

## Venture Out 5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205 <br> ADMINISTRATION OFFICE <br> (480) 832-0200 VOGM <br> @VentureOutRVResort.com <br> 8:00 am - 3:30 pm <br> Monday - Friday <br> Notice to all Clubs! CLUB OFFICERS' MEETING Tuesday • November 21 1:30 pm • Oasis Please plan to attend this important annual meeting. Discussion to include budget, current events and more.

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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, costefficient, and responsive to changing needs."

## SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING Tuesday - November 28 • 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)

## CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

## THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 30•9:00 AM • OASIS

## 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.

TOWN HALL MEETING
Tuesday • December 5•7:00 pm Buena Vista Ballroom


Fall Tennis Classic Gold Winners Gary Wong \& Harley Barr

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

COMING SOON...HD TELEVISION

Our current television cable vendor, Dish, will be upgrading our television service to High Definition (HD) to all residences and RV Pull Thrus. In addition to HD we will receive an additional 12 channels bringing the total to 60 broadcast programming choices. This is at no additional cost in your condo quarterly fees. For those who may still have an old big tube cathode ray tube TV, it may necessitate buying a convertor box or a new TV. Available in the Activity Office is a binder guiding you on what you may need to do to receive the new channels and HD. Check out the binder at the DVD desk.

## CONDO BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE <br> Bert Sebastian 480-854-3772

The Condo Board Ad Hoc Committee is looking for owner members interested in participating in a committee to develop recommendations on short term uses for the existing six pickleball courts, vacated with the new Sportsplex now in use. Owners wishing to have their names considered should contact Bert Sebastian at bertdaleseb@gmail.com or telephone.

## Administration

## SECURITY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT OCTOBER, 2017

Security Chief, Brandon Fowers 480-832-0200
The Security Staff logged in 4,949 vehicles at the front gate for the month. The total amount of gate access by residents, contractors and visitors totaled 46,884 . The total number of cars does not represent the total number of persons inside the cars. The original 46,884 cars should be multiplied by an average of 2 persons equaling a total of 93,768 people the staff assisted during the month of September.

Outside Guest for Activities - 1,775
Medical Alert requiring ambulance - 0
Work Orders - 35
Alarms - 4
Total Incident Reports - 20
Assistance to residents - 417
911 Calls - 2
Total Violation Notices - 28
Violation letter sent with fines - 2
Parking - 10
CC\&R Violations - 12
Speed - 3
Failure to stop - 3
Damage to property - 1
Suspicious person(s)/Cars/Events - 5


The Nominating Committee is seeking INTERESTED Condo Board Candidates for the February, 2018 election to the Venture Out Condo Board.

All Candidates who are willing to have their names on the February, 2018 Ballot, must make their decision by TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017. Please contact one of the Nominating Committee members today to ask questions, or to let us know that you want to be a Venture Out Condo Board Candidate.

Thank you so much for considering this important position. Venture Out is depending upon YOU.
Marnee Bogle .602-312-7729
Doug Gale 360-608-8098
Bruce Johnston.................. 970-391-1039
Walt Just ...........................480-325-0138
Norm Thiessen..................480-830-0842

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

■ Send your submission to outlines@ventureoutrvresort.com
■ The deadlines for ALL articles: Noon by the date listed below.

## DUE DATE MONDAY

November 20
December 4
December 18 January 2 January 15 January 29

## PUBLISH DATE

 FRIDAYDecember 1
December 15
December 29
January 12
January 26
February 9

Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office

## Safety and Security Reminder:



Wear
Bright
Colors at Night!

## Bike Owners

Registration is available again this season November 18 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Patio behind the laundry at Tennis Courts 7 $\& 8$.

## Special Events



## COMMUNITY

 THANKSGIVING DINNER$$
\$ 3.00 \mathrm{pp}
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Plus - each person brings a dish to share.

Turkey \& stuffing provided!


Table Hosts and Hostesses Needed! Hosts/Hostesses will cook the turkeys \& stuffing, collect money from your table guests \& decorate the table. Table cloths provided.

Should you wish to host a table contact:
Robert \& Jeanette Hayes at 480-641-0876

ATTENDEES: CONTACT
ROBERT \& JEANETTE HAYES AT 480-641-0876 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SEAT.

Thursday • November 23
4:30 Pm Happy Hour • 5:00 pm Dinner Buena Vista Ballroom
 THANKSGIVING DINNER ATTENDEES: CONTACT A HOST IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SEAT.

## Available Hosts

1) Robert and Jeanette Hayes Full
2) Beryl Willerton
3) Betsy Klofstad Full and Bill Lawrence
4) Karen Merckx Full
5) Cheryl and Dennis Spears Full
6) Elma \& Eldon Becker.
7) Carol Sue Butts
and Keith Gustafson ............................................Full
8) Merle \& John Heiser..............................................Full
9) Ardis \& Carol Egli .................................................Full
10) Julie and Doug Maresh.........................................Full
11) Joyce Taylor
12) Eunice Shelstad

218-405-0871
13) Pat \& Patricia Murphy

563-340-6404

Thursday • November 23
4:30 Pm Happy Hour • 5:00 pm Dinner Buena Vista Ballroom

## Special Events

## RENOHDP SANDNGES

Tickets $\$ 7.00$
Tickets Available from the Activity Office
Deadline: 10:00 am,
Wednesday, November 22

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


Bring your own
SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB
Monday • NOVEMBER 27 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM BAJA BIstro

## New Year's Eve Bash

Resident \& Guest Reserved Seat Ticket Sales
 Wednesday • November 29

Featuring "Chuck-E-Baby \& the Allstars" Buena Vista Ballroom - December 31 8:30 pm - 12:30 am party Doors Open at 8:00 pm


Residents - \$20.00
Non-Resident Guests \$22.00
One badge will allow the purchase of 2 resident tickets and 2 guest tickets maximum

Reserved ticket sales • 10:00 AM Wednesday • November 29 • Baja Bistro First Come - First Served

## 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.
Minimum of 18 needed to reserve the bus

Sponsored by the Recreation Department
Tuesday • November 28
3:30 PM • Bus Loading Zone
Depart Casino 10:30 pm

Tickets $\$ 8.00$ Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 22 Only 275 tickets available! Purchase from the Activity Office

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

Bring your own table service Sponsored by the Electronics Club

> Wednesday • November 29 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

## Special Events



OO LIBRARY Used Book Snale

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 • December 2
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Community Center


## JUMBO HOTDOGS AND DESSERT

Sponsored by the Poolroom Association
Tickets purchased at the event

Ice Cream $\$ 1.50$
Sponsored by the Table Tennis Club

## Special Events

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGTI NG AND MEMORI AL WALK

*View the Memorial Luminarias
*Free Hot Cocoa \& Cookies
*Holiday Music \& Sing-a-Long *Visitwith Santa \& Mrs. Claus *Feel free to Bring an Ornament to Help Decorate the Tree

Donations of pet toys, food \& blankets accepted for the Arizona Humane Society

SPONSORED BY THE PET ASSOCIATION Saturday • December 2 Luminaria Viewing 5:00 pm Tree Lighting 5:30 PM hobby Center Parking Lot/Pet Walk

## CASINO RUN

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort Maricopa City • Arizona

Cost of $\$ 10.00$ must be
paid by November 28 in the Activity Office . A minimum of 40 people are needed to reserve the Bus

You'll receive \$10.00 upon anrival at the casino with Harrah's Total Rewards Card

Sign-up sheet in the Activity Office


PHOENIX AK-CHIN CASINO RESORT harrihis.com Bingo! 900 Slots Table Games Great Buffet!

Sponsored by the Recreation Department
Wednesday • December 6
Bus Loading Zone • Community Center Depart 10:00 am • Return 4:30

## Special Events

## SALISBURY STEAK DINNER

Tickets $\$ 7.50$
Purchase from the Activity Office Deadline: 10:00 am Wednesday, November 29

## MENU

Salisbury Steak smothered in a herb mushroom \& onion gravy, Yukon mashed potatoes, seasonal veggies, roll \& butter, tossed salad and beverage


Sponsored by the Softball Association
Wednesday • December 6 2 SEATINGS 4:30 PM \& 6:00 PM


## ROASTED CHICKEN GREEK SALAD <br> Tickets $\$ 7.00$ <br> Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 29 Purchase from the Activity Office <br> Delicious new luncheon developed by the Solos Club. A heavenly Greek Salad topped with roasted chicken breast and served with pita bread and celery. Tune up your taste buds for a treat that you will remember. <br>  <br> We provide the plates and the smiles. You bring the forks. <br> Sponsored by the Solos Club <br> Thursday • December 7 12:00-1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

## BISCUITS \& GRAVY PLUS SCRAMBLED EGGS BREAKFAST <br> \$5.00 Per Person <br> 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 • December 9 7:30-9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO

## Special Events

## Holiday Lights Contest

Join your neighbors and friends again this year in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Decorate your lot, corner lot, or entire block, in the spirit of the holiday season, and then see who will
 fly the award-winning holiday banners! Awards presented at a Resident Christmas Party Monday, December 18. Application in this edition of the Out-Lines.

WIN... A DISPLAY BANNER PLUS
CASH PRIZES 1ST \$50 • 2ND \$25 • 3RD \$15 for each: Individual Lot, Corner Lot \& Block In an effort to make this contest more equitable, winners from the past two years are not eligible for awards ... however they are encouraged to light up and enjoy!

## Sunday • December 10 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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

## Filled.

> Ticketholders: Don't forget to attend!

## Special Events

## HAMBURGER BBQ \& ICE CREAM BARS

Menu
Grilled Hamburger or Cheeseburger Grilled Onions Baked Beans • Chips Beverage $\$ 5.00$ Sponsored by the Softhall Association

Ice Cream Drumsticks \& Klondike Bars $\$ 150$

Sponsored by the Horseshoe Club


Bring your own table service
SATURDAY • December 16 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Baja Bistro ANNUAL COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS DNNER HOSTS AND HOSTESSES NEEDED! Should you wish to host a table, your duties will include cooking a ham, collecting money, assigning side dishes and decorating your table.

For more information contact
Helen Bierstedt (319) 233-5408 or
Keith Gustafson (701) 201-0061

Monday • December 25
BYOB HAPpY HOUR 4:30 PM DINNER 5:00 PM•BV BALLROOM


Tickets $\$ 6.00$ Tickets available in the Activity Office.

Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, December 20 Bring your own table service.

## Wednesday • December 27

 12:00 NOON • BAJA BISTRO

Fall Tennis Classic Gold Winners Jean Davis and Joan Withers


Fall Tennis Classic Gold Winners Gordy Abar \& Dave Kaylyn

# Clubs and Organizations 

8-BALL - MIXED COUPLES DOUBLES<br>Marie Austin 480-396-8766<br>Welcome Back! Saturday<br>Night Live is underway, so please sign up by $6: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ as play starts at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. There is a $\$ 1.00$ entry fee (no large bills, please). You must be a member to play. If you are not, don't worry; we can sign you up for membership too. You should have some knowledge of the 8-Ball Rules (posted on our bulletin board). We also have gloves and other accessories for sale (see me ) and, if you have any questions, please call me.

## 10-PIN BOWLING <br> June Klump 509-993-6342

Please call June if you are interested in joining our group for fun and exercise on Friday mornings at 9:00 am.

## 31 CARDS Tom Croghan 480-924-1577

Welcome back to our 31 Group. See you in the Sonoran at 7:30 pm on Wednesday nights.

## BOCCE BALL

Kay Hanks
480-751-8828
It's delightful and energizing to see our Bocce friends arriving back to Venture Out. We had our first singles game Saturday,
November 4. The winner was Jerry Waters. Congratulations! The French Dip lunch is scheduled for November 27. There is a sign-up sheet for helpers in the Club House. Fall League Tuesdays have started. The Mystery Trip will be on December 12. Please call Doris Fraser for tickets. Sharon Hanson, Treasurer, is collecting membership dues. Check the Club

House and e-mail for posting of all current events. Live your dreams here in Venture Out. Come play Bocce!

## DARTS

Barbara Henderson 208-604-6084 Welcome back! Everybody get ready beginning Friday, December 1, for DARTS. We play in the Classroom above the Activity Office. Loads of fun and we have darts you can use. Join us starting at 7:00 pm. Any questions call Barbara Henderson.

## CRIBBAGE <br> Ruby Erickson 480-924-9125

Welcome Back! Cribbage is up and running Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Be there no later than $6: 45 \mathrm{pm}$. It costs 25 cents to play, and $\$ 1.00$ to play for the pot, which is optional. We play in the Mojave Room. Please remember to wear your badge. (YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO PLAY). No lessons pending.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

 Lanny Paul 712-358-3091Duplicate Bridge is in the Mojave Room Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Friday \& Saturday at 12:00 noon.

## ELECTRONICS CLUB

Bernard Hoggarth 218-791-6764
The Electronics club is now open for your use. The treasurer's hours for membership are from 9:0010:00 am Monday-Friday. Contact Jim Wallace for more information. Membership is required to use the equipment, except for the fax. We will also offer classes on converting your media to video format to easily share via Facebook, e-mail, etc. We have all the
software and equipment you need. We can convert your VHS tapes to digital format as well. Other small camcorder cassette transfer equipment is also available. 16 GB thumb drives are available for $\$ 10$. A free meeting will be held at the Oasis to demonstrate our media processing. Watch for the date.

EUCHRE / 500
Jean DeLoye 612-328-4383
Euchre begins at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ every Friday in the Mojave Room. 500 begins Tuesday at $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ and Saturday at 7:00 pm in the Mojave Room.

## FIRED CLAY ARTS STUDIO

Edna Hopkins 480-830-6341
Fired Clay Arts Studio is open! Drop by to see the upcoming projects being offered, such as decorative painting, hand-building, or throwing on the wheel. Classes are available in all media. You do not have to be artistic. Our talented teacher will walk you through the projects. She is available Mondays (9:00
$\mathrm{am}-12: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ ) and
Tuesdays and Thursdays (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm). Every Wednesday, a special class will be held featuring different techniques. On Wednesday, November 22, learn to apply glaze on a pumpkin box with an eyedropper. On
Wednesday, November 29, learn to apply glaze on a jug with a sponge (Times:
9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Projects are on display in the window of the studio. (Non-members are welcome on Wednesdays.)

[^0]Monitor Board in the window for times. A class schedule is in the shop for late November. Volunteers are needed for GabFest; sign up in the shop. The next club meeting is in January. The Studio Open House will be held in early January. Help will be needed. 'Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Don't forget - we always need monitors!

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, tournament play, and handicap posting. Signups are Tuesday mornings at 7:45 am sharp in the Sonoran. There are coordinators for three different courses: John Lloyd, 480-329-1439, 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; and Dick \& Marj Skinner, 480-9246164, for Sunland Village East GC starting at 10:45 am.

## GOLF ASSOCIATION

 - 18 HOLE Larry Booth 480-854-369618 hole golf. Western Skies
Mondays, 8:30 am start. Arizona Golf Resort, Thursdays, 10:00 am start. Phone Larry Booth or sign up at 605 Navajo.•

HAM RADIO CLUB Paulette Thompson 480-807-1791
Welcome back Dan ADOTE and Pat Dietz. Thanks again to radio volunteers who showed up for the
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# Clubs and Organizations 

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Tennis Classic. Thom Davis W6LDX and Dick Vance K7NEX worked all week organizing and resolving issues that arise when dealing with new situations. Congratulations to Jean W7LDX Davis for winning a Gold Medal. She also found time to supervise traffic at the front gate. Weekly meetings resume on Saturdays at 10:00 am at the Oasis. We will discuss and plan for our assisting at Homecoming on
November 18 and the Turkey Trot 5K on November 21.

## HANDYMAMS

Pam Klocke 763-516-6214
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9 at 9:00 am in the Oasis. Member information lists, as well as this season's schedule, will be given to members.

## HANDYMEN

 Don Williams 480-396-9470We need help delivering Christmas Decorations at 8:00 am, November 24.
Please meet at the Handymen's Shop. We need help putting up Christmas decorations at the front entrance. Please meet at the front entrance at 8:00 am on
November 20

## HIKING Jim Cox 515-999-9554

We meet in the Baja Bistro on Mondays at 7:30 am. 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. "D" hikes often have an easier alternative. (T) trail (B/W) Bushwhacking. The Post Office hallway has detailed descriptions,
guidelines and schedule. Hikes may change. Check the post office hallway for updates. November 20 Wishbone Junction Loop; T and B/W, 6 miles "C"
November 27 - Adopt a Trail Work Hike"D" (T), 10 miles. November 30-1st Water/207 half crossover; reward for participating in the Nov. 27 work hike; B/W "C" Hike, 6 miles

## KITCHEN BAND <br> David Dagenais 708-710-6349

The world renowned Venture Out Kitchen Band is on track for another ground-breaking year. We meet on Mondays at the Oasis at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. Last year we did the first ever Kazoo/Harmonica Flash Mob. If you think you are talented enough to play the teapot or the kazoo, join us on Monday at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ at the Oasis. Our first practice will be held on December 11, at 3:00 pm in the Oasis. See you there.

## LAWN BOWLING Mardal Flynn 431-336-1172

 Welcome back, bowlers! Our new season has begun. Bowling is available every day at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please arrive 20 minutes early as the draw is made 15 minutes before the start of each game. This is all open play. Those who show up get drawn to a team, as there are no assigned teams. There is no commitment. Lessons are Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am. A couple of lessons before actual games are played, works well. Casual bowlers pay $\$ 1.00$, and membership is $\$ 20.00$ per season. Membership allows you to participate in our social functions. You may also sign up your partner as an associate member for \$10.00. We have a pizzaand beer party on November 21.

## MAH JONGG Vikki Lane Kunstman 920-246-5340

National Mah Jongg is played on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 pm in the Music Room above the Activity Office. Please bring your National Mah Jongg card. Looking forward to the new season of play.

## MEN'S POKER Frank Taggart 480-220-1090

 Men's Poker started on the first of November, 2017. Play starts at $5: 50 \mathrm{pm}$ in the Classroom, Monday through Saturday.
## MINNESOTA GETTOGETHER

 Linda Hamilton 218-839-5455Save the Date! The Minnesota Get-Together has a date: Saturday, February 3. It will be held in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Watch the Out-Lines for details and ticket sales. Consider donating a door prize.

## OREGON PARTY JUDY SELL 503-401-0182

Welcome back, Oregonians! We are having a get-together on Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 pm in the EPC Cabana. Come to enjoy Phil Hammond's famous BBQ Pork Ribs and reconnect with our fellow Oregonians! BYOB, your own table service, and a side dish to share (salad, veggie dish, bread, or dessert). There is a sign-up sheet in the Post Office hallway. Coffee and water will be provided. Tickets will go on sale for $\$ 3.00$ on November 21 from 1:002:30 pm during the Ice

## Cream Socials in the Baja Bistro.

## PICKLEBALL

Toni Nelson
603-381-8484
Welcome everyone! Interested in playing pickleball? Stop by the old courts, become a member and take part in the action, lots of laughter and conversation. Dues are being collected right there on site. Check in with Ron Stiers for beginner lessons and/or sign up for various more advanced lessons which will be posted on the board courtside. Thank you to all the volunteers who make the East Valley Tournament a huge success. Our new Sportsplex will be opening soon, for all of us to play, with schedules available for scrambles, group, and ladder play.
Congratulations, Jim Michaluk, another VO Certified Referee!

PINOCHLE
Joyce Baker 704-609-6075
Pinochle will be meeting every Monday and Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Mojave Room.

ROCK AND GEM
Sue Nobles 505-205-7894
The shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sign up on the door to reserve time. Hours will be expanding as more monitors arrive. -

## SASKATCHEWAN PARTY

Nancy Welykholowa 306-590-8302
Organizers are needed from Southeast Saskatchewan area (Regina, Weyburn, Estevan, Yorkton to Manitoba border). The
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# Clubs and Organizations 

(Continued from page 12) facility has been booked. Call 306-590-8302 for information or stop by 209 Navajo before December 1, 2017. We look forward to getting together with our Saskatchewan friends. Let's keep this party going!

## SCANDINAVIAN GROUP CHRISTMAS SMORGASBORD Jim \& Carol Wolf 253-245-8005

The Scandinavian Group Christmas Smorgasbord will be on Monday,
December 4 at 11:00 am in the Oasis. Festive food, punch and tableware are provided. Limited number of tickets for $\$ 7.00 \mathrm{pp}$ can be purchased from Carol or Jim Wolf at 253-245-8005 by November 30. The menu: Swedish Meatballs and Roasted Potatoes, Carrots and of course, Lefse and please bring your special holiday treats or sides for all to enjoy.

## SCRABBLE <br> Carol Lid

 480-358-7891We will be meeting again in the Sonoran on
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. We have games, but bring books if you have them. Everyone is welcome.

## SEWING ROOM

 Karen Frank 206-391-9594 The Monitor list is filling up as more and more people are returning. We are looking forward to seeing many of you on November 20 when we will begin our first AZQ4K (Arizona Quilts 4 Kids) project. We will work on only children's quilts, and share a potluck lunch. This takes place every third Monday. The quilts are given to police, fire, and social workers to give to traumatized children. The Sewing Room began this project in 2001, and have donated 2850 quilts, 119 of them last season. TheFleas and Bees sale is happening on November 30, and we still need donations for the sale, especially Christmas items.

## SHUFFLEBOARD Dan Stuehrenberg 480-325-4880

Welcome to another shuffleboard season! Lessons are given every Wednesday morning at 9:15 am. After you've completed your first lesson, come back Thursday mornings for Novice League play. Open Draw is at 9:15 am daily (except Friday and Sunday). Membership dues are $\$ 20$ annually. For members, the weekly Gold Cap tournament starts each Monday. Members may also sign up for the weekly In-Park League which plays each Friday morning. See postings at the courts for more details about these and other events.

## SILVERSMITH CLUB Cleta Robbins 480-374-9956 <br> Welcome back, members!

 The shop will be open as monitors become available. New "Make and Take" classes are being planned for all "Venture Outers," including an earring class on December 2, and "Men's Only" class in January (in time to make your Valentine a very special gift). The fee of $\$ 20.00$ must be paid at the time of pre-registration. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting onDecember 13 at 9:00 am. In the meantime, get your silver item made for the Silent Auction set for January.

## SING 'N STRUM Merle Heise 480-830-5951

We have begun our Thursday evening jam sessions. We'd love to have you join us if you play any type of stringed instrument.

Call Merle for more information.

## SOFTBALL Wayne Colbeck

 480-641-5984Our Softball Association started our practices and warm-up leagues in the first week of November. All members or new players are encouraged to check our bulletin boards in the Post Office hallway.

## SOLOS <br> Ivah Smith 480-396-6291

 Solos is a club for singles. We get together every Thursday at $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ in the Oasis to share conversation and a potluck dinner. So, whip up your favorite dish (women) or bring your best booze (men) to share. We plan to 'venture out' of Venture Out on some field trips. All firsttimers, just bring yourself and enjoy the company.
## SPADES

Crystal Viana
480-985-2024
Spades is played on
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in
the Sonoran. Call Crystal 480-985-2024 or Vivian 480 -832-0768. No experience necessary. Come out and enjoy a fun evening of cards.

## STITCH AND CHAT <br> Dianne Gilbert 480-993-7794

Hello to all stitchers - we meet Thursdays in the Mojave (card) Room 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please join us as we will be going through 16 large boxes of yarn donated by the family of Liz Sweeney who passed away during the summer. Liz spoke highly of our group to her family and they kindly donated her yarn. As I understand, there is a substantial quantity of high quality yarn - do come and help us decide what to do with it. See you then.-

## SUNSHINE CARVERS \& GOURD ARTS <br> Bill Lees <br> 406-531-5657 <br> Welcome back again. Familiar faces are beginning to show up and folks are catching up on summer activities and planning season projects. Monitor schedules have not been completed, but should you want access and no one is around, call John at 480-369-4784, Howard at 480-832-3063, Earl at 480-830-6854 or Bill Lees. Check out the display cases in the Bistro for a look at some of the work being done. Come down and join the fun.

TABLE TENNIS /
PING PONG Al Manter 253-584-6307 We have a few people at our Table Tennis outings so far, but we would love to have more join us. We play Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the Auxiliary Ballroom. Also, we play from 3:00 pm until 5:15 pm on Thursdays and from 9:00 am until noon on Saturdays. Sunday is Open Play from 9:00 am until 4:15 pm. Come join us and see how much fun we have playing a great sport. Our dues are a bargain at $\$ 5.00$ per season.

## TENNIS CLUB

Janice Schwartz 480-436-9065 What a great Fall Classic! Thanks club members for all your scoring, food service, etc. Special thanks to head chairs Jim and Linda Michaluk and food chair Pat Murphy. \$10,000+ goes to Social Club for our efforts. Congratulations to undefeated gold champions Gordy Abar with Dave Kalyn; Jean Davis and Joan Withers were also
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## Clubs and Organizations

(Continued from page 13) undefeated gold. Use your league level play/practice times (see bulletin board) when free lessons are offered; beginners $3: 30$ pm court 5 Mondays. Sign for Saturday invitationals and fun tennis. More info at votennisclub.com.

## TEXAS HOLD-EM <br> Shirley Derrien 480-832-6389

Texas Hold-em has resumed playing every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Please be there by $6: 45$ to register. The cost is $\$ 10.00$ to play, and all monies are paid out each week. For more information contact Shirley Derrien 480-8326389. Hope to see all you gamblers on Wednesday evenings.

## TUESDAY EVENING

 LADIES BIBLE STUDY Lauran Decker 702-659-0765 January 9 through February 20, 2018 Cabana in the East Pool Complex 6:30 to 8:30 pm Program Music, Praises, Prayer, Table Discussion and Video. January 9 - getting acquainted; January 16 through February Entrusted by Beth Moore, a six-session study of 2 Timothy. The Entrusted study book is available at LifeWay Bookstore in Mesa or through your local resource. Discussion Table assignments announced in December. If you did not attend the 2017 study, please contact Lauran Decker at 702-659-0765 or emailLauran1945@yahoo.com to reserve a 2018 spot! $\cdot$


Living the good life at Venture Out



Have to get those treasures \& DVD's at the Trash, Treasures \& DVD Sale

## WOMEN'S BOOK

 GROUP Betsy Klofstad 480-854-8883Carol Perkinson will lead us in a discussion of "They May Not Mean to But They Do" by Cathleen Schine. The book chosen for December 8 at 9:30 am in the Mojave Room. is "The Power of One" by Bryce Courtenay.•

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE/REV. RICO HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION John Durst 480-369-4784

 Friday, December 1 , between 8:00 and 11:00 am, household items and clothing can be dropped off at the west side of the Sewing Room, for Rev. Rico's five Hispanic churches in the area. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.
## CARDS \& GAMES

31
Wed • 7:00 pm • Sonoran
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Tue $\cdot 1: 00 \mathrm{pm} \cdot$ Sat 7:00 pm
Mojave
American Hand \& Foot
Sat •12:15-4:00 pm
Sonoran
Duplicate Bridge
Wed •6:00 pm
Fri \& Sat • 12:00 noon
Mojave Room

## Eucher

Fri • 6:30 pm • Mojave
Hand Foot \& Toe
Wed. • 12:15 pm •Mojave
Mah Jongg
Tue - 6:30 pm
Music Room
Scrabble
Wed • 6:00 pm • Sonoran
Social Bridge
Thur •1:00 pm
Sun •6:00 pm
Mojave
Spades - Beg Nov 16
Thur • 7:00 pm • Sonoran
Women's Texas Hold 'em
Sun • 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro
Please Remember to inform the Activity Office when your games resume

## It's a Weekly Thing



## Friday Night Dance

November 17 Johnny K \& Kompany ( 50 's \& 60's)

November 24
No Dance
December 1
Saguaro Sunset (Old Tome Rock \& Country)

50/25/25 Raffle

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

## It's the VO <br> "GRAPEVINE" <br> 

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

## CECCRA SOCCAL <br> - Vanilla <br> - Chocolate <br> $\$ 1.00$ a scoop with free toppings!



Please bring your own bowl \& spoon.
Every Tuesday 1:30-2:30 PM • BAJA BIStRO

##  <br> \$IIO.oo Regular Game <br>  <br> \$I,OOO.oo Last Game <br> Progressive Blackout Consolation Prize $\$ 200.00$ <br> Please bring your own coffee mug! Concession Stand Availabe <br> The Venture Out Bingo program includes favorite games such as Double Action and Odd \& Even! <br> ThURSDAYS • 6:45 PM • BV BALLROOM DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM

## Tuesday POTLUCK <br> Dinner \& Entertainment Featuring "Musical Instrument Museum"

The Musical Instrument Museum displays more than 6,500 instruments collected from around

200 countries and territories from around the world. Your presenter will bring examples of some of these unique instruments and you might even get to enjoy a short performance.


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

## TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 21 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

## TRIVIA BLAST!

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T.G.I.R.- THANK GOODNESS IM RETIRED

> Friday • November 24 3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

## It's a Weekly Thing

## Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner \& Entertainment Featuring "Salvation Army Children's Choir"

The Salvation Army
 provides children the opportunity to cultivate an appreciation for music and sharing their talents while delivering a poșitive message. Returning this season, the Salvation Army Music Ministries provides holiday cheer through musical excellence with a spiritual purpose. What better way to kick off the holiday Christmas Angel program?
(Bring a dollar or two for Pass the Hat)

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

## Tuesday • November 28 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO



## Volunteers Needed

 2018 CHAIRPERSONS FOR SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM A project guaranteed to warm your heart during the holidays. See Teresa, call 480-832-9000 or email Recdir@VentureOutRVResort.com.
## Bingo Help on Thursday Evening

- Bingo Caller on an occasional basis
- Help with Bingo Concessions
- Bingo Card Sales

For more information Contact Russ Morfeld at rcmorfeld@aol.com or 402-578-7128

## DANCE AEROBICS Kristy Smith Activity Office 480-832-9000

Astdir@ventureoutrvresort.com Bonnie Haapala is no longer available to lead Dance Aerobics and the class is on hold for the time being. If you would be interested in leading this exercise class, please contact Kristy in the Activity Office.


How better to start your day than with Strawberry Topped Waffles?


## Classes, Seminars \& Wellness

7:30 AM WATER EXERCISE AT THE WEST POOL Robbie Oldemar 480-396-9987<br>Mornings can be fun. Join us in the West Pool for 7:30 am gentle aerobic exercise. We don't serve coffee but we get you exhilarated for the day. Come and join the fun. Any questions call Robbie.

## AEROBICS \& NOODLES

Marie Austin 480-396-8766
Our classes start with Water Noodles at 8:45 am, followed by Water Aerobics with Music at 9:00 am, Monday through Saturday. These classes are free, so come and join us in our warm, wet and wonderful water for a good cardio work out, using muscular strength, flexibility and endurance, while we keep fit and fabulous. And, remember exercises done in the water are less stressful on the body and produce great results. If you have any questions, please call me.

## BEADING <br> Loralee Campbell 503-680-9136 Ioraleecampbell @yahoo.com

 Come in and see what we are making! We meet Monday and Friday's from 1:30-4:00 pm in the Sonoran. Beading Kits are always available for purchase. Prices range from \$10.00-\$25.00. Classes have started, call or email me to sign-up. We will continue making the Duo wrap bracelet, and the duo strip bracelet These are beginner classes that anyone can take. No class on November 24. Hope you can come and join us.
## FREE 'BRIDGE' LESSONS

4 Barbara Rees 480-275-8755
babs.booker @gmail.com The Beginners Bridge Lessons continue Mondays, 20, 27 \& December 4 in the Mojave Room from 9:00 11:00 am. There is one hour of instruction and one hour of playing hands. To attend these classes, attendance at the November 13 class is required.

## LEARN TO DANCE WITH SHALL WE DANCE! Mona Brandt 480-491-2393

Mona Brandt is back on Monday afternoons beginning November 6, in the Auxiliary Ballroom, and will make learning to dance fun and easy. Whether you are new to dancing, or have danced before and want to brush up, these group lessons are for you. 1:00-1:50 pm is the very popular West Coast Swing basics class, learn from the beginning. 1:50-2:40 pm is beginning Ballroom, learning the Waltz and Foxtrot. 2:40 3:30 pm is beginning Latin, Cha Cha and Rumba. Take 1, 2 or all 3 classes! Each class is $\$ 7 /$ person, 2 or more classes on the same day, for $\$ 5 /$ person per class. No partner necessary, Singles and Couples welcome. For more information call 480-491-2393, email info@shallwedancephoenix. com or check out the website at www.shallwedancephoenix. com. ${ }^{\circ}$

## LOSE WEIGHT WITH WEIGHT WATCHERS <br> Sue Ruthstrom <br> 602-248-0303 <br> Join us for a new 12-week series beginning <br> January 11 Thursdays at 3:45 pm in the Sonoran. Bring $\$ 130$ to the first meeting to get started on a new you.

## MASSAGE THERAPY Maryanne 210-287-4719

 Staying hydrated, staying healthy, getting enough to drink is important, whether you're playing sports, traveling or just sitting in the sun. Keeping the body hydrated helps the heart more easily pump blood through the blood vessels to the muscles, helping the muscles work effectively. When hydrated, your heart doesn't have to work as hard. Aim for about 3 liters for men and 2.2 liters for women daily. Water is best but there are many fruits/ vegetables that can help with hydration. Call Maryanne for your massage therapy sessions Monday Friday morning and afternoon sessions available by appointment only in the Therapy Room in the EPC...
## QIGONG

 Pamela Halpin 480-231-1038 Discover Qigong starting November 1 Qigong are ancient Chinese practices that promote optimal health, vitality and longevity. These mind-body practices combine awareness of posture, breath, and use gentle movement to activate the 'relaxation response' which helps us to use the natural healing capabilities in our bodies. Qigong (pronounced cheeGUNG) has been documented to improveimmune function, flexibility, and sleep quality as well as reduce blood pressure, pain from osteoarthritis, and depression and anxiety. The practice includes Mindful Movement * Breathwork * Self-Applied Massage * Meditation. Qigong is done standing or sitting in a chair. Our Qigong practice group is in the Cabana Room on Wednesdays 10:3011:30 am. $\cdot$

## SPLASHERS

Robbie Oldemar 480-396-9987 Come join a fun group of people that play pool volleyball in the West Pool Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00-2:30 pm. No previous experience necessary, just a desire to have fun! We also have Coyote Discount Coupon Books For Sale. You can pick them up during pool play or call Robbie. See you there.

## 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! MondayFriday 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!

TAI CHI Kathy Smith 403-547-2359 This exercise helps with balance and coordination. We meet in the Auxiliary Ballroom at 9:00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Come and enjoy!

## Classes, Seminars \& Wellness

YOGA AT VENTURE OUT
Vikki Lane Kunstman 920-246-5340
The amazing benefits of regular Yoga practice continue to pour in from multiple sources, stating the many varied benefits of Yoga. Come and discover for yourself at 7:15 am or 11:15 am in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a $1 / 4$-inch yoga mat. Yoga practice includes breath work, physical poses (asanas) and relaxation (savasana). If you are new to yoga, take time to sit and watch before participating. Yoga is unique in integrating the mind, body, and spirit; and also builds strength, flexibility, and body control. Through individual practice, you will experience the benefits, including the positive effect on respiratory, digestive and cellular functioning. Come experience Yoga for yourself.

ZUMBA GOLD
Michelle Dulansky 818-268-1410 Zumba Gold is a highenergy, low-impact dance fitness class featuring Latin and World Rhythms. No dance experience required. Easy to follow steps and routines designed to help you keep moving, burn calories and most important have fun. Only $\$ 5$ a class, come join the party Mondays at 8:00 am and Wednesdays at 12:00 pm in the Cabana. Instructor Michelle Dulansky

EXERCISE CLASSES
Co-ed Exercise
7:25 am • Mon - Fri
BV Ballroom
East Pool Water Aerobics 9:00 am • Mon - Sat

East Pool Water Aerobics 10:00 am • Mon - Fri
Exercise at the West Pool 7:30 am • Mon - Fri
Exercise with Noodles at the West Pool
8:45 am • Mon - Fri
Free Beginners Tennis
Clinic
1:15-3:15 pm •Mon
Courts 7 \&8
Lap Swimming
(every day)
6:00-8:30 am • East Pool
7:00-8:00 pm • West Pool
Pickleball Lessons
Wed \& Thur
11:00 am 12:00 pm
Pickleball Courts
Qigong
10:30-11:30 am •Wed
Cabana
Stretch \& Tone
8:00 am • Mon - Fri
Buena Vista Ballroom
Tai Chi
10:00 am •M,W,F
Aux Ballroom
Water Walking
6:00-7:30 am • West Pool
Zumba Gold
Mon • 8:00 am
Wed • 12:00 pm • Cabana
Please Remember to inform the Activity Office when your Exercise Classes resume


## BLOOD PRESSURE <br> Monitor your CHECK Blooo Pressure

High blood pressure, also known as
hypertension, is a
repeatedly elevated blood pressure exceeding 140 over
 90 mmHg . Have your blood pressure checked by Volunteers on Mondays in the main Lobby of the Community Center.

Volunteers with blood pressure measuring experience wanted

Blood pressure check Every Monday 9:45-11:15 AM Community Center Lobby Healthy Eating
Cooking Class Conducted by Chef Joseph Turley
$\$ 15 .{ }^{00}$ includes instruction, lunch \& recipes Sign up \& pay in the Activity Office


No-Cook Lunches \& Dinners Learn to "cook" up satisfying lunches and suppers without breaking a sweat

> Monday • November 20 11:00 am • The Sonoran

## Classes, Seminars \& Wellness

## Venture Ou's

## Tuktey Toot 5ix

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 • November 21•10:00 AM 9:45 am Warm-Up Stretches Outside Front Community Center

## 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


TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 28•9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sign up in Post Office Hallway Blood Mobile -
Community Center Parking Lot

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR
"Environmental Toxins"
Our daily lives are filled with chemicals that affect our bodies inside and out. Find out where toxins are hiding outside, in our homes and in the many products we
 use every day.
Many of these contribute to the increase in illness we see today. Learn how to reduce your own toxic load for improved health and help those around you as well. Develop an understanding of ingredient labels to make healthier product choices for home and personal use. Reduce hidden chemical effects on your health starting today!

## Thursday • November 30

 1:00 PM • The Cabana (EPC)[^1]
## Classes, Seminars \& Wellness

Zappones' Italian ooking Class Conducted by Chef Salvatore Zappone of Zappones Italian Bistro
"Flavors of Rome"
Arancini - risotto balls, bolognese, fresh mozzarella Stracciatella alla Romana - eggdrop soup Carbonara w/ Fresh Fettucini
Crostata di Ricotta - tart with candied fruit, ricotta BYO Wine - Ice Tea \& Water Provided


Monday December 4 11:00 am

20 person Minimum 30 person Maximum
$\$ 38 .{ }^{00}$ includes instruction, lunch \& recipes
Sign up \& pay in the Activity Office

## BREAKFAST WITH THE DOCTOR -

The old eyes ain't what they used to be! Today's lecture will focus on the top three aging eye issues. They are macular degeneration, cataracts, and glaucoma. These three conditions are the top causes of blindness in seniors and the loss of vision can be traumatic. It affects one's independence, and increases dependence on family and/or home healthcare assistants. Free continental breakfast provided. *Please note time. Sign up required. Watch for signup information in the Out -Lines. Limited to 50 participants as specified by Banner Health.

Sign up on the EPC Bulletin Board 50 participants maximum

Free Event!
Sponsored By


Banner Health
Thursday • December 7 9:00 AM•CABANA

## FODD HANDLERS

 classIs 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

55 Al ive 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,
December 8 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. Preferred
payment method is a check made out to
AARP. Pay at the event.

## Friday • December 8 8:00 am • Oasis

## Classes, Seminars \& Wellness

## THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR "Sitting is the New Smoking"

Dr. Donna Catalado from the Arizona State University School of Nutrition and Health Promotion, will discuss phystical inactivity, especially sitting and how it is extremely harmful to our health and potentially deadly. Americans who sit more than six hours per week have an increased risk for heart disease, circulatory problems, obesity, and neck and back pain. This presentation is an opportunity to learn about the risks associated with too much sitting and what steps you can take, starting now, to improve your health.


> Thursday • December 14 1:00 pm • The Cabana (EPC)

# KNOW YOUR GYM 

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

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NO
sigh-UP Monday-Friday
required 8:00 to 10:00 am
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These training sessions are Free! Look for the volunteers at the EPC desk wearing a "Volunteer" badge. Please realize these are Volunteers, not Certified trainers.

## MONDAY - Friday 8:00-10:00 AM Fitness Center Lobby



Join your neighbors and friends again this year in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Decorate your lot, corner lot, or entire block, in the spirit of the Holiday Season, and wait to see who will fly the award-winning Christmas Banners! Should you wish to have your lot or street judged, please complete the form below and return it to the Activity Office by noon Friday, December 8. Judging will take place Sunday, December 10 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Awards presented at the Resident Christmas Party on Monday, December 28.
Lot \# $\qquad$ Street Name $\qquad$
Corner \# $\qquad$ Street Name $\qquad$
Block $\qquad$ Street Name $\qquad$
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ACTIVITY OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON • FRIDAY • DECEMBER 9


## WIN... A DISPLAY BANNER PLUS CASH PRIZES 1st \$50 • $2_{n d} \$ 25 \cdot 3_{R d} \$ 15$

In an effort to make this contest more equitable, winners from the past two years are not eligible for awards ... however they are encouraged to light up and enjoy!

## Dec 9 CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

 $\$ 89 \mathrm{pp} \quad$ Enjoy reserved seating at Dream City Church, at the matinee musical featuring a live orchestra, state of the art technology, incredible special effects, professional acrobatic silk artists, exotic animals, and a beautiful Nativity with flying angels. Includes Dinner at the Sizzler Steakhouse after the performance.Dec 17 BESH BA GOWAH - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, GLOBE
$\$ 98 \mathrm{pp} \quad$ Festive trip with scenic drive through Devils Canyon and historic mining towns. Enjoy the luminaries and the Apache dancers, with hot chocolate and baked goods, at a $12^{\text {th }}$ century Indian Pueblo. Shop at the Historic Pickle Barrel Trading Post. Dinner included.

Dec 24-26 Christmas in Laughlin $\$ 249$ pp double, add $\$ 75$ for single. 3 days $/ 2$ nights at the beautiful Aquarius Casino Resort, including Christmas Dinner Buffet and one Brunch Buffet.

> | Dec 29 th - Jan 1 st $129^{\text {th }}$ TOURNAMENT OF |
| :--- |
| $\$ 725.00$ per personsES PARADE |
| Sold out - waitlist only! |

Jan 10-12 RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS $\$ 298 \mathrm{pp} \mathrm{dbl}$; add $\$ 100$ single
3 Days/2 Nights at the beautiful Aquarius Casino and Resort in Laughlin. What's your favorite Righteous Brothers hit - You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling, Unchained Melody, Rock and Roll Heaven ? Enjoy them in concert at The Riverside. Includes 2 Brunch Buffets.

Feb 3 - 10, 2018 San Antonio, Padre Island, Gulf of Mexico
$\$ 720$ pp dbl; add $\$ 210$ single. $\$ 75$ deposit due upon booking. 8 Days/7 Nights Tour San Antonio, Visit Texas Aquarium, Padre Island National Park, tour LBJ Ranch, San Antonio Riverwalk Cruise, visit the Alamo, and more! Includes lodging, 7 breakfasts and 5 dinners.

Feb 6-9 SAN DIEGO GETAWAY! $\$ 575 \mathrm{pp}$ dbl / add $\$ 100$ for single
4 days / 3 nights at the beautiful Humphreys Half Moon Inn on Shelter Island! Two full days of sightseeing with our Step-On guide, during our stay! 3 Breakfasts and 1 lunch included.

Feb 6-8 OAKRIDGE BOYS $\$ 298 \mathrm{pp}$ dbl, add $\$ 100$ for single
3 Days / 2 Nights at the Aquarius Casino Resort, including the Oakridge Boys concert, and 2 brunch buffets.

Feb 8, $2018 \quad 59^{\text {th }}$ ANNUAL TUBAC ART FESTIVAL
\$79 Day Trip including dinner. This annual event showcases 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 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 10 Turf Paradise - Phoenix Gold Cup \$99 Inclưdes reserved all day seating with Hot Prime Rib Buffet 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 -this photo will be available for purchase as a souvenir.

Feb 13-15 Valentine's Day in Las Vegas! $\$ 279 \mathrm{pp} \mathrm{dbl}$, add $\$ 75$ for single 3 Days/2 Nights celebrating Valentine's Day at the Golden Nugget, including the Fremont Street Light Show Extravaganza! Includes 2 breakfasts.

Feb $16 \quad 40^{\text {th }}$ TUCSON QUILT SHOW

## \$89

Day Trip: See hundreds of quilts, have your antique quilt appraised, enjoy craft demonstrations and visit vendor displays! Dinner included on the return to Mesa.

Mar 16-18 St PATTY'S DAY
$\$ 298 \mathrm{pp}$ dbl, add $\$ 100$ for single
3 days / 2 nights at the beautiful Aquarius Casino \& Resort, overlooking the Colorado River. Includes Saturday Brunch Buffet and Sunday Champagne Brunch Buffet. Join us for the shenanigans, and don't forget to pack your green!

## Apr 3-5 TRAILS of TUCSON

$\$ 379$ pp dbl, add $\$ 100$ for single
3 Days/2 Nights at the beautiful Desert Diamond Casino. Enjoy touring the Pima Air \& Space Museum and "Boneyard," and visit Mission San Xavier del BAC, the "Sistine Chapel of North America." Tour the Borderland Brewery and try their menu for lunch! Experience Sabino Canyon on the Tram Tour, and visit Florence.

## This and That



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

For more info call
Diana McCallum 480-478-3032
Sunday • November 19
1:00-4:00 PM
Buena vista Ballroom

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

## DINNER REMINDER

Hosts and Hostesses Pick Up Your Turkey \& Stuffing

Your "frozen" turkey \& stuffing mix will be available for pick-up Friday, November 17 between 9:00 am -9:30 am in the
Baja Bistro Kitchen


For more information contact 2017 Thanksgiving Chairpersons:
Robert \& Jeanette Hayes at 480-641-0876
Friday • November 17 9:00-9:30 AM - BAJA BISTRO Kitchen

## HOLIDAY Decorating

It's time to get together and decorate the Community Center for the holidays! If you would like to help decorate, please contact us and bring your creative abilities with you! Donuts and coffee will be provided for decorators.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Call or text Cheryl Epping at 248-925-0204
or
Sign up in the Post Office Hallway
Friday • November 20 \& 24 8:00 AM • BAJA BIstro

## This and That

## Collective Goods

Presents...

## Santa's got a new bag!

100's of Items - 30\%-70\%off
Gifts, Books, Educational Toys, Household, Electronics, Hobbies, Inspirational and More...
We Bring the Store to you! Credit cards and checks accepted

Wednesday • November 22 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

## "Sing-a-Long"

Anticipating Christmas Join residents Carolyn \& Don Royan in singing Christmas songs and carols. This special evening also offers additional special musical features.
Everyone is welcome!


Sunday • November 26 6:59 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

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

> Tuesday • December 5 6:30-9:00 PM • OASIS

## This and That

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Bill Klocke Nov 20
Vicki VanSlyke Nov 22
Ron Rose Nov 25
Bob Riopel
Judy Lally
Kevin Shopik

## HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY
Ewald and Hannelore Kunstle
Nov 27
62 yrs
HAVE YOU HEARD? To submit
information Email Pat Laurita at pattyjo2012@gmail.com or call the Activity Office at 480-832-9000
Muffie,"aka" Carolyn Agosta, of 115 Debonair passed away October 21. Cards may be sent to her husband Charles Agosta at 2404 N 154 Ave., Omaha, NE 68116.
Betty Anne Fredericks passed away August 14. Cards may be sent to her son Richard Fredericks at 102 Iris Way, Ft McMurray, AB T9K 0H2 or her daughter Bonnie Cress, 265 Regal Park NE, Calgary,

## AB T2E 056

Diane Hessland, of 727
Navajo, passed away November 9. Memorial Service to be announced.
Al Ressler, of 318
Debonair, passed away on
October 27.
Roger Royer, of 731
Douglas, passed away
November 4. Cards may be sent to his Wife, Madeleine Royer, at 5 Chateau Close, Beaumont, AB T4X 0A4 Canada.
Elsie Schultz, of 918 Aztec, passed away November 7. Cards may be sent to her family at 462254 Ave, Barhead, AB T7N1K9.

## NEW OWNERS

William \& Cynthis Champagne
617 Douglas
James \& Jody Clark 627 Aero
Gloria Leakvold
904 Luscombe
Ronald \& Marlys Peterson 508 Aero
Greg \& Deborah Clarke 623 Aero
Larry \& Sandy Wade 707 Navajo

## NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Should you be new to our beautiful community, as a homeowner or a renter, please plan to attend a Newcomers' Orientation Friday, December 1, 9:30 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.

## $\sqrt{\text { Venture Out Foundation }}$ of Arizona, Inc.

## The Venture Out Foundation Program for 2018

Walk of Fame bricks and Veteran's recognition bricks order forms with instructions are available at the Foundation bulletin board in the Post Office hallway. Completed forms with payment can be given to Deanna in Administration.
Current brochures describing the full Foundation program are available at the bulletin board. The Foundation has shifted its public programming to earlier in the day for this season. Please mark your calendars and join us.
January public event: Jan 17, 4:30 pm Cabana
Wine tasting and welcome by city of Mesa February public event: Feb 21, 4:30pm Cabana

Program by Foundation Attorney on wills, trusts, bequests.
March public event: March 21, 4:30pm Cabana
Program on Broadway Portal project for access to public transportation and other Foundation long term goals.


Dale Leir, Bob Burkhart, Ray Desautels and Jim Cox of the Hiking Group use an auger to dig holes in the Tonto National Forest as part of a volunteer project to repair and preserve a habitat for Monarch Butterflies.

## This and That

## HOLIDAY PUTTING TOURNAMENT

- Win cash prizes
- Winners qualify for the Championship tournament!
- Hole-in-One Prize!
- Most Aces Prize!
- Will pay 1st place in every flight for men and women!
- Putter \& Ball available if needed $\$ 100$

All invited to participate! No experience necessary! Chairpersons: Joe \& Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828
Saturday • December 9 10 am - 2 pm • Putting Green

## Please Register...

 YOUR PETRegistration is for the pet's safety. If an emergency occurs, park staff can contact the Pet Association to care for or assist in locating a lost pet. Tags are available in the Activity Office. Be sure to bring current rabies tag information (Not required for cats). 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




# © Manager's Corner 

November 17, 2017
This week's occupancy is 992 or $57 \%$ vs. 683 two weeks ago and 951 one year prior. There are currently 185 renters in the park.

The new Pickle Ball courts were officially opened on Tuesday with the start of the tournament. The old courts are now closed. I was able to visit with a few people yesterday as I walked around. The kitchen was working beautifully and was none too big as they moved around various coolers on the floor and moved food out the window. It seems to be JUST big enough for these large functions. The patio was full of people and the reports I heard was the only noise people heard were coming from the tennis courts that were closer to the homes. The patio somehow absorbed all the spectators. In short it appears to be a very successful set up. I can see where the layout and the design of the facility will make this a popular spot for the entire community. Meanwhile over at Tennis, the new shade structure over the bleachers was the favorite place to be watching the other matches. Walt Just was touring a couple through the park as a member of the Ambassadors club... in short it was hitting on all cylinders.

As I looked at the crowd on the patio, I was reminded of the meeting we held last Friday with the other four homeowner parks. They were all experiencing the aging of their populations, that Venture Out went through in 2001. They are acutely aware that they are aging and in need of attracting younger buyers. When we told them that the average age in Venture Out had dropped almost ten years in the last 15 they were amazed. We attribute that to many things, but the Pickle Ball and the Fitness Center are the two most requested amenities that all the parks are experiencing.

At long last we finally signed a contract with DISH TV. None of it was easy. DISH is very used to playing hardball with their content providers, so you must take the same tact with them as they do with you. In the end we got the original agreed upon points in the contract, with the right to cancel if Venture Out receives an increase that is more than $4.5 \%$ in a year.

The new signal will be digital and allow High Definition TV. If your old TV's are not compatible with this signal and you buy a new one, please leave your old sets next to the dumpsters and Venture Out will get them to a re-cycle center. They cannot be placed in the trash.

The Wi Fi install is expected to be completed near the same time as DISH is completed. They have changed out the equipment for more powerful equipment. We are anxious to get this rolled out and once up will send out a fast mail on its arrival.

I want to thank the Ham Radio club for once again helping with traffic control for the Tennis Tournament. Security logged in just under 5000 cars that entered the park for that tournament. Brandon our Security Chief tells me that the pickle ball tournament is bringing in about half that number, but it is only a three-day tournament. We expect this will grow as well.

The new phone books are in and will be available at the Front Desk of Admin for pick up. Once again I want to thank the ladies in the office, primarily Pam, Lynette, Karen, Deanna and Rob for preparing this book and importantly selling the advertising. The cost of the book was $\$ 9,264$ but after we deduct the $\$ 8200$ in ad revenue it cost VO $\$ 1054$ or approximately 50 cents a book. Please tell our advertisers that you found them in the book

I want to thank Wayne Bredburg who hosted the annual employee salmon lunch and the Condo and Social Boards for providing salads and desserts. Wayne is always so thoughtful bringing this salmon down from Alaska for all the staff and it is very much appreciated by everyone.

In closing, please remember that our staff is picking up the garbage. Sometimes that is a dangerous job. They have found needles, broken glass etc. thrown into the garbage. If you have anything remotely dangerous that will go into the trash, please take this directly to the dumpsters located in either corner. Also, when the trash pickup is moving along the street...carefully and slowly move around them when driving. The staff has told me of many near misses out there.


## November 17, 2017

Have you picked up your Homecoming tickets? Today, Friday, November 17, is the LAST day to do so from the Activity Office. You won't want to miss this popular event as you will enjoy a free dinner provided by the Social Club, hear some great music and if you so desire, join in the Polka Party following dinner. Please remember no one under the age of 21 allowed at the Polka Party. BYOB will not be allowed as well. These restrictions are requirements of the Special Liquor permit which was obtained for this event. Remember to enter the Polka Party ONLY through the two entrances (areas not roped off) on both the East and West side of the Patio. You will be provided with your complementary drink ticket when you enter. This ticket is good for a glass of wine, a beer, soda or bottle of water. Additional beverages may be purchased for \$1.00.
Thanksgiving Hostesses are reminded to pick up their frozen turkey and stuffing in the Baja Bistro Friday, November 17 between 9:00 and 9:30 am.

## All club officers are asked to attend the annual Fall Club Officers Meeting in the Oasis on Tuesday, November 21 beginning at 1:30 pm

Join Dianna McCallum for the first Musical Jam of the season Sunday, November 20, beginning at 1:00 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Come back to the Buena Vista Ballroom for the Holiday Sing-A-Long being led by Don and Carolyn Royan which begins at promptly 6:59pm on Sunday, November 26.
For those planning on attending the New Year's Bash please keep the following in mind...for each resident/renter badge presented you can purchase 2 resident tickets plus 2 guests tickets. That equals to 4 tickets per badge. Guest badges do not count as a "resident/renter" badge. Residents tickets are $\$ 20.00$ with guest tickets being $\$ 22.00$. Tickets go on sale in the Baja Bistro on Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 am
Since you will be in the music mood, Friday, November 17 after taking part in Don's Classic Karaoke, head over to the dance in the Ballroom that evening as the popular Johnny $K$ and Kompany will be rockin the hits of the 50's and 60's for your dancing and listening pleasure. Doors open at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ and you are invited to BYOB. Ice and water are provided wilth soda and popcorn available for $\$ 1.00$ each.
Common Goods, a popular vendor which sells books of all sorts, specialty gifts, children's games and more will be here for a holiday sale Wednesday, November 22 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. It's time to get started on that holiday shopping and this is just the place to do it!
Mark November 20 on your calendar and plan on grabbing a delicious lunch or dinner at Tia Rosa's. Present the flyer in this edition of the Out-Lines and the Social Club will receive a commission of $15 \%$ of your meal, excluding alcohol. Sponsored by the Glass Arts Club.
The Softball Association's Salisbury Steak Dinner was such a hit they are doing it again this season. You still have time to pick up tickets for this "just like mom made" dinner as the deadline is Wednesday, 10:00 am, November 29 with the meal being served December 6.

Group Trivia is scheduled for Friday, November 24, the day after Thanksgiving, in the Baja Bistro from 3:00-5:30 pm with entertainment provided by residents Forrest and Jan Simmons. Remember to BYOB. Ice and water provided.
Have you purchased your tickets for the Monday, November 27 French Dip Sandwich lunch as presented by the Bocce Ball Club? The deadline to do so is Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00am in the Activity Office. Run! Don't walk! Get those tickets today!
The Salvation Army Christmas Angel program officially kicks off Monday, November 27with those choosing an angel that day receiving a free Ice Cream Social coupon. Look over the full-page ad in today's edition of the Out-Lines for all of the great "Angel" events scheduled this season. The Christmas Angel program is one of the largest charitable events sponsored by the residents of Venture Out and is highly successful thanks to you!
Speaking of the Christmas Angel program, we are in desperate need of two individuals, a couple or two couples to head up this worthwhile charity event next season. Training provided! I can't think of a better way of experiencing the spirit of the holidays than taking on this project. If interested please call, write, email, drive over, send a carrier pigeon, or drop a flyer off to me ASAP.
The Turkey Trot 5-K ( 3.1 miles) is slated for Tuesday, November 21, with a warm up at 9:45 am followed by the walk at 10:00 am. Feel free to run, walk, stroll or jog. Whatever feels good to you. Fresh fruit and bottled water served following the event.
The Blood Mobile will be at Venture Out on Tuesday November 28. Sign up in the Post Office Hallway should you wish to donate.
If possible the preferred source of submission for articles to be posted in the Out-Lines is to send it in by email. Simply type the information in a Word format or directly in the body of the email and submit to outlines@ventureoutrvresort.com. This provides the Activity Office with a time stamp and the information does not have to be physically inputted causing less errors. If that is not possible for you of course hard copies are welcomed.
If you're new to our beautiful community please plan to attend the Newcomers Orientation to be held in the Mojave Room beginning at 9:30 am on Friday, December 1. You'll leave filled to the brim with information.
You will be able to view our Memorial Luminarias honoring those Venture Out residents who have passed away over the last year at both the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2 and the Resident Holiday Party scheduled for December 18.
The first of the Electronics Club's Enchilada Dinners is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29. Pick up tickets for the BEST enchiladas in town (old family recipe which goes waaaaay back) from the Activity Office until sold out.
If you're looking for specific tickets to an event which has passed the deadline purchase date or if you have tickets, you wish to sell for an event c heck out the "Ticket Resale" board in the Post Office Hallway.
See you at the Fleas and Bees Sale on Thursday, November 30, especially since the Sewing Club will be there with their fabulous holiday gift ideas!

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Fall Tennis $\quad 1$ <br> Classic <br> Lunch at the <br> Courts | Condo Work Session Fall Tennis Classic Lunch at the Courts Ed's Grill Closed Bingo Begins | Fall Tennis <br> Classic <br> Lunch at the Courts <br> Dental Consult <br> Newcomers <br> Orientation <br> Out-Lines Published <br> Don's Classic <br> Karaoke <br> Friday Night Dance - <br> Julie Lee Duo |  |
| Gabfest Begins 5 <br> Worship Service | Grapevine <br> Out-Lines <br> Deadline <br> New Image Fashions <br> Street Dance with Midnight Confessions Trio | Social Board Work Session <br> Ice Cream Social <br> Potluck - Frank <br> Alger and <br> Veterans Day <br> Round Dance | Music with Dr. Dave at the Pool \& Root Beer Floats <br> Fuddruckers' Meal Deal | Condo \& Social 9 Joint Mtg <br> Marketplace <br> Ed's Grill Open <br> Bingo | Name That 10 <br> Tune <br> Friday Night <br> Dance-Midnight <br> Confessions | Veterans Day 11 <br> Program <br> Jumbo Hot <br> Dogs \& Ice Cream <br> Used Book Sale <br> Beginners Tennis Clinic <br> Bike Registration <br> Territorial Brass <br> Band in Concert |
| Gabfest 12 <br> Worship Service | Flu Shots <br> Holiday Food Drive Begins <br> Meatless Monday Potluck | East Valley 14 Pickleball Tournament Social Board Mtg Ice Cream Social Potluck - Fletcher Music Round Dance | East Valley Pickleball <br> Tournament <br> Fall Poker Run | East Valley Pickleball Tournament Condo Board Mtg Ed's Grill Open Health Seminar Valley Fever Bingo | Tennis Auction 17 <br> \& Bake Sale <br> Out-Lines <br> Published <br> Turkey Pick Up <br> Don's Classic <br> Karaoke <br> Friday Night <br> Dance-Johnny K <br> \& Kompany | Homecoming Celebration \& Polka Party <br> Bike Registration |
| Worship Service <br> Musical Jam | Grapevine 20 Activity Office Winter Hours Begin Out-Lines Deadline Healthy Eating Cooking Class Tia Rosa Meal Deal Emergency Procedure Class | Club <br> Officers Mtg 21 <br> Turkey Trot 5-K <br> Ice Cream Social <br> Potluck - Musical <br> Instrument <br> Museum <br> Round Dance | Chicken Pot | Happy <br> Community <br> Thanksgiving Dinner <br> No Bingo | Community Holiday Decorating <br> Trivia Blast <br> No Dance |  |
| Worship Service <br> Sing-a-Long | Grapevine 27 Christmas Angels to Begin Free Ice Cream Coupons French Dip Sandwiches | Social Board Mtg <br> Christmas Angels <br> Blood Mobile <br> Ice Cream Social - <br> Holiday Music by <br> Sandy Hammond <br> Ft. McDowell Casino Outing <br> Potluck - Salvation Army Children's Choir <br> Round Dance | New Year's Eve 29 Bash Tickets on Sale <br> Christmas Angels Buy 5 Raffle Tickets get 5 Free <br> Enchilada Dinner | Condo Board Mtg <br> Fleas \& Bees Sale <br> Sewing Club's Holiday Sale <br> VO Diner Open <br> Health Seminar - <br> Environmental <br> Toxins <br> Christmas Angels <br> Bingo | Holiday Novem Dece | ood Drive ber 13ber 20 |

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| Holiday Food Drive November 13 to December 20 |  |  |  |  | Newcomers Orientation <br> Out-Lines Published <br> Christmas Angels <br> Dons Classic Karaoke <br> Friday Night <br> Dance-Saguaro Sunset | Jumbo Hot Dogs 2 \& Cake Sale <br> Used Book Sale <br> Bike Registration <br> Christmas Angels <br>  <br> Memorial Walk |
| Gabfest 3 <br> Worship Service <br> Vito's Meal Deal <br> 28 1 $\%$ ? | New Image Fashions <br> Grapevine <br> Christmas Angels <br> Zappones Italian Cooking Class <br> Out-Lines Deadline <br> Holiday Concert with MC6 | Food Handlers Class <br> Ice Cream Social with Sing \& Strum <br> Potluck - Falcon Field <br> Christmas Angels <br> Town Hall Mtg | Salisbury Steak Dinner <br> Christmas Angels <br> Harrah's Casino Outing | Condo Board 7 Mtg <br> Gyro Greek Salad Lunch <br> Health Seminar <br> Breakfast with <br> Banner - Aging Eyes <br> Christmas Angels Bingo | National <br> Brownie Day <br> Christmas Angels Ends <br> Trivia Blast <br> 55 Alive-Defensive Driving Course <br> Friday Night Dance-Midnight Confessions | Biscuits \& Gravy 9 Breakfast <br> Santa's Putting Tournament |
| Gabfest 10 <br> Worship Service <br> Holiday Lights Contest | Grapevine <br> Alice in Wonderland Holiday Tea Party | Social Board <br> Mystery Trip <br> Ice Cream Social \& Angel Raffle <br> Potluck - Mesa Library <br> Round Dance | Coffee with 13 a Cop Taco Salad Hanukah Begins | Condo Work <br> Marketplace <br> Ed's Grill Open <br> Health Seminar Sitting is the New Smoking <br> Bingo | Dons Classic <br> Karaoke <br> Out-Lines <br> Published <br> Friday Night <br> Dance-Cowboy Up | Hamburger BBQ \& Ice Cream |
| Gabfest <br> Worship Service <br> Musical Jam | Grapevine <br> 18 <br> Out-Lines Deadline <br> Healthy Eating Cooking ClassGluten Free Baking <br> Meatless Monday Potluck <br> Resident Christmas Party | Ice Cream Social <br> Tis the Season Potluck-Sunshine Acres Children's Choir <br> Round Dance | Fuddruckers Meal Deal <br> Holiday Food Drive Ends | ristmas Ham k up <br> liday Bingo | Happy Hour <br> with <br> Billy Marovich <br> Friday Night <br> Dance-Myron <br> Sommerfeld <br> Orchestra | $23$ |
| Gabfest 24 <br> Worship Service <br> Candlelight Service | Merry <br> Christmas! <br> Community Christmas Dinner | Ft. McDowell 26 Casino Outing <br> Ice Cream Social <br> Potluck - Madam Celulita | Chicken Pot Pie Lunch |   <br> Ed's Grill  <br> Open  <br> Bingo  | Rose Bowl Parade Tour <br> Out-Lines Published <br> No Dance |  |
| Gabfest $\quad 31$ Worship Service NYE Bash with Chuck E Baby \& The Allstars |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## DAILY TIMETABLE

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

| Lap Swimming | 6:00-8:30 am | East Pool |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water Walking | 6:00-7:30 am | West Pool |
| Water Exercise | 7:30 am | West Pool |
| Co-ed Exercise | 7:25-7:55 am | BV Ballroom |
| Know your Gym | 8:00-10:00 am | EPC |
| Stretch \& Tone | 8:00 am | BV Ballroom |
| Sewing Room | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm | Sewing Room |
| Noodles | 8:45 am | West Pool |
| Lawnbowling | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm | Lawnbowling |
| Water Aerobics | 9:00 am | West Pool |
| Water Aerobics | 9:00 am | East Pool |
| E-Club Treasurer | 9:00-10:00 am | E-Club |
| Children's Swimming | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | $m$ West Pool |
| Children's Swimming | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | $m$ West Pool |
| Post Office | 1:30-2:30 pm | VO Post Office |
| Children's Swimming | 4:00-7:00 pm Ea | East \& West Pool |
| Men's Poker | 5:50 pm | Classroom |
| Lap Swimming | 7:00-8:00 pm | West Pool |

## Weekly Recurring Events

| MONDAYS |  |  |
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| Hiking | 7:30 am | Baja Bistro |
| Zumba Gold 12-4 | $8: 00 \mathrm{am}$ | Cabana |
| Grapevine | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}$ | Baja Bistro |
| Men's 8-Ball Tourny | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}$ | Pool Room |
| Fired Clay Teacher | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}-12: 00$ noon | Fired Clay |
| Tai Chi | $9: 00-10: 00 \mathrm{am}$ | Aux Ballroom |
| Blood Pressure Check $9: 45-11: 15 \mathrm{am}$ | CC Lobby |  |
| Librarian on Duty | 10:00 am - noon | Library |
| Ham 20M | $12: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Ham Shack |
| Ham 2M | $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Ham Shack |
| Learn to Dance | $1: 00-3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Aux Ballroom |
| Splashers | $1: 00-2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | West Pool |
| Beading | $1: 30-4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Sonoran |
| Kitchen Band | $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Oasis |
| Tennis Beginners class $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Court 5 |  |
| Pinochle | 6:30 pm | Mojave |
| Table Tennis | $7: 00-9: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Aux Ballroom |

## TUESDAYS

| 9-hole Golf Sign-Up | 7:45 am | Sonoran |
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| Rock \& Gem Open | $8: 00 \mathrm{am}-12: 00$ noon | Lapidary |
| Librarian on Duty | $10000 \mathrm{am}-12: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Library |
| 500 | Mojave Rm |  |
| Fired Clay Teacher | $1: 00-4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Fired Clay |
| lce Cream Social | 1:00-20.30 pm | Baja Bistro |
| Potluck | $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Baja Bistro |
| Mah Jongg | $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Music Room |


| Cribbage | $6: 45 \mathrm{pm}$ | Mojave |
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| Table Tennis | 7:00-9:00 pm | Aux Ballroom |

WEDNESDAYS

| Tai Chi | 9:00 $-10: 00 \mathrm{am}$ | Aux Ballroom |
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| Shuffleboard Lessons | 9:15 am | Suffleboard |
| Librarian on Duty | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Library |
| Qigong | $10: 30-11: 30 \mathrm{am}$ | Cabana |
| Zumba Gold 12-6 | $12: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Cabana |
| Hand-Foot-Toe | $12: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Mojave Rm |
| Ham 20M | $12: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Ham Shack |
| Ham 2M | $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Ham Shack |
| Splashers | $1: 00-2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | West Pool |
| Scrabble | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Sonran |
| Duplicate Bridge | 6:00 pm | Mojave Rm |
| Texas Hold-em | $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Aux Ballroom |
| 31 | $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Sonoran |

THURSDAYS

| Rock \& Gem Open | 8:00 am -12:00 noon | Lapidary |
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| Stitch'N'Chat | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}-12: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Mojave |
| Social Bridge | 1:00 pm | Mojave Rm |
| Fired Clay Teacher | 1:00-4:00 pm | Fired Clay |
| Table Tennis | $3: 00-5: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Aux Ballroom |
| Weight Watchers | $3: 45 \mathrm{pm}$ | Sonoran |
| Solos Social | 4:00 pm-HH 5:00 pm-Dinner | Oasis |
| Bingo | Doors 5:15 pm |  |
|  | Play 6:45 pm | BV Ballroom |
| Pinochle | $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Mojave |
| Spades | $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Sonoran |

FRIDAYS
Tai Chi
Duplicate Bridge
Ham 20M
Ham 2M
Splashers
Beading
T.G.I.R.

Euchre
Friday Night Dances
Table Tennis

## SATURDAYS

| Lap Swimming | 6:00 $-8: 30 \mathrm{am}$ | East Pool |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Water Walking | $6: 00-7: 30 \mathrm{am}$ | West Pool |
| Water Aerobics | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}$ | East Pool |
| Table Tennis | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}-12: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Aux Ballroom |
| Lawnbowling | $9: 00 \mathrm{am}-1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Lawnbowling |
| Ham Radio Mtg | 10:00 am | Oasis |
| Lunch Bunch | $11: 15 \mathrm{am}$ | Baja Bistro |
| Children's Swimming | $11: 00 \mathrm{am}-1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | West Pool |
| Children's Swimming | $12: 00 \mathrm{pm}-2: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | West Pool |


| Duplicate Bridge | 12:00 noon | Mojave Rm |
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| Hand and Foot | 12:30-4:00 pm | Mojave Rm |
| Children's Swimming | 4:00-7:00 pm | East \& West Pool |
| Men's Poker | $5: 50 \mathrm{pm}$ | Classroom |
| SNL | $6: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Pool RM |
| 500 | $7: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Mojave Rm |
| Lap Swimming | 7:00-8:00 pm | West Pool |

SUNDAYS

| Lap Swimming | 6:00-8:30 am | East Pool |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Water Walking | 6:00-7:30 am | West Pool |
| Gabfest | 8:30-9:00 am | Baja Bistro |
| Worship Service | 9:00 am | BV Ballroom |
| Lawnbowling | 9:00 am -1:00 pm | Lawnbowling |
| Table Tennis Open Play $9: 00 \mathrm{am}-4: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Aux Ballroom |  |
| Children's Swimming | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | West Pool |
| Children's Swimming | 12:00 pm -2:00 pm | West Pool |
| Children's Swimming | 4:00-7:00 pm | East \& West Pool |
| Social Bridge | M:00 pm | Mojave |
| Woman's Tex-Holdem | 6:30 pm | Mojave Rm |
| Lap Swimming | 7:00-8:00 pm | West Pool |

## Special Events

| FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 17 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rummage/Bake Sale | 8:00 am | The Patio |
| Auction Preview | 8:00 am | The Patio |
| Turkey Pickup | 9:00-9:30 am Ba | Baja Bistro Kitchen |
| Auction | 10:00 am | The Patio |
| SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 18 |  |
| Bike Registration | 11:00 am -1:00 pm | $m \quad$ The Patio |
| Homecoming | 4:30-6:30 pm Co | Community Center |
| Polka Party | 6:30-9:30 pm | The Patio |
| SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19 |  |
| Musical Jam | 1:00-4:00 pm | BV Ballroom |
| MONDAY | NOVEMBER 20 |  |
| Handymen Decorating | 8:00 am | Front Gate |
| Bridge Lsson-cont | 9:00-11:00 am | Mojave |
| Health Cooking | 11:00 am | Sonoran |
| TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 21 |  |
| Turkey Trot Warm up | 9:45 am | North Side CC |
| Turkey Trot 5-K | 10:00 am | North Side CC |
| Club Officers' Mtg | 1:30 pm | Oasis |


| WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 22 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Collective Goods | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Baja Bistro |
| Chicken Pot Pie Lunch | 12:00 noon | Baja Bistro |
| THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 23 |  |
| Thanksgiving Dinner | 4:30 HH 5:00 pm dinner BV Ballroom |  |
| FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 24 |  |
| Christmas Decorating | 8:00 am Handyman Shop |  |
| SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 26 |  |
| Oregon Gettogether | 4:00 pm | Cabana |
| Sing-a-Long | 6:59 pm | BV Ballroom |
| MONDAY | NOVEMBER 27 |  |
| Bridge Lsson-cont | 9:00-11:00 am | Mojave |
| French Dip Sandwich | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Baja Bistro |
| TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 28 |  |
| Condo Board Nominee Deadline |  |  |
| Blood Drive | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm CC Parking Lot |  |
| Social Board Mtg | 1:30 pm | Oasis |
| Ft. McDowell Run | 3:30 pm Bus Loading Zone |  |
| WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 29 |  |
| New Years Eve Tickets |  | 10:00 am |
|  | Baja Bistro |  |
| Enchilada Dinner | 5:00 pm | Baja Bistro |
| THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 30 |  |
| Condo Board Mtg | 9:00 am | Oasis |
| Fleas \& bees | 9:00 am | Baja Bistro |
| VO Diner | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Baja Bistro |
| Health Seminar | 1:00 pm | Cabana |
| FRIDAY | DECEMBER 1 |  |
| Worship Collection | 8:00-11:00 am Patio |  |
| Free Dental Consult | 11:00 am - 1:00 pmTherapy Room 2 |  |
| Darts Begins | 7:00 pm | Classroom |

## 2017

HOMECOMINGCELEBRATION Saturday • November 18 Dinner \& Entertainment 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (Dinner) - Community Center


# Menu Grilled Brats Sauerkraut German Potato Salad Beverage <br> (Bring Your Own Table Service) 

Polka Party with Beer \& Wine Garden*
Featuring Dance Music by "Denny \& the Polka Boys" 6:30-9:30 pm • The Patio (Behind Laundry Facility)
*Due to restrictions of Special Event Liquor Permit those under 21 not allowed at the Polka Party \& NO BYOB ALIOWED!

One FREE drink (beer, wine, soda, water) Thereafter $\$ 1.00$ each Enter East or West side which is not roped off to obtain drink tickets

## FREE!

## For Residents and Renters <br> $\$ 4.00$ for guests

Tickets available from the Activity Office until Thursday, November 16

# NOTES - PLEASE READ - 

New this year!

## Dinner will be served from the Baja Bistro. ENTER ONLY THROUGH THE LOBBY.

No entrance from side doors except for the handicapped.
Handicapped individuals may enter through the electronic door at the WEST SIDE of the Community Center door and will be escorted closer to the front of the line.

- Please adhere to the serving time on your ticket. This is important for crowd control.


## - Please provide your own table service Beverage glass provided

- Seating for the meal will be available both in the Baja Bistro and outside the Community Center. Once you have received your food, you may exit through the Center's side doors.
- Free Ice Cream provided by the Battery Guy.
- Limited free drinks of Beer, Wine, Soda and Water provided to each resident at Polka Party.
- Children (under 21) NOT allowed at the Polka Party as dictated by the Arizona Special Liquor Event Permit.
- BYOB to Polka Party NOT allowed as dictated by the Arizona Special Liquor Event Permit.
- Seating at Polka Party (Patio) on a first come first served basis.
- One FREE drink at the Polka Party (Beer, Wine, Soda, Water) \$1.00 for each drink thereafter.
- Enter East or West side which is not roped off to obtain drink tickets


# The Following Tickets Are Now Available In The Activity Office 

Event $\quad$ Date of Event $\quad$ Deadline $\quad$ Amount Qty.

Current badges are required to purchase tickets

Friday Night Dance (Johnny K)....F - Nov $17 \ldots . . \begin{gathered}\text { Nov } 17(3: 00 \mathrm{pm}) \\ \text { Sold also at the door }\end{gathered}$ \$8.00 ...[ ]
Homecoming........................Sa - Nov 18 .... Nov 17 (3:00 pm).........Free ....[ ]
French Dip Sandwiches .....M - Nov 27...... Nov 22 (10:00 am) .... \$7.00 ...[ ]
Enchilada Dinner ................W - Nov 29 ..... Nov 22 (10:00 am) .... \$8.00 ...[ ]
Friday Night Dance (Saguaro) .....F - Dec 1......... Dec 1 Sold also at the door pm) ........ \$8.00 ...[ ]
Holiday Concert with MC6 .M - Dec 4........ Dec 4 (3:00 pm) ...... \$10.00 ...[ ]
Salisbury Steak Dinner ......W - Dec 6 ....... Nov 29 (10:00 am) .... \$7.50 ...[ ]
Roasted Chicken Greek Salad.....Th - Dec 7 ...... Nov 29 (10:00 am) .... \$7.00 ...[ ]
Alice in Wonderland .............M - Dec 11...... Dec 6 (10:00 am)....... \$5.00 ...[ ]
Holiday Tea Party
Taco Salad..........................W - Dec 13 ..... Dec 13 (10:00 am)..... \$6.50 ...[ ]
Chicken Pot Pie Lunch.......W - Dec 27 ..... Dec 20 (10:00 am)..... \$6.00 ...[ ]

*Available 11-29 at 10:00 am in the Baja Bistro \& Activity Office Beginning November $30 \quad$ \$22. for non residents

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.

# the Salvation Army's <br> ehristmas <br> Angel <br>  

Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning, and thanks to supporters of The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, thousands of American children will find this waiting under their Christmas trees this year. The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program provides new clothing or toys for children of needy families through the support of donors. Angel Trees are decorated with numbered paper angel tags with the first name, age and gender of a child in need of presents. Contributors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags.


# Angel Selection \& Raffle Schedule November 27 - December 9 



Monday $11 / 27$

Tuesday 11/28

Wednesday 11/29

Thursday 11/30

Friday 12/01
Saturday 12/02

Sunday 12/03
Monday 12/04

Tuesday 12/05

Wednesday 12/06
Thursday 12/07

Friday 12/08

Saturday 12/09

Kick-off the Christmas Angel Program at the Grapevine and receive a "Free Ice Cream" coupon for those selecting Angels from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.

Angels \& raffle tickets are available 11:30 am - 2:30 pm in the Baja Bistro. Enjoy an Ice Cream Social with holiday music provided by resident Sandy Hammond from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Angels \& raffle tickets are available 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. Buy $\$ 5.00$ worth of raffle tickets and get 5 free!

Angels \& raffle tickets available 9:00 am - 1:00 pm during the Fleas \& Bees Sale in the Baja Bistro.

Angels available from 9:00 am-12:00 noon in the Baja Bistro.
Angels \& raffle tickets available in the Baja Bistro from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Jumbo Hot Dogs served from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm with the Library Book Sale from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. All proceeds from the Book Sale donated to Angel program.

No Angels-Day of Rest.
During and following the Grapevine, Angels \& raffle tickets are available from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.

Angels \& raffle tickets available from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm with Venture Out's Sing $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ Strum performing at 1:45 pm during the Ice Cream Social in the Baja Bistro.

Angels \& raffle tickets available 8:00 am - 11:00 am in the Baja Bistro.
Angels \& raffle tickets available in the Baja Bistro from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm with Greek Salads served from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
Be sure to get your lunch tickets in advance from the Activity Office.
Final return of Angel gifts to the Baja Bistro 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Raffle tickets will still be available.

Last Chance to get those raffle tickets during the Biscuits \& Gravy Breakfast in the Baja Bistro from 7:30-9:00 am.

> Raffle draw December 12 2:00 pm - Baja Bistro

# Monday • November 20 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM 891 N Higley Rd, Gilbert AZ 480-396-8787 

## Soups \& <br> Salads

Burros

Flying Saucer (beef, pork, or chicken) With beans, lettuce,
cheese, sour cream, guacamole chicken) With beans, lettuce,
cheese, sour cream, guacamole. \& salsa fresca add all three (3) meats
Stuffed Quesadilla (beef, pork, or chicken) With green chile or chicken) With green chile
strips, sour cream, guacamole. \& salsa fresca add all three (3) meats add shrimp
Chimichanga (beef, pork, chicken or Bean) Deep fried burro served with Duacamole, sour cream, salsa fresca, lettuce, cheese, rice \& beans
Enchilada style
Carne Asada Plate (beef, pork, or chicken)
With beans, rice, tortillas, sour cream, guacamole. \& salsa fresca
add all three (3) meats

## Especiales

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## A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

## Editorial by Maureen Robertson

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than friendships."
Thomas Aquinas
We wish a fond welcome back to all our residents and an especially fond welcome to all our newcomers, both owner and renter. We hope this season will more than meet all your expectations!
While driving the shuttle for the annual Tennis Fall Classic Tournament this fall, I had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with many individuals from parks all over the valley. The constant comment from almost every one was the friendliness they encountered here in the park. It is no secret to any of us that friendship here remains strong throughout the years and in fact, seems to be the main reason that most of us return year after year.
We embrace everyone we meet upon first arrival in the park. How many of us greet neighbors at home the same way? We gather together for celebrations, block parties, pot-luck dinners and a myriad of social activities. The friendships we develop here often become so strong that they carry over into social contact through visits and travels beyond Venture Out.
One only has to research the medical journals to validate what we already know; that friendships provide the basis for a healthy lifestyle and the value that binds us together.
We embrace our new arrivals and look forward to meeting you in our clubs and activities.

## An Opportunity

by Norm Thiessen

"I really haven't got the time," was my consistent response whenever I was asked if I might consider letting my name be placed in nomination for the Condo Board. I can't really remember why I changed my mind one year, but I'm so glad that I did.
My election to the Board changed my perspective from being instinctively reactive, often negatively, to every park issue, to becoming proactive in seeking joint solutions for the short and long term benefit of our park. I found myself sitting at a Board table with similarly minded residents, many of whom became my lifelong friends. I found myself working with our administrative staff who were eager to follow our bidding and consistently helpful in providing vital information to guide our collective decision making. While there were some tough times with solutions not always easy or obvious, the totality of the experience was great!

Every person will follow their own instincts. I hope that when you are asked to consider running for the Board because people believe that you are level headed, possess some people skills, and care for our community and our investment in it, why not take the advice of a regular guy who has been there. Say, "Yes", and avail yourself of this important and satisfying life experience. We need you!


## A Casita in VO

## hy Keith Gustafson

Don and Maureen Robertson's unit on Aztec is an authentic example of Mexican architectural style. The term "casita" is a derivative of the term "casa" and means a small house on an estate or a secondary, vacation home.
The exterior is done in a soft pastel beige adobe with a red tile roof. The roof tiles are Mexican barrel tiles, consistent with the Spanish-influenced motif. Window boxes of black metal and coconut fiber are adorned with bright-colored petunias and beautiful terra-cotta awnings are accented with beige trim. A secondary focal point of the exterior space is the side patio with a stucco pony wall and red bougainvillea-covered arbor leading to the side street. The huge umbrellas and tile walkways add a classy touch of Mexico to the overall look.
The Arizona room is festooned with vibrant orange cushions on a brown wicker sectional. The saltillo tiles were imported from Mexico as were other features of the unit including the outdoor light fixtures. The dining area has a huge wooden Spanish-inspired table that seats 14. The colorful art work, abundant oval transom windows, and glass doors with direct access to the patio, built-in wet bar and eclectic accent pieces create a designers dream perfect for entertaining large groups of family and friends.
The private retreat of the upper part of the unit is painted a soft pastel salmon, accenting a spectacular curved leather sectional in an identical shade of light salmon. The combination kitchen, dinette area and sitting area have a modern art deco influence with lowered windows reminiscent of stream-line mobile home living. An ultramodern black and glass chandelier, gorgeous plank flooring, wooden slat window treatments, and white cabinets with granite counter-tops complete the restful modern look. Another decor feature of the unit is the tiled walk-in shower with glass panels and a pebbled floor.
Don and Maureen have the most photographed unit in the park. Just last year two different resident artists took photographs and then created beautiful paintings of the casita in its pastoral setting and presented them to the owners. Both works of art, prominently displayed in the unit, communicate a peaceful sense of existence in a small, but beautiful, Mexican abode nestled in a glorious setting harmonious with nature.

## Friendships: Enrich your Life and Improve your Health—An excerpt from the Mayo Clinic

Benefits of Friendships
Good friends are good for your health. Friends can help you celebrate good times and provide support during bad times. Friends prevent loneliness and give you a chance to offer needed companionship, too.

Friends can also:
Increase your sense of belonging and purpose
Boost your happiness and reduce your stress
Improve your self-confidence and self-worth
Help you cope with traumas, such as divorce, serious illness, job loss or the death of a loved one

Encourage you to change or avoid unhealthy lifestyle habits such as excessive drinking or lack of exercise


Friends also play a significant role in promoting overall health. Adults with strong social support have a reduced risk of many significant health problems, including depression, high blood pressure and healthy body mass index (BMI). Studies have even found that older adults with a rich social life are likely to live longer than their peers with fewer connections.


Our afternoon drive from Ely to Las Vegas was unceremoniously interrupted by the violent lurch and crashing sound that signals a flat tire. I steadied our Rialta onto the narrow, graveled shoulder and put on the emergency flashers. Norm, who had been napping, got out and confirmed with monosyllabic muttering that indeed our rear right tire was shredded with the wheel now resting on its rim. The jack and tire iron were underneath the over-packed rear storage unit. After tossing out golf clubs, folding chairs, shoes, etc, Norm found the needed equipment. With jack in hand, he crawled around the gravel looking for a place where the frame was high enough to accommodate it. Meanwhile, traffic zipped by, some people pointing, some waving, but mostly staring straight ahead.
To add to my anxiety, I noted that my cell phone showed no service. Then I was startled by the crunch of tires pulling up behind us. Four muscular, tattooed men stepped out of the small utility truck and approached Norm. I held my breath momentarily until I heard the driver ask, "Señor, can we help you?" Minutes later, after discussing solutions in Spanish, three of them actually lifted the rear corner of our Rialta while the fourth located a suitable space for the jack. Before we knew it, the damaged tire was replaced and Norm was offering some remuneration for their effort. They declined any payment and simply shook our hands warmly, wished us a safe trip and returned to their truck. It was only when these kind Samaritans turned their truck around that we realized they had been going in the opposite direction. They had driven past on this busy two lane highway, turned around and had come back to offer help. As we again headed down the highway towards Venture Out, we reminded each other that such random acts of kindness can only be paid forward.

## Is It Time for a Senior Cell Phone?

## by Maureen Robertson

I visited the Apple Store a few days ago and was overwhelmed by the number of electronic gadgets that can do almost anything but drive my car. Even that is on the way! Here, a simple telephone goes for over $\$ 1000$ ! I used to put ten cents in a pay phone to make a call when I was out, but now I can't even find one.
I wish for a telephone that I can use simply to make and receive calls. I don't need to watch tv shows, check the stock exchange, listen to music or take photos with it.
But I would not like to return to the "good old days," where we were privileged to have an odd-looking wooden contraption attached to the wall and where three consecutive rings alerted us to pick up the bell-shaped receiver. Everyone in the community knew whose phone had which rings and as a result, we provided a precursor of the TV reality shows for our neighbors who listened in to find out the latest gossip.
No, I like a private line. I like to call ahead to make appointments and I like to chat with family and friends from time to time, or even call someone if I require assistance.
The only time I really use a cell phone is to call my husband to collect me from a shopping trip or to call his cell to remind him of anything I think he needs reminding.


My grandchildren with Apple watches talk to their wrists like Dick Tracy. I see people walking down the street talking to themselves until I realize they are connected by a small wire to some hidden device. I see people in coffee shops, heads down, examining their phones.
In the meantime, I have missed calls on my cell because my phone is off and I don't know how that happened. I hear strange beeps and dings and I don't know what they mean. When I do hear a ring, I usually miss the call since I need to check pockets and rummage in my handbag to find where I last stashed my phone.
I hope someone who has grandchildren working in the telephone inventing business will send this article to them and ask them, for the sake of their grandparents and other incompetents like me, to please invent a small phone that simply makes and receives calls, and yes, one that can fit into a convenient case that can be worn on a chain around the neck. That way I won't leave it behind on a counter or lose it in my grocery bag. They could even put a picture of an apple on it; even one with a bite out of it.


Many of you remember growing up in the post WW II population and economic growth era. It was a simpler time with less stress. Whether you lived in a small town or a city with new housing tracts, life was pretty much the same for all families. Everyone had a house that was similar in size. We all had just one car, black and white television, bathroom, and telephone. There were no designer clothes, no opulent furnishings in the homes, no shopping centers, and no symbols of conspicuous consumption. You traveled around your village on foot or bicycle. Entertainment entailed sporting activities with friends at the local pond, baseball diamond, volleyball court, or horseshoe pitch. Social entertainment consisted of church suppers, neighborhood picnics, and community dances. I'm sure there was someone in our village who had millions of dollars in the bank, but you'd never know it by their house, clothes, or the car they drove. Sundays, after church, were for visiting relatives and friends.
During our adult years we were caught up in the drama of making as much money as possible. We built lavish houses to impress our friends, climbed the corporate ladder, bought as many expensive cars as possible, had the latest technological communication devices and expensive clothing. Instead of staying home on Sundays in case someone came to visit, we sought out the most interesting entertainment venues and loved to regale our friends with details of our world-wide traveling opportunities. By retirement, we were stressed out, had so many toys we needed to have six or more stalls in our garage for storage, and wondered when the race would end.
Now I am back in a little village called Venture Out, basking in the pleasant nostalgia of my youth. I sit on my front porch and await my friends for playing ball, cards, exercising or swimming. I know and greet everyone who walks or bikes by. All of the houses are about the same size and most have just one car parking spot. Our village contains no strip malls and we all dress pretty much the same in shorts, blouses or shirts, and sandals. Entertainment is about spending time with friends regardless of what we do. I feel no stress and I am happy again in the simpler life
 to which I have returned.

## Fun Facts Ahout Arizona

## by Maureen Rohertson

The battleship USS Arizona was named in honor of the state. It was commissioned in1913 and launched in 1915 from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

World War II brought many military personnel to train at Luke and Thunderbird fields in Glendale.
The Castilian and Burgundian flags of Spain, the Mexican flag, the Confederate flag, and the flag of the United States have all flown over the land area that has become Arizona.

In 1926, the Southern Pacific Railroad connected Arizona with the eastern states.


The geographic center of Arizona is 55 miles ( 89 kilometers) southeast of Prescott.

Arizona's most abundant mineral is copper.

Bisbee, located in Tombstone Canyon, is known as the Queen of the Copper Mines. During its mining history the town was the largest city between Saint Louis and San Francisco.
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