cards	7:00 pm	Sonoran

### THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 am	Sonoran
Art in the Park	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sonoran
Harmonica Instruction	8:45 am	Music Room
Happy Harpers	9:00 am	Music Room
Biking Group	9:00 am	Outside Activity Office
Stitch and Chat	9:00 am	Mojave
Learn Bridge	9:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Electronics Treas. Hrs	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Electronics Bldg
Dance Aerobics	8:40 - 9:20 am	BV Ballroom
Shuffleboard Open Draw	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Shuffleboard Novice	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Round Dance - Beginner	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	BV Ballroom
Func/fit/balance class	10:00 - 10:45 am	EPC Cabana
Ed's Grill	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Line Dance Practice		
Beginners	12:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Intermediate	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Round Dance - Phase 4	1:00 - 3:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Pickleball Round Robin	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Courts 4,5,6
Creative Writing	1:00 - 2:10 pm	Sonoran
Health Seminar	1:00 pm	Cabana (EPC)
Clay Art Classes	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Clay Art Studio
Social Bridge	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Ping Pong	3:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Aux Ballroom
Weightwatchers	3:45 pm	Sonoran
Solos Potluck	4:00 pm	Oasis
Bingo	Doors at 5:15	
	6:45 pm start	BV Ballroom
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Classroom

# DAILY TIMETABLE

## THURSDAYS (CONTINUED)

Pinochle	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm
Sing and Strum	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Spades	7:00 pm	Sonoran

## FRIDAYS

Know Your Gym	8:00 - 10:00 am	EPC
Electronics Treas. Hrs	9:00 - 10:00 am	Electronics Bldg
Tai Chi	9:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Wire Ming Tree	9:00 am - 12:00 Noon	Sonoran
Shuffleboard Open Draw	9:30 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Square Dance WS C2	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	BV Ballroom
Drawing & Composition	12:00-2:00 pm	Sonoran
Duplicate Bridge	12:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Ham 2M	1:00 pm	Ham Shack
Beading	1:00-3:30 pm	Classroom
Square Dance WS C3A	1:00 - 3:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Euchre Lesson	6:15 pm	Mojave Rm
Euchre	6:45 pm	Mojave Rm
Ping Pong	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Darts	7:00 pm	Activity Room
Friday Night Dance	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

## SATURDAYS

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Pan	8:30 am	Mojave Rm
Ping Pong	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Ham Radio Mtg	10:00 am	Oasis
Duplicate Bridge	12:00 pm	Mojave Rm
American Hand & Foot	12:30 - 4:00 pm	Sonoran
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Classroom
SNL 8-Ball	6:15 pm sign-up	
play	6:30 pm	Pool Room
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool
500 Cards	7:00 pm	Mojave Rm

## SUNDAYS

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Worship Service	9:00 am	BV Ballroom
Gabfest	Before & after service	Baja Bistro
Ping Pong	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Social Bridge	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Whist	6:30 pm	Sonoran
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

## Special Events

### FRIDAY

Flash and Dash Sale	9:00 am-2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Women's Book Group	9:30 am	Mojave Room
Zappone's Meal Deal	11:00 am-9:00 pm	1652 N. Higley Rd
Dance Flipside-45	7:00-10:00 pm	BV Ballroom
TGIR Happy Hour	3:00-5:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Pet Assoc. Party	4:30 pm	Oasis
Seminar Healthy Pets	1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom

### SATURDAY

Denver Eggs Breakfast	7:30 - 9:30 am	Baja Bistro
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### SUNDAY

Nebraska State Party	4:30 pm	Oasis
Oregon Party	5:00 pm	Desert Terrace

### FEBRUARY 24

9:00 am-2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
9:30 am	Mojave Room
11:00 am-9:00 pm	1652 N. Higley Rd
7:00-10:00 pm	BV Ballroom
3:00-5:00 pm	Baja Bistro
4:30 pm	Oasis
1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom

### FEBRUARY 25

7:30 - 9:30 am	Baja Bistro
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### FEBRUARY 26

4:30 pm	Oasis
5:00 pm	Desert Terrace

## MONDAY

Wisconsin State Party
A Night at the Oscars

## TUESDAY

Crazy Putting Party
"Brain Gym"
A Night at the Oscars

## WEDNESDAY

Mahi Mahi Dinner
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## THURSDAY

Condo Board Meeting
Breakfast with the Doc
Fine Arts Show n Sale
Music by the Pool
Root Beer Floats

## FRIDAY

Newcomer's Orientation
Year End Auction/Sale
Ed's Grill
Friday Seminar
Don's Karaoke

## SATURDAY

Used Book Sale
Jumbo Hotdog Sale
Glass Arts Raffle
Continental C H Potluck

## SUNDAY

Ribs n' Bibs Dinner Show
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## MONDAY

New Image Fashions
Senior Safety Seminar
Fashion Show & Lunch
Folk Collection - Concert

## TUESDAY

Perimeter Plant Tour
Food Handler's Class
Social Board Meeting
Town Hall Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

Tennis Election Meeting
Chicken Parmesan Dinner

## THURSDAY

Condo Board Meeting
Marketplace
Health Seminar— Hearing
VO Diner

## FRIDAY

Women's Book Group
March Madness 5K

Friday Seminar
TGIF Trivia Party
Dance-Flipside 45

## FEBRUARY 27

5:00 pm Happy Hour	Oasis
6:00 pm Dinner	BV Ballroom
7:00 pm	

## FEBRUARY 28

10:00 am tee time	Putting Green
1:00 pm	Oasis
7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

## MARCH 1

5:00 pm Seating	Baja Bistro
6:30 pm Seating	

## MARCH 2

9:00 am	Oasis
9:00 am	Cabana
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
2:00-4:00 pm	East Pool
2:00-4:00 pm	East Pool

## MARCH 3

10:00 am	Mojave Room
10:00 am Auction starts	Patio/back laundry
11:00 am-1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
3:00 pm-5:30 pm	Baja Bistro

## MARCH 4

9:00 am-1:00 pm	Lobby of Community C
11:00 am-1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
After BBQ Lunch	Baja Bistro
5:00 pm	BV Ballroom

## MARCH 5

4:30 Happy Hour	
5:30 Dinner	BV Ballroom

## MARCH 6

10:00am-3:00 pm	Baja Bistro
10:00 am	Oasis
12:00 noon	BV Ballroom
7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

## MARCH 7

before 9:00 am	Outside Admin Bld
10:00 am	Baja Bistro
1:30 pm	Oasis
7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

## MARCH 8

3:00 pm	Oasis
4:30 pm Seating	Baha Bistro
6:00 pm Seating	














## MARCH 9

9:00 am	Oasis
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
1:00 pm	Cabana (EPC)
8:00 am- 1:00 pm	Baja Bistro

## MARCH 10

9:30 am	Mojave
9:45 am warm up	
10:00 am start	Front of CC
1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
3:00 pm	Baja Bistro
7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

# March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Electronics Club Raffle</b> <b>3/4 - 3/18</b> 			<b>Ash Wednesday 1</b> <b>Mahi Mahi Dinner</b> 	<b>Condo Board Meeting 2</b> <b>Fine Art Show &amp; Sale</b> <b>Breakfast with Doc</b> <b>Music by the Pool with Root Beer Floats &amp; Music by Dawgus Bear</b> <b>Ed's Grill</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>Auction &amp; Bake Sale 3</b> <b>Newcomer's Orientation</b> <b>Don's Classic Karaoke</b> <b>Friday Seminar- Whiskey ' for Drinkin' - Waters for Fighten</b> <b>Dance - Saguaro Sunset</b>	<b>Jumbo Hot Dogs with Music by the VO Combo 4</b> <b>Cake Sale</b> <b>Book Sale</b> <b>Electronics Raffle Begins</b> <b>Glass Art Raffle Draw</b> <b>Continental Coffee</b>
<b>Worship Service 5</b> <b>Gabfest</b> <b>Ribs &amp; Bibs Dinner Show</b> 	<b>Fashion Show &amp; Quilt Raffle Draw 6</b> <b>Blood Pressure Check &amp; Meet Your Pharmacist</b> <b>New Image Fashions</b> <b>Grapevine</b> <b>Concert Series Folk Connection</b>	<b>Tour of Park Perimeter 7</b> <b>Social Board Meeting</b> <b>Ice Cream Social</b> <b>Food Handlers Class</b> <b>Potluck - Sing &amp; Strum</b> <b>Town Hall Meeting</b>	<b>Chicken Dinner 8</b> 	<b>Condo Board Meeting 9</b> <b>Health Seminar- Did You Hear That?</b> <b>Marketplace</b> <b>VO Diner Open</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>March Madness 5K 10</b> <b>Trivia Party</b> <b>Friday Seminar : The Great Depression and the New Deal - 1933-1939</b> <b>Out-Lines Published</b> <b>Special Dance - Flipside 45</b>	<b>Blueberry Pancakes Breakfast with Music by the Kitchen Band 11</b> <b>Life's a Beach Pool Party</b> <b>Putting Tournament</b> 
<b>Worship Service 12</b> <b>Gabfest</b> <b>Musical Jam</b> 	<b>Grapevine 13</b> <b>Blood Pressure Check</b> <b>Out-Lines Deadline</b> <b>Dave &amp; Daphne Gospel Concert</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social 14</b> <b>Ft McDowell Casino Run</b> <b>"Ask Eldon"</b> <b>Potluck - B.A.C.A.</b>	<b>Championship Putting Tournament 15</b> <b>French Dip Sandwiches</b> <b>Juke Box Jive</b> 	<b>Condo Board Meeting 16</b> <b>Health Seminar: Arizona Institute of Footcare</b> <b>Ed's Grill</b> <b>Mystery Trip</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>Friday Seminar: Cuba 17</b> <b>St. Patty's Day Lunch</b> <b>Dons Classic Karaoke - St. Patty's Day Special</b> <b>Dance - Myron Sommerfeld (St Patrick's Day Dance)</b>	<b>Seymour's Adventures Parade 18</b> <b>Hamburger BBQ &amp; Ice Cream Sale with music by Ian Eric</b> <b>Electronics Raffle Draw</b> 
<b>Worship Service 19</b> <b>Gabfest</b> <b>Fuddruckers Meal Deal</b> 	<b>Grapevine 20</b> <b>Blood Pressure Check &amp; Meet Your Pharmacist</b> <b>Enchilada Dinner</b> <b>Concert Series To Ella with Love</b>	<b>Annual Social Club Meeting &amp; Election 21</b> <b>No Ice Cream Social</b> <b>Potluck - International Dance Students</b> <b>Home with Home Depot</b> <b>Round Dance</b> <b>Annual Weenie Roast</b>	<b>Annual Weenie Roast 22</b> 	<b>Health Seminar: Good Grief 23</b> <b>Everything Goes Sale</b> <b>VO Diner Open</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>Friday Seminar: Small Space Design &amp; Decorating 24</b> <b>Happy Hour with Luis Marting</b> <b>Social Board Orientation</b> <b>Out-Lines Published</b> <b>Dance - Chuck E Baby &amp; The Allstars</b>	<b>It's a Wrap Breakfast 25</b> <b>Last Book Sale of the Season</b> <b>Creative Writing's Annual Readings</b> 
<b>Worship Service 26</b> <b>Gabfest</b> <b>Sing-a-long</b> 	<b>New Image Fashions 27</b> <b>Blood Pressure Check</b> <b>Grapevine</b> <b>Tour of Italy Cooking Class - Tuscany Cooking</b> <b>Fred &amp; Sheila Show</b>	<b>Social Board Meeting 28</b> <b>Ice Cream Social</b> <b>Potluck - Arizona Artists Guild</b> <b>Street Dance - Hooked on a Feeling</b> <b>Round Dance</b>	<b>Chicken Alfredo Italian Dinner 29</b> 	<b>Health Seminar: Medicine and End of Life Care 30</b> <b>Ed's Grill</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>Friday Seminar: Comparison of Christianity &amp; Islam 31</b> <b>Happy Hour at the West Pool with Johnny R</b> <b>Dance - Julie Lee Band</b>	

# April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						April Fools Day 1 BBQ & Ice Cream Sale with East Valley Children's Theater
Last Gabfest 2 Worship Service	Grapevine 3 Picnic at the Park 	Outlandish Outrageous Olympics! 4 Ice Cream Social Potluck - Xtreme Twirlers Round Dance	Outlandish Outrageous Olympics! 5 Mesa City Band in Concert	Outlandish Outrageous Olympics! 6 Ed's Grill	Trivia Party 7 Last Dance of the Season - Johnny R 	8
Worship Service Ends 9	Fuddruckers Meal Deal 10	Pesach begins 11 Ice Cream Social Ft McDowell Casino Run Potluck - No Entertainment Round Dance	Chicken Pot Pie Lunch 12 	Ed's Grill 13 Scavenger Hunt	Good Friday 14 Activity Office Closed 	15 <b>Tax            Day!</b>
Easter Sunday 16 	Poorman's Soup 17	Ice Cream Social 18 Fat Cats Bowling Outing Round Dance	Happy Hour @ the West Pool with Chuck E Baby 19 ASU Orchestra Concert & Potluck	Ed's Grill 20	Mystery Trip 21 Activity Office Closed	22 
23	Loaded Baked Potatoes 24	Ice Cream Social 25	Alice in Wonderland Tea Party 26 	Ed's Grill 27	Activity Office Closed 28	b 29
30		Round Dance				

# The Following Tickets Are Now Available In The Activity Office

Event	Date of Event	Deadline	Amount	Qty.
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## Current badges are required to purchase tickets

Friday Night Dance (Midnight Conf) ....	F - Feb 24	Feb 24 (3:00 pm)	\$8.00	[ ]
		<small>Sold also at the door</small>		
Crazy Putting Party .....	Tu - Feb 28..	Until Sold Out	\$6.00	[ ]
Chicken Parmesan Dinner ....	W - Mar 8	Mar 1 (10:00 am )	\$8.50	[ ]
Friday Night Dance (Saguaro Sunset)..	F - Mar 3	Mar 3 (3:00 pm)	\$8.00	[ ]
Special Dance Flipside 45 .....	F - Mar 10	Mar 10 (3:00 pm)	\$10.00	[ ]
Life's A Beach Pool Party .....	Sa - Mar 11	Mar 8 (10:00 am)	\$10.00	[ ]
Dave & Daphne Gospel Concert .....	M - Mar 13	Mar 13 (3:00 pm)	\$10.00	[ ]
Go Crazy with Creativity .....	M - Mar 13	Mar 10 (noon)	\$12.00	[ ]
French Dip Sandwiches .....	W - Mar 15	Mar 8 (10:00 am)	\$7.00	[ ]
Juke Box Jive Dance .....	W - Mar 15	Mar 15 (3:00 pm)	\$10.00	[ ]
St Patty's Day Lunch .....	Th - Mar 17	Mar 8 (10:00 am)	\$5.50	[ ]
Enchilada Dinner .....	M - Mar 20	Until Sold Out	\$8.00	[ ]
Weenie Roast .....	Tu - Mar 21	Mar 20 (3:00 pm)	Residents: free Guests: \$3.00	[ ]
Weenie Roast .....	W - Mar 22	Mar 21 (3:00 pm)	Residents: free Guests: \$3.00	[ ]
Chicken Alfredo Italian Dinner.	W - Mar 29	Mar 22 (10:00 am)	\$8.50	[ ]
The Freddie & Sheila Show ..	M - Mar 27	Mar 27 (3:00 pm)	\$10.00	[ ]

### Reserved Seating Tickets

Ribs N' Bibs Dinner Show.....	Su - Mar 5	Mar 1 (10:00 am)	\$20.00	[ ]
Folk Collection .....	M - Mar 6	Mar 6 (3:00 pm)	Silver: \$16.00 Gold: \$18.00 \$2.00 more at door	[ ]
Sunshine Lollypops and Rainbows Fashion Show	M - Mar 6	Mar 6 (3:00 pm)	\$16.00	[ ]
To Ella with Love .....	M - Mar 20	Mar 20 (3:00 pm)	Silver: \$16.00 Gold: \$18.00 \$2.00 more at door	[ ]

If you fail to meet the purchase deadline or the event is sold out, check the Post Office Hallway Ticket Bulletin Board for resale offerings.

Bring this list with you to the Activity Office to expedite your ticket purchases.

# **VOTE**

## **FOR YOUR SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS AND BALLOT PROPOSALS**

**Candidates are:  
Bonnie Haapala • Alan Thomson  
Charles Crouse • Dolores Ramsay**

**Ballot to include proposed amendments to the Social  
Club By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.  
It is extremely important that you vote!**

**Vote in the Activity Office  
Monday, March 6 to Monday,  
March 20 or from 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
March 21 in the Buena Vista Ballroom**



**The Social Board of Directors unanimously recommends  
the adoption of the Proposed amendments to the Articles  
of Incorporation and the purposed changed to the  
Bylaws of the Venture Out Social Club**

A copy of the purposed changes can be viewed on the Condo Social Board in the Post Office Hallway. Copies of the current Articles of Incorporation ad Bylaws can be obtained in the Activity Office for your review prior to voting.



# Zappone's Italian Bistro Meal Deal

Present this flyer at  
Zappone's and  
15% of your dining bill  
will be donated to the  
Venture Out Social Club

**Friday • February 24**

1652 N. Higley Rd Gilbert, AZ 85234  
NW Corner of Higley & Baseline  
480-218-2338

\*Daily Baked Fresh Bread \* Artisan Pizza  
Homemade Pasta\* Wine Bar

### **Lunch Specials 11-2pm**

Pasta \* Pizza \* Calzones \* \$5 Wine

### **Happy Hour 3-5pm**

Food Specials \$5 \* \$5 Wine \* \$3 Beer

### **Dinner until 9pm**

Veal \* Seafood \* Fresh Pasta \* Beef  
Homemade Italian Pastries

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**Feb 28-Mar 2 LUXURY IN LAUGHLIN @ AQUARIUS**

\$229 pp dbl / add \$75 for single. 3 days/2 night: stay in the heart of Laughlin overlooking the Colorado River at the beautiful Aquarius Casino Resort. Includes Two Brunch Buffets and fun book for extra savings.

**Mar 7-9 GRAND CANYON SOUTH RIM TOUR & BEARIZONA**



\$395 pp dbl occ/Add \$100 single. 3 days / 2 nights at the Grand Canyon Squire Inn outside the canyon with a viewing at the Prime Rib Dinner, and two breakfast buffets. Enjoy a day trip to the South Rim with private Desert Rim Tour of the Canyon. Experience Bearizona Wildlife Park on a private tour.

**Mar 15 OUT WICKENBERG WAY**

\$99 Fun day trip starting at beautiful Hassayampa Preserve, enjoying the crystal-clear water and streamside habitat. Ghost and Storytelling Tour and tour the Desert Caballeros Western Museum, including the Gem and Mineral Display, American Indian Art and Artifacts, Route 66 Creations, and more! Tour the Santa Fe Railroad Station. Homemade lunch at the Chapparal included.

**Mar 25 TURF PARADISE – CAMEL DAY**

\$99 Includes reserved all day seating with Hot Prime Rib Lunch in the Turf Club Terrace while listening to live music. One race to be named in our group's honor and a picture taken of 8 members of our group with winning horse and owner trackside-this photo will be available for purchase as a souvenir.

**Apr 3 KARTCHNER CAVERNS DAY TRIP**

\$99 Experience a stunning limestone cave in Southeastern Arizona, one of the most pristine living caves in the world, estimated to be up to one million years old. Includes lunch in Benson. Tour the "Big Room," visit the Discovery Center. This destination is in great demand, a site to see!

**COMING SOON!**

**We're putting together a "SAN DIEGO COOL" trip this summer (June or July) to escape the heat!**

**ALBUQUERQUE & SANTA FE - Oct 17-21 2017**

\$515 per person based on double occupancy/Add \$120 for single occupancy  
 \*Hold your space now with a \$75 per person Deposit

5 Day/4 Night Tour Highlights Include:  
 Motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging, 8 meals (4 breakfasts, 4 dinners), Guided tour of Santa Fe, Visit to the New Mexico Veteran's Memorial, Guided tour of Acoma Pueblo (also known as Sky City), Ride on the Sandia Peak Tramway, Visit to Old Town Albuquerque and more!  
 \*Payable by cash/check only/Travel Insurance Optional at additional cost

**Be sure to visit our Travel Board in the Post Office for these trip details and additional trips through April 2017!**

# VO Voices

A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

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## Editorial

by Maureen Robertson

Volunteers, our Priceless Resource

"Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it." Albert Schweitzer

Venture Out depends on its multitude of volunteers and we find them in almost any part of the park, club, sports facility, or office. Many of our articles this month focus on the amazing work of volunteers who have given their time and efforts tirelessly, thereby enabling us to take full advantage of the lifestyle we all so enjoy.

Volunteers contributed to the park from its first inception and without their diligent efforts, most of the activities we enjoy simply would not be available. If you are new to Venture Out, or have not volunteered for a while, there is no time like the present to get involved. You do not have to join a club or group in order to contribute. Talk to your neighbors and friends; they will gladly direct you. Even if you choose to assist in a small way, for a short time, you will be kindly welcomed by any group in the park!

We hope you enjoy the articles presented by our writers this month and wish you well in your volunteer endeavors.

## Pete's Place

by Norm Thiessen



The Veranda, located in the north-east tennis complex, is in use seven days a week for viewing tennis and as a venue for various social functions. It is highly functional, complete with kitchen, bathrooms, and storage. Its conception and construction is a testament to the cooperation of governance and efforts of skilled volunteers.

In 1998, Pete Trepanier, then president of the Tennis Club, envisaged a facility that, while meeting the basic needs of some 300 tennis players, would also provide an outdoor meeting area for all park residents. After Pete spent two years meeting with the Long Range Planning Committee, Social and Condo Boards, and the City of Mesa, approval to proceed was finally achieved. The Social Board contributed \$20,000, the Condo Board \$6,000, and the Tennis Club committed to raising an additional \$9,000 and to provide labor for construction. Since the Tennis Club had no ready money, Pete and wife, Poochie, loaned the club the required \$9,000 to be repaid interest-free over the next three years by raising the dues of club members.

The Tennis Club was quick to act. Architectural drawings by Howard Soper; site work, permits, and utilities by Pete Trepanier; foundations and block walls by Mike Miller; roof and gables by Doug Ward; electrical by Vern Sauer; interior finishing by Roy Thiessen; and a constant army of volunteers, coordinated by Dan Garinger, assisted in each area to bring the job to rapid completion. Pete said that the only job contracted to a professional was plumbing since no one felt they had either the will or necessary expertise. "These were simpler times then; regulations needed to be followed, but there was a more relaxed attitude." The Veranda is part of the proposed northeast Sports Plex and will see its outdoor area enlarged. The building remains essentially the same; continues to be in good condition; is well used, and while the park lists it as "The Veranda," many of the tennis old-timers will always think of it as "Pete's Place."

By the way, Pete and Poochie were married 62 years ago on Christmas Day!

## Foundation

by Jean DeLoye

After the completion of the new Community Center, past presidents Merv Houghton and John Ingebrand began looking into the feasibility of a charitable foundation for Venture Out. They visited Leisure World and were convinced that a good portion of the now-completed Community Center could have been paid for with charitable dollars had we had a foundation in place to accept tax-free donations.

Immediate past President of the Condo Board, Norm Thiessen, was asked to chair a steering committee comprised of Florence Brownridge and John Jones. Norm visited Leisure World's Foundation officials and returned with copies of their governing documents. After many hours of research, Norm drafted the mission statement and governing documents which enabled the committee to establish the goals of stability and development for the future.

Norm also approached the Memorial Society which donated \$1000 so the committee could enlist a tax lawyer to develop a tax-free charitable foundation and review the documents. The Foundation had to be completely separate from both the Condo and Social Boards. The first significant project was taking over the "Walk of Fame," a successful program. A \$100.00 donation provided an engraved brick which was placed along a side entrance to the Community Center. The Foundation also held a dedication in 2016 at the entrance to the park honoring military veterans with their names and emblem of service placed on a donated brick.

Bob and Florence Brownridge donated seed money from the sale of their home as well as profits from the auction of their golf cart. The Foundation then offered services to residents such as the "life alert" for senior citizens. ( Contact Colleen Beyer for more information.)

The Foundation has been instrumental in contributing to many projects such as the East Pool Complex with its high capacity fans, pool-lift, non-slip floor in the Cabana, saunas, enhanced door mechanisms, and others, totaling \$80,000. The Foundation provided funds for an ATM in the post office and our speakers' forum is also a beneficiary. See the Outlines for current topics.

The Foundation plans to introduce a Broadway portal which provides access to a safe place for bike and cart parking near public transportation. In addition, they are examining ways to offer tax-deduction opportunities which could support future endeavors, and create methods for residents to contribute to specific interests.

You can leave a legacy by asking family and friends to provide a memorial to the Foundation in the event of your death, make a contribution to a memorial honoring a loved one, offer a tax-free donation, make the Foundation a beneficiary in a trust or will, and invite others to do the same.

Many of our residents are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generations and past residents have paved the way for our enjoyment. The Foundation is one avenue which allows us to be part of a bright future while we enjoy the present.

If you are interested and want more information, contact President Ken Dowlin.

## Don't Feed the Dust Bunnies

by Maureen Robertson



Each day while walking the park, I notice people, brooms in hand, attempting to remove quantities of black dust from driveways. I also find that handfuls of the same dust invade my park model. A quick wipe with a cloth on furniture reveals a layer of the unwanted material every day!

Upon cursory investigation, it appears that we are responsible for at least some of it. Each week, the average person sloughs at least 1/3 ounce of dead skin! The only other creature I know of that sheds its skin is a snake, and heaven forbid that we shall compare ourselves to that slithery mass of muscle.

Facts excuse us from being major creators of dust bunnies. The arid desert climate creates masses of dust just waiting for a puff of wind to send it flying. The Sahara Desert produces the largest amount of dust in the world. Millions of tons of tiny particles waft their way across the Atlantic only to deposit themselves on the farms and ranches of Argentina which welcomes them as a source of fertilizer. Here in the Arizona desert, we must expect a natural amount of dust to circulate daily and to combine with the usual culprits, pollen, hair, textile and paper fibers, particulates of soil minerals, cosmic dust and pollutants from exhausts and asphalt. These bits combine to produce the ubiquitous dust bunnies and piles of black dust we try so diligently to remove. Moving to a tropical rain forest where daily deluges of rainwater clear the humid air, and massive numbers of trees and plants absorb the pollutants left behind, could be a solution. However, the warm and wet climate of the tropics provides a happy home to disease carrying insects and multiple varieties of poisonous and dangerous creatures which lurk unseen in hidden crevices.

Nowhere is perfect, and in spite of the daily battle with dust bunnies, I choose to enjoy the Arizona climate and the camaraderie of neighbors. Now, if only I could find a way to shed my skin in its entirety, like the lowly snake, and emerge with a fresh new one every so often! It would certainly help with the cleanup.

## Keeping Us Informed

by Norm Thiessen

In the early morning of every second Friday, a colorful, neatly-folded copy of the Out-Lines is carefully placed onto our respective patios. This event has become so expected that many may take for granted the effort that goes into the production of this important communication.

Each Monday, following the Friday delivery of the Out-Lines, a new cycle of production sets into motion. Newly-written and electronic articles, revised information from clubs, and the next two weeks of daily and weekly activities are received and verified as ready to be put to copy. Volunteers meticulously proofread the presented material over the next three days. On Friday, Teresa Beally, our Activity Director, provides the final approval for what will be the content of the next publication of the Out-Lines.

The following Monday, a final verification of the daily and weekly activity schedule takes place. On Tuesday, the material is readied for printing that will take place the following two days. Late Thursday, a line of tables appears in the Baja Bistro in readiness for the early Friday morning collation.

At 4:30 Friday morning, the printed material moves from the print shop to the waiting collation tables. At 6:00, forty volunteers arrive to assemble the approximately fifty stacks of pages into the latest edition of the Out-Lines. By 7:00 a.m., they form into twenty delivery teams, and after being fortified with donuts and coffee, scatter to all parts of the park to do their patio deliveries.

This cycle repeats again the following Monday, thanks to a few hired staff and many selfless volunteers. Volunteers range from relative newcomers to venerable veterans such as 92-year-old printer, Jack Chaffee, and 95-year-old Outlines assembler, Almyra Rourke. New faces are encouraged to join this vibrant group and become a part of our vital and dynamic service.



## An Artist's Creation

by Keith Gustafson

Pat Bergland, a professional interior decorator and artist, spends summers at a lake home near Duluth, MN. Pat and her husband, Bill, purchased a home on Navajo two years ago and developed it into a contemporary work of art. Only minimal structural changes have been made to the unit; all improvements consist of furnishings and cosmetic upgrades that only an artist could conceive. Their home was featured in the VO 2017 Tour of Homes.

The kitchen, the first room you encounter on your journey through the property, sports a modern industrial and Bahama cabana look. The lower cabinets, built on three-inch legs, consist of large pullout doors composed of a white synthetic material, giving them the appearance of floating in the air. There are no upper cabinets; instead, large steel grill panels arranged symmetrically on black walls, create open shelving decorated artistically. The wall treatments add to the high-tech look, making them appear multi-dimensional. The remainder of the room consists of large, white sofas with vibrant orange pillows. The window and wall treatments of plantation shutters, mirrors, and works of art remind one of an island cabana. The front patio doors are coated in an opaque film with musical notes and clefs etched into the covering.

The bedroom, a combination of a berth in a ship and a bird's nest, includes a high, queen-sized bed with built-in shelves above, giving the appearance of sailing on the high seas. One entire wall is a mural of a tree and birds. The bathroom doubles as an art gallery, with pieces tastefully arranged in built-in display cabinets.

The most unusual feature of Pat's and Bill's work of art is the outdoor patio, accessed through large glass doors from the Arizona room. Situated along one of the back walls of the park, the unit has an incredibly large yard, accented with a large patio table and chairs, as well as several other colorful umbrellas and seating arrangements. Beautiful mural paintings adorn the entire back wall of the park and rear walls of the unit. Trailing flower arrangements and unique finds from across the valley complete the look. The overall impression when sitting outdoors is that you are either in a French outdoor café, or in the French Quarter in New Orleans. Several of the outdoor art works add a whimsical touch to the overall look of elegance. Consistent with Pat's artistic persona, the decorating in their house changes almost daily, making it a living, emerging creation.



## Correspondence 101

by Roger Stoufer

At each weekly meeting our Venture Out Creative Writing Club assigns a member to issue a writing challenge to the rest of the group. The following week, members share their responses to the challenge by reading the prose or poetry that was inspired by it. Last week we were challenged to write a personal letter to someone.

Writing a letter to a family member, or friend, sounds like a simple task. Some Venture Out residents do it on a weekly basis. Not me!

In my experience, writing letters does not conjure up positive images. They usually have been motivated by illness, death or some other sort of tragedy. If my kids received a letter from me, they'd think I had blown their inheritance at a casino and didn't have the nerve to call them about it.

My letter-writing struggles whetted my curiosity on modern communication. Actually they drove me to create a brief survey to determine how most Venture Out residents stay in touch with their folks. The results of this might surprise you.

About 80% of the participants surveyed use their phones to text rather than write letters. While many prefer writing and receiving letters, their kids and grandkids only respond to texts. The irony here is that 90% of those surveyed save some of the letters they do receive and 80% treasure historical letters so much that they consider them to be heirlooms. Interestingly, fewer than 10% of those surveyed expect that any of the letters they sent to loved ones will be saved, either as personal treasures or for historical purposes.



My biggest surprise on the survey was that only 20% shared, either in their letters or texts, tales of the activities that fill their lives at Venture Out. I suspect they don't want to tell them how much fun they're having. They probably think that the consequence would be a house full of visitors.

After tallying the survey, I did finish my letter(s). In spite of the fact that my kids are ages 34, 47 and 51, they would be jealous if I only wrote to one of them. I understand this. After all, these letters might become heirlooms. I also got a thank you call from each of them.

## Ambassadors Club

by Keith Gustafson

The Venture Out Ambassadors Club was created in 2009 as an ad hoc committee of the Condo Association Board. Their mission is to provide comprehensive tours of the VO facilities to all visitors to the park who have expressed an interest in purchasing or renting a unit. An Ambassador is assigned for interested parties and arranges a tour of all of the clubs, courts, center, and the pools. The tour includes all the hobby, sports and social facilities.

The tour is designed to make new or prospective residents familiar with the buildings and opportunities available. One of the findings of the recent Hultsman Study was to expand the visibility and access to the Ambassadors Club. The Ambassadors are now working with the Welcoming Committee and attending tournaments and informational fairs, both inside and outside the park, in an attempt to encourage prospective buyers to consider VO. The eight ambassadors selected for the program have strong backgrounds in governance and budgeting processes and project a progressive, positive attitude. They answer questions about costs for living in VO, the benefits of no debt, how new building projects are initiated, and how the Governing Board and Social Board work. They convey our mission of a retirement community where friendship, cooperation, and volunteerism are highly valued and where residents are involved in diverse activities while keeping the park safe, secure, progressive, cost efficient and responsive to changing needs. Their hope is that after the tour, everyone will want to move into our park and bring their friends and relatives. Walt Just, the mentor for the group, would be more than happy to answer any questions. If you see a person with a light blue vest walking around campus, it is one of our eight friendly ambassadors!



## Glass Art Building

by Keith Gustafson



The Glass Art Club was founded in approximately 1975 when Ruth Watson first taught stained glass classes in an area that is now the library. Ruth continued these classes for six years before giving them up. The group continued after Teresa encouraged Fred Laurita to start another class in 1992. He started teaching the class on the second floor of the annex before there was an elevator. The classes grew until Fred had over 100 students.

The initial stained glass group was composed of artists who were also interested in glass jewelry, lapidary, and even wood carving. Each of these specialties left the larger group after their specific interest group began. The group was moved into the renovated maintenance building in the early 2000's where they shared space with the woodcarvers.

Two decades later, stained glass is known as Glass Art, better reflecting the mission of their group. It has grown significantly to approximately 200 members with 30 to 35 people creating works of art on a daily basis. The new building, built in 2014, is located on the southeast corner of the campus near the RV Storage. It consists of a single large studio with many work stations, large storage areas and lockers for club members. The room can be divided with a portable wall so classes can be conducted while artists continue with their work. In addition to stained glass work, the club now works with "worm" glass, under the direction of Jan Check. Worm is produced in kilns at heats up to 1600 degrees Fahrenheit in a state-of-the-art kiln room.

When visiting the club, you are impressed with the bee-hive activity of the members as well as the generosity of individuals assisting each other. Rather than having the appearance of a classroom for beginners, it has the aura of a collective commune of artisans working daily to create beautiful works of art. The compassion of this group was illustrated in 2002 when one of the members became terminally ill and could not continue her work on a large piece. All club members took turns working daily on her piece until it was finished. The ill lady was then able to enjoy the beauty of her work of art in her final days, all made possible by loving friends in Glass Art.

## It's Windy Today; No, It's Thursday

by Marion Thiessen

It's windy today; no it's Thursday; I'm thirsty too, so let's get a drink! So goes the exchange between a few golfing seniors suffering hearing loss. While such misunderstandings amuse those who still have good hearing, the reality is no laughing matter. The frustrated listener experiences confusion, misinformation and increased isolation.

A conversation I had with my husband prior to his investment in hearing aids provides a good example of common miscommunication. One morning, when I mentioned that I needed to buy pizzas for a club social event, he offered to pick them up for me. I remembered I did not know how many or what kind I needed so I told him I would look after it myself later. He was perplexed so repeated his offer and again I declined. Finally his irritation showing, he said, "For goodness sakes, woman, I can buy the bloody peaches!"

Although hearing aids have advanced significantly in the last ten years, many situations continue to exist that make it difficult for hearing impaired people. Background music in restaurants and shopping malls, dinner parties with simultaneous conversations, actors mumbling their lines, quiet-speaking people and those with strong foreign accents interfere with the ability to hear or understand.

There are many hearing loss websites such as [www.ucsfhealth.org](http://www.ucsfhealth.org) which offer suggestions on how we might assist the hearing impaired.

A few important tips are as follows:

- Face the person and make eye contact as this allows the listener to read lips.
- Avoid putting your hands in front of your face.
- Talk in a normal voice but enunciate clearly.
- Rephrase, rather than repeat, when you have not been understood.
- Say the person's name when you are speaking.
- Background music and noisy appliances should be turned off.



However, electronic devices that transcribe speech into text can be helpful. Above all be patient, as it may well be a windy day!

## Recycling: What Goes Around, Comes Around

by Maureen Robertson

Many of us recall the days of our childhood when milk arrived at the front door in glass bottles and when our mothers reused jars to preserve fruits and vegetables. Kitchen waste went into the compost to become the rich soil needed to grow much of our food. Packaged and fast foods, unknown to us, only became popular as we grew into adulthood. What happened? How do we deal with the immense amount of waste thrust upon us today? The modern era of recycling turns back the clock somewhat and allows us, with a bit of effort, to return to a lifestyle reminiscent of earlier times.

How do we dispose of waste we collect from the grocery store, the post office and deliveries from online purchases? Fortunately, Venture Out maintains, through sponsorship of the Green Committee, an excellent program for recycling and continues to improve its efforts each year.

What can we recycle? The blue bins near the dog walk and maintenance shop accept plastic, metal cans, and glass containers as well as milk and juice cartons. Cardboard (flattened) and papers belong in the green dumpster which is then collected by United Fiber who pay our park for the privilege! The Shriners collect aluminum cans and scrap aluminum, which they turn into funds with which to assist children suffering from severe medical challenges.

For those who prefer curb-side pickup, the maintenance men recommend using a 13 gallon white or clear plastic bag. Put all your recycling items in it, tie securely and place on top of the garbage can. The men will sort the items at the recycling bins.

What not to recycle: kitchen waste, Kleenex, meat trays, pizza boxes, coffee grounds and Styrofoam. These items, when included with recycling, contaminate the other items and need to be disposed of in the trash. Wonder what to do with old electronics, unused medications, batteries, paints, chemicals and tires? The city of Mesa arranges a hazardous waste collection four times a year with the next one taking place on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 2412 Center Street, north of McKellips.

As for those pesky plastic bags from the grocery store, collection bins located in the center and post office await deposits. Last year, the Green Committee collected over 650 pounds of plastic bags. Trex Plastics, a company which creates decking products from plastics, awarded the Committee a picnic bench in exchange for the bags. The bench now resides in the Veterans' Memorial Garden near the front gate.

For more information on waste disposal and recycling, please refer to the information pages in the front section of the 2017 Venture Out directory.

Returning to the days of our childhood when life was simpler can never be accomplished. However, with our continued emphasis on sustainability, we can bring a more responsible approach for dealing with the explosion of waste in our community.



Did you know how long it takes these items to decompose?

Paper	<b>6 weeks</b>
Milk carton	<b>3 months</b>
Aluminum can	<b>80 to 200 years</b>
Plastic bottle	<b>450 years</b>
Plastic bag	<b>500 -1000 years</b>
Glass bottle	<b>1000 years</b>
Styrofoam	<b>Never</b>

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