

Venture Out-Lines

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5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

January 27, 2016

Jan 30
Bluegrass
Concert
(Silversmith
Sponsored)
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Hobby
Center Open
House
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Jan 28
Biscuits &
Gravy
Breakfast
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Big Game Party
(Pickleball
Sponsored)
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Carvers Raffle
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Sponsored)
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Make & Take
(Fired Clay
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Home and
Art Tour
(Pet Association
Sponsored)
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Mystery Trip
(Bocce
Sponsored)
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Glass Arts
Open House
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California
Dreaming
(Pickleball Sponsored)
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Just 10 more
minutes...
Zzzz



Administration

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

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
(480) 832-0200
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@VentureOutRVResort.com
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Closed Sat. & Sun.
Notary Available - By
Appointment Only
Mon Afternoon
Friday

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ACTIVITY OFFICE
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Monday - Saturday

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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."

CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday • February 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:

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Work Session

SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING Tuesday • February 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.

Activity Director's Report

Changes to Agenda:

Approval of minutes:

Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report:

Planning Report:

Transmittal Report:

Liaison Reports:

Condo Board Liaison Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

Star Volunteer:

Adjournment:

ANNUAL MEETING OF VENTURE OUT LOT OWNERS

Wednesday, February 15 • 1:00 pm
Buena Vista Ballroom

Call to Order

Invocation

President Reads Proof of Proper

Notice of Annual Meeting

Reading and Approval of Minutes of

2016 Annual Meeting

Certification of Quorum

President calls on Election Chair for

results of voting

President's Report

Standing Committee Reports

Lot Owners' Comments

New Business

Outgoing Directors' Comments

Adjournment

THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Gordon Klofstad 480-854-8883

Dennis Olsen 425-890-2992

The Infrastructure Committee is accepting applications for committee membership. Interested owners should submit a short outline of work accomplishments to Gordon Klofstad 480-854-8883 or Dennis Olsen 425-890-2992.

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

SOCIAL BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the Social Board is actively seeking candidates to fill three upcoming vacancies on the Social Board. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Social Club on **TUESDAY, MARCH 21** in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Please consider being a candidate or if you know of a person who you think would be interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact a member of the Committee as listed below. We are also asking all Clubs to consider candidates who are eligible and willing to serve. Thank you.

Linda Kerr

480-641-0201

Carole Hewett

480-807-0561

Peggy Warren

480-641-4130

Ron O'Genski

480-525-2986

Ross White

480-985-2653

Administration

Final Sports-plex Q&A

All VO residents should have received their ballots by this time. For anyone who may have remaining questions about this project, we have scheduled a final informational session to be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 10:00 am in the Baja Bistro. We will be ready to present the same power point that we have used in earlier sessions if needed, and then to entertain questions and comments. The power point topics include the project's history/rationale, design, costs, and assessment/payment plan options.

In addition to this session, two teams of presenters remain ready to speak and answer questions at club meetings and block parties. Simply contact Terry Farris at tfarrisr@aol.com or 253-677-0887.

**WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 1
10:00 am • Baja Bist r o**

COMMON FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Byron Snowden 218-244-3373

The VO Common Facilities Planning Committee is seeking candidates to fill three positions that will open up next year. We need people who can make well-reasoned judgments free of any personal agendas and who can evaluate requests or situations with an open mind. In addition, if you have experience as a planner for a city/county, an architect, a contractor/builder, or an engineer, then you would be a great asset to the committee. If you would like to apply, contact Byron Snowden at 218-244-3373 or come to one of our **Wednesday** planning meetings at 1:15 pm in the **Sonoran**. Deadline **February 24**.

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@ventureoutvresort.com
- Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office
- The deadline for ALL articles: Noon on the date listed below.

DUE DATE MONDAY

January 30
February 13
February 27
March 13

PUBLISH DATE FRIDAY

February 10
February 24
March 10
March 24

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF VENTURE OUT AT MESA, INC., A CONDOMINIUM

Pursuant to Article III, Section 2, of the Bylaws of Venture Out at Mesa, Inc. a condominium, the Annual Meeting of members has been called to be held in the Buena Vista Ballroom at Venture Out at Mesa, Inc., 5001 East Main Street, Mesa, Arizona 85205, with the meeting declared officially open at 1:00 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 for the following purposes:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: Election of three (3) Directors for the Condominium Board.

The three Directors receiving the largest number of votes will be serving three-year terms. The members leaving the Board are Marnee Bogle, Bruce Johnston and Loras Watters.

There are two (2) propositions on the ballot for approval of the Venture Out Sports-Plex and to approve the IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. Transact all such other business as may properly be presented at this meeting.

Please complete the ballot following the instructions from the Electronic Vote Service Provider, if you have registered to vote electronically. Or place the printed ballot mailed to you in the **return** envelope and **MAIL** to the return address on the envelope. **Only one ballot per lot in the envelope. All ballots received electronically or by regular mail after 4:00 PM Arizona time the day prior to the Annual Meeting will not be counted. All voting will cease at 4:00 PM the day prior to the annual meeting. The service provider will deliver the electronically tabulated votes to the Venture Out Election Committee Chairman no later than 10:00 AM Arizona time the day of the Annual Meeting.** Last minute ballots may be hand-delivered to the Corporate Secretary in the Administration Office before 4:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017. **All voting will be by Absentee ballot, either electronic vote or written paper ballot mailed to you; there will be no voting on the day of the Annual Meeting.**

We need your participation to ensure a quorum is present. The Annual Meeting will be declared officially open at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. **The Board encourages all lot owners to vote and to attend the Annual Meeting.**

January 10, 2017
Pam Byfield
Corporate Secretary
Venture Out at Mesa, Inc.

Special Events

BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

\$5.00 Per Person

Tickets available at event



MENU

Nothing says "Down Home" like homemade biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, chilled juice and coffee.

Everyone welcome! *Bring your own table service and coffee mug*

Saturday • January 28
7:30 - 9:30 am • Baja Bistro

HOBBY CENTER OPEN HOUSE & SALE

EVERYONE INVITED!

Demonstrations

Sale of Crafts

Refreshments

HANDYMEN
ROCK AND GEM
SILVERSMITH
SUNSHINE CARVERS
WOODSHOP
PET ASSOCIATION
CHANNEL 17
GREEN COMMITTEE



RAFFLE
TICKET
SALES

Saturday • January 28
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hobby Center

Bluegrass Concert Featuring "Cadillac Mountain"

Tickets: \$10.00 from Activity Office or
\$11.00 at the door

Clap your hands
& stomp your feet
– It's Bluegrass
music!

There is nothing
like the sound of
a guitar, banjo,
fiddle and

doghouse bass to get you into that special
Bluegrass groove. Add high-powered vocals and
soaring harmonies and you have a local Arizona
Bluegrass favorite band, Cadillac Mountain.

Sponsored by the Silversmith Club

Monday • January 30
7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

SUNSHINE CARVERS RAFFLE

Ticket Sales: Thru January 31

Available at various events in the Baja Bistro

**Tickets: \$1.00 each
or 6 for \$5.00**

**Many beautifully
handcrafted items to be
raffled!**

**On display at the
Recreation Open House and
in the Baja Bistro Display
Case.**

**Drawing January 31 at the Ice
Cream Social
Plus...**

**Hillbilly Chess Set
Special Raffle!
\$5.00 or 5 for \$20**



Tuesday • January 31
Drawing 2:00 pm • Baja Bistro

Special Events

California Dreaming Dance

Featuring the Beach Boys Tribute Band
"The Southwest Surfers"

Tickets \$12.00

Sale in the Baja Bistro
 Tuesday • January 31 • 7:00 pm
 at Come, Fire, Serve

Each paid/refer-a-friend purchase up to 4 tickets with 4 valid badges (Purple Hologram). If not sold out, tickets available in the Activity Office beginning January 18.

Sold Out

BYOB
 Snacks
 and
 Beer



Dress Beachy

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

Tuesday • January 31
 7:00 - 10:00 pm • Doors open at 6:30 pm
 Absolutely No Early Entry
 Buena Vista Ballroom

"Make and Take" Small Serving Plate

On Tuesday, January 31, 9:30 - 11:30 am, hand paint your very own 7.5 inch x 6 oval-shaped ceramic serving plate with an Easter theme or stencil your own design.

Make one for that special person or yourself.

Return Wednesday, February 1, 1:00 pm to pick up your fired serving plate and enjoy refreshments.

\$15 includes plate, paint, use of brushes & firing



Seating is limited so come by the club facility and sign up today!

Fired Art Clay Studio Sponsored
 Questions? Call Steve Oldham 480-830-2704

**Tuesday & Wednesday
 January 31 & February 1
 9:30 - 11:30 am • Fired Clay Art Studio**

Glass Art Club Open House

- Projects completed by Glass Art Club members on display
- Tours of the facility
- Purchase select items designed by individual Glass Art Club Members

Refreshments served!



**Wednesday • February 1
 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Glass Arts Building**

STEAK FRY

MENU

- Sizzling Sirloin Steak
 Served with
- Sautéed Mushrooms
 Baked Potato
- Coleslaw • Roll & Butter
 Coffee • Lemonade

Tickets \$10.00
Past Deadline
 See Post Office
 Hallway for ticket
 purchase opportunities

TWO SEATINGS

4:30 pm & 6:00 pm
 *Steaks to be served for a 20-minute period at each dinner seating.

PLEASE BE ON TIME

SPONSORED BY THE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



Bring your own table service

**Wednesday • February 1
 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm • Baja Bistro**

Special Events

IT'S ANOTHER... MYSTERY TRIP ?

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

Sold Out

ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT!
AVAILABLE TUESDAY AT THE BAJA BISTRO
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION
480-654-1858

Wear comfortable shoes & bring a warm jacket.

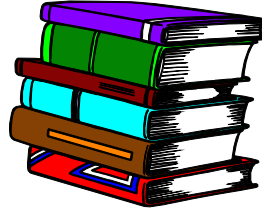
Open to All!

SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

Friday • February 3
Bus Departs 7:30 am
Bus Loading Zone

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 • FEBRUARY 4
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER

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

With
music
by
Dwayne
Bear



Bring your own
table service

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

New & Improved “BIG GAME” PARTY

Tickets \$10.00 each available from Activity Office
Ticket deadline: 10:00 am Wednesday, February 1

MENU

Chicken Breast
(Bun Optional)
Super Salads:
Mediterranean Potato
Coleslaw & Caesar
Served with
Chocolate
Chip Cookies

Tailgating
Games &
Prizes!



Door Prizes!
Football Pool!

50/25/25 Raffle “Game of the Year” on large screens

BYOB Snacks & Table Service
Water & Ice Provided

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

Sunday • February 5
3:00 pm Doors Open for Tailgating
4:30 pm Game Starts
Half -Time Food Service • Buena Vista Ball r oom

Special Events

WOODSHOP RAFFLE

Get your tickets February 6 through 20
from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.

**RAFFLE
TICKETS**
\$1.00 each...
6 for \$5.00
15 for \$10.00
35 for \$20.00



Raffle Draw
Monday • February 20 • 1:00 pm
Buena Vista Ballroom

Watch for our display on the
West Side of the Baja Bistro

Ticket sales starting February 6
Drawing 1:00 pm • February 20
Buena Vista Ballroom



Concert Series



Joe Bourne Presents "Upbeat & Sweet"

Together with his dynamic and talented band, Joe Bourne's velvety baritone vocals and spicy showmanship woo his audience as he offers up an eclectic blend of tunes from the 60s, 70s and 80s, including Motown. This concert includes songs from Ray Charles, Lionel Richie, The Four Seasons, The Four Tops, Blood Sweat and Tears, Lou Rawls, Carole King, Martha Reeves, Ben E King, Earth Wind and Fire, The Spinners, Etta James, George Benson, Eric Clapton, Kiki Dee and more.



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 • February 6
7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

17th All-City Pickleball Annual Tournament

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 7
Women's Doubles - 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 8
Men's Doubles - 8:00 am

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 9
Mixed Doubles - 8:00 am



All proceeds from event to benefit the Social Club.
Please come out & support your VO Pickleball teams

=USAPA SANCTIONED EVENT=
LUNCH AVAILABLE AT PATIO BEHIND THE
LAUNDRY FACILITY.
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Open to All

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

February 7 - 9
8:00 am • Pickleball Courts

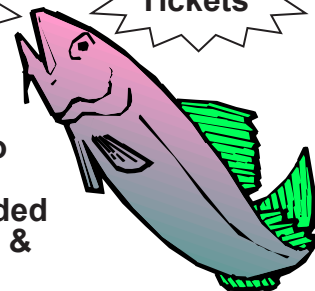
Salmon Barbecue & Potluck

Two Servings:
5:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Alaskan Keni Red
Salmon donated and
grilled by resident
Wayne Bredberg

Tickets available
at the Activity Office
for a donation of
\$8.50 each.
Cost to include shipping
of fish and a donation
to the Social Club

**Limited
Tickets**



- Please provide a dish to share
- Beverage and ice provided
- Bring your table setting & beverage glass

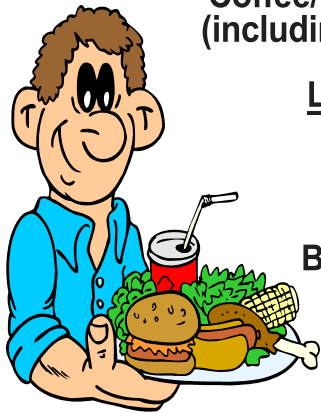
Wednesday • February 8
5:00 pm & 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro

Special Events

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

BBQ Chicken Sandwich,
Coleslaw &
Bottle of Water \$6.00

Pie by the slice \$2.00

Table Service Provided

Sponsored by the Fired Clay Art Studio

Thursday • February 9
8:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro

STRAWBERRY TOPPED PANCAKES BREAKFAST

\$5.00 Per Person

Tickets available at event

Special
Performance by
Sing n' Strum

MENU

Who doesn't love fresh strawberries over warm pancakes served with sausage links, chilled juice and piping hot coffee?



Everyone
welcome!

*Bring your own table
service and coffee mug*

Saturday • February 11
7:30 - 9:30 am • Baja Bistro

CERAMICS CLUB'S OPEN HOUSE AND SIDEWALK SALE



Looking for that unique piece of pottery? Tour our shop and check out our sale items...made by our own talented artists!

Come join us for refreshments

Saturday • February 11
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Ceramics room

SEWING CLUB'S SIDEWALK SALE & OPEN HOUSE

Many unique and beautifully crafted items for sale. Be amazed at the many colorful and decorative fabrics used to create truly one-of-a-kind quilts, blankets and more! Come browse our handiwork!



Refreshments
served

Raffle Quilt on Display - Tickets Available

Saturday • February 11
9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Sewing Room

Special Events

Pet Association presents A Special Home Tour of 20 Aero John & Audrey Durst

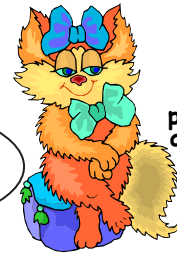


Sunday, February 12
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
&
3:30 - 6:00 pm
\$1.00 per person
No sign up necessary!
Pay at 20 Aero upon arrival!

Just come and view one of the most unique homes in Venture Out

Sunday • February 12
9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 3:30 - 6:00 pm
20 Aero

A VIEW HOME AND ART OF VENTURE OUT



Refreshments following the tour!

Shuttle service provided to nine unique and beautiful homes in Venture Out... each with an individual appeal!

TICKETS \$17.00

Each name drawn in the lottery is entitled to purchase **TWO** tickets.

Those drawn in the lottery may purchase 2 tickets on **Friday January 27 & Monday January 30 - Thursday February 2** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 9:00 am to noon, **Friday, February 3** in the Baja Bistro.

Those not present at the drawing, check the list in the Post Office & outside the Activity Office. 20 names will also be drawn for a waiting list for tickets not claimed.

SPONSORED BY THE PET ASSOCIATION

Sunday • February 12
12:45 pm Registration • Baja Bistro

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 • February 13
5:00 pm • Baja Bistro

One of These Nights



Sold Out

Monday, February 13
7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

Notice!

Club Budgets
are due to
Social Board
Liaisons by
Monday
February 13



Special Events



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 • February 14
3:30 pm • Bus Loading Zone
Depart Casino 10:30 pm

Special Valentine's Day Concert

Featuring the Tower Point Band -
A 50 piece concert band performing a
variety of music for your listening pleasure

Enjoy a scoop of ice
cream for \$1.00 or
the Valentine's
special; a
warm peach compote
over a biscuit and
served with a scoop
of Vanilla ice cream -
\$2.50
(purchase at event)



Tuesday • February 14
2:00 pm • Baja Bist r o
During the Ice Cream Social

Buy Your Sweetheart a Valentine Flower!

\$3.00 for an elegantly wrapped
single carnation available for
sale following the
Worship Service
Sunday February 12,
at the Grapevine
February 13 and
at the Valentines
Day Concert
February 14

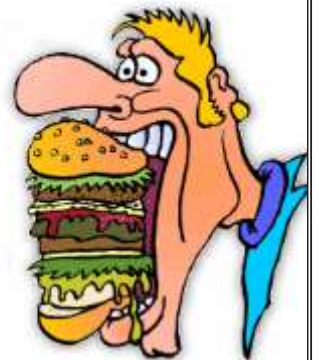


Sponsored by the Croquet Club

February 12, 13 & 14
Baja Bist r o

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

Wednesday • February 15
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm • 6455 E. Southern Ave.
(480) 396-3077

Special Events

The Cabaret

With the Nicole Pesce Combo

Featuring the amazing talent of Nicole on the piano playing a variety of Easy Jazz, Contemporary, Classical, Rock & Roll, Country and requests from the audience for your listening pleasure



**Reserved Seating
Tickets \$10.00**
Cabaret table seating
Available from Activity
Office & if still available
\$12.00 at the door

BYOB,
Snacks &
Beverage
Glass

Ice Provided

Sponsored by the Solos Club

**Wednesday • February 15
7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom**

TACO SALAD

— MENU —
Jumbo flour tortilla shell with your choice of seasoned ground beef, beans, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos, shredded cheese, sour cream, black olives and ranch dressing!

Tickets \$6.50
Available from the
Activity Office until sold
out. If not sold out,
available at the door.

*Bring your own
table service*



Limited
Number of
Tickets
Available.

SPONSORED BY THE TENNIS CLUB

**Thursday • February 16
11:00 am – 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro**

HAMBURGER BBQ & ICE CREAM BARS

Menu

Grilled Hamburger
or Cheeseburger
Grilled Onions
Baked Beans • Chips
Beverage

\$5.00

Sponsored by the
Softball Association

*With Music by
Reign-n-
Country*



**Ice Cream Drumsticks &
Klondike Bars \$1.50**

Sponsored by the
Horseshoe Club

*Bring your own
table service*

**Saturday • February 18
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Baja Bistro**

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 February 20 to
March 6 • Drawing March 6 at
the Fashion Show**

Special Events

PORK LOIN DINNER

\$8.50 Tickets available at the Activity Office
Deadline: 10:00 am Wednesday, February 15

TWO SEATINGS:
5:00 pm
&
6:30 pm

MENU:

Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Stuffing
Green Beans with Bacon
Applesauce
Beverage
BYOB



*Bring your own
table service*

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club

Wednesday • February 22
5:00 pm & 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro

Motor Expo & Car Show See what's new in the "Motor World!"

VANS

GOLF CARTS

MOTORHOMES

5TH WHEELS



Chili dogs &
ice cream on
Sale!
11:00 am -
1:00 pm

PLUS "COLLECTIVE GOODS"

Thursday • February 23 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Outside the Community Center
Chili Dogs at BBQ Area & Collective
Goods in the Baja Bistro

Car Show At the Motor Expo

Check out the
hottest muscle cars
and pristine classic
cars in the Valley!
Cast your vote for
the Best in Show!

Chili
Dogs on
Sale!
11:00 am
1:00 pm

Sponsored by:



Thursday • February 23 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Outside the Community Center
Chili Dogs at BBQ Area & Collective
Goods in the Baja Bistro

CHILI DOGS

During Motor Expo & Car Show
\$5.00

Purchase Tickets at Event

Menu

Hot dog
topped with
Southwest chili
& cheese.
Served with
chips and
lemonade.



*Table service
Provided*

Ice Cream Bars
\$1.50

Sponsored by the Recreation Department

Thursday • February 23
11:00 am - 1:00 pm • BBQ Area

Special Events

Zappone's Italian Bistro Meal Deal

On February 24 present the Meal Deal flyer at Zappone's Italian Bistro and 15% of your entire dining bill will be donated to the Venture Out Social Club



Flyer in Next Out-Lines

Sponsored by the Pet Association

Friday • February 24
11:00 am - 9:00 pm
1652 N. Higley Rd Gilbert, AZ 85234

A Night at the Oscars

Reserved Seat Tickets from the Activity Office \$9.00 Cabaret Seating
or
General Seating \$8.00
\$1.00 more at the door



A fun-filled evening of entertainment, including singing and dancing as presented by the talented members of the Hams at Heart Club

BYOB & Snacks
Ice & Water Provided

Sponsored by the Hams at Heart

Monday • February 27 and
Tuesday • February 28 • 7:00 pm
Buena Vista Ballroom

Mahi Mahi Fish Dinner

—MENU—

Herb Baked Mahi Mahi

Baked Potato with Butter & Sour Cream

Vegetable Roll & Butter

Coffee & Lemonade

Dessert



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

Bring your own table service

Sponsored by the Rock & Gem Club

Wednesday • March 1
Two seatings
5:00 & 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro

— 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 Declene 480-854-1259.



Drop off donated items to the roped-off area behind the Laundry building before 11:00 am on Thursday, March 3
For pick-up call before Wednesday, March 2

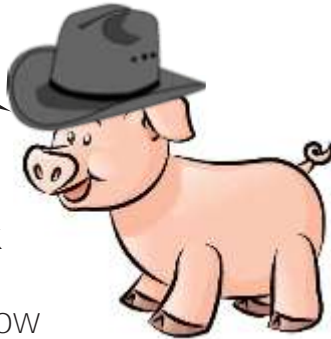
ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTED TO SOCIAL CLUB

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

Special Events

RIBS N' BIBS DINNER SHOW

Coming
Soon!



Mark your
Calendar for Sunday,
March 5 and plan to
enjoy a full baby back
pork rib dinner plus a
professional stage show
by House of Steel

New Event!

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club

Sunday • March 5

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 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

Chicken Parmesan Dinner



MENU

Chicken Parmesan
Served 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 Arts Club

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

Seymour's Adventure Parade

Go VO
Parade!

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

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.



Contact for Information:
Kristy Smith
Assistant Activity Director
480-832-9000
astdir@ventureoutvresort.com

Saturday • March 18

Clubs and Organizations

CROQUET CLUB

We play at the Croquet Court any time, any day of the week. We have lessons at 10 am on Wednesday morning. Anyone can play, no age limit, and equipment is all furnished. We have a singles & doubles tournament the last part of February or the 1st part of March. Tournament is voluntary and no mandatory league. Come and join us and just have fun. Everyone welcome!



ALBERTA PARTY

Dan Smith
480-492-7088

February 10 at the Oasis, no host party, no admission fee. Set-up is at 4:15 pm with Happy Hour at 5:00 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert for 20; coffee will be provided. Bring your own table service. Entertainment by Roy Pollon, door prizes and 50/50 draw. Sign-up sheets on the notice boards at the Post Office.

ART IN THE PARK

Vicki Beckmann
780-852-3844

Everyone interested in painting or drawing is welcome to drop in to Art in the Park. This is not a structured class but a place to be inspired and share the joy of creating art. Artists working in a variety of mediums at all levels of experience are invited. Bring your supplies. Sonoran on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

B.C. PARTY

Gloria Flick
480-396-7914

The BC Party will be held on Saturday, February 11 in the Buena Vista Ballroom. 4:30 pm Happy Hour, 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm dance music by April Walker. Please bring \$2.00 to be collected at the door and money for 50-25-25. Please supply your own table

service, BYOB and substantial side dish or dessert for 10 people. BBQ chicken and roast beef will be provided. Sign-up sheets in the hallway by the Post Office. Any questions call Gloria Flick 480-396-7914.

BIKING GROUP

Pegg Noyes
480-985-4959

Beginning Thursday, February 2, the biking group will begin the rides at 9:00 am. The group photo will be taken February 2. Meet outside the Activity Office. Bring water, your helmet and a snack. 9:00 am will be the starting time until the end of the season. Rides are on various routes and on mainly flat surfaces.

BILLIARDS 8-BALL - SNL

Marie Austin
480-396-8766

Saturday Night Live in our Poolroom for our mixed couples Doubles every Saturday except the last Saturday of the month which is our Jack & Jill Tournament wherein you bring your own partner to play. Bring a buck (no large bills, please) and sign up by 6:15 pm with play starting at 6:30 pm. You must be a member to play. We also have gloves and other accessories for sale. If you have questions, please call me.

BOCCE BALL CLUB

Marilyn Tomkinson
810-874-6643

Congratulations to Deb SegRe, winner of the January Singles Tournament. The Guys and Gals Tournament will be at 3:00 pm on January 29. Bring snacks to share and BYOB. Pictures will be taken following the Bocce Ball Club meeting on Wednesday, February 1 at 9:00 am. Wear your Bocce shirts. Fun night will be at 4:00 pm on February 8. Hamburgers, chips, coleslaw and dessert will be served for \$2.00. Volunteers are needed. Mesa Regal will be here on February 15. Check the Club house to sign up. Please check the sheets and cross your name off if you are no longer playing on a league. Have fun playing; that is what Bocce Ball is about.

BOOK OF REVELATION ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Lauran and Dean Decker
702-659-0765

Looking for a 12,000 foot overview of the book of Revelation that will be detailed enough to warrant one day of your time? Join the Holy Spirit and us for such a study: Saturday, February 25, Cabana, East Pool Complex 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Two dozen handouts! \$5 donation for course materials. **Bring your bible, pen, sack lunch, snacks and beverages.** Please sign up in advance

to secure one of the 80 table spaces available. Lauran and Dean Decker, 702-659-0765
Lauran1945@yahoo.com
910 Debonair.

CO-ED BIBLE STUDY

Carolyn Royan
480-830-5674

The Mysteries of Paul is an in-depth look at Christ's revelations given specifically for His church. This exciting and dynamic study will explore the abundant blessings available to believers through faith in Christ, and contrasts God's Kingdom program for Israel with His unique program for the Church. Runs Thursday evenings for 7 weeks through the end of February. Accompanied by a graphic power point presentation, this informative study is jam packed! Detailed summary notes are included. Thursdays at 6:59 pm in the Music room. Questions? Carolyn Royan 480-830-5674. All Welcome!

COLORADO- WYOMING PARTY

Forrest Simmons
480-532-1813

Come join the Rocky Mountain and on Monday February 20 in the Cabana Room at 5:00 pm. There will be live music, prizes & games. All this fun for only \$10.00! It is catered with table service provided, you

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need to BYOB. For tickets
contact Forrest Simmons or
Vicki at 307-899-0606.

CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN Linda Rigg 480-218-5024

We meet every **Tuesday** in
the **Music Room** from **1:00-
3:00 pm**. The session
starts with singing of
German songs and is
followed by vocabulary and
sentence structure. It is
very informal, so if you want
to learn to speak German or
know how, come join us.

CREATIVE WRITING Jeri Robbins 480-220-8402

Do you have stories from
your life or maybe you have
a poem trying to form in
your head? Whatever it is,
Creative Writing is for you!
We are a group of
beginners and experienced
writers. Each week we are
given a prompt to start the
creative juices flowing but
we are free to write
anything. Then we share.
There is lots of
encouragement and it's fun
to listen to what others have
written. Our apologies to
those who signed up at the
Recreation Open House.
The sign-up sheet
disappeared and we don't
know who you are. Join us
on **Thursdays at 1:00 pm in
the Sonoran**.

CRIBBAGE Tom Gorham 763-245-6058

February is coming soon
and you know what that
means: no, not the Super
Bowl, the U.S.A. vs.
Canada Cribbage
Tournament! The
tournament will be played
on **February 12, 19 and 26
at 12:45 pm** in the **Mojave
Room**. Partners will play
together the entire
tournament, so grab a
partner or sign up and you
will be assigned one. For
more information, call Tom
Gorham, 763-245-6058.
Show your national pride

and play for your country in
February!

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.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP Alice Petersen 651-434-2678

Wednesday, February 1,
the Genealogy Interest
Group will meet in the
Oasis from **7:00-8:00 pm**.
It will be a general meeting
of sharing and problem
solving with a presentation
on "Understanding Family
Migration." The group is
open to all levels of family
researchers.

GLASS ARTS STUDIO Nancy Welykholowa 480-257-4520

Come for a tour of our
Glass Art Studio! See what
can stimulate your creative
juices! **GLASS ART OPEN
HOUSE** Feb 1st 1-3 pm.
Come visit our wonderful

Studio! Demonstrations,
Raffle Tickets,
Refreshments, and GREAT
Company! Artisans will have
Glass Creations for sale.
Join and take Glass Arts
101 - Jan 30th and Feb 6th,
9-11 am. Advance to
Copper Foiling (make a
Butterfly) Feb 8th and 15th,
9-11 am. Introduction to
Glass Fusing Feb 2nd and
16th, 9-11 am. Glass
Slumping Feb 9th and 23rd,
9-11 am. Make & Take #3 -
Small Mosaic Stone, Feb
22nd. (\$20.00) Sign-up and
pay at the Studio prior to
date. Limited to 20. Studio
is Open 9:00-4:00 pm
Monday - Friday. Hope to
see you soon!

GOLF ASSOCIATION 9 HOLE GOLFERS Judy Sell 503-407-0182

Welcome back, 9-hole
golfers! Club membership
dues are \$10.00 per year in
order to be eligible for
prizes and tournament play.
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**. Join us
for some fun golf!

HAM RADIO Paulette Thompson 480-807-1791

Don't forget the Heart
Healthy 5K **Tuesday,
January 31**. Meet at the
**Community Center at 9:25
am** with your 2M radios.
Thanks to the hams who
assisted at the Electronics
Open House. Welcome
back, Dick K9DLI and Edie
Jones. **Tuesdays and
Thursdays** six General
License students meet from
noon-2:30 pm while one
technician and two Extra
candidates meet **2:30-5:00**

pm for classes at the
Electronics Club. Our
condolences to Marie
Beuter whose husband Leo
KB0MQH recently became a
'Silent Key.' Leo was
always available to
volunteer in VO activities
and was especially valued
when we helped park cars
at the Tennis Classic.

HAMS AT HEART Vicki Postel 720-234-4036

We're rolling out the Red
Carpet for a fabulous "Night
at the Oscars" when the
Hams at Heart and VO
Band bring you this star-
studded program! You'll see
your friends and neighbors
perform many of the
greatest musical hits of our
lives in song and dance.
The program will be
presented two nights:
Monday, Feb. 27 and
Tuesday, Feb. 28, both at 7
p.m. in the Buena Vista
Ballroom. Reserved cabaret
seating will be tables of 8,
sold at \$9 per person.
General admission seating
will be on the perimeter and
is \$8 per person.

HANDYMAMS Pam Klocke 763-516-6214

Welcome back to sunny
Arizona for another great
winter. The Handymen have
already been busy with
projects for Venture Out.
We will meet at **9:00 am on
Friday, February 3** in the
Oasis. If you are a wife or
significant other of a
Handyman, you are invited
to attend our monthly
meetings.

HAPPY HARPERS Ian Stenberg 480-452-3707

Venture Out's very own
harmonica group practice
every **Tuesday and
Thursday in the music
room at 9:00 am**. We also
play for the patients at
several of the care homes in
the area. If interested,
please come and join us or
just listen.

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HIKING

Jim Cox
515-999-9554

Our hike leaders are still injured; therefore our weekly hikes will be on "as determined, by available leader" basis. Please refer to the Hiking Group clipboard in the Post Office hallway for date, time and details of hikes. Wear hiking boots or good heavy ribbed soled shoes. Gloves and hiking stick are recommended. Bring water, lunch and \$5 for gas. Ratings: "A" easy to "D" tough. For "D" hikes there is often an easier alternative. (T) trail (B/W) Bushwhacking. Hiking Social is March 2 in the Cabana 5PM.

HORSESHOE CLUB

Bob Pederson
360-348-3657

Come join us for good fellowship, good exercise and low-level competition. Horseshoes available. For more information call Bob Pederson.

ILLINOIS PARTY

Karen Bibee
309-230-2527

The Illinois party will be held in the **Oasis, Sunday January 29**. Social hour will be **4:30-5:30 pm** with dinner around **5:30 pm**. Please bring your own beverage, table service and a side dish to share (appetizer, salad, vegetable, bread and butter or dessert). There is a sign-up sheet in the Post Office hallway. Coffee, water, ice and meat will be provided. Hope to see you then.

IOWA PARTY

Koreen Anderson
712-225-0324

Freedom Rocks honoring our veterans and service men and women is the theme of the Iowa Party this year. Join us for the party on **Saturday, February 4** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Happy Hour at 5:00 pm and Dinner following at 5:30. Tickets are \$7.00 and available at the Saturday

Breakfasts, Lunches and Monday Grapevine through January 30. There are many door prizes that will be given away. Fun games and trivia will keep us busy. Hope to see you at the party. For tickets call Koreen Anderson at 712-225-0324.

KITCHEN BAND

Patti Mortenson
701-770-5020

The band meets every **Monday from 3:00-4:00 pm** at the **Oasis** for practice. We would like to have you join us to make some good music together.

LAWN BOWLING

Mardal Flynn
Mardal@shaw.ca
480-351-9727

We have lessons on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 am** on the greens. Come by and give it a try. Then we play **8:45 am and 12:45 pm**. You need play only when you wish as we make up the teams with those attending for that game. It is a fun and challenging sport and we love newcomers.

MICHIGAN GATHERING

Ann Diehm
231-878-0614

Our Michigan Gathering this winter will be a Chili Cook-off. Please join us on **Friday, February 17** at the **Cabana Room EPC**. Cocktails at **5:00 pm** with dinner at **5:30 pm**. Our planning committee will provide the chili. Sign up at the **Post Office** to bring either a salad or dessert. Come to the cook-off with \$3.00, your dish to share, table service, your drink and quarters to vote for your favorite chili!

MONTANA PARTY

Janet McCabe
406-789-7471

The Montana Party will be held in the **Oasis, Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm**. A catered pulled-chicken dinner will be served. Bring money for the 50/50 raffle,

BYOB and glasses and table appetizer. Tickets are \$10.00 each with only 100 available. Please call Betsy Klofstad 480-854-8883, Barb Abar 480-404-1234, Raenelle Lees 406-370-3643 or Janet McCabe 406-789-7471 for tickets.

NATIONAL MAH JONGG

Vikki Lane Kunstman
920-246-5340

National Mah Jongg has started in the Classroom above the **Activity Office** on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm**. Please come and join us bringing your National Mah Jongg card.

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**. Happy hour starts at **4:30 pm**. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, & your table service. BYOB. Great entertainment & door prizes. \$5.00 fee per person at door or can bring to me at 208 Navajo to cover chicken & entertainment. Sign-up sheet posted on Post Office bulletin board.

NORTH DAKOTA PARTY

James A. Schmidt
701-412-1495

The North Dakota party will be held on **Tuesday, February 21** at the **Oasis**. Set-up is at **4:00 pm** and dinner at **5:15 pm**. Music will be provided by the Happy Harpers at **6:00 pm**. Save the date!! BYOTS & B.

ONTARIO PARTY REMINDER

Leah Mosher
480-787-7945

Come on out to celebrate being from Ontario. This event will be held **Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 pm**, in the **Oasis**. Please bring your own table service and

beverage. Sign up in the post office hallway and select an appetizer or dessert to bring. Looking forward to seeing you there!

OREGON PARTY

The OREGON PARTY for all Oregonians is set for **Saturday, February 11 at 5:00 pm** in the **Oasis**. Tickets will be sold **January 17, 24, 31** and **February 7** in the **Baja Bistro** during the **Tuesday** ice cream socials. Ticket cost is \$4.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the **Post Office** hallway so you may sign up for your potluck dish to share. Please bring a small wrapped gift for our gift exchange, plus money for the 50/50 raffle. The gift theme is "Gifts from Oregon." Call Judy Sell at 503-407-0182 if you have any questions.

PICKLEBALL

Nancy Johnson
218-697-2774

I hope you got your tickets for California Dreaming on **January 31**. Always a really fun event. Our club board meets **February 2 at 10:00 am**. The Big Bowl Party is **Sunday, February 5 from 3:00-8:00 pm** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Tickets are \$10.00 at the **Activity Office**. There will be fun games and fantastic food. Volunteers are always welcome when we host the All-City Tournament on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 7, 8 and 9**. Sign up on the bulletin board or talk to tournament Director Tom Van Sweringen to see where you can help. It is, as always, a "Team Effort."

ROCK AND GEM

Sue Nobles
505-205-7894

Welcome back, Snow Birds. All our monitors are back, the hours are **Monday thru Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm**. The shop has many items for sale: slabs of rock,

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jewelry, polished and unpolished stone. We also offer classes. Our next field trip is coming up soon. Come into the shop for details. The club photo will be taken at the next meeting on **February 6**.

“SANCTIONED” DUPLICATE BRIDGE Barbara Rees 480-275-8755

Duplicate Bridge – Every **Tuesday, 9:00 am, Mojave Room**. Cost \$5.00 Residents, \$6.00 others. Free mini lesson at 8:30 am. Need a partner? Call Barb at 480-275-8755. Lessons: 1) Beginner 2) Conventions 3) 2/1 Game Force. All lessons open to all. Learn / improve your game! For information: babs.booker@gmail.com

SASKATCHEWAN PARTY Dick / Cheryl Staples 480-463-1250

The Saskatchewan party will be held on **Wednesday, February 8 in the Buena Vista Ballroom**. Happy Hour on the Terrace at **4:30 pm** and dinner in the Ballroom at **6:00 pm**. Live Entertainment to follow. Enjoy a musical performance by Canadian singer/songwriter Stan Foster. For tickets contact: Dick/Cheryl Staples, 517 Douglas, 480-463-1250; Gord/Maureen Wilson, 704 Debonair 480-924-8865; or Don/Sharon Kopp 617 Merlin, 306-463-9410. Or purchase tickets at the Grapevine in January. Exciting door prizes! 50/50 & Raffles! BYOB and table service. \$12.50/person; \$25/couple. Everyone welcome.

SCANDINAVIAN ABELSLOVER LUNCHEON Carol Wolf 253-245-8005

Our annual event will be held on **Monday, February 6 from 11:00 am to 12:30**

pm in the East Pool Cabana. Tableware is provided. There are a limited number of tickets available. Contact Carol Wolf to purchase your ticket for \$5 per person. •

SEWING ROOM Karen Frank 206-391-9592

The sewing room is a very busy place. Be sure to check the master calendar inside the door for class and demonstration schedules. There are some very interesting projects. A second beginner's class is already full. If you spent your summer making articles for the sidewalk sale, be sure to submit them so they can be priced. The sale is **February 11**. We are scheduled for a group picture on **January 24 at 9:15 am** in the sewing room. The quilt for the raffle is hanging in the sewing room. Stop in and see it and purchase your raffle tickets.

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

Lessons every **Wednesday at 9:15 am**. Mentors assist novices **Thursday** mornings at **9:15**. All are welcome to come out and play in Open Draws every morning except **Friday and Sunday**. There is usually a bunch of people playing at **2:00 pm** in the afternoon. You are welcome to join them. As the days get hotter watch for evening play under the lights! The Shuffleboard Club group photo will be on **February 3** after In-Park League play. It's still not too late to order a Shuffleboard Club shirt. Congratulations to recent Gold Cap winner Dan Stuehrenberg.

SILVERSMITH CLUB Alice Petersen 651-434-2678

Congratulations to all of the winning bidders in the Silversmith Silent Auction!

Thank you to all for participating in the bidding in support of the club and VO Social Board. See you at the Hobby shops' Open House on **Saturday, January 28**. The shop will be open for tours, silver work demonstrations and sales. See you there!!

SOLOS MEETING Ivah Smith 480-396-6291

Singles club meeting every **Thursday** at the **Oasis**. Cocktail hour at **4:00 pm** and dinner at **5:00 pm**. Gentlemen bring beverages and the ladies provide the food. Come and join us.

SPLASHERS Robbie Oldemar 480-396-9987

Have you ever played Water Volleyball? Come join us and see how we do it 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

We meet **Thursday** mornings **9:00 am-12:00 pm** in the **Mojave Room** for stitching of any and all types and lots of chat. Welcome to all our new stitchers joining us and, if you are into stitching, please come. 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**.

SUNSHINE CARVERS Bill Lees 406-531-5657

The chess set and raffle is **January 31** at the ice cream social. Tickets are available at various Bistro events. One of a kind Chess/Checker set with 27 members working on this. Thanks to Robbie Oldemar for sewing its cover! The Desert Wood Carvers show and sale is February 11 and 12 at the Mesa Centennial Center. Wertz Farm Gourd Festival is February 10 – 12, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Pinal Fairgrounds, Casa Grande. The Bear Bust class **February 2 – 6** is full. A class for Framing Relief Carvings in the future. Date to be determined. Don't forget the Open House **January 28**.

TABLE TENNIS PING PONG Al Manter 253-584-6307

At the open house we signed up 8 more members for our table tennis club, which brings us closer to our average membership. We play at the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:00-9:00 pm. Thursday** we play from **3:00-5:15 pm** and **Saturday** from **9:00 am-noon. Sunday** is open play from **9:00 am-2:00 pm**. Come join us for a great time. Dues are very reasonable at \$5.00 a season.

TENNIS CLUB Janice Schwartz 480-436-9065

See you at the **Buena Vista ballroom** tomorrow night **January 28** as we dance to Rave On after our potluck dinner. Please sign to make and serve taco salad **Thursday, February 16**; Darlene Satrom and helpers served 350 delicious salads last month! We play Viewpoint here **Saturday, February 4** followed by

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three invitationals elsewhere. Perfect your game at free lessons for every level including beginners who meet **3:30 pm Mondays** court 5. Submit **March** tournament entries by **February 10**; info at bulletin board and votennisclub.com.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wilf Lund
480-654-3748

The Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study Group meets weekly **7:00 - 8:00 am** in the **Sonoran**. Currently, Dr. Don Bierle is leading a study of letters of the New Testament until **February 9**. A companion study guide is available for purchase for this outstanding series. Dr. Herb Sturhahn follows on **February 16 and 23** with a study on Psalm 119. Come and join in the discussion with this informal and welcoming group. Communion is celebrated monthly. Bring a Bible, a coffee and a friend. Short term visitors most welcome.

WASHINGTON PARTY

Arlene Gray
480-832-4745

The Washington Party needs a new chairperson for this season's party scheduled on **February 21**. For help and assistance you may call Arlene Gray at 480-832-4745.

WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP

Laurie Horan
480-993-7878

We have a number of new widows in the park this year and I would like to invite each of you to attend our Widows Potluck lunch. We share a meal and fellowship on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month **noon to**

1:00 pm in the **Activity Office** conference room. Just BYOTS and a dish to share. For further information call Laurie at 480-993-7878.

WIG – WINDOWS INTEREST GROUP

Duane Steffes
206-276-3726

Windows Interest Group meets every **Wednesday** from **2:30-3:30 pm** at the Electronics Club conference room. The cost is an Electronics Club yearly membership for \$25.00 per season or \$5.00 per week. Types of topics covered are free software utilities – where to download, what has been tested, what to avoid; free office products; privacy and personal settings for Windows 10; Windows 10 tips and tricks and open forum questions. All levels of Windows expertise are welcome and encouraged to attend. Remember, the dumb question is the one not asked!! We also need someone to fill the position of Vice President. Contact any officer in the Electronics Club or Duane Steffes, E-Club President

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Betsy Klofstad
480-854-8883

The Women's Book Group meets at **9:30 am** in the **Mojave Room** on the **2nd and 4th Friday** of each month. On **January 27**, the book will be "Inside the O'Briens" by Lisa Genova. This book deals with a family trying to cope with Huntington's Disease. Our discussion leader will be Pegg Noyes. On **February 10**, the book is "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katarina Bivald. Know what a "recommend" is? Come and Marilyn Green will tell you.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Cherie Kelly
480-248-2427

Channel 17 broadcasts the current Sunday worship service on **Mondays 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays 8:00 am**. Thank you to all volunteers who help make this possible. AND The Worship Committee requires help in the areas of Powerpoint preparation and bookkeeping. We meet formally once/week for one hour. Contact Chairman John Durst 480-369-4784 for more information.

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

GREENFIELD LAKES

Play Friday @ Noon
For Info: Susan Martin
480.532-0009
728 Aztec

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

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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

Pinochle

Mon & Thu • 6:30 pm

Mojave

(Pony Tail Canasta) Hand Foot & Toe

Wed. • 12:30 pm

Mojave

Scrabble

Tue • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

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

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Sun • 6:30 pm • Sonoran

2017 Condo Board



Gary Johnson of 427 Navajo, I have a degree in Economics and a background in accounting. In addition, my career was spent basically as a mediator. I learned quickly that there are two sides to every story: that you need to listen to what people are saying, and that you need to keep an open mind to possible solutions to problems. As Executive Director of Minnesota Council #65 AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) I learned the importance of being fiscally conservative and at the same time progressive in the need to expand and improve the organization. I like working with people to achieve win-win results

I enjoy playing pickleball and am currently the club's secretary. In addition, I enjoy working on projects at the woodworking shop. I am also a member of the Pet Association. I volunteer to help out with club fundraising events, take tickets at dances, and help with other events in the park.

Venture Out is truly a unique place. I believe that the leadership of past condo board members and the volunteer spirit and friendliness of our residents has made our community a wonderful place to be. That is what motivates me to run for the Condo Board. If I can help, even in a small way, to continue to make our community the unique, progressive and wonderful park that it is, it allows me to give a small portion back compared to all that I receive. I truly feel privileged and blessed to be a part of this community.



Ken Winters, 501 Aztec, a VO visitor since 1995, has been an owner since 2005. He resides in the park for 5 – 6 months each year.

Ken is a member of the Pickleball, Tennis and Bocce Clubs. He has served as a member of the Infrastructure Committee since 2013, and oversees the park solar systems. He has a 'food handler' certificate and assists various clubs with preparing for lunches and dinners. He has assisted with the vote counting for the Social Board elections and this year will be in charge of the election committee. Ken is a past Trustee (3 years) for his Homeowners Association in Plymouth, MA. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts. He is a veteran of the US Army Security Agency.

Ken spent 38 years with the US Postal Service, 25 years in Management and the final 12 in the Career Executive Service. Ken was the Plant Manager, Boston MA Processing Center, and for eight years before his retirement, served as the Area Manager, Operations, for the Eastern Area, encompassing the states of PA, WV, OH, DEL, KY, and southern NJ. In this capacity Ken oversaw a management staff of over 100, and was responsible for Processing, Delivery and Transportation programs. In addition his immediate staff included Maintenance, Emergency Management, Security, and Environmental Compliance. He chaired the Area Capital Investment Committee, responsible for major facility projects. Other duties: budget allocation, staffing, and oversight of daily postal operations. Ken has met with Congressional, state, and municipal officials regarding the impacts of postal facilities and operations. He has met with national and local union officers, and management organization officials, providing briefings on programs, and contractual compliance.

Ken's experience on the Infrastructure Committee has reinforced with him the critical importance of maintaining and improving the park, specifically drainage, lighting, streets, phone/cable and the overall maintenance and repair of park assets. He understands the need to integrate long-term planning projects with the ongoing infrastructure repair and maintenance issues, with a focus on financial responsibility. His primary concern is that the Condo Board and various park committees continue to provide the residents with detailed, factual, and unbiased information, enabling everyone to make informed decisions.

Board Nominees



Alice Anderson, 204 Debonair, has been a Venture Out owner for 20 years. She and her husband, Drew, have spent half of each year in Whitefish, Montana and half here at Venture Out for the past 3 years. Alice is currently President of the Sewing Club, Secretary of the Safety Committee (2 years), an Electronics Club member and a volunteer in other activities, such as baking enchiladas and hanging Christmas decorations.

Alice is a Registered Nurse and has a Bachelor's Degree from Whitworth University and a Masters in Administrative/Leadership from the University of Oregon. She began her nursing career as a Critical Care Nurse and quickly moved into leadership positions. The last 20 years have been spent as a Vice President with the Providence Healthcare system. She has overseen budgets of up to \$8 million dollars, which included 600+ employees and 28 departments and has negotiated contracts with both state Nurses unions and physician's groups. As CEO/President of the Senior Services Division, she built a 62-unit Assisted Living Facility. During the Gulf War, she was a liaison between the US Army and the SANG hospital where she was an Administrator in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Alice has previous board experience, having served on both the Hospice of Spokane and the Visiting Nurses Association Board of Directors for a number of years. She volunteers for local equestrian events to raise money for cancer support services and is involved with her local church.

Alice believes that the success of Venture Out has been due to the volunteer efforts of the Residents. She also believes that everyone at VO has the right to be heard and to participate in the governance process. As a Board member she would like to be your voice on the Board.



Bert Sebastian of 308 Merlin has owned since 2010 and resides in Venture Out from Nov. 1 to mid April. He has been a member of the Common Facilities Planning Committee for 4 years and chair for the last 2 years. He also advised the Infrastructure Committee on storm water management issues.

Bert is a Professional Civil Engineer and was a senior partner in a Canadian consulting engineering firm for over 35 years retiring in 2009 from his engineering and project management career. He has also been the chair of the Regina Engineering Society and a director for the Saskatchewan chapter, Canadian Civil Engineering Association. He has been chair of a church building planning committee and a past member of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary, Canadian Engineering Institute and the Project Management Institute of Canada. He is a Life Member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta. He is currently a Councillor for the Resort Village of Lumsden Beach.

He was responsible for project management of building and civil engineering projects to a construction value of \$350M dollars. He has provided planning and consulting engineering advice to municipal communities, government agencies, charitable organizations and private sector clients. He has experience working with small and large groups to plan their projects from a preliminary concept stage to full operational implementation.

He has enjoyed being part of VO's progress moving forward and will work hard for all residents to continue to look ahead in planning VO's Long Range Plan.

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. 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

2017

**February 21, February 22, February 23, February 24
March 7, March 8, March 9, March 10**

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 and put "photo directory" in the subject line.

It's a Weekly Thing

NAME THAT TUNE TRIVIA (T.G.I.R.)

Presented by
Gordy Klofstad
With DJ Ron O'Genski & Larry Binne

*Listen to short
excerpts of 10
songs in each
group and
guess the titles*

Group play!

BYOB &
Snacks!



Friday • January 27
3:00 pm Baja Bistro

Friday Night Dance

January 27
Julie Lee
(Polka & Variety)

February 3
Saguaro Sunset
(Old-Time Rock & Roll)

New

February 10
Cowboy Up
Chuck E Baby's
Country Western
Band



Tickets \$8.00

B.Y.O.B. & Glasses • Soda & Popcorn sold
5/25/25 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

Jan. 29 Speaker Rev. Paul
Harrington
Offering: Genesis Project
Feb. 5 Dr. Lee McDonald
Offering: Paz de Cristo

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 Arts Club

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

It's the VO "GRAPEVINE"

Go Greener!
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**

Healthy Frozen Yogurt for Health Week January 31

Sunshine Carvers Raffle Draw January 31



Please bring your own bowl & spoon.

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

Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring “Navigating Public Transportation”

Valley Metro’s Community Relations representative, Dolores Nolan, will demystify the sometimes scary public



transportation options in Arizona. Find out the easiest ways to plan your next trip on the Light Rail!

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

**Tuesday • January 31
5:00 pm • Baja Bist ro**

Ed's Grill

**Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers
and
— SPECIAL OF THE DAY —**

February 2

Healthy Alternative -
Chicken Caesar
salad & crackers



Your Choice

\$5.00

Menu items subject to change.
All lunches include a soda.
Table service included.
Bring your own container for left-overs.

**Thursday • February 2
11:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bist ro**

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 a Weekly Thing

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.



Thank you!



Forrest Simmons shows everyone a good time at T.G.I.R.

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 • February 3 & 17
3:00 - 5:30 pm • Baja Bistro

Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring "Hands Of Change"



This dynamic musical performance is about youth making a difference in the community, helping others, breaking down cultural stereotypes and being accepting

to everyone. A show not to be missed.

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

Tuesday • February 7
5:00 pm • Baja Bistro

VALENTINE'S 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



Friday • February 10
3:00 pm • Baja Bistro

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

FRIDAY SEMINAR

"The Desert & Its Indigenous People"

Sharon Waldie, a Certified Arizona Tourism Guide, will take you on a journey through time in the Arizona Desert. This knowledgeable guide will describe how prehistoric people lived and thrived in the unforgiving Sonoran Desert. Find out which plants were used for food, natural fiber and paint; which plants gave shelter and those which were used medicinally. These nomadic people, who existed in the desert for thousands of years, had to follow the food source to survive.

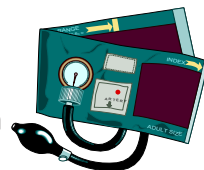


Friday • January 27
1:30 pm • Auxiliary Ballroom

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" February 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 • Feb 6
Following Grapevine Community Center Lobby

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

You're a Lifesaver Free Class

FREE class provided by the Mesa Fire Department.

- Familiarization with the 911 system and the fire department
- How to protect yourself from body fluids
- What to do in an emergency
- Learn First Aid skills for bleeding and shock



CPR & First Aid

- Hands on CPR with adult and infant manikins
- Choking: adults and infants AED use

Note: You will not get certified in CPR by taking this class

Sign up in the EPC on the clipboards

Monday • January 30
8:00 - 10:00 am • Cabana

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Venture Out's Heart Healthy 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!

**Tuesday • January 31 • 10:00 am
9:45 am Warm-Up Streetches
Outside Front Community Center**

Do Your Eyeglasses Need to be Adjusted?



Resident Barbara Hauck has volunteered to adjust your glasses if they are not comfortable or fitting just right. She will clean your glasses with a special cleaning solution and send you on your way with smudge free and clear vision.

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

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

BLOOD DRIVE United Blood Service

Bring your Photo ID
Sign up in the Post Office Hallway.
Free cholesterol & Zika Virus testing with every donation!
Drink extra water and eat a **HEALTHY** small low-fat meal or snack 2 - 4 hours before giving blood.
For donor eligibility questions, donors can call 1-822-827-4326



**Wednesday • February 1 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sign up in Post Office Hallway
Blood Mobile •
Community Center Parking Lot**

BREAKFAST WITH BANNER HEALTH

Free
Event for
women
only!

Kimberly Anderson, WHNP, with Banner Medical Group – Ob/Gyn, Banner Baywood Medical Center will discuss topics such as the importance of wellness exams, pelvic health, managing hormones, the aging process and the best practices to keep you and the ladies you love healthy. **Free Continental breakfast provided.**

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

Sponsored By



Banner Health®

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

Classes, Seminars & Wellness



Health Summit

Thursday • February 2 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro

Come to the Venture Out Health Summit and meet various health providers and professionals from the East Valley. Get answers to your questions, find health related providers and much more!



Ache Free Now
Carefree Hearing
Brookdale
East Valley Adult Resources
Arizona Advanced Health Alternatives
Rehabilitation Chiropractic
Mesa Body & Brain

Dry Force
Kaolanpa Meditation Center
Don Wooldridge/Author
Canyon Vista Dental
AFC Physical Medicine & Chiropractic
Miracle Ear
DoTerra Essential Oils
Banner Health

Plus More...

Be proactive in your health!

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

**Friday • February 3
9:00 am • Baja Bistro**

Free Dental Consultation

Meet with the Dr. Pease & Associates Family Dentistry in the EPC Therapy Room 2 on Friday, January 6 for a free dental consultation.



Sign-up required on the bulletin board at the EPC

Keep that smile healthy!

**Friday • February 3
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
EPC Therapy Room 2**

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

FRIDAY SEMINAR

“Desert Plantings of Venture Out”

Attention Arizona home landscapers! Venture Out resident Bill Robinson will once again discuss topics on native plant identification, selection, seasonal color, planting techniques, prudent irrigation and keeping new plants alive during Arizona’s hot summer months. He will also offer some special tips on how to grow organic vegetables--right here in Venture Out! Sponsored by the Venture Out Green Committee.



Friday • February 3
1:30 pm • Auxiliary Ballroom

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

“Skin Cancer Early Detection and Treatments”



Join ASU Professor, Stephen Johnston, to learn about the increasing dangers of sun exposure and the risk for being diagnosed with skin cancer. He will discuss a variety of topics centered on skin cancer; including how skin color and type impacts your risk, why Vitamin D is important for your skin, the most common skin cancers and the types of treatment available. For more than 10 years, Professor Johnston and a team of researchers at Arizona State University’s Biodesign Institute have been developing a cancer vaccine aimed at preventing all types of cancer.

Thursday • February 9
1:00 pm • The Cabana (EPC)

55 Alive Safe Driving Course



Venture Out is offering an AARP Driver Safety course. If your insurance company is one of those that participates, this course will help with your car insurance costs by as much as 20%. It will be held in the Oasis on **Friday, February 10 at 8:00**

am. To quote many of those who have attended, “This is the best drivers course I have ever attended, learning a lot of important and useful information.” **Cost is \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for non-members.**

For more information contact Jim Gibides at 480-832-0200

Friday • February 10
8:00 am • Oasis

FRIDAY SEMINAR

“Roadmap to Kilimanjaro”

After running fourteen marathons, Dan Archibald realized he couldn’t run any faster. Looking for another outlet, he discovered climbing mountains. At first glance, this seemed impossible as he had acrophobia, a fear of heights. Technical mountain climbing was therefore not an option; however, a steady hike up was very attractive. He hiked 14,000 foot mountains in Colorado and 17,000 feet up Popocatepetl in Mexico, but on the horizon of his imagination was Africa. Come and hear the story of his adventure climbing Kilimanjaro.



Friday • February 10
1:30 pm • Auxiliary Ballroom

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

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

**Monday • February 13
1:00 pm • Sonoran**

HOME WITH HOME DEPOT

Come join the home repair experts from Home Depot.

This Month:

The experts are back from Home Depot to teach you how to install your own backsplash. In this workshop, you will learn the skills you need to properly install a tile backsplash. The lesson will cover selecting tiles, prepping the work area and wall space, cutting tile to size and mounting tiles using mat adhesive or grout.



**Tuesday • February 21
10:00 am • Enter through Brezeway
for Activity Office Conference Room**

**2 DVDs
for 2 Days**

New Movies!

- Sex Tape
- Boulevard

New Movies!

- Darling Companion
- LiarLiar



New Movies!

- How Do You Know

New Class!

Tour of Italy Cooking Class

Conducted by Chef Salvatore Zappone of Zappones Italian Bistro

\$35.⁰⁰ includes instruction, lunch & recipes

Sign up & pay in the Activity Office

Monday February 27

10:00 am

in the Sonoran

**20 person Minimum
30 person Maximum**



Cooking with Wine

Cheese Ravioli w/ Sweet Peas, Tomatoes, Cream & White Wine

Chicken Scaloppine w/ Prosciutto & Provolone in Marsala Glaze

Roasted String Beans w/ Artichokes & White Wine

Wine Poached Fruit over Marsala Zabcaione

BYO Wine - Iced Tea & Water Provided

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

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

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

9:00 AM WATER AEROBICS & NOODLES - WEST POOL Marie Austin 480-396-8766

Let's start off the New Year right with a Water Noodle Work Out at **8:45 am**, followed by Water Aerobics with music at **9:00 am**. We learn 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 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. Tip #3, Tones and builds lean muscle. •

BALANCE AND FUNCTIONAL FITNESS GROUP CLASS

Ann Marie Henry
480-205-5942

Balance, coordination and core strength are linked to improved posture and mobility as well as fall prevention. Come join in the fun! Exercises can be performed standing or seated in a chair. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes. Suitable for all fitness levels. Just bring

yourself and water.
Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 10:45 am in the **Cabana** at the EPC. \$4 per class. Please contact Ann Marie Henry with any questions. Hope to see you there. ••

New BEADING Loralee Campbell 503-680-9136

Come and join us for beading. We will be working on bracelets during the month of February. Classes are limited to 8 beaders so sign-up is mandatory to reserve your spot. Call me for sign-up information. Classes are **Tuesday, 9:00-11:30 am** and **Friday, 1:00-3:30 pm** in the **Classroom**. Cost of the classes varies from \$10.00-25.00, depending on the project. This includes everything you need for the project and 2 hours of instruction. Hope you can come and join in the fun!

CO-ED EXERCISE Priscilla Egelston 480-641-0399

Join us for Co-ed Exercise & Stretch and Tone. 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 8:40-9:20 am** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Please wear comfortable clothing and good supporting shoes; bring water. Out of respect for those with allergies, we request you help maintain

this as a Fragrance Free class.

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

Learn to dance from the beginning, or brush up and learn some new moves! Join us every **Monday** afternoon in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. Beginning West Coast Swing is from **1:00-1:50 pm**, Ballroom Waltz is from **1:50-2:40 pm**, and Latin Cha Cha is from **2:40-3:30 pm**. Each class is \$7 per person and if you take 2 or more, each class is \$5 per person. Dancing is great for the mind and the body, and there are many opportunities here in Mesa to take advantage of this great social activity! No partner necessary for any of the classes. For more information: info@shallwedancephoenix.com, www.shallwedancephoenix.com or 480-491-2393.

DANCING WITH VEILS Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000

Dancing with Veils **Tuesdays till 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

Need to rehab a joint implant? 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.

ESSENTIAL OILS CLASS Peggy Lou 480-238-5656

I personally invite you to come and learn about Natural Solutions with essential oils. Bring your questions and concerns for this open topic class every **Monday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm** with Peggy Lou in the **Activity Office** conference room. ••

GENTLE BEGINNING YOGA CLASS Vikki Lane Kunstman 920-246-5340

A Gentle Beginning Yoga Class will be offered in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** on the following **Monday evenings** (if a minimum of 8 participants or maximum of 20). Class dates include **January 30, February 27, March 13 and 27**. Class will run from **5:15-6:15 pm** at \$54 for six sessions or \$10 for a drop-in class. Participants should arrive 10 minutes early to complete registration. Yoga provides tremendous benefits to the parasympathetic nervous system, improves muscle tone, flexibility, strength and stamina. It improves

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concentration and creativity, lowers fat, improves circulation and stimulates the immune system, creating a sense of well-being and calm. Bring your ¼ inch yoga mat and water. New and continuing students are welcome.

IRIS FOLDING CLASS

Elma Becker
480-695-7222

Iris Folding Classes: **February 7**. You will choose from 4 different templates. We have beautiful Valentines and tea pot for **February**. **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.

LINE DANCE PRACTICE

Liz Johnson
712-298-4019

Line dance practice **Thursdays** in **Auxiliary Ballroom**. We tried two new dances last time, First Step and Cheaters Waltz. Beginners **12:30 pm** and Intermediate **1:15 pm**.

LOSE WEIGHT WITH WEIGHTWATCHERS

Sue Ruthstrom
602-248-0303

WeightWatchers.com/Arizona

Join us for information/enrollment. When: **Thursdays** at **3:45 pm**
Where: The **Sonoran** at back of the Community Center. Rated #1 Best Plan for Weight Loss: 2015-2014 -2013-2012-2011 by U.S. News & World Report ©Weight Watchers International, Inc. owner of the Weight Watchers registered trademark. All rights reserved.**

MASSAGE THERAPY

Maryanne Schuster
210-287-4719

Well, it's another Christmas Season in the Valley of the Sun. I am excited for this year. Keep in mind massage therapy is a cost-effective therapy than can greatly improve patients with muscular pain. Massage therapy is more cost effective than other specialists in improving physical function pain. Massage as a preventive or routine maintenance is a valuable investment. What a wonderful gift, the gift of health massage. Gift Certificates are available. Call Maryanne to schedule your massage appointment: 210-287-4719 or to purchase a massage therapy gift certificate.**

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. Wear your name tag and non-marking court shoes. Equipment is furnished by the pickleball club.*

PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING

Ann Marie Henry
480-205-5942

If you are looking for a personalized fitness program to help you improve your mobility, strength, balance, coordination, aerobic capacity or flexibility, I am ready to help. I offer one-on-one sessions, partner sessions, small group sessions and program

design. All workouts will be conducted in the **Cabana** at the EPC. By appointment only. Prices vary. Please contact Ann Marie Henry 480-205-5942 for more information.**

New QIGONG Pamala Halpin 480-231-1038

Qigong is a powerful system of improving health and opening the energy channels in the body that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and focused intention to energize the lymph system and promote the body's immune response. The deep breathing and gentle movements encourage mental and physical relaxation and help move vital life force energy through the body. Classes will be led by Pamala Halpin in the **Cabana Wednesdays**, beginning **January 11** from **10:30-11:30 am**. \$5.00 per class.**

SILVERSMITH MAKE & TAKE

Nicka Lockeman
480-832-9348

The date for the **February** Silversmith Make and Take class has been set for **Saturday, February 18** at **9:30 am** in the **Silversmith Shop**. Sign up and pay \$15.00 by **February 1** and choose your earring design in the shop. •

STRETCH AND TONE

Joe & Kathy Blitgen
563-451-4828

Here are three ways in which you can take control of your health. You can exercise, eat healthy, and spend time with friends. If you come to Stretch and Tone, you check off two of those things. It will improve the quality of your life. So

bring a mat and weights and come join us! **Monday-Friday** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom** at **8:00-8:30 am**. Weights on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. It's co-ed AND it's FREE!*

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Sandi Walls
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

Please join in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** from **9:00 to 10:00 am**. Contact Terry at 253-677-0887 if you have questions.*

TUESDAY CHAIR YOGA

Vikki Lane Kunstman
920-246-5340

Chair Yoga has begun 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.

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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.

YOGA

Vikki Lane Kunstman
920-246-5340

The two Yoga classes offered in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** are 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 ¼ 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

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

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!**

Softball Association - Electric-Boog-A-Loo - January 14

Shuffleboard Club - Cindy Miller Concert - January 16

Silversmith Club - Silent Auction-January 2-January 16

Bocce Ball - Country Western Jamboree - January 18

Softball Association - Hamburger BBQ - January 21

Horseshoe Shoe Club - Ice Cream Sale - January 21

Glass Art Club - Gabfest - January 15 and 22

Pickleball Club - Music by the Pool (Kitchen) - January 23

Fired Clay Art Studio - Bake Sale - January 24

Lawnbowling Club - Lasagna Dinner - January 25

Croquet Club - Chili Bar - January 26

A special thanks to the Electronics Club for their successful Open House as well as the Woodshop, Handymen, Silversmith, Rock & Gem, Sunshine Carvers and Channel 17 for their successful Hobby Center Open House.

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:

The publication and delivery of the Out-Lines, Health Seminars, Friday Seminars, Friday Night Dances, Saturday Breakfasts, Putting Tournament, Trivia Party, Dons Classic Karaoke, Photo Sessions, Concert Series, Musical Jam, Sing-a-Long, Grapevine Bingo, Ice Cream Socials, Tuesday Potlucks, Audio Visual events and Handyman projects.

Teresa Beally
Activity Director



Chairpersons Needed

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

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!!

Safety Flashers and vests

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& at the Hobby Center Open House on January 28

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This and That



2017 Artisan Showcase

Entry Form

Tuesday • February 7 • Baja Bistro
Resident Voting 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Winners Announced 2:00 pm

All mediums of art accepted. The **ONLY** requirements are that a "Fish" must be incorporated somewhere in the artwork and the art work must be original. A maximum of two entries per person accepted. Bring your entries to the Baja Bistro between 8:30 - 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 7*

Cash prizes:
1st Place \$50.00
2nd Place \$25.00
3rd Place \$15.00

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ACTIVITY OFFICE BY 3:30 pm • Friday, February 3

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Type of Entry: 1) _____ 2) _____



ANNUAL FINE ART SHOW AND SALE

March 3 - 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.

This and That

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Fiala Jan 9
 Dennis Spear Jan 28
 Lowell Butman Jan 30
 Elma Becker Jan 31
 Eldon Becker Feb 1
 Danny Meyer Feb 2
 Alex Erickson Feb 3
 Barb Meyer Feb 3
 George Goodno Feb 8

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

George & Bev Goodno
 Jan 30 57 yrs
 Tom Epping & Cheryl
 Murphy Feb 4 Just Married!
 Jim and Martha
 Gunderson Feb 18 50 years

HAVE YOU HEARD?

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

Bob Valley of 318
 Debonair passed away on
 January 8.
 Aase Mitton of 311 Aero
 passed away December 31.
 Cards may be sent to her
 husband Tony Mitton, 66
 Stapaford Cres SE,
 Medicine Hat, AB T1B 3Y9
 Canada

Mary Jane Rubinelli of
 902 Douglas passed away
 January 1. Cards may be
 sent to The Rubinelli
 Family, 7207 Wheaton
 Lane, Fox Lake, IL 60020

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Elizabeth Surbus
 480-264-8793

If you are homebound and would like the company of a friendly visitor, please feel free to contact me. My name is Elizabeth Surbus and my phone number is 480-264-8793. This visit isn't to assist with shopping, doctor appointments or to act as a taxi service, but rather to offer some "friendly conversation" to make your day a bit brighter. Please contact Elizabeth if you would be willing to help as a visitor, as she will be leaving in February until next year.



Green Committee

Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000



Did you know that the biggest concern that VO's trash disposal specialists face is that all cardboard boxes aren't flattened? The space unflattened boxes take in the green recycling dumpsters cause overflows. If that happens, please use the recycling facility in the SE storage corner by Glass Arts and Maintenance Building.

Did you know 57 VO residences were found to have leaking water pipes? That is from a survey of 60% of the homes here; the other 40% have pipes hidden from outside observation. Please report water leaks immediately if you note any unexpected dampness around your water pipes.

Don't forget to nominate your front yard or your neighbor's if the landscape has desert plants and uses no irrigation. It could win "Desert Yard of the Month." Find a nomination form in the Activity Office.

2017-2018 Room Request forms will be available from the Activity Office beginning Wednesday, February 8



Beginning 8:00 am • Wednesday
 February 8 • Activity Office

NEW OWNERS

Charlene Sullivan
 510 Douglas
 Calgary, AB
 Richard & Debra
 Ostermeier
 216 Debonair
 Forest Lakes, AZ
 William & Barbara
 Driscoll
 609 Merlin
 Russell, MN
 Kevin & Lorie Shopik
 11 Navajo
 Calgary, AB
 John & Donna
 Williams
 706 Douglas
 Carstairs, AB
 Ron & Annette
 Schilling
 108 Douglas
 Burnsville, MN
 Ron & Kathy Gumm
 834 Douglas
 Bellevue, IA

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION



Should you be new to our beautiful community, as a homeowner or a renter, please plan to attend a **Newcomers' Orientation Friday, February 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.

This and That

CONTINENTAL COFFEE HOUR

Come hear Marilou Vince speak on "Freedom From Being in Charge" with piano music and song by Janice Schwartz.

Bring your coffee cup and a friend. Women and men are invited.

Blocks 500, 600, 700, please bring muffins or sweet breads. A Freewill Offering will be taken.



Questions contact Jean Sanders 608-778-4520

**Saturday • February 4
9:00 to 10:15 am
Buena Vista Ballroom**

Friendship Bible Studies

Friendship Bible Studies starting January 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.

NEW IMAGE FASHIONS BY DON SCOTT

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

Artisan Showcase

Come vote for your favorite!

All mediums of art displayed. This year, these original pieces will have a "Fish" incorporated somewhere in the artwork. Woodwork, glass art, oil and watercolor paintings, quilts, woodcarving and more. All created by Venture Out residents.



Maximum of 2 entries accepted per person

**Tuesday • February 7 • Baja Bist ro
Resident Voting 10:00 am-1:30 pm
Winners Announced 1:45 pm**

This and That

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 • February 9
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm • VO Diner Open

PUTTING TOURNAMENT

**Men's Special!
 Ladies Invited Too!**

- 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!

•••• Top 3 Men's Flights winners receive a gift basket!



- Putter & Ball available if needed
- \$1.00

All invited to participate!
 No experience necessary!

Chairpersons: Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

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

Annual Sunshine Carvers' Carve-Off

During the Ice Cream Social

Ribbons awarded to first, second & third place winners

Enjoy a bowl of ice cream and cheer on these competitive carvers!



Sponsored by the Sunshine Carvers

Tuesday • February 21
 12:30 - 2:30 pm Baja Bistro



Joan Vickers and Linda Dyck know where to find a good time. The Lawnbowling Club's Lasagna Dinner was the place to be.

This and That

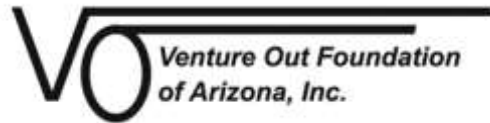
Putting Tournament Winners for January 14

Prizes can be picked up at the
Activity Office



Men:	
1st Flight Winner	
Bill Finlarpon	69
2nd Flight Winner	
Doug Pavlik	75
3rd Flight Winner	
Jay Schultz	78
High Score	
Gord Evans	
Ladies:	
1st Flight Winner	
Susie Martin	71
2nd Flight Winner	
Anneliese Johnson	77
3rd Flight Winner	
Kathy Franta	87
High Score	
Denise Hans	
Aces Men:	
Bill Finlarpon	6
Paul DeMerchant	6
Aces Ladies:	
Susie Martin	6
Marion Loda	6

Carded back from #8 first round



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?

February 15th (**Cabana, 5:30 pm**) ESTATE PLANNING Bequests, trusts, reverse mortgages, and wills. Ken Barney, a partner in Rowley Chapman & Barney, Ltd, one of the largest law firms in Mesa, will be doing the presentation.

March 15th (**Terrace at 4:00pm**) VOF SOCIAL EVENT

To celebrate VOF successes, thank our supporters, past board members, our VOF helpers and an unveiling of the schematic design of the Broadway secure portal to public transit for handicapped, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

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.

Park Sweatshirts Available with VO Logo Now 10% off

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Show your Park Pride
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Purchase at the
Pickleball Courts Monday-Friday
9:00 - 11:00 am & 1:30 - 3:30 pm

This and That

Star Volunteer



*Way to go,
Vonna Ketcham*

Vonna Ketcham started coming to Venture Out in 1998 and became an owner in 2002.

She has been active in Shuffleboard since 1998, in charge of membership since 2009 and Captain of the Out-of-Park team since 2009.

Vonna has volunteered in the Library since 2005, working Wednesday mornings through the season and during the summer.

She has been the set-up chairperson for Continental Coffee since 2012. She has helped with decorating for Christmas and de-decorating for the past 4 years.

Vonna has a food handlers card and helps with fundraisers. She passes out raffle tickets at the Grapevine.

She is an occasional greeter at Sunday Church services and helps count the offering after each service.

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

Feb 9
VO Diner
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Feb 4
Used Book Sale
(Library Sponsored)
Jumbo Hot Dogs
(Poolroom Sponsored)
& Cake Sale
(Croquet Sponsored)
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Feb 8
Salmon BBQ
Potluck
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Feb 6
Upbeat & Sweet
Concert
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Woodshop Raffle
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I love dreaming
of all the fun
things to do at
Venture Out...

Feb 7-9
All City Pickleball
Tournament
Pg 7



Manager's Corner

January 27, 2017

This week's occupancy is 1491 or 85% vs, 1443 the last report and 1509 the year prior. There are currently 405 renters in the park.

The ballots for the Annual meeting (February 15th) were mailed out or sent electronically last week, immediately following the 'Meet the Candidates' forum.

As per the bylaws you have until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 14th to return those ballots. If you are voting with a paper ballot, put a stamp on the envelope and drop it in the mail. Vote Now is a third party contractor which tabulates all the votes, both paper and electronic. They deliver those results with a touch of the button, to the Election Committee on the morning of the Annual Meeting. This year, only 70 ballots were mailed to Canada! Thank you! Canada mailings are always expensive and by utilizing the electronic voting option, there is no longer that four-week turnaround time for most. That was one of the major reasons for using the Electronic voting option. If you still are getting a paper ballot, you can still vote electronically by following the instructions mailed with the ballot. If you do this, please scroll down to the bottom of the ballot and register to vote next year electronically.

We continue to have a little confusion with multiple lot owners not realizing that each unit must be signed up individually, so this year we will make that a priority to reach out to each of those owners and help them get signed up. We also had about 50 e-mails kick back, due to spam filters set too high and we resolved that by sending them in smaller groups. Then another batch of 14 that changed their e-mails but didn't change the e-mail with Vote Now.

We have TWO separate e-mail lists. The Vote Now list is maintained by the contractor and it's the same as if you signed up to vote at the County Records offices. Then we have the e-mail list that we maintain here in the Administration office. That list is used for FASTMAIL's, Survey Monkey, communications from the Board, summer newsletter, etc. So if you want to be on both lists, make sure you are signed up separately for each one. We have the instructions in the office how to sign with Vote Now and to sign up for the Admin e-mail list, see Deb Hathcock in our office.

Thank you for the responses to our Survey Monkey Poll with 888 answering our questions. This really helped the Board develop a solid business plan with accurate information. Since it is such an effective way to reach out and get instant input from you, I would expect the Board will probably use it frequently. Again, if you did not get the last Survey Monkey survey, check with Deb Hathcock in the office and get signed up and be part of the process.

The ladies at the front desk tell me that we still have about 500 lot owners/renters who have not yet picked up a phone book for your unit. IF there is not a new phone book in your unit, with the outside sunset photo of the EPC, you do not have the most current version. See Lynette or Olivia for this book. Renters can pick up this book for the lot owner, but please leave it in the unit.

We are in the middle of preparing for next year's budget. If any clubs have MAINTENANCE items we are not aware of, come in ASAP and see Karen Roman so we can plan for this. Note.. this is not to be confused with a Capital project or "addition or alterations" to a common element, which requires a transmittal. Teresa and I try to get around to see the clubs before Budget but as hectic as it is, we don't always make it around to all of them, so this will help us immensely in our budget preparations.

Still a little cold but they are forecasting warmer weather for next weekend. If you ski, they have a 90-inch base up in Flagstaff!

Mary Schmit

General Manager
vogm@ventureoutvresort.com



Recreation Update

January 27, 2017

The Friday, January 27 TGIR is everyone's favorite...Name That Tune Trivia. Test your knowledge of song titles after hearing excerpts from various melodies. BYOB, a dollar or two for the 50/50 raffle and be ready to hum a ditty or two.

The Woodshop, Silversmith, Sunshine Woodcarvers, Rock & Gem, Handymen, Pet Association, the Green Committee and Channel 17 open their doors on Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm for the ever-popular Hobby Center Open House. The Glass Arts Club welcomes everyone to visit their beautiful facility for their Open House on Wednesday, February 1 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. You won't want to

miss either!

Before heading the Hobby Center Open House on Saturday, be sure to fill up on a biscuits and homemade sausage gravy in the Baja Bistro from 7:30 - 9:30 am. Breakfast is only \$5.00 and that includes scrambled eggs, juice and all the coffee you can drink.

Tickets are currently on sale in the Activity Office for the January 30 Silversmith sponsored Bluegrass Concert featuring Cadillac Mountain. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the performance. However, should you purchase at the door the cost is \$11.00. Buy in advance from the Activity Office and tickets are only \$10.00

January 30 - February 3 is "Health Week" at Venture Out. Events including a Blood Drive, CPR/First Aid Class, Breakfast with the Doctor, a 5-K, a Health Summit, Dental Consultations, an Ice Cream Social featuring non-fat frozen yogurt fill out the week. See the special insert or the "Classes, Seminars & Wellness" section of the Out-Lines for details.

Be sure to check out the All-City Pickleball Tournament taking place in Venture Out on February 7-10. You may hear the club warming up prior to 8:00 am. This is being done with the approval of the Condo Board. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and we just happen to have some of the best players living in our community.

California Dreaming is sold out! No surprise there. If you didn't get tickets don't remember to check the Ticket Resale Board in the Post Office hallway. You just might get lucky.

Speaking of the Ticket Resale Board please do not post individual requests on the board. Please use the sheets provided. All others will be removed.

You just might notice the mouthwatering smell of grilled hot dogs around the Community Center on Saturday, February 4. That's because the Poolroom Association will be grilling their famous jumbo dogs while the Croquet Club sells their delectable Bundt cake and the Library offers another of their incredible book sales. Tickets may be purchased at the event. Hope to see you there!

There's still time to buy tickets to the party for the biggest football game of the year. It's going to be an afternoon of crazy tailgating games, great football on three large screens, unbelievable door prizes, football pools and a heck of a meal to top it all off. This year's event is being held in the Buena Vista Ballroom and as an extra touch lounge seating will be available! Tickets may be purchased until Wednesday, 10:00 am February 3 in the Activity Office.

2017-2018 Room Reservation forms will be available from the Activity Office beginning Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00 am. Requests must be submitted for all events with the **exception of club fundraisers**. This includes card play, club meetings or socials, classes and private parties.

Venture Out is a huge facility with numerous things to do, clubs to join and fun to be had. But if you're new to this beautiful community it can all be a bit overwhelming. We can help sort it out and answer any questions and concerns you may have at the Newcomers Orientation Friday, February 3 at 10:00 am in the Mojave Room.

Have you turned in your application for the Artisan Showcase? All mediums of art are accepted in this friendly competition as long as a fish is incorporated somewhere in the art work. Big fish, little fish, blue fish, green fish...any kind of fish! Remember all art work must be original and two entries per person will be accepted.

Saturday, February 11, is going to be one busy day with a special breakfast featuring strawberry topped pancakes and entertainment by Sing and Strum, a Special Putting Tournament and an Open House and Sidewalk Sale for both the Fired Clay Art Studio and Sewing Club. You have no excuse but to enjoy them all!

While we have gone "green" in our kitchen we are going to try to go a step further so we are reeeeaally green! We're asking those who attend the Monday morning Grapevine and other events where coffee is served to bring your own cup or mug. Saves on paper supplies and you can take a mug of coffee to go.

During peak hours at the Fitness Center please be cognizant of your time on the cardio equipment. Gym etiquette is 30-40 minutes when others are waiting to use the machines.

We have several new people, both homeowners and renters, in our community. If you see individuals sitting alone at events please ask them to join you or perhaps go sit with them. Make them feel at home because that's what Venture Out is all about.

If you haven't witnessed pianist Nicole Pesce in concert you have missed a dynamic performance. Even though Nicole and her band are known throughout the valley for their easy jazz they perform everything from rock and country to Bach and Lady Gaga. A performance well worth attending on February 15.

Weight Watchers classes are offered on Thursday afternoons in the Sonoran beginning at 3:45pm if you are still thinking about that New Year's resolution to lose ten pounds!

Help! Help! Help! Help! We are currently in need of two co-chairs who would be willing to chair the either the Thanksgiving Dinner or the Christmas Dinner or both! We have past chairpersons who would be willing to train you. If interested let's talk!

See you at the Sunshine Carvers Raffle draw at the Ice Cream Social on Tuesday January 31 at 1:45 pm in the Baja Bistro.

Teresa Beally

Activity Director

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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	EPC Therapy Room
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 Westcst 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 Ming Tree	9:00 am - 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	Mojave Rm
Int'l Dance & Exercise	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Aux Ballroom

Ice Cream Social	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Baja Bistro
Swimming Lessons	1:30—2:30 pm	East Pool
Square Dance WS C3A	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Potluck	5:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Classroom
Ladies Bible Study	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Cabana (EPC)
Pan	6:30 pm	Baja Bistro
National Mah Jongg	6:30 pm	Classroom
Cribbage	7:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Scrabble	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Sonoran
Ping Pong	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

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 BR
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
Qigong	10:30 - 11:30 am	EPC Cabana
Pickleball Lessons	12:00 noon-1:00 pm	Courts 5 & 6
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
Windows Interest Group	2:30-3:30 pm	Electronics Conf, Room
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Classroom
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 Rm
Biking Group	9:00 am	Outside Activity Office
Stitch and Chat	9:00 am	Mojave
Learn Bridge	9:00 am	Aux BR
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
Drawing/Composition	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Sonoran
Line Dance Practice	12:30 pm - 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 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
Pinochle	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm
Sing and Strum	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Spades	7:00 pm	Sonoran

DAILY TIMETABLE

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	9:00am - 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 am - 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

JANUARY 27

Women's Book Group	9:30 am	Mojave
Make and Take	9:30-11:30 am	Glass Arts Studio
Desert & Its People	1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Name That Tune Trivia	3:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Dance	7:00 - 10:00 pm	BV Ballroom

SATURDAY

JANUARY 28

Biscuits and Gravy	7:30-9:30 am	Baja Bistro
Hobby Center Open House	10:00am-1:00 pm	Hobby Center
Montana Party	5:00 pm	Oasis
Bluegrass Concert	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

SUNDAY

JANUARY 29

Illinois Party	4:30 Social Hour	
	5:30 Dinner	Oasis

MONDAY

JANUARY 30

Blue Grass Concert	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Lifesaver class	8:00-10:00 am	Cabana

TUESDAY

JANUARY 31

Make and Take	9:30-11:30 am	Glass Arts Studio
Heart Healthy 5 K	9:45 am Warm up	Outside in front CC
	10:00 am start	Outside in front CC
Sunshine Carver Raffle	2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
California Dreaming Dance	7:00-10:00 pm	BV Ballroom

WEDNESDAY

Make and Take
Sports Complex Q & A
Glass Arts Open House
Steak Fry

Genealogy Seminar

THURSDAY

Breakfast w/Banner
Health Summit
Condo Brd work session
Ed's Grill

FRIDAY

Mystery Trip
Food Handlers Class
Newcomers Orientation
Desert Planting in VO
Don's Classic Karaoke
Dance

SATURDAY

Continental Coffee Hour
Used Book Sale
Jumbo Hotdogs
Iowa Party

SUNDAY

"Big Game Party"

MONDAY

New Image Fashions
Scandinavian Luncheon
Woodshop Raffle Drawing
Concert "Joe Bourne"

TUESDAY

All City Pickleball Tourny
Tourny Lunch
Social Board Meeting
Artisan Showcase

WEDNESDAY

All City Pickleball Tourny
Tourny Lunch
Saskatchewan Party

Salmon BBQ & Potluck

THURSDAY

VO Diner
MarketPlace
All City Pickleball Trny
Tourny Lunch
Skin Cancer Seminar

FRIDAY

55 Alive Driving Course
Women's Book Group
Friday Seminar
Valentine Trivia Party
Alberta No Host Party

FEBRUARY 1

9:30-11:30 am Glass Arts Studio
9:00 am Baja Bistro
1:00-3:00 pm Glass Arts Studio
4:30 pm
6:00 pm Baja Bistro
7:00 pm Oasis

FEBRUARY 2

9:00 am WOMEN ONLY Cabana
9:00am-1:00 pm Baja Bistro
9:00 am Oasis
11:00-1:00 pm Baja Bistro

FEBRUARY 3

7:30 am Bus Loading Zone
9:00 am Baja Bistro
10:00 am Mojave
1:30 pm Aux Ballroom
3:00-5:00 pm Baja Bistro
7:00-10:00 pm BV Ballroom

FEBRUARY 4

9:00-10:15 am BV Ballroom
9:00 am-1:00 pm Community Center
11:00 am-1:00 pm Baja Bistro
5:00 Happy Hour
5:30 Dinner BV Ballroom

FEBRUARY 5

3:00 pm BV Ballroom

FEBRUARY 6

10:00 am-3:00 pm Baja Bistro
11:00 am-12:30 pm Cabana
1:00 pm BV Ballroom
7:00 pm BV Ballroom

FEBRUARY 7

8:00 am Pickleball Courts
11:30 am-2:00 pm Patio behind Laundry
9:00 am Oasis
9:00 am-1:00 pm voting
1:30 pm Winners announced Baja Bistro

FEBRUARY 8

8:00 am Pickleball Courts
11:30 am-2:00 pm Patio behind Laundry
4:30 pm Happy Hour Terrace
6:00 pm Dinner BV Ballroom
5:00 pm
6:30 pm Baja Bistro











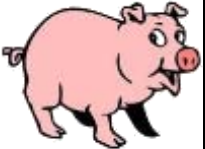



FEBRUARY 9

8:00 am-1:00 pm Baja Bistro
9:00 am-1:00 pm Baja Bistro
8:00 am Pickleball Courts
11:30 am-2:00 pm Patio behind Laundry
1:30 pm Cabana














FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am Oasis
9:30 am Mojave
1:30 pm Aux Ballroom
3:00 pm Baja Bistro
5:00 pm Happy Hour Oasis

February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Health Week Jan 30 to Feb 3 			Make & Take - Fired Clay Arts Studio 1 Blood Drive Steak Fry  Glass Arts Open House	Condo Board Meeting 2 Breakfast with the Doc Health Summit Ed's Grill Bingo	Don's Classic Karaoke - Special Show 3 Friday Seminar : Desert Plants Newcomers Orientation Food Handlers Class Mystery Trip Dance - Saguaro Sunset Free Dental Consult	Jumbo Hot Dogs with music by Dwayne Bear 4 Book Sale Cake Sale Continental Coffee
Worship Service 5 Gabfest Big Bowl Party 	New Image Fashions 6 Blood Pressure Check & Meet Your Pharmacist Grapevine Woodshop Raffle Begins Concert Series Upbeat and Sweet	All City Pickle Ball Tournament 7 Social Board Meeting Ice Cream Social Artisan Showcase Potluck - Hands of Change Round Dance	All City Pickle Ball Tournament 8 Salmon BBQ 	All City Pickle Ball Tournament 9 Health Seminar : Skin Cancer Early Detection & Treatments Marketplace VO Diner Open Bingo	All City Pickle Ball Tournament 10 Valentines Trivia Party Friday Seminar : A Road Map to Kilimanjaro-Realizing your Dreams 55 Alive Defensive Driving Class Out-Lines Published Dance - Cowboy Up	Strawberry Topped Pancakes Breakfast with Music by Sing n' Strum 11 Sewing & Fired Clay Arts Clubs Open House & Sidewalk Sale Putting Tournament
Worship Service 12 Gabfest VO Home Tour Mobile Nobles Dinner Dance 	Out-Lines Deadline 13 Blood Pressure Check Club Budgets Due Grapevine  Enchilada Dinner Special Concert One of These Nights - Eagles Tribute	Valentine's Day Party with Tower Point Band 14 Flower Sale Ft McDowell Casino Run  Potluck - Don Royan Valentine's Sing-a-Long Round Dance	Annual Condo Meeting & Election 15 Fuddruckers Meal Deal Activity Office Closed at 12:00 pm Nicole Pesce Combo Cabaret Show	Condo Organizational Meeting. 16 Health Seminar : Senior Safety Taco Salad Bingo 	Don's Classic Karaoke 17 Friday Seminar : American Life in the Roaring Twenties Condo Board Orientation Special Dance - Flipside 45	Hamburger BBQ & Ice Cream Sale with music by Reign-n-Country 18 Cowboy Fast Draw  Big Train Operators Glass Art Raffle Begins
Worship Service 19 Gabfest Musical Jam Sing-a-long 	Grapevine 20 Blood Pressure Check & Meet Your Pharmacist Meet Social Board Candidates Quilt Raffle Begins Woodshop Raffle Draw Concert Series Nashville Gold	Photo Session 21 Social Board Meeting Ice Cream Social & Sunshine Carvers Carve Off Home with Home Depot Potluck - VO Kitchen Band	Photo Session 22 Poker Run Pork Loin Dinner 	Photo Session 23 Condo Board Work Session Health Seminar: Fibromyalgia Motor Expo & Car Show Chili Dogs & Ice Cream Sale Books Are Fun Bingo	Photo Session 24 Happy Hour with the Guilty Pleasure Duo Friday Seminar : Natural Solutions for Creating Balanced, Happy, Healthy Pets Out-Lines Published Zappone's Meal Deal Dance - Midnight Confessions	Denver Style Eggs Breakfast 90 Years and Over Eat Free 25 
Worship Service 26 Gabfest 	Grapevine 27 Blood Pressure Check Out-Lines Deadline Tour of Italy Cooking Class Cooking with Wine "A Night at the Oscars"	Ice Cream Social 28 Potluck - Living Wisely in the Desert Crazy Putting Tournament "A Night at the Oscars"	Sewing Club Quilt Raffle 2/20 - 3/6 Woodshop Raffle 2/6 - 2/20 Glass Art Club Raffle 2/18 - 3/4 			

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Electronics Club Raffle 3/4 - 3/18 			Ash Wednesday 1 Mahi Mahi Dinner 	Condo Board Meeting 2 Fine Art Show & Sale Breakfast with Doc Music by the Pool with Root Beer Floats & Music by Dawgus Bear Ed's Grill Bingo	Auction & Bake Sale 3 Newcomer's Orientation Don's Classic Karaoke Friday Seminar- Whiskey ' for Drinkin - Waters for Fighten Dance - Saguaro Sunset	Jumbo Hot Dogs with Music by the VO Combo 4 Cake Sale Book Sale Electronics Raffle Begins Glass Art Raffle Draw Continental Coffee
Worship Service 5 Gabfest Ribs & Bibs Dinner Show 	Fashion Show & Quilt Raffle Draw 6 Blood Pressure Check & Meet Your Pharmacist New Image Fashions Grapevine Concert Series Folk Connection	Tour of Park Perimeter 7 Social Board Meeting Ice Cream Social Food Handlers Class Potluck - Sing & Strum Town Hall Meeting	Chicken Dinner 8 	Condo Board Meeting 9 Health Seminar- Did You Hear That? Marketplace VO Diner Open Bingo	March Madness 5K 10 Trivia Party Friday Seminar : The Great Depression and the New Deal - 1933-1939 Out-Lines Published Special Dance - Flipside 45	Blueberry Pancakes Breakfast with Music by the Kitchen Band 11 Life's a Beach Pool Party Putting Tournament 
Worship Service 12 Gabfest Musical Jam 	Grapevine 13 Blood Pressure Check Out-Lines Deadline Dave & Daphne Gospel Concert	Ice Cream Social 14 Ft McDowell Casino Run "Ask Eldon" Potluck - B.A.C.A.	Championship Putting Tournament 15 French Dip Sandwiches Juke Box Jive 	Condo Board Meeting 16 Health Seminar: Arizona Institute of Footcare Ed's Grill Mystery Trip Bingo	Friday Seminar: SRP Energy Efficiency 17 St. Patty's Day Lunch Dons Classic Karaoke - St. Patty's Day Special Dance - Myron Sommerfeld (St Patrick's Day Dance)	Seymour's Adventures Parade 18 Hamburger BBQ & Ice Cream Sale with music by Ian Eric Electronics Raffle Draw 
Worship Service 19 Gabfest Fuddruckers Meal Deal 	Grapevine 20 Blood Pressure Check & Meet Your Pharmacist Enchilada Dinner Concert Series To Ella with Love	Annual Social Club Meeting & Election 21 No Ice Cream Social Potluck - International Dance Students Annual Weenie Roast Home with Home Depot Round Dance	Annual Weenie Roast 22 	Health Seminar: Good Grief 23 Everything Goes Sale VO Diner Open Bingo	Friday Seminar: Small Space Design & Decorating 24 The Napa Experience Wine Tastings - BYOB Not Allowed Social Board Orientation Out-Lines Published Dance - Chuck E Baby & The Allstars	It's a Wrap Breakfast 25 Last Book Sale of the Season Creative Writing's Annual Readings 
Worship Service 26 Gabfest Sing-a-long 	New Image Fashions 27 Blood Pressure Check Grapevine Tour of Italy Cooking Class - Tuscany Cooking Fred & Sheila Show	Social Board Meeting 28 Ice Cream Social Potluck - Arizona Artists Guild Street Dance - Hooked on a Feeling Round Dance	Chicken Alfredo Italian Dinner 29 	Health Seminar: Medicine and End of Life Care 30 Ed's Grill Bingo	Friday Seminar: Comparison of Christianity & Islam 31 Happy Hour at the West Pool with Johnny R Dance - Julie Lee Band	

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 (Julie Lee).....	F - Jan 27	Jan 27 (3:00 pm).....	\$8.00 ...	[]
		<small>Sold also at the door</small>		
Bluegrass Concert (Cadillac Mountain)	M - Jan 30 ...	Jan 30 (3:00 pm).....	\$10.00 ...	[]
		<small>Sold also at the door</small>	<small>\$1.00 more at the door</small>	
Friday Night Dance (Saguaro Sunset)..	F - Feb 3	Feb 3 (3:00 pm).....	\$8.00 ...	[]
		<small>Sold also at the door</small>		
Big Game Party.....	Su - Feb 5 ...	Feb 1 (10:00 am).....	\$10.00 ...	[]
Salmon BBQ Potluck.....	W - Feb 8	Until Sold Out.....	\$8.50 ...	[]
Friday Night Dance (Cowboy Up).....	F - Feb 10 ...	Feb 10 (3:00 pm).....	\$8.00 ...	[]
		<small>Sold also at the door</small>		
Enchilada Dinner	M - Feb 13...	Until Sold Out.....	\$8.00 ...	[]
Taco Salad.....	Th - Feb 16 .	Until Sold Out.....	\$6.50 ...	[]
Pork Loin Dinner.....	W - Feb 22 ..	Feb 15 (10:00 am).....	\$8.50 ...	[]
*A Night at the Oscars.....	M - Feb 27...	Feb 27 (3:00 pm).....	\$8.00 ...	[]
			<small>General Seating \$1.00 more at the door</small>	
*A Night at the Oscars.....	Tu - Feb 28..	Feb 28 (3:00 pm).....	\$8.00	[]
			<small>General Seating \$1.00 more at the door</small>	
Mahi Mahi Fish Dinner	W - Mar 1	Feb 22 (10:00 am).....	\$8.50 ...	[]
Chicken Parmesan Dinner	W - Mar 8	Mar 1 (10:00 am).....	\$8.50 ...	[]

Reserved Seating Tickets

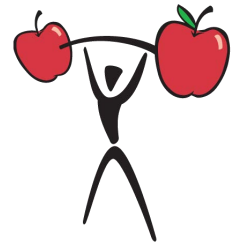
Joe Bourne - Upbeat & Sweet..	M - Feb 6	Feb 6 (3:00 pm)	Silver : \$16.00 Gold: \$18.00 \$2.00 more at door	[]
The Cabaret.....	W - Feb 15	Feb 15 (3:00 pm)	\$10.00	[]
			<small>\$2.00 more at the door</small>	
*A Night at the Oscars.....	M - Feb 27.....	Feb 27 (3:00 pm)	\$9.00	[]
			<small>\$1.00 more at the door</small>	
*A Night at the Oscars.....	Tu - Feb 28 ...	Feb 28 (3:00 pm)	\$9.00	[]
			<small>\$1.00 more at the door</small>	

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.



Health Week



JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3

Monday • January 30
Following Grapevine • Community Center Lobby
Blood Pressure Check (Pg 36)



Tuesday • January 31 • 9:45 am
Heart Healthy 5K (Pg 39)
Outside Front Community Center
Stroll • Walk • Power Walk • Jog • Run

Tuesday • January 31
1:30-2:30 pm • Baja Bistro
Non-Fat Frozen Yogurt offered at the Ice Cream Social (Pg 33)

Thursday • February 2 • 9:00 am
Cabana

Breakfast with Banner Health (Pg 39)
Meet with Kimberly Anderson, HNP, with Banner Medical Center, Banner Baywood Medical Center and enjoy a free Continental Breakfast
Sign-up required

Friday • February 3
11:00 am - 1:00 pm • EPC Therapy Room 2
Free Dental Consultation (Pg 40)

Meet with the Dr. Pease & Associates Family Dentistry in the EPC Therapy Room 2 on Friday, January 6 for a free dental consultation.

Monday • January 30
8:00 - 10:00 am • Cabana
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United Blood Drive (Pg 33)
Bloodmobile in the Community Center parking area
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Thursday • February 2
11:00am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro
Ed's Grill Healthy Alternative -
Chicken Ceasar Salad & Crackers (Pg 33)

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro
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\$279 pp double occupancy, add \$75 for single. Enjoy a 3 day trip to Laughlin, see the Oakridge Boys in concert at the Riverside; stay at the largest hotel in the heart of Laughlin – the Aquarius Casino Resort. Includes a dinner buffet, 2 Brunch Buffets, and a fun book for great deals and extra savings.

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\$69 Day trip to Tubac for this annual event showcasing the work of hundreds of visiting artists from around the United States and Canada. Tubac was established as a Spanish Presidio in 1759; the festival now surrounds the grounds that once served as home to a Spanish military garrison and is home to many restaurants and a huge food court that features a variety of cuisines. Lunch at own expense.

Feb 11 TURF PARADISE – PHOENIX GOLD CUP

\$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.

Feb 14 VERDE CANYON VALENTINES DAY RAILROAD EXPRESS

\$169 or \$199 Relax and enjoy the ride on the Verde Canyon Railway! This train tour offers outdoor viewing cars and food & alcohol service, as you experience one of the world’s most beautiful canyons. The Sweet Special lets you experience all of this as well as special chocolate and confectionary delicacies in the Chocolate Lovers’ Festival car!



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\$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.

Feb 28-Mar 1 Flower Power

\$219 pp double occupancy, add \$75 for single
 3 days / 2 nights of fun on this Ladies Trip! Stay at the beautiful Aquarius Casino Resort in Laughlin. Two Brunch Buffets and fun book for extra savings.

Mar 1 CITY TOUR

\$99 Tour the Arizona State Capitol Museum! Join us for a driving tour through the sites and historical landmarks of Tempe and Scottsdale. Visit Scottsdale’s newest museum of the west, Western Spirit Museum. Enjoy lunch in Scottsdale during the Tour!.

Mar 1-3 LAS VEGAS AT THE GOLDEN NUGGET

\$249 pp double occupancy, add \$75 for single. Have a fun time in Las Vegas, a city with electrifying excitement! Join us for a 3 day trip, stay at the beautiful Golden Nugget in the heart of Las Vegas on Fremont Street. Marvel under the Viva Vision canopy that towers 90 feet above the mall on Fremont Street featuring over 12 million lights. Includes daily breakfast buffet.

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.

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 22 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 either the Rotunda or the "Big Room," visit the Discovery Center. This destination is in great demand, a site to see!

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

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A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

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Editorial

by Maureen Robertson

Auld Lang Syne

No doubt many of you sang this line as you welcomed in the New Year, but have you ever wondered about its meaning or derivation? In actual fact, it is a lyric from an ancient Scottish tune, first recorded on paper by the famous poet, Robbie Burns, in 1788. There are many verses to this tune, although we traditionally sing only the first, and occasionally the second.

It means "for old times sake", and the song is about preserving old friendships and looking back over the events of the previous year. The timeless words seem most appropriate for the homecoming of our residents and the renewal of old friendships.

Each year upon our return, the warm feeling of rejuvenation quickly seeps into our system as we greet old friends and neighbours and begin our rounds of activity in the soft warmth of the Arizona sunshine.

In this issue, we visit some old friends, find some interesting activities, and even hear about construction projects. Our writers, now in residence, brim with ideas for articles this season and we look forward to bringing them to you. We hope you enjoy the offerings they present and wish you all a warm welcome home for Auld Lang Syne!

Full Circle

By Roger Stoufer

Good-bye and hello! These two words are an important part of the culture at Venture Out.

At the end of each March we issue our fond good-byes to our winter neighbors. Aware of our humanness, we still often conclude these with a confident, "See you again in December." This December, when Bev and I returned, our confidence met with a reality check. Three of our neighbors were not present to receive their hellos.

Eleanor, next door, Dale and Karen across the street, and Elko and Barb, directly behind us, for one reason or another, were not able to return to our winter paradise this season. Each of them, in very different ways, has enriched our lives, and their absence leaves a void in our hearts.

Eleanor's gentle knock on the door was often accompanied with a warm smile and a hesitant request for a little help with "that darn computer" of hers. In creative writing, although all the rest of us sat in our chairs as we read our prose to each other, Eleanor preferred to stand. Before each reading she announced, "I was an elementary school teacher and I always stood and read to my classes."

Dale was a man of deep convictions. His dog, Michigan State's basketball team, and politics drove his conversation. His positions were never nuanced. As he shared his beliefs, like his beloved Spartans, he became competitive and enthusiastic. That was when he was at his best.

Elko, on the other hand was a moderate man. He was active in filming much of the channel 17 news. This gave him a rather full perspective on Venture Out's activities, and he enjoyed sharing this knowledge

These wonderful neighbors magnified the quality of our experience here. Naturally, when we saw our new neighbors, Otto and Gayle, on their patio, we moved confidently in their direction, and greeted them with a warm Venture Out hello.



Handymen's Club

by Keith Gustafson



The Venture Out Handymen's Club was founded in 1979, ten years after the park was organized. The mission of the group is to provide carpentry and repair support to the common elements in the park. This means they work under the direct supervision of the Social Board with the many clubs and activities. Examples of building projects they complete are cabinets, book-shelves, steps, and repairing deteriorating components of the infrastructure. The process begins when one of the clubs decides they need an addition, new furnishings, or upgraded components. They contact the Handymen who then work with club members in drawing up the specifications, plans and budget. This goes to Teresa and the Social Board for approval. Once approval is secured, the Handymen complete the job and the cost is charged back to the club that made the request. The Handymen cannot make themselves available to individual unit owners because of liability issues.

There are approximately 25 members in the group, with 14-18 active members. They usually work from 1-5 mornings a week. When visiting the club, it appears as busy as a beehive with men continuously on the move, pounding hammers, operating saws, sanding, and other carpentry activities. The requests they receive are as varied as the clubs requesting their services. Al Judsen, president of the group, and Tom Crogan, senior member, reported that their largest job consisted of furnishing the new center in 2005 when it was remodeled. They built all of the cabinets throughout the building, shelves in the library and other rooms, steps up to the stage, trim, hanging all of the mirrors and paintings, etc. They recorded the labor involved and determined it was over 5,000 man hours. Their most unusual request was to help an elderly man using a walker to help unload his van. He had just arrived in the park and had no one to help him and couldn't do it himself. Although this doesn't fall under the mission of the Handymen's Club, several members took assisted him.

To get involved, Tom and Al assured me that you don't have to be "handy" or a carpenter. You just have to show up and put in some time on a regular basis. We can all hold a shelf while someone pounds or sands a board. The coffee is always on and sometimes there are donuts! The men are all wonderful to visit with!

Lefse

By Keith Gustafson

The newest activity in our park is "Lefse baking". Lefse is a Norwegian delicacy similar to a large soft taco, but has different names in Norway depending on the type of lefse and the valley from which it originated. The history of lefse making reveals that it had no beginning; hence it will have no end. A traditional Norse folk tale relates that the Norse God, Odin, first served lefse to the souls of slain warriors who occupy Walhalla as a way to fortify them for battle. The initial prototype of lefse was made of flour. For centuries Norwegian women traveled from house to house and village to village to make lefse that would last for an entire winter. The final product was a large, round and crispy cracker that could be stored indefinitely. When it was time to be served, the cook would dip it in water and soak it between damp cloths until it was softened. It was then enjoyed with butter and sugar. When potatoes were introduced to Norway in the 1700's they were soon substituted for some of the flour in the lefse recipes. The Norwegians who immigrated to the United States and Canada brought their lefse recipes and rolling pins along with them, making the new potato lefse on wood burning cook stoves. It is estimated that there are over 53 million Norwegian descendants who bake lefse on a regular basis.

A group recently reserved the Cabana Room and spent an entire afternoon baking lefse. The reigning "Queens of Lefse" are pictured and include Lois Jean Kamps, Carol Sue Butts, and Barb Agar. Two other queens not pictured are Pam Klocke and Bernadette Carlson. The five lefse queens, along with their assistants Bill Klocke and Keith Gustafson, baked approximately 100 lefses during the afternoon, including a version of lefse that is made of rice rather than wheat for people with gluten sensitivities. The Venture Out Lefse group is dedicated to maintaining the craft, educating non-lefse folk about the wonders of lefse, having fun, and trying to discover the best lefse recipe ever!



Life and Times of Harley Barr

By Norm Thiessen



Picture a flat brimmed brown Stetson, a red serge tunic, yellow stripes on blue breeches, and shining high-top brown boots with silver spurs. Add a handle-bar moustache and you have Harley Barr in 1973, a proud member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Harley, growing up in the impoverished backwoods of New Brunswick, had dreamed of being a policeman since the age of six. Living in a tarpaper shack with dirt floors, no indoor plumbing, and second-hand clothing, the image of the red-coated RCMP officer provided him with the incentive to improve his life. In 1964, after six months of rigorous training, he earned his brown boots and spurs.

After a number of detachment postings in Canada's Maritime provinces, Harley was married with two sons. His marriage failed, but he attained full custody of his three and five year old boys. The RCMP, recognizing that he needed a fresh start, transferred the little family across the nation to St. Albert, Alberta. Here, while maintaining his many detachment duties, Harley cooked and cleaned while raising his sons, using karate as a means of family bonding. Numerous Canadian and provincial karate medals provide evidence of the commitment and success of the family's effort. Harley is a five-time Alberta champion, and four-time Western Canadian champion, earning his last crown at the age of sixty-seven competing against men thirty years his junior.

When his sons graduated from high school, Harley once again had time to cultivate female companionship. He enrolled in a magazine, the Bargain Finder, which contained an advertisement listing Asian and European women wishing to meet and possibly marry Canadian men. A friend, upon hearing that Harley was corresponding with dozens of potential companions, arranged a meeting with a Filipino friend who insisted that "Harley get in touch with her niece, Rowena".

After a visit to the Philippines, enduring the culture shock and close scrutiny of Rowena's family, Harley knew that a spark had been lit. Rowena came to Canada and following a brief courtship, twenty-one year old Rowena and fifty-one year old Harley were married and embarked on a loving relationship that would be filled with travel, hunting, fishing, hiking, karate, tennis, and gardening. When they arrived at Venture Out in 2004, Harley wondered how his much younger Asian wife would be accepted in this retirement community. He need not have worried as Rowena quickly won support by dint of her sparkling personality and willingness to take on any task. She has twice chaired the financially important Fall Classic Tennis Tournament, assumed many leadership positions in tennis and pickle-ball, currently chairs the Christmas Angels' Program, and performs in park fund-raising entertainment programs.

You may encounter Harley on his way to the tennis courts, resplendent in his cowboy hat, fluorescent attire, and brace on his wonky knee. Here is a man who fully embraces life in our retirement community. He has overcome real poverty, succeeded as a single parent while proudly serving as a Mountie, and found a new life partner whom he describes as "easily the best thing that ever happened to him".

Frank Lloyd Wright Inspired Unit

by Keith Gustafson

Terry and Deb Carsten built a unit on Fairchild inspired by the work of the famous architect from Wisconsin and Arizona, Frank Lloyd Wright. The architectural style is considered Contemporary with a "Shed" style roof, a popular design originating in the 1960's. The unit has a hip roof, with the attached shed roof about 2 feet below the eaves of the primary roof. The shed roof covers a wrap-around deck that faces two sides of the unit. The ceiling above the deck area is lower than average. The result is a feeling of coziness while on the deck and the illusion that the other dimensions of the deck are larger. The deck has a built in wet bar, making it efficient for entertaining. Moving from the deck into the unit through double doors makes the interior spaces seem much higher and loftier after coming from the more confined space. The clerestory windows in the Arizona room and kitchen, with the large glass doors throughout the Arizona room, provide abundant amounts of light throughout the unit. The nutmeg colored oak planking used throughout the unit provides a stark contrast to the maple wood cabinets and quartz countertops. The large bay window in the kitchen faces the street and provides a unique dining area as well as a unique architectural feature on the outside.

Other unique features include a built-in loft that is used as a play room for the grandchildren and includes an abundant amount of toys. Cherished accessories in the Arizona room include souvenirs from Jerusalem including a large wooden Noah's ark with two of several kinds of animals and a miniature "Holy City" on a hill. The Carstens' also have a very large, collector's replica of the National Lampoon Dollhouse. The decorating touches, including an entire hallway wall filled with family photos, make the unit feel ultra-modern but also very comfortable and homey.



Ben

by Jean DeLoye

Ben has seen it all and he has won it all— both as coach and as referee at games and track meets. He has over 300 medals and awards, both national and state wide. In addition, Ben served as a referee for national wrestling meets in many western states. As a result of his volunteer work as a coach and trainer at the YMCA, he was awarded “Layman of the Year” for his efforts. Ben was also nominated for teacher of the year six times in Denver.



Ben Knaub's dedication to sports, and wrestling in particular, began when he was in high school. His parents did not approve of his wrestling and would only consent if he completed his chores every night in a timely manner. In order to complete his tasks for his parents approval, Ben often had to run home, a good five miles, because of missing the bus after wrestling practice.

As one of 12 children, Ben was the only one who went to college. He began his teaching career in 1950 in the Denver, Colorado school system and soon after added the coaching of wrestling to his responsibilities. He loved the kids and they loved him. He was a strict disciplinarian, though always fair. His philosophy was that each boy was an individual and important. As a result, he created a personal relationship with each student. Ben had a way of getting the best from each one; they wanted to be successful for him and they performed to their best ability. That was all he expected. Ben says consistency in his approach to coaching was necessary and strong language was never his way of reproaching students. The boys knew what he wanted of them and they knew they had to adhere to his rules of no drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes.

In his coaching days, inner city kids were bussed to his high school for extra curricular activities. He coached wrestling after school and because of the intense training, the inner city students sometimes missed their bus. Ben offered to take them home, a good 25 miles away. Many would ask him to drop them at the corner. He finally figured out that they were ashamed of the shacks they lived in. Many of these students have returned to Ben later in life and told him they might be in prison had it not been for him.

Recently, while living at Venture Out, he was contacted by a former student who now owns and operates a wind generator company. He wanted to show his appreciation to Ben and his wife, Joanne, by presenting them with a dinner out, flowers and \$5,000. The couple enjoyed a trip to Hawaii with the money. Ben and Joanne have lived in V.O. for many years and he has participated in the V.O. softball teams both as a player and as coach.

With anticipation and excitement, Ben and his family look forward to May, 2017, when he will receive the ultimate honor of being inducted into the National Hall of Fame for coaching wrestling. Along with all this, he also is an excellent dancer. Just ask half the gals at V.O.

A job well done for many years.

Did You Know?

Pickle ball began with humble origins in the backyard of Congressman Joel Pritchard of Bainbridge Island, Washington. Searching for a way to keep his children entertained for the summer months of 1965, he lowered the backyard badminton net, then brought out a few ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball. The activity not only engaged his children, but also family, friends and neighbors. The craze caught on, and after a number of evolutions, we have the popular game we know today as Pickle Ball.



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