Venture Out-Lines

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5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

January 26, 2018



Administration

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

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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."

CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 1 • 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. You may speak on only one subject one time.

Adoption of Minutes: Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence:

Social Board Report:

Reports:

Old Business: New Business:

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Work Session:

SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING Tuesday • February 6 • 1:30 pm • Oasis AGENDA

Invocation:

President's Comments:

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

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

_minutes.

Changes to Agenda: Approval of minutes: Correspondence: Club Liaison Reports: Condo Board Liaison Report:

Old Business: New Business: Adjournment:

Work Session to follow

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

Channel 17 Schedule

Condo Board meetings are shown at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm daily.

Social Board meetings 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm (Time might vary) daily.

Also available:

Grapevine Church service Other programs

For other program schedules see the scroll on the top of the screen

ANNUAL MEETING OF VENTURE OUT LOT OWNERS

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

Call to Order

Invocation

President Reads Proof of Proper Notice of Annual Meeting

Reading and Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting

Certification of Quorum

President calls on Election Chair for results of voting

President's Report

Standing Committee Reports

Lot Owners' Comments

New Business

Outgoing Directors' Comments

Adjournment



Administration

BIKE OWNERS

Bicycle Registration is available the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Jumbo Hot Dog Event held in the Baja Bistro. This will continue from now until March 2018. Bike Owners can also stop by the Administration Building during regular business hours to get their bikes registered as well.••

GOVERNING DOCUMENT VACANCY

This committee is seeking a resident to fill a vacancy that currently exists. The committee meets when assigned to examine our governing documents and provide recommendations to the condominium board for approval. Residents residing in the park during the months of October thru March are preferred. Those interested in serving as a member contact Gene Waters, Bob Bingham, or Ralph Zagrzebski. ••

Attention Venture Out Residents:

Please vote for the 3 candidates running for the Condo Board. This is not a waste of time, money, or paper because we just have three candidates on the ballot. The proposition must be approved each year by 51% of the owners for IRS purposes.

SOCIAL BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the Social Board is actively seeking candidates to fill three upcoming vacancies on the Social Board. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Social Club on TUESDAY, MARCH 20 in the Buena Vista Ballroom, Please consider being a candidate or if you know of a person who you think would be interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact the Nominating Committee as listed below. We are also asking all Clubs to consider candidates who are eligible and willing to serve. Thank you. ••

Vikki Lane Kuntsman 920-246-5340



Elaine Baum 480-218-5121



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 January 29 February 12 February 26 March 12 PUBLISH DATE FRIDAY

February 9 February 23 March 9 March 23

Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Speed Bumps have been ordered and are on their way to our park.

Please watch for further details and directions in an upcoming Outlines newsletter on how you can request to

have one used on your street.

Thank You Brandon Fowers Chief of Security

Administration

EPC Advisory Committee

The EPC is now three years old! We have settled in; the fitness facility, the east pool and the Cabana are being used to much of their potential. The Social Board would like input from members who use these facilities in making future decisions about Social Club purchases. We feel the best way to collect this information is by having an "as needed EPC Advisory Committee." This committee would collect information from users and make recommendations to the Social Board when fixtures and equipment are needed.

If you are interested in being on this committee or want to recommend a resident for this committee, please contact Jan Simmons 480-532-2443 for more information.

COMMON FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE Byron Snowden 218-244-3373

The VO Common Facilities Planning Committee is seeking candidates to fill three positions that will open up next year. We need people who can make well-reasoned judgments free of any personal agendas and who can evaluate requests or situations with an open mind. In addition, if you have experience as a planner for a city/county, an architect, a contractor/ builder, or an engineer, then you would be a great asset to the committee. If you would like to apply, contact Byron Snowden at 218-244-3373 or come to one of our Wednesday planning meetings at 1:15 pm in the Sonoran. Deadline February 23, 2018.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Terry Harkness 480-218-0273
January 30 – 9:00 am at the Oasis. Contractors & Owners contemplating construction projects - This annual meeting is for instruction purposes for contractors and owners alike on the rules for construction in the park, hosted by the Architectural Committee. If you have any questions, contact Terry Harkness 480-218-0273.



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

Pursuant to Article III, Section 2, of the Bylaws of Venture Out at Mesa, Inc., a condominium, the Annual Meeting of members has been called to be held in the Buena Vista Ballroom at Venture Out at Mesa, Inc., 5001 East Main Street, Mesa, Arizona 85205, with the meeting declared officially open at 1:00 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 for the following purposes:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: Election of three (3) Directors for the Condominium Board. The three Directors receiving the largest number of votes will be serving three-year terms. The members leaving the Board are Bruce Johnston, Randy Lopaschuk and Dot Baker.

There is one (1) proposition on the ballot for approval to approve the IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. Transact all such other business as may properly be presented at this meeting.

Please complete the ballot following the instructions from the Electronic Vote Service Provider, if you have registered to vote electronically. Or place the printed ballot mailed to you in the return envelope and MAIL to the return address on the envelope. Only one ballot per lot in the envelope. All ballots received electronically or by regular mail after 4:00 PM Arizona time the day prior to the Annual Meeting will not be counted. All voting will cease at 4:00 PM the day prior to the annual meeting. The service provider will deliver the electronically tabulated votes to the Venture Out Election Committee Chairman no later than 10:00 AM Arizona time the day of the Annual Meeting. Last minute ballots may be hand-delivered to the Corporate Secretary in the Administration Office before 4:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018. All voting will be by Absentee ballot, either electronic vote or written paper ballot mailed to you; there will be no voting the day of the Annual Meeting.

We need your participation to ensure a quorum is present. The Annual Meeting will be declared officially open at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. **The Board encourages all lot owners to vote and to attend the Annual Meeting.**

January 8, 2018 Pam Byfield Corporate Secretary Venture Out at Mesa, Inc.

Venture Out Memorial Trust Fund

The Venture Out Memorial Trust Fund, suggested by former owner Chet Rice and created by the Social Board, decided to offer the opportunity for families and friends of deceased residents to contribute money to a fund used for the benefit of all the residents in the park. Instead of placing small individual plaques throughout the park, a number of large plaques with the names of those memorialized would be hung in the Community Center.

This trust, established in 1995, is separate from all other funds and is administered by a committee appointed by the Social Board. The committee has its own financial account.

Since its inception, the Memorial Trust Fund has helped to purchase the following items: microphone and sound equipment, equipment used by Channel 17, a large contribution toward the building of the elevator in the previous Community Center, the purchase of computer and equipment for the AV group, the cost of applying for the Tax Exempt Foundation, money toward expenses for the construction of the Barbecue Pit area, and in 2015, \$3700 for 10 benches throughout Venture Out.

The committee follows definite guidelines. Any contributions received are considered CASH GIFTS; therefore, any DESIGNATED GIFTS cannot be accepted. All checks are to be made out to Venture Out Social Club.

The cost of the bronze nameplate, the engraving, the stationery and postage used for communicating with relatives of the deceased totals nearly \$25 per person.

When making a contribution to the Fund, be sure to indicate that you want your donation to go to the Memorial Fund so that it will be used for engraving the memorial plaques and be placed in the Memorial Account to fund such projects as are listed above. Contributions must be at least \$25. More is appreciated.

We urge you to view the plaques on the wall near the Sonoran in the Baja Bistro. For those who wish to pay it forward (purchase your plaque now), you may do so, but at a minimum of \$25; again, more is appreciated.

We are open for suggestions for how to spend some of this money. Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members listed below:

Walt Just — Chairman	480-325-0138
Marlice Fenske — Secretary/Treasurer	480-654-9616
Connie Gorham — Member	



2018 *** Concert ** *

Series



Sold Out! There are no longer seats available for any performance.

BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

SUNSHINE CARVERS **RAFFIF**

Ticket Sales: January 16 - 30 Available at various events in the Baja Bistro

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

Many beautifully handcrafted items to be raffled!

On display in the Baja Bistro Display Case



at the Ice Cream Social

TUESDAY • JANUARY 30 DRAWING 2:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO



BREAKFAST **BURRITOS**

\$5.00 Per Person

MENU

Your choice of scrambled eggs, shredded cheese, sausage and country potatoes wrapped in a warmed flour tortilla and served with salsa, chilled juice and coffee,





Everyone welcome! Service and coffee mug

SATURDAY • JANUARY 27 7:30 - 9:00 am • Baja Bistro



HOBBY CENTER

Legacy Quartet Gospel Concert



Legacy was formed in 1981and evolved into an International Ministry. They have toured South Korea, Australia, Canada, Cuba and most of the United States. Legacy Quartet is comprised of four men who enthusiastically love to sing together. They have generous hearts, gentle spirits and an extraordinary desire to make their lives count through their music. Legacy Quartet are authentic and genuine Christians who sing from the heart and whose feet are firmly planted on firm foundation.

Tickets \$11.00 available from
Activity Office & at the door
Sponsored by the Rock and Gem Club

SATURDAY • JANUARY 27
3:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM
DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 PM

Salmon Barbecue & Potluck

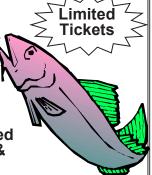
Two Servings: 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm

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

Alaskan Keni Red Salmon donated and grilled by resident Wayne Bredberg



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



Monday • January 29 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro

Paul McDermand in Concert



Paul McDermand has elevated the steel drums and the marimba beyond their Caribbean and Central American roots, with a repertoire that embraces a vast array of standard, Latin, Broadway, and popular works. This talented musician has spent the last 20 years appearing with giants of the entertainment industry from Tony Bennett and Johnny Mathis to Natalie Cole,

Ray Charles and The Moody Blues. Popular pianist Roger Williams and country music legend Eddy Arnold have also praised Paul's recordings for their easy nature, unusual arrangements and exotic beauty. Paul McDermand is not new to the Venture Out stage but if history repeats itself the performance will be a sell out!

Tickets \$11.00 available from Activity Office & at the door

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club

Monday • January 29
7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom
Doors open at 6:30 pm

California Dreaming Dance

With the new

"That Kool Band"

Tickets \$12.00 on sale in the Activity Office

1 ticket per badge - Maximum 4 tickets per person All Entry through the Main Lobby Doors. No reserved seating

BYOB Snacks and Beverage No Soda or Popcorn Sold at Dance

Dress Beachy



Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

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

ÍT'S ANOTHER... MYSTERY TRIP Tickets: \$99 per person. All inclusive with lunch & bus transportation. SDAYS IN TI AVAILAB BAJA **BISTRO** OR CAL **r**table bring a warm jacket. Open to All!

WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 31 **BUS DEPARTS 7:30 AM** Bus Loading Zone

SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

Glass Art Studio Open House

- Refreshments Projects completed by Glass Art Stúdio members on display
- · Tours of the facility
- Purchase select items designed by individual Glass Art Studio members



served!

Wednesday • January 31 1:00 - 3:00 PM • GLASS ART STUDIO ENTRANCE LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF AERO

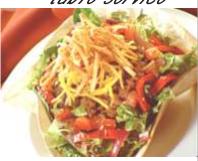
- MENU –

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

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

TANIE SELVICE

Limited Number of **Tickets** Available



SPONSORED BY THE TENNIS CLUB

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 1 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

JUMBO HOT DOGS AND DESSERT

1/4 lb Grilled Hot Dog, Sauerkraut, Chips & Beverage \$4.00

Sponsored by the **Poolroom Association**

Tickets purchased at the event

Cake Sale \$1.50 Sponsored by the Croquet Club



SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 3 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Volibrary Used Book Şale

The Library thanks everyone for donations!





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

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

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 3 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM COMMUNITY CENTER

New 66 BIG GAME 99 New 66 BIG GAME 99 New 66 BIG GAME 99

Tickets \$10.00 each available from Activity Office Ticket deadline: 10:00 am Wednesday, January 31

MENU

Chicken Breast (Bun Optional) Potato Salad Baked Beans Pickle Spear Oatmeal Raisin Cookie



Door Prizes! Football Pool!

50/25/25 "Game of the Year" on large screens

BYOB Snacks & Table Service Water & Ice Provided

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

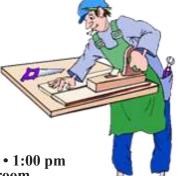
SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 4
3:00 PM DOORS OPEN FOR TAILGATING
4:30 PM GAME STARTS
HALF-TIME FOOD SERVICE • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

WOODSHOP RAFFLF

Get your tickets February 5 through 18 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and on February 19 until 12:45 pm in the Baja Bistro.

RAFFLE TICKETS

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



Raffle Draw Monday • February 19 • 1:00 pm Buena Vista Ballroom

Watch for our display in the Baja Bistro

TICKET SALES STARTING FEBRUARY 5
DRAWING 1:00 PM • FEBRUARY 19
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

18th All-City Pickleball Annual Tournament

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 6 Women's Doubles - 7:30 am

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 7 Men's Doubles - 7:30am

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 8

Mixed Doubles - 7:30 am

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

=USAPA SANCTIONED EVENT=

LUNCH AVAILABLE AT THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Open to All

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

FEBRUARY 6 - 8 7:30 AM • PICKLEBALL COURTS

Porkloin Dinner

\$8.50 Tickets available at the Activity Office Deadline: 10:00 am Wednesday, January 31

TWO SEATINGS: 5:00 pm

6:30 pm

MENU:

Pork Loin Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Stuffing

Green Beans with Bacon
Applesauce
Beverage
BYOB

Bring your own table service

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 7 5:00 PM & 6:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO

VO Diner

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

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



Pie by the slice \$2.00

Table Service Provided
Sponsored by the Fired Clay Art Studio

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 8 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO



\$5.00 Per Person
Tickets available at event

Music by
Sing 'n'
Strum

MENU

Fresh strawberries over warm pancakes served with sausage links, chilled juice and piping hot coffee.

Everyone welcome!

Bring your own table service and coffee mug

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 10 7:30 - 9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO

SEWING CLUB'S SIDEWALK SALE & OPEN HOUSE

Many unique and beautifully crafted items for sale. Be amazed at the many colorful and decorative fabrics used to create

truly one-of-a-kind quilts, blankets and more. Come browse our handiwork!





Raffle Quilt on Display - Tickets Available

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 10 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM • SEWING ROOM

CERAMICS CLUB'S OPEN HOUSE AND SIDEWALK SALE



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

Come join us for refreshments

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CERAMICS ROOM

Silversmith Make and Take

February 10:
Make and take
earrings. Tons of
fun for everyone!
Only \$20.00.
Sign-up in the
Silversmith Shop.



Questions?
Contact

Nicka Lockeman 480-832-9348

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 10
• SILVERSMITH

A VIEW HOME AND ART

VENTURE OUT

Refreshments following the tour! Tour

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

Monday, January 22 names were drawn following the 9:00 am Grapevine. Each name drawn is entitled to purchase TWO tickets. Tickets may be purchased in the Baja Bistro Monday to Friday. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm until January 30 and 9:00 am to noon, Wednesday, January 31. Those who were not present at the drawing, check the list in the Post Office & outside the Activity Office. 20 names will also be drawn for a waiting list for tickets not claimed.

SPONSORED BY THE PET ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 11 12:30 PM REGISTRATION • BAJA BISTRO



Special Performance



Late Night Catechism

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Ruling her classroom with a razor-sharp wit, "Sister" traches for students – who happer to be the audience – why time the knows about his and saints while doling out rewards and reprimands with lighting speed. Helpful hint... The you your knuckles these these knees

Spontaneous, clever sutrageously funny, the record-breaking performance of Late Night Catechism has run every year at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts since 2000 and is now coming to the Venture Out stage!

Reserved seating: Gold \$24.00 & Silver \$22.00 Available from the Activity Office until 10:00 am the day of the performance. Tickets \$2.00 extra at the door.

Monday • February 12 7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

Buy Your Sweetheart a Valentine Flower!

\$3.00 for an elegantly wrapped single carnation available for sale February 13 before and after the Valentine Concert in the Baja Bistro; and February 14 before the annual Condo Board meeting.

Sponsored by the Croquet Club

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 13

BEFORE & AFTER SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT
WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 14 • BEFORE ANNUAL MEETING
BAJA BISTRO



TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 13 2:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO DURING THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mahi Mahi Fish Dinner

Tickets \$8.50 available from the Activity Office. Deadline: 10:00 am
Wednesday, February 7



Valentine's Day Special — M E N U — Herb Baked Mahi Mahi Baked Potato with Butter & Sour Cream

Vegetable • Roll & Butter Coffee & Lemonade Dessert

Bring your own table service

Sponsored by the Rock & Gem Club

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 14 HAPPY HOUR 5:00 • DINNER 5:30 PM BAJA BISTRO

Car Show At the Motor Expo

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



Sponsored by:





THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 15 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTER
CHILI DOGS AT BBQ AREA & COLLECTIVE
GOODS IN THE BAJA BISTRO

Motor Expo

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

VANS

GOLF CARTS

MOTORHOMES

5™ WHEELS



City of Mesa & VO Security Bike Registration

Thursday • February 15 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Outside the Community Center Chili Dogs at BBQ Area & Collective Goods In the Baja Bistro

CHILI DOGS

During Motor Expo & Car Show \$5.00

Purchase Tickets at Event



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

Sponsored by the Recreation Department

Ice Cream Bars \$1.50

Sponsored by the Table Tennis Club

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 15 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BBQ AREA

Zappone's Italian Bistro

Meal Deal

Present full page flyer found in next Out-Lines at Zappone's and 15% of your dining bill of February 16 will be donated to the Venture Out Social Club

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

SPONSORED BY THE PET ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 16
1652 N. HIGLEY RD GILBERT, AZ 85234
NW CORNER OF HIGLEY & BASELINE
480-218-2338

HAMBURGER BBQ & ICE CREAM BARS

Menu Grilled 1/3 lb Hamburger or Cheeseburger Grilled Onions

Baked Beans • Chips

Beverage \$5.00

Sponsored by the Softball Association

lce Cream Drumsticks & Klondike Bars \$1.50

Sponsored by the Horseshoe Club



Bring your own table service

Purchase at event.

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 17 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM BAJA BISTRO

Glass Art Club

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

Raffle Draw Following the Jumbo Hot Dog BBQ

March 3

Get your tickets
during various events
in the Baja Bistro and
March 3 prior to the draw

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

TICKETS AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 3 RAFFLE DRAW MARCH 3 FOLLOWING JUMBO HOT DOG BBQ • 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Sewing Club Quilt Raffle

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

Available at

various

VO events Quilt displayed

at time of ticket

sales & in the Sewing Room

Enter for a chance on numerous prizes

donated by Sewing Club members as well as the Grand Prize

quilt

Drawing at the Fashion Show, Monday, March 5 Proceeds go to Social Club!

TICKET SALES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 5 **DRAWING MARCH 5 AT** THE FASHION SHOW

Annual Sunshine Carvers'

Carve-Off

During the Ice Cream Social

Ribbons awarded to first, second & third place winners

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



Sponsored by the Sunshine Carvers

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 20 12:30 - 2:30 PM BAJA BISTRO



Don't you wish you had Enchiladas for dinner too?

Notice!

Club Budgets are due to Social Board Liaisons by Monday February 12

The Cabar

We3 is comprised of Renee Grant Patrick, Suzanne Lansford and Nicole Pesce. When vocalist Renee,

daughter of the late George Grant who traveled the world singing lead tenor for the lnk Spots in the 80's & 90's, lost her father in 2016, she combined talents with Suzanne Lansford (violin) and Nicole Pesce (piano) to pay tribute to some of their favorite Ink Spots songs, such as "We Three," "Maybe" "Memories of You Light jazz and blues to soothe the soul....

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

BYOB, Snacks & Beverage Glass. Ice Provided Sponsored by the Solos Club

Wednesday • February 21 7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Tickets \$7.00 Tickets Available from the **Activity Office** Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, February 14

MENU

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



SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

Wednesday • February 21 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM **BAJA BISTRO**



Resupplying the calavery at the Country Western Jamboree





Woman's Expo featuring jewelry, clothing, free massages and more!

Build your own Salad Bar Salad greens featuring a plethora of toppings, other salads & a bottle of water

\$6.00

Purchase at event Table Service Provided

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 22 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO **SALAD BAR 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

VO's Got Talent!

Reserved Seat Tickets from \$10.00 the Activity Office Cabaret Seating

or Occupant Continue Capacity Seating

General Seating \$8.00 \$1.00 more at the door if space available



A fun-filled evening of entertainment, including songs and dances by the talented members of the Hams at Heart Club

BYOB & Snacks

Sponsored by the Hams at Heart

Monday • February 26 and Tuesday • February 27 • 7:00 pm Buena Vista Ballroom



These lovely Bocce Ball Club Memebers kept things running smoothly at the Country Western Jamboree



Chicken Parmesan Dinner



MENU

Chicken Parmesan
Served with Marinara Sauce,
Herb Roasted Potatoes
Lemon Buttered Carrots
Tossed Salad

Beverage

Spumoni Ice Cream

Bring your own table service

BYOB

Meal Tickets \$8.50 Available in the Activity Office until sold out

Sponsored by the Glass Art Club

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 28 4:30 & 6:00 pm • BAJA BISTRO

— TENNIS CLUB'S —

YEAR END AUCTION/RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

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

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



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

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTED TO SOCIAL CLUB

FRIDAY • MARCH 2 • BEHIND LAUNDRY FACILITY
BAKE AND RUMMAGE SALE 8:00 AM

AUCTION STARTS AT 10:00 AM



RIBS N' BIBS DINNER SHOW

Reserved Seating Tickets \$20.00
Available from the Activity Office or from
Shuffleboard Members
Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, February 28

— MENU —

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



Plus... a Stage Show!

National Kenny Rogers Tribute Show featuring Dave Karl

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club

SUNDAY • MARCH 4 • 4:30 PM HAPPY HOUR DINNER 5:30 PM • ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Sew Much Color High Tea with Style

Fashion Show Sale Quilt Show & Raffle High Tea Served by Sewing Club Members

Reserved Seat Tickets \$16.00

Available February 13 in the Activity Office or From Sewing Room Hostesses



Fashions by Calle Rose

Sponsored by the Sewing Club

Monday • March 5
Doors open at 11:00 am for Shopping
Program begins at 12:30 pm
Buena Vista Ballroom

STEAKFRY

MENU

Sizzling Sirloin Steak

Served with

Sautéed Mushrooms Baked Potato

Coleslaw • Roll & Butter Coffee • Lemonade

TWO SEATINGS

4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

*Steaks to be served for a
20-minute period at each
dinner seating.

PLEASE BE ON TIME

Bring your own

Available from the

Activity Office Deadline 10:00 am, Wednesday, February 28

SPONSORED BY THE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 7 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Horseshoe Club

The Horseshoe Club is a member of the East Valley League. We play weekly tournaments against 15 other resorts between November and February. Half of the tournaments are hosted at Venture Out; half are played at other resorts per the printed schedule.

Our Horseshoe Club is struggling to keep active members and we are currently looking for new members.

The Horseshoe Shed is open during the October - April Season. There are shoes available for recreational use.



CONTACT AN OFFICER FOR MORE INFO!

President Jake Leonard 734-730-4070 Vice President . Norm Bassett 480-396-7932 Secretary/

Treasure...... Bob Pederson 360-348-3657

8-BALL - MIXED COUPLES DOUBLES Marie Austin 480-396-8766

Come join us in our Mixed Couplés Doubles Tournament every Saturday Night, Live. You must be signed up by 6:15 pm as play starts at 6:30 **pm**. There is a \$1.00 entry fee (no large bills, please). You must be a member to play and have some knowledge of the 8-ball rules. Our Jack and Jill Tournaments are always on the last **Saturday** of the month wherein you bring your own partner to play. We also have gloves and other accessories for sale. If you have any questions, please call me.

ALBERTA PARTY Mary Gilmet 480-924-0878

Saturday, March 10, all Albertans past, present and friends are invited to the annual no-host Alberta party. Potluck, prizes, music and no charge. Further details and sign-up sheets will be posted in February in the Post Office Hallway.

ART IN THE PARK Vicki Beckmann 780-852-3844

Welcome to Art in the Park. If you are interested in painting and drawing, please join us at the

Sonoran on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to noon. Artists working in a variety of mediums at all levels of experience are invited to set up and be inspired. This is not a structured art class but it is time to get motivated and share the joy of creating art. Pastels, pencils, watercolors, acrylics and oils are welcome. Please drop in, and bring your art supplies.•

B.C. PARTY Gloria Flick 480-396-7914

The B.C. Party is booked at the **Buena Vista Ballroom** for **February 6**. We need someone to take over the event. If you or a group wish to sponsor this event, contact Gloria Flick at 480-396-7914. If no one is interested, the event will be cancelled.•

BIKING Pegg Noyes 480-985-4959

The biking group meets outside the **Activity Office** every **Thursday** at **9:00** am and returns before noon. Routes and distances vary. Most rides are 12–15 miles on flat surfaces. Leaders vary each week and your input is important. Wear your helmet, bring water and a snack for our breaks.

This is an ongoing group for the season.

BOCCE BALL Kay Hanks 480-751-8828

The Country Western Jamboree was a huge success with a sell-out crowd. Sign up for a fun time at the Guys and Gals Tournament on Sunday, January 28 - snacks will be provided. Barb Butts won the singles tournament. Lessons are held on Wednesdays from 9:00 -10:00 am - sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Please check the bulletin board and sign up to help clean the courts - this is an important job we need all leagues to help with. The next mystery trip on January 31 is sold out. The next Bocce meeting will be held at 9:00 am on February 7.

COLORADO/ WYOMING PARTY REQUESTS

Colleen Beyer 303-651-2816

Mark your calendars – Saturday, March 3 at 5:00 pm in the EPC Cabana. "Let's Have a Fiesta" is the theme. Mexican food, entertainment, door prizes, games and dancing – what more would you want?

Tickets are available from Joanne Moquin 970-980-7722, Vicky Ross 307-899-0606, or Colleen Beyer 303 -651-2816. Tickets are \$10.00. Please bring your own place settings and BYOB.

CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN

Lin Rigg 480-218-5024

Welcome back to Conversational German. We meet every **Tuesday** until **March 20** at **1:00 – 3:00 pm** in the **Music Room**. We learn and practice through songs, vocabulary building and sentence construction. It is a very informal gathering. •

CREATIVE WRITING Linda Wallace 208-596-2748

Do you enjoy telling stories? Would you like to write some of your family's history? Maybe fiction or poetry is enjoyable for you. At our Creative Writing group we write on all types of suggestions, share our writings and get handy tips, too! Join us on **Thursdays** from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. in the **Sonoran**. For more information contact Linda Wallace at 616 Merlin.

CRIBBAGE Tom Gorham 763-245-6058

Attention Patriotic Cribbage Players. February will soon be here, which means it is time for the 33rd Annual U.S.A. vs. Canada Cribbage Tournament! The tournament will be played on February 11, 18 and 25 at 12:45 pm in the Mojave Room. Partners will play together the entire tournament so grab a partner or sign up and we will find one for you. For more information, call Tom Gorham 763-245-6058.

CROQUET Mary Waitrovich

Croquet is a fun game of strategy and skill and Venture Out has a beautiful croquet court available for you, your friends and families. Members offer lessons in singles croquet Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to Noon Doubles lessons are offered from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on Wednesdays, as well. On Fridays, organized play is offered at 9:00 am. The croquet court and the equipment are available every day for open play. You do not have to join the club to play. Get practiced up and enter our annual croquet tournament in **February**. Croquet singles tournament will start February 19; the doubles tournament will start on February 26.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE Jan Carr

Jan Carr 515-971-7907

Come join us for duplicate bridge at Mojave Room on Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Friday and Saturday at 12:00 pm. Annual Chicken Potluck Party at 4:30 pm in the Cabana on

February 5. Bring side dish, tableware and BYOB.

FIRED CLAY ARTS STUDIO

Edna Hopkins 480-830-6341

Two more exciting classes are happening! January 31 and February 7, both on a Wednesday. Open to all residents 9:00 am to noon. Prices include all materials and instructions.

January 31 learn to blend colors on a brush to paint beautiful butterflies on a bowl. February 7 learn to paint with string on a twohandled vase/jug. Stop by Saturday, February 10 and see our newly renovated studio at our open house and sidewalk sale. You could find something you can't live without to buy. Studio open Mondays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 pm. See samples of classes. Teacher will answer any questions.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

Alice Petersen 651-214-9790

February 7 at 7:00 pm
David Antonson will speak
on "What's your Family
Story." Canadian
immigration information will
be presented by Mr. Steve
Packer from the Mesa
Family History Center on
Wednesday, February 21
at 7:00 pm in the Cabana.
This gathering of family
researchers is open to all
levels of family history
seekers.

GLASS ART STUDIO

Janis Seville 780-940-5416

Happy New Year and welcome back! Member artisans are excited to start working on their awesome projects. We extend a warm welcome to new members and encourage those interested in joining us to drop by the Studio or come see us at our Open House on January 31. Various education sessions are upcoming. Our next Tia Rosa restaurant meal deal fundraiser is January 26.

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 times at 1:50 pm; Charney & Pat Jones. 306-688-0309 for Sunland Village GC on Wednesdays with a 2:15 pm shotgun start: Dick & Mari Skinner, 480-924-6164 for Sunland Village East GC starting times at 10:45 am. Membership dues will be received by our Treasurer, Jack Gehring, at the Tuesday morning sign-up meetings.

HAM RADIO CLUB Paulette Thompson 480-807-1791

Thanks to hams who helped at Electronics Open House. Don't forget the Heart Healthy 5K on Tuesday, January 30. Sign up at our 10:00 am Saturday meeting in the Oasis if you can help with the walk. Meet January 30 in the Baja Bistro at 9:15 am. Bring your 2M radios. We send best regards to Buzz Lien KI0KU who called us at

a recent Ham meeting from his home state of Minnesota. The radio classes are going well in the Electronics building. Many in our amateur radio group are assisting **VO** residents program their TV sets to work with the new system.

HAMS AT HEART Dottie Johnshoy 406-544-1338

We are busy preparing for our annual show. This year we will showcase the many talents of our Park residents in "VO's Got Talent,"

February 26 & 27. It's not too early to plan to attend.•

HAND FOOT AND TOE TOURNAMENT

Tournament play February 7 at 12:30 - 3:00 pm.
Every one is welcome come in to get registered to play. •

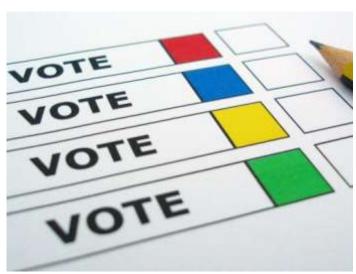
HANDYMAMS Pam Klocke 763-516-6214

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **February** 6 at 9:00 am in the **Oasis**. We welcome all handymen spouses and significant others to join us for an informational meeting.

HAPPY HARPERS lan Stenberg 480-452-3707

Have you ever wanted to play a musical instrument but just never had the opportunity? Well, now you do. Play the harmonica for fun every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **9:00 to 10:00 am** in the **Music Room**. Harmonicas available. No musical experience needed. Or just come and listen. We will also play for your club party.

2018 Condo Bo



ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION
Wednesday
February 14
1:00 pm
Buena Vista
Ballroom





Beryl Willerton, I reside at 620 Aztec normally spending 6 months a year in Venture Out. During my 10 years at Venture Out I've volunteered in the Activity Office, spent 3 years on the Condo Board, and headed up a few committees and various other volunteer activities. I'm presently chairing the Condo Board Adhoc committee tasked with combining the information from the Hultsman Study with the input gathered from the Condo Board Committees and the Social Board. Once completed the committee will provide the Condo Board with a consolidated look at the information gathered during the survey and ready the findings for the creation of a new long range plan.

I retired from the Canadian Government in 2006 with 28 years of service, having held various positions including several supervisory and management positions. During 4 years I spent in Europe with my husband, I managed a tour and travel service for the Canadian Military and their families stationed in Europe. I spent my time researching, planning, and coordinating day trips and long tours throughout Europe, negotiating and contracting all the required services such as hotel rooms, tour guides, ferries, special events, etc. I scheduled our buses and drivers, as well as supervised the office staff. Prior to going to Europe I spent some time in sales management with responsibility for recruiting, training, motivating, and increasing sales year over year.

I love helping people and believe that we must provide our residents with what they need to be healthy in both mind and body. I feel that my skills would be an asset to the board and the residents of Venture Out. If I am elected I will come to the board with no hidden agenda. I simply want to do my part in keeping Venture Out as the premier park in the area.

pard Nominees



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

Ken is a member of the Pickleball, Tennis and Bocce Ball Clubs. He has served as a member of the Infrastructure Committee since 2013, and oversees the park solar systems. He has a 'food handler' certificate and assists various clubs with preparing for lunches and dinners. He has assisted with the vote counting for the Social Board elections and oversaw the election committee in 2017. Ken is a past Trustee (3 years) for his Homeowner's Association in Plymouth, MA. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts. He is a veteran of the US Army Security Agency.

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

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



Gail Miller, 103 Navajo, my occupational and community service background includes 25 Years in the insurance business, 7 years as a General Contractor/ Home Builder, Volunteer fireman, Planning Commissioner for the cities of Sisters and Warrenton, Oregon, City Council member for the City of Sisters. Head Usher/Deacon for my Church, Charter member and President of the DPMA chapter at Linn-Benton Community College where I earned an Associate of Science degree. I have been married to my wife Jean for 29 years and we have 7 children, 13 grandchildren and our dog Ellie May. We summer in Bend, Oregon.

When we decided to try the Arizona lifestyle we bought a park model at Mesa Regal where we lived for 5 years. During that time, we spent quite a bit of time at Venture Out as we have family in the park. We decided in December 2015 to sell our home at Mesa Regal and buy a home at Venture Out. It was the best decision we have ever made. After living in a corporate-owned park, where rent went up and services down each year, the decision to move to Venture Out was very easy. Moving to a Park where we have shared common facilities, activities, great people and a VOTE has been so refreshing.

I currently serve on the Common Facilities Planning Committee and am a member of the Long- Range Planning Ad-Hoc Committee. I also belong to the Pickleball Club.

I decided to apply to the Condo Board to give back to our community. I so enjoy living at Venture Out and believe that with the skills/experience that I have with my background that I can meaningfully contribute to our community. I would be honored to serve as a Condo Board Member.

HIKING

Valerie Paetz 480-290-8275 Jim Cox 515-999-9554

Meet at the **Baja Bistro** Mondays at 7:45 am SHARP. Wear hiking boots or good heavy ribbed soled shoes. Gloves and hiking stick recommended. Bring water, lunch and \$5 for gas. Ratings: "A" easy to "D" tough. "D" hikes often have an easier alternative. (T) trail (B/W) Bushwhacking. Hikes may change so please check the **post office** hallway for updates. January 15: Devil's Canyon Loop. Lunch at Los Hermanos restaurant. 5 mile "C" hike (T&B/W) January 22: Hackberry/ Eight Fingers Loop. From 1st Water trail head to the junction (B/W) to 8 fingers, then (T) to Hackberry Spring and back to trailhead. 7 mile "C" hike..

ILLINOIS PARTY Karen Bibee 309-230-2527

The Illinois Party will be held February 11 in the Cabana Room. Social hour will be 4:30 to 5:30 pm with dinner around 5:45 pm. Please bring your own beverage, table service and a dish to share (appetizer, salad, vegetable, bread and butter or dessert). There is a sign-up sheet in the Post Office hallway. Coffee, water, ice and meat will be provided. Hope to see you then.

Pat Murphy 563-340-6404

lowa party Saturday,
February 10 in the Buena
Vista Ballroom. Cocktails
at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30
pm. Tickets will be sold
after the Grapevine and
during the Saturday lunch
events. \$6.00 per ticket.
For questions about tickets

call Ron or Carol Stiers at 319-321-4435 or 319-321-4195; Bill or Carol Stalter at 515-897-9800 or 515-360-6090.

KITCHEN BAND David Dagenais 708-710-6349

Your world famous kitchen band meets every Monday at 3:00 pm in the Oasis. We are always looking for new members. This year we are sponsored by the Heiny Wine Co. out of Gilbert. The Heiny Wine Co. was started by Philip A. and Anita Little back in 1935 when Phillip A. smuggled grape seeds out of Wrath, Germany, Always remember their slogan: "If you want to get the party going, grab a Little Heiny." Hope to see you **Monday** at 3:00 pm in the Oasis. We have professional grade musical instruments for only \$5.00.

LAWN BOWLING Mardal Flynn 431-336-1172

Wow, wanna have a great time? Come out and try Lawn Bowling. We had a successful Open House and now have new people out to try bowling and take lessons. So now is a good time to come out and try. Lessons are **Tuesdays** and Thursdays at 10:30 am. Our open play is 8:45 am and 12:45 pm every day. With those who show up, teams are made and games are played. There is no commitment. Come join us!

LIBRARY Ruby Erickson 480-924-9125

In the month of December, 947 books were signed out. This doesn't include any from the locked cases. Please sign out each book you take. When book is returned, cross off your name in the sign-out. The

slips above the sign-out book are there to help you find your name when you return the book. If you are returning a locked case book and no librarian is on duty, be sure to put it in the drop-box at the end of the large print. For books from the locked cases, the resident must have a badge. No exceptions.

MANITOBA PARTY

Vivian Jones
vivianjones3
@yahoo.com
Manitoba Party will be on
January 28 in the Oasis. It
is a potluck but also please
bring \$2.00. Sign-up sheet
is in the Post Office
hallway.

MEN'S POKER

Frank Taggart 480-220-1090 Men's Poker has started.

Men's Poker has started.
Play starts at 5:50 pm in the Classroom, Monday through Thursday & Saturday and in the Music Room on Fridays. The Classroom is located on the second floor of the Auxiliary Building, above the Activity Office.

MICHIGAN GATHERING

Ann Diehm 231-878-0614

Our state gathering will be **Friday**, **February 23**, at 6:00 pm in the Cabana Room EPC. Our planning committee has chosen to serve a soup tasting this year. Several varieties of soup will be provided as well as bread, butter and lemonade. Sign up at the Post Office Hallway to bring either a salad or dessert. Come to our gathering with \$3.00, your dish to share, table service and any special drink. We hope to see you there.

MINNESOTA GET TOGETHER

Linda Hamilton 218-839-5455

The Minnesota Get-Together will be **Saturday**, February 3 in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Social hour at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale through January 30. Don't be left out! Final sales will be at the Monday Grapevine and Tuesday ice cream social in the Bistro. Donated door prizes may be dropped off at 820 Debonair. It's Super Bowl time so wear your purple and gold.

MONTANA PARTY

Janet McCabe 406-789-7471

Our party is **Sunday**, **January 28** at **5:00 pm**. Remember to come to the **Ballroom**. Food and Music. BYOB and bring \$\$ for raffles and auction. Also an appetizer to share at your table.

NEBRASKA PARTY

Mary Springer 402-493-3389 Steve & Georgia Christensen 402-968-9095

Save the date. Nebraska gathering on Sunday, February 25 at Oasis. Door prize donations welcome. Look for sign-up sheet at Post Office Hallway. Details to follow.

NORTH DAKOTA PARTY

Pat and Walt Just 480-325-0138

The North Dakota party will be held **Tuesday**, **February 27**, in the **Oasis**. It will be pot luck with ham being provided. Happy hour is at **4:30 pm** with dinner at **5:15 pm**. A sign-up sheet is on the wall at the **Post Office**. Please let the

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(Continued from page 22) committee know what you plan to bring. Five dollars will be collected at the door to cover costs. Bring your own table service and beverage. Coffee will be provided. Please wear your **VO** name badge. Anyone from North Dakota in the past or presently is welcome to attend.

OREGON PARTY 2018 Judy Sell 503-407-0182

The Oregon Party for all Oregonians is set for Saturday, February 10, at 5:00 pm in the Oasis Tickets will be sold January 16 thru February 6 in the Baia Bistro during the Tuesday ice cream socials and at the Monday Grapevines. Ticket cost will be \$10 per person. At the Rib Party in November, we decided to go with a Chinese Cuisine dinner this year. We will need to have a final ticket sales count no later than Tuesday, February 6 in order to place our order for dinner. Please bring a small wrapped gift for our gift exchange, plus money for the 50/50 raffle. The gift theme is "Gifts from Oregon." Call Judy Sell at 503-407-0182 if you have any questions.

PET ASSOCIATION

Forrest Simmons 480-532-1813 Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 2:30 pm in the Cabana -EPC. Home & Art Tour is coming up on Sunday, February 11. We have flashers for sale. Be safe walking or riding at night. Pet Memorial board. Call Forrest.

ROCK AND GEM

Sue Nobles 505-205-7894

We have a lot going on. The Open House is **January 27** from **10:00 am** to 1:00 pm. January 27 is the Gospel concert at 3:00 pm in the Ballroom. Tickets available. Our Mahi Mahi dinner is February 14. Happy hour at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm. The club's year-end party is February 28 in the Oasis. Please sign up in the shop if you plan to attend. Stone carving is going on in the back of the shop. Classes are available at different costs. Please sign up in the Rock Shop if you'd like to take one.

SASKATCHEWAN PARTY

Nancy Welykholowa 306-590-8302 SK Party is on Tuesday, February 13 in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Dinner catered by Zappone's Italian Restaurant. Entertainment by SK singer Doug Bailey. Ticket sales DEADLINE: Tuesday. February 6. Ticket sales at all Grapevines

SHUFFLEBOARD

Dan Stuehrenberg 480-325-4880 Lessons Wednesdays at

9:15 am. Mentors assist novices Thursdays at 9:15. Congratulations to recent Gold Cap winners Ed Talboom and Grace Lintz. **January 9** Turkey Shoot winners were Men - #1 Ed Talboom, #2 Ron Wright, #3 John Goluk; Women - #1 Lucie Wood, #2 Anne Strain, #3 Diane Obert. Next Turkey Shoot will be **February 13**. Thanks to all who helped make the Any Doubles Tournament a success, especially tournament coordinator Carol Egli, who was assisted by Doreen Torcov, and kitchen coordinator Diane Obert. Volunteers needed for Paul McDermand concert January 29 and Pork Loin Dinner **February 7**.

SING 'N STRUM Merle Heise 480-830-5951

We get together and play chorded songs every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Auxiliary Ballroom. We'd love to have you join us if you play any type of stringed instrument. Call Merle for more info.

SOLOS David Dagenais 708-710-6349

Solos is a club built for the single, young at heart. Give us a try. We meet every Thursday at the Oasis. 4:00 to 5:00 pm is meet. greet and drink. 5:00 pm is time for our potluck dinner. We carpool to places and events outside VO. So if you have any ideas, let's put them in action.

SONS OF ISSACHAR STUDY **Bob Burkhart**

360-652-0444 Wednesdays 7:55 -9:30 am – Cabana Room – East Pool. Study of Bible prophecy. Everyone welcome. DVD presentations from notable Christian authors, pastors and speakers. We live in interesting times! Many people want to know if some of these events are in Bible prophecy, 300 prophecies were fulfilled perfectly for Christ's first coming. There are 500 prophecies for his second coming. The Bible tells us numerous times to watch. What are you watching for? Many things are happening now, and others still have to happen before He comes again.

SPADES

Thursday 7:00 pm in the Sonoran. Want to have fun playing cards? Join us every Thursday for this simple card game.

STITCH AND CHAT **Dianne Gilbert**

480-993-7794 We meet Thursdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Mojave Room for any and all sorts of stitching. We are not teachers but can get you started on a crochet or knitting project. If you have a neighbor who doesn't venture out of their house. bring them to our group they don't have to stitch they can just enjoy the group and chatting. In addition, if you have or know someone who has yarn they don't need or use, please donate it to our group for charity knitting and crocheting. Many thanks to all who have donated in the past!

SUNSHINE **CARVERS Bill Lees** 406-531-5657

We just completed our gourd class and are in the middle of our peach faced dove class. Come by and check out the results. Our raffle is scheduled for January 30. There are some nice, fun pieces available. Look for ticket sales at various fund raising events. Don't forget January 27 is the Hobby Center Open House. Eats, exhibits and items for sale will be available. Chips are still flying and gourds take on néw life. Stop in and check out the projects: walking sticks, canoe paddles, Northwest Indian designs, relief carving, birds, pyrography, caricatures and a wide variety of gourd work.

TABLE TENNIS / **PING PONG Al Manter**

253-584-6307

Since 2018 arrived we have gained several new members. The club is much busier now which is great. We play Monday, Tuesday (Continued on page 24)

(Continued from page 23) and Friday at the Auxiliary Ballroom from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Also, we play Thursday from 3:00 to 5:15 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am until noon. **Sunday** is open play from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. Please come and join us for a good time. Dues are very reasonable at \$5.00 a season.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Lauran Decker 702-659-0765 Through February 20, Cabana in the Venture Out East Pool Complex 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Program -Music, Praises, Prayer, Table Discussion and Video. **Through February** 20 - 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. If you did not attend the 2017 study, please contact me to reserve a 2018 spot! Lauran Decker (702) 659-0765, 910 Debonair, Lauran1945@yahoo.com•

WANTED - PIANO PLAYER

Ian Stenberg 480-452-3707

Happy Harpers are in need of a piano player, part or full time. Unfortunately, Gary Gunn has had to return to Canada for medical reasons and he is going to be greatly missed. Anyone interested contact lan Stenberg 480-452-3707.•

WASHINGTON STATE PARTY

Vista Ballroom. We'll have

chicken and potluck. Bring

Rich Kantak 206-931-4284 Mark your calendar for February 20 at Buena

Post Office. All current. past and (wannabe) Washingtonians welcome. Call Rich if interested in joining/helping planning committee. Also want to hear what party activities worked well (or not) and worth repeating.

WISCONSIN STATE **PARTY**

table service and BYOB.

Much more info soon at

Rhonda & Mick Viney 608-642-4112 & 608-642-4113

SAVE THE DATE -Saturday, February 24 in the Oasis. 5:00 pm social and 6:00 pm dinner. Current and former residents - win prizes & cash! Tickets (\$5) sold at Grapevine February 5, 12, 19 and Saturday meal events February 3, 10, 17 Tickets must be purchased by Monday, February 19. Brats, sauerkraut, baked beans, coffee, lemonade provided. Bring a salad or dessert for 10, own table service, beverage if desired, and WI-related door prize (optional). Help us plan on January 30, 3:30 pm at 408 Douglas OR sell tickets at events. assist with set-up, etc. Call if you can help.

WOMEN'S BOOK **GROUP**

Betsy Klofstad 480-854-8883

The following is a list of upcoming books we will be reviewing: The Underground Raiload by Colson Whitehead-January **26.** Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie-February 9. Our meetings are held on Friday mornings at 9:30 in the Mojave Room. New members welcome.

WOODSHOP

John Fuller 480-628-3019 Prepare for the **Hobby** Center Open House Saturday, January 27. Display your work for **VO** owners to see. Cleanup and set up Friday, January Please make and hand in your work for our raffle. We will be selling tickets in the Baja Bistro from Monday, February 5 to Saturday, February 17. The raffle will take place on Monday, February 19 in the **Ballroom** at **1:00 pm**. Knife sharpening – Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. No serrated blades. \$1.00 each knife.

GOLF SIGN-UPS **18-HOLE COURSES** ARIZONA GOLF **RESORT**

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

WESTERN SKIES

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

9-HOLE COURSES

ROYAL PALMS

Play Tuesdays 1:50 pm John Llovd 480-329-1439

SUNLAND VILLAGE

Play Wednesdays 2:15 pm Shotgun Start Charney & Pat Jones 306-688-0309

SUNLAND EAST

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

9-HOLE SIGN UP 7:45 am • Tuesdays

Sonoran

TREASURER

Jack Gehring 574-536-3366

President Judy Sell 503-4070182

CARDS & GAMES

Wed • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

Tue • 1:00 pm • Sat 7:00 pm Mojave

American Hand & Foot

Sat • 1:00 - 4:00 pm Sonoran

Court Whist

Sun • 6:30 pm • Sonoran

Duplicate Bridge

Wed • 6:00 pm Fri & Sat • 12:00 noon Mojave Room

Hand Foot & Toe

Wed. • 12:15 pm • Mojave

Mah Jongg

Tue • 6:30 pm Music Room

Men's Poker

M-Th & Sa · Classroom F • Music Room • 5:50 pm

Sat • 8:30 am • Classroom Mon • 1:00 pm • Classroom Scrabble

Social Bridge

Thur • 1:00 pm Sun • 6:00 pm Mojave Spades

Thur • 7:00 pm • Sonoran Women's Texas Hold 'em Sun • 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro



It's a Weekly Thing

TGIR - Thank Goodness I'm Retired!

HAPPY HOUR

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





BYOB, Snacks & Glass Ice & Water Provided

FRIDAY • JANUARY 26 3:00 - 5:30 pm • BAJA BISTRO

Friday Night Dance

January 26 **Julie Lee Band**

(Polka & Variety)

February 2
Midnight
Confessions
(Oldies Rock)

February 9 Cowboy Up

(Country Western)



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

50/25/25 Raffle

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 - 10:00 PM BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Worship service

January 28 Speaker: Rev Davis

Antonson

Offering to Genesis Project

Feb. 4 Speaker: Rev. Paul

Harrington

Offering to Salvation Army

GABFEST

Come enjoy fresh coffee and donuts!



Coffee 75¢ and Donuts \$1.25

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

Sponsored by the Glass Arts Club

WORSHIP SERVICE • 9:00 AM • SUNDAYS
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM
GABFEST • 8:30 AM • • BAJA BISTRO

It's the VO "GRAPEVINE"



Free Coffee & Donuts!

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

Mondays 9:00 am • Baja Bistro

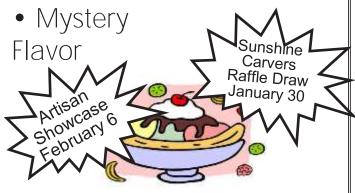
It's a Weekly Thing

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Vanilla

Chocolate

\$1.00 a scoop with free toppings!



Please bring your own bowl & spoon.

EVERY TUESDAY 1:30 - 2:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring "STUDIO 3 PERFORMING

Studio 3 Performing Arts Broadway "

At Studio 3 Performing Arts, the instructors strive to produce professional quality performances that highlight the unique talents of each student. This gives everyone a chance to feel like they're



on a Broadway stage!
Enjoy this high energy musical theater revue featuring songs and scenes inspired by popular Broadway musicals. Phenomenal dance numbers and your favorite characters await!

(Pass the Hat)

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

Tuesday • January 30 5:00 pm • Baja Bistro



DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM



singing, duos, dance demonstrations and much more! BYOB, Snacks, Glass and Ice & Water

Provided.

TGIR - Thank Goodness I'm Retired!

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 2 3:00 - 5:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO

It's a Weekly Thing

Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring "Kitchen Band"



The Venture Out award-winning Kitchen Band and their everenthusiastic conductor will stir up some spicy fun as they entertain this evening while performing on instruments made

out of tea pots, wash boards, kazoos and frying pans. A memorable performance that gives your kitchen spatula a whole new purpose in life!

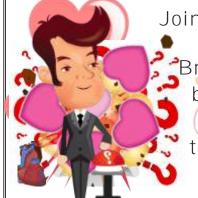
Bring table service and beverage glass and a dish to serve eight. Beverage provided.

Tuesday • February 6 5:00 pm • Baja Bistro

VALENTINE TRIVIA BLAST!

Hosts:

Forrest & Jan Simmons



Join us for group trivia! Bring your own

bottle, glass, snacks and thinking cap!

50/50 Drawing Tickets \$1 each

Ice & Water Provided

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

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 9 3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO



Venture Out Pickleball VS the Mesa Fire Department Two teams entered the Pickleball court and VO came out the winner!



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

DON'S CLASSIC KARAOKE



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

TGIR - Thank Goodness I'm Retired!

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 16 3:00 - 5:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO

7:30 AM WATER EXERCISE

Robbie Oldemar 480-396-9987

Start your morning off with gentle aerobic exercise in the **West Pool at 7:30 am**. We exercise everything from head-to-toes **Monday thru Friday**. It's a lot of fun and a great way to start your day. We even stop to share a joke or two. Check us out. Any questions please call Robbie 480-396-9987.

8:45/9:00 AM – WATER AEROBICS – WEST POOL Marie Austin

480-396-8766
Water Aerobics with Music and Noodles starting at 8:45 am at the West Pool

8:45 am at the West Pool Monday through Saturday. These classes are free, so come and join us in our Warm, Wet and Wonderful Water and stay Fit and Fabulous with us. And remember, exercises done in the water are less stressful on the body and produce great results. And, don't forget, Wednesday is Fashion Hat Day at the West Pool. If you have any questions, please call.

ADVANCED LINE DANCE Cindy Gould 308-830-3383

Advanced Line Dance class will teach true intermediate level line dances. This class is for those who love the dances taught the last half hour of the intermediate level line dance class already offered in the park. Wednesdays in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Lessons from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Open floor request music and dances from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Come join the fun dances and fun music. Free!.

BALLS, BANDS AND BALANCE CLASS

Ann Marie Henry 480-205-5942

Balance, coordination and core strength are linked to improved posture and mobility as well as fall prevention. Come join in the fun! Exercises can be performed standing or seated in a chair. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes. This class is suitable for all fitness levels. Please bring yourself, a band if you have one and water. **Tuesday** and Thursday from 10:00 to 10:45 am in the Cabana at the **EPC**. \$4 per class Please contact me with any questions. Hope to see you there.

BEADING Loralee Campbell 503-680-9136

Classes are every Monday and Friday from 1:30 -4:00 pm in the Sonoran. Beading Kits are available for purchase. These include everything you need to complete the project. Prices range from \$10.00-\$25.00. Must sign up on sign-up genius to attend classes. Contact Loralee to get on the mailing list. Drop in begins at **2:30 pm** for anyone wanting to complete projects from previous classes. If you are interested in Beading, you can sign up for a beginning class. Contact Loralee for information or just come by the Sonoran around 2:30 pm. Hope you can join

BEGINNING SWIM LESSONS Shirlee J. Flug 602-538-2959

Lessons are for people who are uncomfortable or afraid in the water. Class size is limited. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the EPC. Classes to be held on Tuesday or Wednesday. Looking forward to working with you!••

DANCE AEROBICS Ann Fox & Em Williams 480-654-2141 Tuesday and Thursday

Tuesday and Thursday 8:40 – 9:20 am. Buena Vista Ballroom. No charge.

EAST POOL WATER AEROBICS Elma Becker 480-695-7222

These exercises are gentle but effective if you are rehabbing a new joint. The water resistance helps to loosen the joint. The workout is designed to raise your cardio and also you may lose some pounds if you work hard. Plus, you will make new friends for life. Come join us at 9:00 and 10:00 am Monday to Saturday. So come and join us. Elma Becker 480-695-7222•

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS AND BALANCE Ann Marie Henry 480-205-5942

Utilizing a chair, bands, and weights, come work on your balance, coordination and core strength. Let's improve posture and mobility as well as fall prevention. Come join in the fun! Most exercises can be performed standing or seated in a chair. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes. This class is suitable for all fitness levels. Please bring yourself, a band if you have one and water. Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 10:45 am in the Cabana at the EPC. \$4 per class Please contact me with any questions. Hope to see you there.

LEARN TO DANCE WITH SHALL WE DANCE!

Mona Brandt 480-491-2393 info@shallwedancephoenix.

shallwedancephoenix.com
Mona Brandt is back on
Monday afternoons 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.

LINE DANCING Liz Johnson 712-298-4019

Line dancing, Auxiliary
Ballroom, Thursday
Beginners 12:30 pm;
intermediate 1:15 pm. Last
week we danced to Boot
Shooting Bogey, Broadwalk and Rock and Roll
waltz. Contact Liz Johnson
for information.•

MASSAGE THERAPY Maryanne Schuster 210-287-4719

I am excited for this year. Keep in mind massage therapy is a cost-effective therapy that can greatly improve patients with muscular pain. Massage therapy is more cost effective than other specialists in improving physical function pain. Massage as a preventive or routine maintenance is a valuable investment. What a wonderful gift, the gift of health. Massage gift certificates are available Monday – Saturday. \$50.00 an hour. Call Maryanne to schedule your massage...

MEDITATION AND SOUND HEALING

Join Gretchen Bickert for an introduction to meditation and sound healing February 6, March 6 & 27 in the Cabana from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm! Signup in the EPC required. Classes \$5 each. Every other week we will learn techniques to help us with meditating and becoming mindful. There are many ways we can bring the meditative mind into our daily lives. Its not just about sitting in lotus position and chanting Om! Learning to become mindful and present in our daily lives goes a long way to helping us to get the most of each moment. We will also spend some time just being as Sound and Vibration does its work to heal us! There will be time for questions and discussion

PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING Ann Marie Henry 480-205-5942

If you are looking for a personalized fitness program to help you improve your mobility, strength, balance, coordination, aerobic capacity or flexibility, I am ready to help. Or, if you are comfortable working out, I can also design a custom program for you to do on your own. One-on-one sessions, partner sessions, small group sessions and program design will be conducted in the Cabana at the **EPC**. Hours are by appointment only. Prices vary. Please contact me for more information.

QIGONG Pamela Halpin 480-231-1038

New year, new beginnings, new you! Try a class to start something new and give yourself the gift of health and mindfulness. Qigong Class is on **Wednesdays** in

the Cabana room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Qigong is a moving meditation done standing or sitting and honoring your own body's ability to move. Qigong are ancient Chinese practices that promote health, vitality and longevity. Mind-body practices of posture, breathing, and gentle movement to activate the 'relaxation response' which helps us to use the natural healing capabilities in our bodies. Each class is \$5.00. ••

ROUND DANCE Lori Harris 480-664-0805

You can learn to dance at VO in the New Year! Our 5week jive/swing class for beginners is 1:00 - 3:00 pm, and our 6-week cha cha class for beginners is 10:00 am - noon. Both classes are held in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Learn the basic steps, gain a better understanding of music, and practice leading and following. Dancing is fun and exciting in our beautiful ballroom! A weight -bearing exercise, dancing is also good for our bones. \$8 per couple. Singles are welcome. too...

STONE CARVING Jean Bachynsky 480-907-5910

Come and find your bear among the rocks at the **Lapidary** shop. All returning carvers are welcome as well. 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! Monday-Friday in the Buena Vista Ballroom at 8:00-8:30 am. Weights on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It's co-ed AND it's FREE!•••

TAI CHI Kathy Smith 403-547-2359

Tai chi resumed practice on January 3. Hours are 9:00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2018.••

WEIGHT WATCHERS Sue Ruthstrom 602-248-0303

Lose weight with Weight Watchers. Join us for a new 10 week series beginning January 18, 2018 @ 3:45 pm in the Sonoran. \$130 for 10 Week Program.•

WEST POOL 10:00 WATER EXERCISE Jan Smith 612-280-4673

We're up and running. Having fun while getting in a wee bit of exercise. Only requirement – suits and smiles. See you soon.

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. Free! ••••

ZUMBA GOLD Michelle Dulansky 818-268-1410

Come dance, shake and have fun, all while burning calories. Zumba Gold is a low impact, dance cardio class. No dance experience is needed, easy to follow steps and routines. Make some new friends while grooving to the hottest Latin and World Music tracks.

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

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 West Pool Water Exercise

10:00 - 11:00 am • M-F Zumba Gold

Mon • 8:00 am Wed • 12:00 pm • Cabana

KNOW YOUR GYM



Fitness Volunteers are available to demonstrate the proper use of the exercise equipment available in the EPC Fitness Center:

Monday - Friday 8:00 to 10:00 am

Look for individuals at the EPC desk wearing a "Volunteer" badge. Please understand these are volunteers not certified trainers.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 - 10:00 AM FITNESS CENTER AT THE EPC

Sudoku

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

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

BLOOD PRESSURE Monitor your Blood 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 needed to assist

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK EVERY MONDAY 9:45 - 11:15 AM COMMUNITY CENTER LOBBY

FRIDAY SEMINAR

"Art of Gardening"



Art masterpieces on the walls of great museums and gardens throughout the world influence our own backyard gardens. Gardens, like art, touch our emotions. This is why humanity has turned to gardens for conversation, recreation, food and restoration of the

spirit. This presentation by Traveling Gardener, Linda Larson, will include illustrations of original images from public and private gardens across the U.S., Canada, Australia, Europe, British Isles and Scandinavia. The ideas are sure to delight and inspire attendees to design their own masterpiece garden using five memorable guidelines.

FRIDAY • JANUARY 26
1:30 pm • AUXILIARY BALLROOM



Miles of smiles at Venture Out



"Lifesaver Class"

Presented by Mesa Fire Department

- Hands on CPR with adult and infant manikins
- AED use
- Familiarization with the 911 system and the fire department



- How to protect yourself from body fluids
- What to do in an emergency
- Learn First Aid skills for bleeding and shock
- Choking: adults and infants

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

Monday • January 29 8:00 -10:00 am • The Cabana (EPC)

Venture Out's

Heart Healthy 5K (3.1 mile)

Stroll · Walk · Power Walk · Jog · Run



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

Ham Radio operators on duty to assist en route!

Tuesday • January 30 • 10:00 am 9:55 am Warm-Up Stretches
Outside Front Community Center

BREAK FAST WITH

"Skin Cancer"

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Join Banner Health as the discuss prevention, diagnosis and treatment. It is ill also discuss treatment updates and advances in the most fatal types of skin cancer. From breakingt provided.

*Please note time. Sign-tary unit in the EPC. Limited to 50 participants a specified by Banner

Sign up or the EPC Bullet h

Free Event! Sponsored By

50 participants



Banner Health®

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 1
9:00 AM • CABANA

FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS

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

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

No Studying Required! No Test! No Cost!



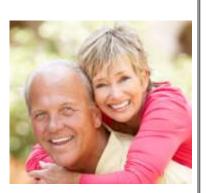
No need to go off property to take a test.

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

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 2 10:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO

Free Dental Consultation

Meet with the Dr. Pease & Associates Family Dentistry in the EPC Therapy Room 2 on Friday, January 5 for a free dental consultation.



Sign-up required on the bulletin board at the EPC

Keep that smile healthy!

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 2 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • EPC THERAPY ROOM 2

FRIDAY SEMINAR

"Bonsai Trees"



Bonsai Trees captivate us through their unique styles and design. Susie Kingston of the Phoenix Bonsai Society will discuss the history of Bonsai

trees and the challenges you might encounter growing Bonsai in the desert. Learn about the different "styles" of Bonsai, including, informal upright, cascade and literati. She will also bring a display of Bonsai Trees including tropicals, desert and deciduous.

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 2
1:30 pm • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

SPECIAL CLASS

Native Flute Workshop

The hauntingly beautiful sounds of the native flute speak to your spirit. Using the life force of your breath, you express your feelings and emotions through the flute. Learn the techniques and concepts necessary to play this unique instrument, which requires no musical background or formal lessons. Topics include overview of the native flute, basic fingering, breath control, sounds and embellishments, care of the flute, songs and tablature, selecting a flute, and playing from the heart. Flutes will be provided for the workshop and available for purchase. Sign-up in the Post Office Hallway. Pay with

cash only at the class Wednesday, February 7 at 2:00 pm in the Music Room. \$20.00.

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 7 2:00 PM • MUSIC ROOM

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

"Use it or Lose it"



Learn secrets to staying young, being happy and maintaining your brain health. Your genes play the biggest role in how long you'll live, but if you adopt a healthy lifestyle you

will maximize your genetic potential.

1. Stay active. 2. Eat your fruits and veggies. 3. Reach for whole grains. 4. Don't smoke. 5. Sleep enough, but not too much. 6. Maintain a healthy weight. 7. Minimize red meat.

8. Manage stress. Presented by resident Dr. Bernard Hoggarth.

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 8
1:00 PM • THE CABANA (EPC)

55 Alive Safe Driving Course

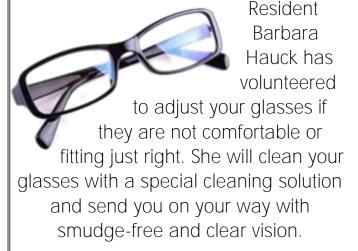


Venture Out is offering an AARP Driver Safety course. If your insurance company is one of those that participates, this course will help with your car insurance costs by as much as 20%. It will be held in the Oasis on Friday, December 9 at

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 • FEBRUARY 9 8:00 AM • OASIS

Do Your Eyeglasses Need to be Adjusted?



FRIDAYS RESUMING FEBRUARY 9 9:30-10:30 AM THERAPY ROOM #2 (EPC) FRIDAY SEMINAR

Ordeal of Reconstruction "1865-1877"



Venture Out history buff and resident, Ron Gumm, returns to examine one of the most turbulent and violent periods of American history. In discussing the Ordeal of Reconstruction

fron 1865-1877 Ron will expand on major influences of this time including President Andrew Johnson, Thaddeus Stevens, Charles Sumner, as well as the Freedmen's Bureau, Black Codes and radical Republicans.

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 9
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

"Hip & Knee Pain"



Medical professionals from Mountain Vista Medical Center will enlighten you on the uncomfortable world of hip and knee pain. The pair

knee pain. The pain of damaged joints and bones can be debilitating. From congenital defects to athletic injuries and the effects of old age, we've all experienced joint pain at one time or another. Discover the latest in options to relieve pain and the most innovative options for knee and hip replacements.

THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 15 1:00 PM • THE CABANA (EPC) FRIDAY SEMINAR

"Second Generation Holocaust Survivors"

Evidence shows that the children of Holocaust survivors, referred to as the "Second Generation", can be deeply affected negatively and positively by the horrific events



their parents experienced. This "Second Generation" realizes the urgency in keeping the memories of their families alive, by telling their stories. Venture Out welcomes a small group of these "Second Generation" children and their amazing life experiences. Limited Space

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 16
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

Heal thy Eating Cooking Class Conducted by Chef Joseph Turley

\$20.00 includes instruction, samples & recipes

Sign up & pay in the Activity Office Deadline: Noon, Friday February 16

Reversing Inflammation



You will learn which common foods possess anti-inflammatory properties, and which familiar Pro-inflammatory foods (even in a natural foods diet) can aggravate a condition.

Monday • February 19 11:00 am • The Sonoran

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



THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 22 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SIGN UP IN POST OFFICE HALLWAY
BLOOD MOBILE •
COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT

This and That

PHOTO DIRECTORY

For those who had their picture taken, your free directory is ready to be picked up in the Activity

Office -

Directories are also available for a \$5.00 donation to the Venture Out Social Club.

IN THE ACTIVITY OFFICE MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM -3:30 PM



The Sportsplex Grand Opening and VO Pickleball Vs Mesa Fire Department Throw Down was a crowd pleaser!

Please Register...

YOUR PET

Registration is for the pet's safety. If an emergency occurs, park staff can contact the Pet Association to care for 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

Cate:

Seasonal: \$10.00 Monthly: \$5.00



ALL SEASON!
PICK UP TAGS FROM THE ACTIVITY OFFICE
DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS



This and That



2018 Artisan Showcase

Entry Form
Tuesday • February 6 • Baja Bistro RESIDENT VOTING 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM WINNERS ANNOUNCED 2:00 PM

All mediums of art accepted. The ONLY requirements are that a "Butterfly" must be incorporated somewhere in the artwork and the art work must be original. A maximum of two entries per person accepted. Bring your entries to the Baja Bistro between 8:30 - 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 6

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

RETURN Name:	THIS FORM TO THE ACTIVITY OFFICE BY 3:30 pm • Friday, February 2 Address:
Email: _	
Phone:	
Type of	Entry: 1)2)

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDIES

Jean Sanders-6087784520

Please call the hostess or guide for availability and any other information. The following Bible studies are open to everyone. Groups started in January so it is recommended to call a hostess or guide for information. The following abbreviations identify different groups.

W-Women, M-Men, M/W-Men and Women					
Group	Day	Time	Contact	Phone Title	
W	M	9:00 am	Karen Wood	563-210-0152	
			\	What is God Like	
W	M	10:30 am	Carol Davidson	503-640-5003	
				Miracles	
W	Τ		Lauren Decker		
		Eı	ntrusted-11 Timot	hy (Beth Moore)	
M/W	W	8:00 am	Bob Burkhart		
		Bik	olical Prophecy (S	Sons of Issachar)	
W	W	9:30 am	Blanch Rasmuss	sen480-325-9429	
				Philippians	
W	W	9:30 am	Jean Sanders	608-778-4520	
				vith God (Prayer)	
W	TH		Jean Sanders		
		Gro	wing in the Chris	tian Life (James)	

Contact Jean Sanders (608-778-4520) if interested in starting a study group.

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

 Putter and ball available at the Green

and women!



Be sure to bring...

- Putter
- Ball
- \$1.00

All invited to participate! No experience necessary! Chairpersons:

Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 10 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM • PUTTING

This and That

CONTINENTAL COFFEE HOUR

Inspirational Speaker: Julie Whaley: "Everything Has a Price...What Are You Worth" Special music by the Jems-Janice, Jeanne, Sandra



Bring your coffee cup, saucer and a friend, Women and men are invited. Blocks 200, 300, 400 please bring muffins or sweet breads. A freewill offering will be taken.

Questions contact Jean Sanders 608-778-4520

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 3 9:00 TO 10:15 AM BUENA VISTA BALLROOM



Plenty of sunshine and good music at Music by the Pool



Room Reservation forms for the 2018-2019 season will be available in advance from the Activity Office . Completed forms will be accepted in the Activity Office beginning Tuesday, February 27 at 8:00am. Please plan accordingly.



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

Now Available from the Activity Office

Artisan Showcase

Come vote for your favorite!



All mediums of art displayed. This year, these original pieces will have a

"Butterfly"

incorporated somewhere in the artwork. Woodwork, glass art, oil and watercolor paintings, quilts, woodcarving and more. All created by Venture Out residents.

Maximum of 2 entries accepted per person

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 6 • BAJABISTRO RESIDENT VOTING 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM WINNERS ANNOUNCED 1:45 PM

This and That

Putting Tournament Winners for January 13 Prizes can be picked up at the Activity Office



Carded back from #7 2nd round

NEW IMAGE FASHIONS BY DON SCOTT

- Major brand fashions at 25%-75% off retail prices!
- Over 9,000 new resort-oriented fashions and swim suits by Ruby Road, Maxine Swimwear, Impulse of Calif., Tribal, Erin London, Valentina & others
- Sizes to fit 4 petite -3X Women's
- Watch Batteries replaced for \$3.00



Bringing the store to you!

MONDAY • FEBRUARY 5 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM BAJA BISTRO

No Wood Needed

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



Attention Residents

Here is the break down for fines attached to speeding in the park:



First Violation Notice will result in a warning.

Second Violation Notice will result in a \$25 fine.

Third Violation Notice will result in a \$50 fine.

Fourth Violation Notice will require the offender to appear before the Condo Board for further action.

The posted speed limit in the park is 10 MPH.

Thank You for your cooperation.

Brandon Fowers Chief of Security

MarketPlace

It's a smorgasbord of jewelry, cosmetics, tools and other



must-haves that you
can't do without and
just-gotta-have
"thingamajiggies."
Don't miss your
chance to find that
special unique item.
All licensed
yendors!

Be sure to have lunch at the VO Diner!

Thursday • February 8 9:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro 11:00 am - 12:45 pm • Ed's Grill Open

This and That

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 19
Jan 19
Jan 26
Jan 27
Jan 28
Jan 30
Feb 1
Feb 2
Feb 2
Feb 3
Feb 8
Feb 15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Les and Sandy Hanson
Jan 25 54 years
George and Bev Goodno
Jan 30 58 years
Tom and Cheryl Epping
Feb 4 1 year

HAVE YOU HEARD?

To submit information Email Pat Laurita at pattyjo2012@gmail.com or call the Activity Office at 480-832-9000 Betty Block of 819 Merlin passed away January 4. Cards may be sent to her husband James Block, 5001 E Main St #980, Mesa, AZ 85205. A celebration of life will be held on January 27 at 4:00 pm held between 819 & 821 Merlin. Please bring a side dish or dessert. RSVP by **January 20** to Marilyn at 902 Merlin - 480-364-9790. Faye Bowman a Former Resident passed away January 12. Condolences can be sent to her family at 6302-224th S.W. Montlake Terrace, WA, 98043-2540

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION



Should you be new to our beautiful community, as a homeowner or a renter, please plan to attend a Newcomers' Orientation Friday, February 2, 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.

Venture Out Jurns 50 in

The first lot at Venture Out was sold on January 20, 1970 and so the legacy began!

In honor of Venture Out and the many, many individuals who have traveled though the front gate to their home away from home, the Condo and Social Boards invite you to be a part of the 50Th Celebration in 2020.

However, much must be organized before that event happens! If you would be interested in serving on a planning committee for this celebration or have old photos, storied of family members or friends you'd like to share stop into the Activity Office or email

Recdir@ventureoutrvresort.com

Here's to "50" and "50" more!

Reminder:

The Speed Limit in Venture Out is 10 M.P.H. Slow down and stay safe.



Time for a swim and serenade at the Music by the Pool

Venture Out Foundation of Arizona, Inc.

A nonprofit IRS 501 (c) (3) Corporation supporting projects and programs for Venture Out residents that support the dignity and independence of residents in their own homes

Current Projects and Programs are Veterans Recognition Park near the entrance on Main Street

Medic Alert and assistance for vulnerable residents

Walk of Fame bricks adjacent to VO center Projects in the works are

Sharing mobility devices through an online database

Creating a secure pedestrian public transportation access to Broadway On February 21 please join us for our next program on trusts, wills, and other issues pertaining to Arizona law for estates.





Manager's Corner

January 26, 2018



This week's occupancy is 1604 or 91.71% vs.1584 the last report and 1491 the year prior. There are currently 434 renters in the park.

The Architectural Committee is holding their annual contractors meeting at 9:00 A.M. today in the Oasis. If you are planning on building this year please attend to be better informed.

We've had a little bit of excitement these last couple of weeks. A Pizza delivery lady t-boned the front planter, but a small miracle, she had decent insurance, so we have repaired and replanted the planter and have already submitted the costs to her insurance company.

On Friday we had a small fire start in the men's sauna. It was quickly extinguished by two lot owners who also found out our 911 button at the front desk in the fitness room works like a charm. The fire Department arrived and determined there was no fire danger. Staff came in and shut down the power. The electrician looked at the sauna and found the heating element heavily calcified and rusted. He said it was likely that we had folks coming in and using the sauna still dripping from the pool. That we must make sure everyone towel dries down before stepping in the sauna. We have ordered two new heating elements and expect them in, in the next two weeks.

The west pool north hot tub has been down while waiting for a part as well. We expect it still this week and hope to get it up and running the day it comes in. While the tub was down, Paul took the opportunity to repair some tiles.

We are currently working on budget items which is only a month away. We have several infrastructure projects on the plans for this next summer; sealcoating most of the west side of the community, some street replacements and at the minimum beginning to install conduit for new street lighting. The street lights are as old as the community so its time to make these kinds of plans. Probably the largest work load right now, is the 36 new transmittals we are working on from the clubs in addition to those still in the hopper. Most of these are capital projects, some are long term but many are short term requests. We will be trying to get bids on these items in time for budget which is very little time to work on so many of these. This is also the time that we look for regular maintenance items that must be addressed during the summer.

All RV spots have been reserved for next season, but we do need anyone who wants an RV storage space in the SE corner to please come in now and fill out your reservation forms. Lynette did an amazing job last year squeezing as many RV's into the corner that she could, but we do have a wait list for the spaces so let us know ASAP that you still require your space.

A Survey Monkey survey will be coming out soon in your e-mail, asking for feedback on parking in the community. This was drafted by the Safety and Security committee. We hope you will all participate.

We are starting to beta test the wifi this next week with approximately 50 volunteers. We will report on this in the coming weeks and we thank all of the volunteers in advance.

It looks like another beautiful weekend coming up, so get out and enjoy it!

Mary Schmit



Recreation Update

January 26, 2018

Grab the flyer from today's edition of the Out-Lines and enjoy a delicious Mexican Meal Deal at Tia Rosa's located at 891 N. Higley Road in Gilbert. 15% of your bill will be donated back to the Venture Out Social Club. If you pass Guadalupe Road turn around because you've gone too far!

The Woodshop, Silversmith, Sunshine Woodcarvers, Rock & Gem, Handymen, Pet Association and the Green Committee open their doors on Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm for the ever-popular Hobby Center Open House. You won't want to miss this!

The Glass Art Club welcomes everyone to visit their beautiful facility for their Open House on Wednesday, January 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. You won't want to miss this either!

Before heading the Hobby Center Open House on Saturday, be sure to fill up on a breakfast burrito in the Baja Bistro. Breakfast is served 7:30 - 9:00 am for only \$5.00 and that includes all the coffee you can drink. Be sure to BYOTSAM (Bring Your Own Table Service and Mug)

Tickets are currently on sale in the Activity Office for the January 27 Rock and Gem Club sponsored Gospel Concert featuring The Legacy Quartet. Tickets will also be available at the door the afternoon of the performance. The concert begins at 3:00 pm with doors opening to the Buena Vista Ballroom at 2:30 pm.

There are a few tickets available for the delicious Salmon potluck dinner to be held in the Baja Bistro Monday, January 29.

The Woodshop will sell tickets for their gigantic, humongous, packed-to-the gill raffle beginning Monday, February 5 until their draw in the Buena Vista Ballroom on February 19. Tickets available Monday through Saturday in the Baja Bistro.

Be sure to check out the All-City Pickleball Tournament taking place on February 6-9. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and we just happen to have some of the finest courts in the valley!

There are still a few tickets for the Pickleball sponsored California Dreaming. You just might get lucky if you get to the Activity Office right now and get those tickets.

There's still time to pick up tickets for the February 1 Taco Salad lunch prepared by the mighty Tennis Club. Tickets are only \$6.50 and you are guaranteed one of the tastiest taco salads in town!

Please remember when a room is occupied do not enter. This is particularly true for the Mojave Room. Go a feet more and enter through the main Lobby entrance. Your cooperation is appreciated by all.

You just might notice the mouthwatering smell of grilled hot dogs around the Community Center on Saturday, February 3. That's because the Poolroom Association will be grilling their famous jumbo dogs while the Croquet Club sells their delectable Bundt cake and the Library offers another of their incredible book sales. Tickets may be purchased at the event. As a special bonus the talented VO Combo will perform for your listening pleasure. Hope to see you there!

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

The Shuffleboard Club is sponsoring the extremely talented Paul McDermand in concert on Monday, January 29 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Tickets are available from the Activity Office for at the door the evening of the performance.

There's still time to buy tickets to the party for the biggest football game of the year. It's going to be an afternoon of crazy tailgating games, great football on three large screens, unbelievable door prizes, football pools and great meal to top it all off. Again this year, the event is being held in the Buena Vista Ballroom with the popular lounge seating available! Tickets may be purchased until Wednesday, 10:00 am January 31 in the Activity Office.

NEW THIS YEAR! Room Reservation forms for the 2018-2019 season may now be picked up in advance from the Activity Office. However, completed forms will not be accepted in the Activity Office until 8:00am, Tuesday, February 27.

Venture Out is a huge facility with numerous things to do, clubs to join and fun to be had. But if you're new to this beautiful community it can all be a bit overwhelming. We can help sort it out and answer any questions and concerns you may have at the Newcomers Orientation Friday, February 2 at 9:30 am in the Mojave Room.

Have you turned in your application for the Artisan Showcase? All mediums of art are accepted in this friendly competition as long as a "butterfly" is incorporated somewhere in the art work. Monarch, Swallowtail, Nymphalidae or Pieridae...any kind of butterfly! Remember all art work must be original and two entries per person will be accepted.

One of the most popular dinners is just around the corner on Wednesday, February 7. Tickets for the Shuffleboard sponsored Pork Loin Dinner are currently on sale from the Activity Office for \$8.50.

Please do not change the settings on the TV's in the Fitness Center. Should you wish a different station you may use one of the remotes made available on the walls located on either side of the Cardio equipment.

The next Food Handler's class is schedule for Friday, February 2 at 10:00 am in the Baja Bistro. No studying required. No test given! Hope to see you there!

The Solos Club is sponsoring a new act for their Cabaret Show this season. We3 is a soft jazz/blues trio comprised of three extremely talented women including Nicole Pesce on the piano. Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale from the Activity Office.

See you at the Heart Healthy 5K and the 30 Sunshine Carvers Raffle draw on Tuesday, January 30 and at Don's Variety Show on February 2. Both to be eventful!

Teresa Beally

Activity Director

recdir@ventureoutrvresort.com

DAILY TIMETABLE

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Co-ed Exercise	7:25 -7:55 am	BV Ballroom
Water Exercise	7:30 am	West Pool
Bocce Open Play	7:30 am	Bocce Courts
Know your Gym	8:00 -10:00 am	EPC
Stretch & Tone	8:00 am	BV Ballroom
Croquet Open Play	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Croquet
Sewing Room	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Sewing Room
Noodles	8:45 am	West Pool
Lawnbowling	8:45 am	Lawnbowling
Water Aerobics	8:45 am	West Pool
Water Aerobics	9:00 am	East Pool
E-Club Treasurer	9:00 - 10:00 am	E-Club
Water Aerobics	10:00 am	East Pool
Water Exercise	10:00 am	West Pool
Librarian on Duty	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Library
Children's Swimming	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Swimming	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	West Pool
Lawnbowling	12:45 am	Lawnbowling
Post Office	3:00 - 4:30 pm	VO Post Office
Children's Swimming	4:00 - 7:00 pm	East & West Pool
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

Weekly Recurring Events

MONDAYS

Hiking	7:45 am	Baja Bistro
Zumba Gold 12-4	8:00 am	Cabana
Grapevine	9:00 am	Baja Bistro
Men's 8-Ball Tourny	9:00 am	Pool Room
Fired Clay Teacher	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Fired Clay
Tai Chi	9:00 - 10:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Blood Pressure Check	9:45 - 11:15 am	CC Lobby
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Line Dance Beginners	12:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Ham 2M	1:00 pm	Ham Shack
Learn to Dance	1:00 - 3:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Beading	1:30 - 4:00 pm	Sonoran
Kitchen Band	3:00 pm	Oasis
Tennis Beginners class	3:30 pm	Court 5
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom
Pinochle	6:30 pm	Mojave
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

TUESDAYS

9-hole Golf Sign-Up	7:45 am	Sonoran
Rock & Gem Open	8:00 am -12:00 noon	Lapidary
Dance Aerobics	8:40 am—9:20 am	BV Ballroom
Happy Harpers	9:00 - 10:00 am	Music Room
Lawn Bowl Lessons	10:30 am	Lawn Bowl Court

Conversational German	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Sonoran
500	1:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Fired Clay Teacher	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Fired Clay
Bocce Treasurer	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Ice Cream Social	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Baja Bistro
Potluck	5:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom
Mah Jongg	6:30 pm	Music Room
Cribbage	6:45 pm	Mojave
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

WEDNESDAYS

Sons of Issachar	8:00 - 9:30 am	Cabana
Tai Chi	9:00 - 10:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Shuffleboard Lessons	9:15 am	Shuffleboard
Croquet Lessons	4000 4000	•
Singles Doubles	10:00 - 12:00 pm 1:00 - 2:30 pm	Croquet
Qigong	10:30 - 2:30 pm	Croquet Cabana
Knife Sharpening	11:00 am—1:00 pm	Woodshop
Zumba Gold 12-6	12:00 pm	Cabana
Fired Clay Class	9:00 am	Fired Clay Studio
Hand-Foot-Toe	12:15 pm	Mojave Rm
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Ham 2M	1:00 pm	Ham Shack
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom
Scrabble	6:00 pm	Sonoran
Duplicate Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Texas Hold-em	7:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
31	7:00 pm	Sonoran

<u>THURSDAYS</u>		
Rock & Gem Open	8:00 am -12:00 noon	Lapidary
Dance Aerobics	8:40 am—9:20 am	BV Ballroom
Biking Group	9:00 am Out	side Activity Office
Stitch'N'Chat	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mojave
Art in the Park	9:00 am	Sonoran
Happy Harpers	9:00 - 10:00 am	Music Room
Lawn Bowl Lessons	10:30 am	Lawn Bowl Court
Creative Writing	1:00 - 3:30 pm	Sonoran
Social Bridge	1:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Fired Clay Teacher	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Fired Clay
Line Dance Beginners	12:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Line Dance Intermediate	1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Table Tennis	3:00 - 5:15 pm	Aux Ballroom
Weight Watchers	3:45 pm	Sonoran
Solos Social	4:00 pm-HH 5:00 pm-D	inner Oasis
Bingo	Doors 5:15 pm	
	Play 6:45 pm	BV Ballroom
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom
Pinochle	6:30 pm	Mojave
Spades	7:00 pm	Sonoran
Sing'n'Strum	7:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

DAILY TIMETABLE

FRIDAYS			MONDAY	JANUARY 29	
Croquet Organized Play	9:00 am	Croquet	Lifesaver Class	8:00—10:00 am	Cabana
Tai Chi	9:00 - 10:00 am	Aux Ballroom	Salmon BBQ & Potluck	5:00 & 6:30 pm	Baja Bistro
Eyeglass Adjustment	9:30 - 10:30 am	Therapy #2	Paul McDermqand Conc.	. 7:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Duplicate Bridge	12:00 noon	Mojave Rm	TUESDAY	JANUARY 30	
Ham 20M Ham 2M	12:30 pm 1:00 pm	Ham Shack Ham Shack	Architectural Comm Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
Splashers	1:00 pm	West Pool	Ham Radio Club Mtg.	9:15 am	Baja Bistro
Beading	1:30 - 4:00 pm	Sonoran	Heart Healthy 5K	10:00 am Outsid	e Community Cent.
Friday Seminars	1:30 pm	Auxiliary Ballroom	Sunshine Carvers Raffle	2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
T.G.I.R.	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Baja Bistro	California Dreaming	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Euchre	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm	WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 31	
Friday Night Dances	•	uena Vista Ballroom	Mystery Trip	7:30 am	Bus Loading Zone
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Music Room	Fired Clay Class		ired Clay Art Studio
Darts	7:00 pm	Classroom	Glass Art Open House	1:00—3:00 pm	Glass Art Studio
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom	<u>THURSDAY</u>	FEBRUARY 1	
<u>SATURDAYS</u>			Breakfast with Doctor	9:00 am	Cabana
Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool	Taco Salad	11:00 am—1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool	FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 2	
Water Aerobics	8:45 am	West Pool	Newcomers Orientation	9:30 am	Mojave Room
Table Tennis	9:00 am- 12:00 pm	Aux Ballroom	Food Handlers Class	10:00 am	Baja Bistro
Lawnbowling Croquet Organized Play	9:00 am - 1:00 pm 10:00 am	Lawnbowling Croquet	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 3	
Ham Radio Mtg	10:00 am	Oasis	Used Book Sale	9:00 am—1:00 pm	Community Center
Lunch Bunch	11:15 am	Baja Bistro	Continental Coffee	9:00—10:15 am	BV Ballroom
Children's Swimming	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool	Jumbo Hot Dogs	11;00 am—1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Children's Swimming	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	West Pool	Free Dental Consult	11:00 am—1:00 pm	
Duplicate Bridge Hand and Foot	12:00 noon 1:00 -4:00 pm	Mojave Rm Sonoran	Bike Registration	11:00 am—1:00 pm	Patio BV Ballroom
Children's Swimming	4:00 - 7:00 pm	East & West Pool	MN Get Together	5:00 pm	DV Dalifooffi
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 4</u>	
SNL	6:15 pm	Pool RM	Big Game Party	3:00 pm	BV Ballroom
500	7:00 pm	Mojave Rm	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 5	
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool	New Image Fashions	10:00 am—2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
<u>SUNDAYS</u>			Woodshop Raffle Starts	•	•
Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool	Duplicate Bridge Potluck Piano Men / Concert	4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Cabana BV Ballroom
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool		·	DV DaillOom
Gabfest Worship Service	8:30 - 9:00 am 9:00 am	Baja Bistro BV Ballroom	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 6</u>	
Lawnbowling	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Lawnbowling	Pickleball Tournament	7:30 am	Pickleball Courts
Table Tennis Open Play	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Aux Ballroom	Handymams Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis Daia Diates
Children's Swimming	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool	Artisan Showcase Social Board Mtg	10:00 am—1:45 pm 1:30 pm	Baja Bistro Oasis
Children's Swimming	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	West Pool	Pet Assn Meeting	2:30 pm	Cabana
Children's Swimming	4:00 - 7:00 pm	East & West Pool	Ŭ	·	
Social Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave	WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 7	B: 11 1 11 0 1
Court Whist	6:30 pm	Sonoran	Pickleball Tournament	7:30 am	Pickleball Courts
Woman's Tex-Holdem	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm	Fired Clay Class Native Flute Workshop	9:00 am—Noon F 2:00 pm	ired Clay Art Studio Music Room
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool	Pork Loin Dinner	5:00 & 6:30 pm	Baja Bistro
•	pecial Event	S	Canada Immigration Info	•	Cabana
<u>SATURDAY</u>	JANUARY 27		S	•	
Breakfast Burritos	7:30—9:00 am	Baja Bistro	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 8	
Hobby Center Open Hse Gospel Concert	10:00 am-1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Hobby Center BV Ballroom	Pickleball Tournament	7:30 am	Pickleball Courts
Betty Block Memorial		n 819 & 821 Merlin	Ed's Grill	8:00 am—1:00 pm	VO Diner
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<u>SUNDAY</u>	JANUARY 28		FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 9	
Manitoba Party	4:00 pm	Oasis	55 Aller	0.00	01-

8:00 am

Oasis

BV Ballroom

Manitoba Party Montana Party 4:00 pm 5:00 pm

January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Happy 2018! 1 Round Dance	Out-Lines 2 Deadline	Prime Rib 3 Dinner	Condo Board 4 Mtg	Newcomers Orientation 5	Jumbo Hot 6 Dogs & Cake Sale
	Party	Ice Cream Social		Ed's Grill Open	Free Dental Consult	with music by Keith Beyrs
	1212	& National Cream Puff Day		Health Seminar -	Dons Classic Karaoke	Used Book Sale
Harfy Cast	ekiy.	Potluck - Boyce Thompson		Breakfast with Banner - Men's Health	Seminar - Buying or Keeping a Car in Arizona	Bike Registration
		Arboretum		Bingo	Friday Night Dance - Midnight Confessions	Continental Coffee
Gabfest 7	Grapevine 8	Social Board 9 Mtg	Coffee with 10 a Cop	Condo/Social 11 Joint Mtg	Out-Lines 12 Published	Eggs & Bacon 13
Worship Service	Recreation Open House	Ice Cream Social	Harrah's Casino	•	Zappones Meal	Sing-n-Strum
	Bike Registration	Food Handlers	Outing	Marketplace	Deal	Beginners Tennis
Asses	Silversmith Auction Begins	Class	Enchilada Dinner	VO Diner Open	Trivia Blast	Clinic
	Zappones Cooking Class	Potluck - Roy Pollon		Health Seminar - Macular Degeneration	Seminar-FBI Terrorism	Putting Tournament
	New Image Fashions	Round Dance		Bingo	Friday Night Dance - Flipside 45	Electric Boog-a-loo
	Concert Series Saturday Night Fever			-		-
Worship Service 4	Grapevine 15	Club Officers 16	Grand 17 Opening NE	Condo Board 18 Mtg	Glass Arts 19 Make & Take	Hamburger 20 BBQ & Ice Cream
Gabfest	Silversmith Auction Ends	Loaded Baked Potato Lunch	Sportsplex	Ed's Grill Open	Dons Classic	with Music by lan Eric
	Canadian Snowbird	Ice Cream Social Potluck- Dolphinaris	Mesa Fire Dept Pickleball Throw-Down	Health Seminar - Dental Implants	Karaoke Seminar -	
a	Association Seminar	Sunshine Carver's	Country Western	Bingo	Christians and Politics	57
	Out-Lines Deadline	Raffle Begins Meet the Condo Board Candidates	Jamboree		Friday Night Dance - Lonny Lynn Orchestra	
Gabfest 21	Grapevine 22	Social Board 23 Mtg	Smart Cycling 24 Seminar	Condo Work 25 Session	Out-Lines 26 Published	Breakfast 27 Burrito Breeakfast
Worship Service	Emergency Procedures Class	Ice Cream Social	Music by the Pool	Fleas & Bees Sale	Tia Rosa Meal	Hobby Center
Musical Jam	Healthy Eating	& Bake Sale	w/Chuck E Baby & Root Beer Floats	Chili Bar	Deal	Open House
Sing-a-Long	Cooking Class - Food & Your Mood	Ft. McDowell Casino Outing	Lasagna Dinner	Health Seminar - Medical Marijuana	Seminar - Art of Gardening	Gospel Concert with Legacy Quartet
-A-7-0-1	Meatless Monday Potluck	Potluck - Native American Flute		Bingo	Happy Hour with Billy Marovich	98
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Gabfest 4 Worship Service Big Bowl Party	Grapevine 5 New Images Fashion Woodshop Raffle Begins	All City 6 Pickleball Tournament Social Board Mtg	All City 7 Pickleball Tournament Pork Loin Dinner Round Dance	All City 8 Pickleball Tournament Marketplace VO Diner Open	Out-Lines Published Trivia Blast 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course	Strawberry 10 Pancake Breakfast with Sing & Strum Silversmith Make and Take
	Concert Series - Piano Men Generations	Ice Cream Social Artisan Showcase Potluck - Kitchen Band		Health Seminar - Don't Use it You Lose it Bingo	Seminar - Ordeal of Reconstruction 1865 -1877 Friday Night Dance - Cowboy Up	Fired Clay Arts Studio & Sewing Open House & Sidewalk Sale Putting Tournament
Gabfest 11 Worship Service Home Tour Mobile Nobles Dinner Dance	Club 12 Budgets Due Grapevine Zappones Cooking Class Out-Lines Deadline Special Performance - Late Night Catechism	Valentine's 13 Party - Towerpoint Band Ice Cream Social & Valentines Special Flower Sale Potluck - Diana McCallum	Ash Wednesday Annual Condo Mtg & Election Mahi Mahi Dinner	Ondo Board Organizational Mtg Motor Expo & Car Show with Chili Dogs & Ice Cream Health Seminar Hip & Knee Pain Bingo	Condo Board Orientation Zappones Meal Deal Seminar - Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors Dons Classic Karaoke Friday Night Dance - Flipside 45	Hamburger 17 BBQ & Ice Cream Glass Arts Raffle Begins
Gabfest 18 Worship Service Musical Jam Sing-a-Long	Grapevine 19 Meet Social Board Candidates Social Board Budget Mtg Woodshop Raffle Draw Healthy Eating Cooking Class Meatless Monday Potluck Sewing Raffle to Begin Concert Series - String Fever	Social Board 20 Mtg Ice Cream Social Sunshine Carvers' Carve Off Ft. McDowell Casino Outing Potluck - The Jems	Social Board Budget Mtg Poker Run French Dip Sandwiches We3 Cabaret Show	Condo Board Work Session Blood Mobile It's a Woman's World Salad Bar Collective Goods Bistro Sale Health Seminar-P.I.T. Bingo	Social Board Budget Mtg Out-Lines Published Seminar - Northern Lights Name That Tune Friday Night Dance - Myron Sommerfeld	Denver Style 24 Eggs Breakfast - 90 & Over Eat Free
Gabfest 25 Worship Service	Condo Budget Mtg Grapevine Out-Lines Deadline VO's Got Talent	Condo 27 Budget Mtg Social Board Budget Mtg Ice Cream Social Potluck -Teri	Condo 28 Budget Mtg Music by the Pool with Dr. Dave & Root Beer Floats Chicken Dinner	Sewin	p Raffle Febr ng Club Quilt ruary 19 - Ma	Raffle
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President's Comments, Bruce Johnston

January 25, 2018

I always take my obligation for President's comments seriously, but there is an extra burden felt today in light of the announcement last Friday via FastMail concerning the condominium board's decision to withdraw from contract negotiations with the Social Club.

What is the best approach going forward? I've thought about just acknowledging the the decision today and then; knowing it is potentially painful for some, just move on to business as usual as soon as possible.

However, that approach fails to address that a major goal of mine and others on the board going into the negotiations process in October, which was to fix this so that this schism in our community never happens again. So how does going back to the 2012 agreement meet that goal? It simply doesn't.

There are consequences to our actions...we all understand that concept. Being able to rely upon contracts is a basis for all kinds of agreements and relationships in life. The Social Club failed to up hold their end of our contract...I've stated that before and given a broad description of the failure in the past. We are a VO family and so, I didn't share the details out of concern for harmony in our community. But I find that folks are still asking for information...what really happened? Was it really that serious?

I believe the rule of law and ethics <u>are</u> important. How else can we trust each other? Plus, without the checks and balances found in the contract; good stewardship and wise use of funds are principles lost. And finally, there is the issue of lost director's and officer's liability insurance coverage if our contracts are not followed.

So, let's air our dirty laundry today. Answer those questions that folks have about what really happened and why the board withdrew from negotiations and <u>then</u> move on to the more positive task of finding solutions for the future.

Within the report section of our 2/1/18 regular board agenda our Controller, Scott Daily, will provide a presentation on the contract breach and explained those graphs you received in the FastMail Friday. And, in the process, explain how the contract was broken. The other ad hoc negotiation team members (Terry, Gary and Alice) shared Thursday their rationale for withdrawing from the negotiations process and an explanation of why the Condo board reached a consensus to withdraw from the negotiations process and why we feel our 2-board system of governance is due for review and consideration given to another approach...which is common in other parks.

Herein, you will find a document with common questions and answers on this topic. Of course, if your question is not answered there, come ask a board member.

The O&A document and the team members' documents are included here today.

We, at VO, have a culture of saying to ourselves that our 2-board system is different and better than other park organizations and the Social Club is the only reason for our robust lifestyle. Well our organization is different, but it may not be better than others. There are other very significant reasons for our successes such as the wise decision to embark on long range planning and the subsequent upgrading of our property in the last 15 years, which makes us attractive to look at and provides excellent facilities for all those activities. Consider recent additions to our park such as the EPC and Sportsplex. Also, a willingness to invest \$600,000/yr in our recreational department making it second to none other in the East Valley. All our concert series and special events are organized by the recreation department personnel and not the Social Club Board.

This is not to diminish the contributions of the Social Club Board, which are substantial and essential in working with our robust community of clubs. But these functions can be accomplished without a 2-board system. For example, a social club council could perform these functions. We should explore other models for organizing ourselves and insuring the continuing success of VO while preventing conflict between boards.

After reading the history of VO, it is clear to me that the Social Club organization we have today is not the one we started with 40 years ago. It has evolved into an organization that seeks to be totally autonomous from the condominium and has lost the original vision of raising funds for recreational facilities.

The Condominium board is appreciative of the many expressions of support received in recent days. As volunteers, it is encouraging to hear these expressions of appreciation.

We are now prepared to move on. Initially we will rely upon the existing 2012 agreement, but we sincerely hope to embark on a community wide process, which will engage all stakeholders, to envision what other governance organizational models may better serve VO. The presidents and VP's of both the Social Club and the Condominium have agreed to start meeting together on a regular basis...that's a good start.

A NEW BEGINNING

It was January 11, 2018, at about 2PM in the afternoon. I had just returned home from a meeting with our Joint Counsel, Laura Lo Bianco. It was supposed to have been a joint meeting of both the CB (Condo Board) and the SB (Social Board) to review the tentative agreement. Instead, it turned into a mediation session with Lo Bianco serving as a mediator. It ended with the SB reneging on our tentative agreement of January 5th.

So, that afternoon, feeling conflicted by what had happened in the morning, I wrote down some of the things we had accomplished in negotiations. I wanted to look at the positive aspects of our agreement. However, I was very unsettled by where the morning session had ended. I decided I needed to review all the things that happened over the last several months, including the numerous meetings, the written documents created, the financial documents of the SB and notes from our negotiating sessions. In hindsight, I was searching for an answer to explain how I was feeling.

As a new Board member last March, I did not expect that I would be involved in a conflict between the CB and the SB that has been an on and off problem for the last 30 years. I was deeply troubled by this issue from the very beginning. I took the time to talk to past condo and social board members to better understand what this was all about. I met with Connie and the treasurer of the SB to better understand their budgeting process. I met with the President of the SB to express my concern over the divisiveness that I felt this conflict would cause in our community. It is something that I did not want to see happen. I love our community and the lifestyle that comes with it. My goal was to try and resolve this conflict as quickly as possible With 30 years' experience in negotiating contracts I believed that I could help do this.

From the beginning, the one item that was made clear to us all through this process was the SB expressing at almost every meeting the importance of maintaining their tax-exempt status. This was their number one issue. They believed that the CB's required approval of their budget jeopardized their tax-exempt status.

With the mutually agreed upon hiring of an expert in HOAs and tax-exempt status issues, as a joint counsel, the issue of CB approval of the SB's budget was quickly put to rest. Our agreed upon joint counsel stated clearly that our approval of their budget did not jeopardize their tax-exempt status. With that issue supposedly resolved we began negotiations.

We held four negotiation sessions with a tentative agreement reached on January 5, 2018. The tentative agreement was contingent upon confirmation from our joint counsel that again, the CB approval of the SB budget did not jeopardize the SB's tax-exempt status. This question was brought forward, in the 11th hour of negotiations, by the legal counsel of the SB. The SB had asked their attorney, Lynn Krupnik, to talk to our agreed upon joint counsel, Lo Bianco, about the tax-exempt question. This was a move that stunned the CB's, negotiating team. We had agreed early on, in order to keep legal expenses at a minimum, to use our joint counsel. Obviously, the SB was not happy with the answer from our agreed upon joint counsel. The conversation between Ms. Krupnik and Ms. Lo Bianco did take place and again, our joint counsel stated that the tax-exempt status of the SB was not in jeopardy. Therefore, we should have had an agreement. Instead, the SB reneged on our agreement and stated that they did not want the CB having oversight of their budget. An autonomous SB would serve no purpose other than to create two governing bodies within VO. I cannot accept having two governing bodies trying to run this park. It would do nothing but divide us and doom us to failure.

Further, when you analyze the SB's budgets and compare them to the actual financial results over the last 10 years, you find a budget process that was totally misleading with absolutely no reliable information with respect to cash flow and cash flow uses. Approval of capital asset purchases by the SB could not always be verified in their monthly SB minutes. The actual operating cash as compared to budget amounts has been consistently \$100,000 + more than what was budgeted. End of the year spending on capital assets by the SB in excess of \$400,000 over the last five years and not included in their budget, resulted in the CB having to retroactively approve those purchases in order to avoid loss of our D & O insurance. Why did the SB's budget so under-state their revenue? What was the purpose of a large spend down at year end?

Ethically speaking, I would be embarrassed by the budgets that have been put forth for the CB to approve. It points to a misrepresentation of the actual results with the goal of minimizing or having no "excess funds" as defined in the 2012 agreement. It opened the door for the SB to go on spending sprees at the end of the year. All of that spending was probably items we could use, but that doesn't make it right. There should be full financial transparency by the SB in order for all to see clearly what the priorities are for the clubs and owners of this park. Their misrepresentation of their finances only reinforces the need for CB oversight.

Given the above, the SB never had a tax-exempt issue. Their budget process only pointed to misrepresentation of facts. I believe they have misled us all. What they wanted was elimination of the CB oversight of their budget. It did not seem to matter that \$600,000 + of lot owners assessments go to running the recreation department of VO each year. They wanted to be an autonomous organization.

As has been said, "United we stand, divided we fall". I cannot support a new agreement that does not solve our long running conflicts. We cannot have two governing bodies within VO. It is time to look at other alternative models that continue to support the lifestyle we all cherish. It is time for a new beginning!

Clarity at 4:30 AM Terry Farris 1/25/18

This purpose of this report is to explain how I came to the conclusion that I can no longer support the creation of a new contract with the SB (Social Board). What I still strongly support is all the hard work and dedication that individual SB members, not only currently but throughout the years, have given to the VO community and the positive effect that collectively they have had. Having set in on several of their meetings this season, I've not only gained a high level of appreciation, but have had reaffirmed in my mind that the tasks performed by the SB are crucial to sustaining the VO life style. I have also learned that those same tasks can be accomplished outside of the "two board model." I have come to believe that the two board model, with an increasing emphasis by the SB leadership upon the need for the boards to be totally separate and independent of each other is the basic source of VO's cycle of conflict that we have all had to endure. This emphasis seems to have accelerated significantly since approximately 2012 and in my mind made the "trauma and drama" that exploded last spring nearly inevitable.

The following four factors are the major ones that have led me to this early morning decision:

At our first CB (Condo Board) meeting on Oct. 26th, you heard me describe how several CB and SB members had already been meeting in the attempt to quell some of the unrest that had been generated over the summer and to begin a dialogue based on trust. You also heard that all parties had agreed that our employees should never again be caught in the middle of disagreements between the boards. After the negotiating session of January 11th, I realized that the new agreement had clearly established that all VO employees are without question employees of the Association and even though they need to work closely with the SB and the Recreation Department, their ultimate responsibility is to the Association. In addition however, the negotiations process had gotten stuck on the SB insistence that the CB should not have the right of final approval over the SB budget. We were actually considering a compromise plan regarding this issue when it dawned on me that we would be setting up our employees to perhaps be used as pawns or to be faced with being willing accomplices. If the only leverage that CB would have in the future would be the management of our employees, then the boards through this agreement would be making it a certainty that our employees would be caught in the middle. Something that we all had said was absolutely unacceptable.

The second thing that we had agreed upon in October was that both boards were committed to not just "kick the can down the road" again. In other words, this solution would need to be able to stand the test of time and to ensure that our community would never have to endure such turmoil again. The negotiations process seemed to me to be a band aid approach. We went from issue to issue searching for a solution. We were successful in doing this, but in that success we lost sight of the reality that the root cause of most of the disputes would be removed if we just did not continue with the two board model. This was the elephant in the room that we were ignoring, largely because of our high regard of the good work of

the SB.

We have approximately 5 months each year that we can effectively take care of the governance of our community. Decisions can be made during the remainder of the year, but the process is significantly less efficient. The new agreement was heading in the direction that the boards would need to meet and possibly negotiate regarding multiple issues, including the budgeting format, procedures, and amounts, the creation of communications to our community including both written and electronic, and the creation of an operations manual. The number of meetings that would be required to deal with just these three issues on a yearly basis would be nearly prohibitive, especially in light of the schedule of meetings that both boards must already attend. All three of these issues are important, but they can be much more easily accomplished with a one board model, that would obviously have to include some form of a quasidecision making body, such as the Recreation Council that is used by the Road Haven concept or that of other similar organizations utilized by other parks.

It is my belief that the past 5 or 6 weeks have actually been a good learning experience, although sometimes painful. We can honestly say that we have made a sincere effort to sustain the two board model. However, we have not only been unsuccessful, but have come to the realization that the only final, long term pathway that will never again lead us toward divisions in our community is to explore and

ultimately choose a different governance model.

To summarize, at the beginning of this process we had four major goals that included the following: Remove the potential for future conflicts: The new contract would not do this, but changing to a one board

model would. Never again put employees in the middle: The new contract would not do this, but changing to a one board model would.

Maintain our tax except status: We learned that this was never really at risk.

Insure that our D & O Liability Insurance would not be jeopardized: The jeopardy was created by not following our own agreements. Consequently, changing to a one board model would alleviate the need for even having agreements.

Negotiation Comments 1/25/18 Alice Anderson

You know, this is quite an exciting first year on the Board.

I arrived at my conclusion that we should not go forward with negotiations for many of the same reasons that Terry, Gary and Bruce did. I won't restate all of them, but will give you the highlights of my reasoning.

I first considered a statement that Laura Lo Bianco, the attorney said. She said that one of the controls that Condo Board has is over the employees. As Terry said, they are Condo Board employees that are assigned to assist the Social Board. I think we have tried to be reasonable in the past by not interfering with the relationship between the employees that are assigned to the Social Board, intervening only when necessary. Controlling those employees not only sounds harsh, but would put them in the middle, not something I want to see happen.

I then went through the agreement that we had been working on to see what it gives us. The following are just a few of those items:

- 1. Agreement to develop a standard operations manual we can and should do that without a contract.
 - 2. We would have an agreed upon budget and reserve fund budget format we have that already.
- 3. It would have mandated joint budget meetings during budget preparation as well as timelines. Things that we should be doing anyway and could do without a contract.
- 4. Social Club agreement to give Condo Board a fixed percentage of their audited gross revenue annually for a recreational projects fund. That would have addressed the 'excess funds' issue.

I also considered what happened when we were finally down to the one remaining issue – that being Condo Boards request for budget approval.

As has already been stated, we had a tentative agreement that we 8 shook on. The agreement was pending clarification of the following one question: would Condo Board having approval of the Social Board budget jeopardize the Social Club non profit status.

That question was answered again on the morning of 1/11/18 when all 18 Board members met. The answer is no. Our having budget approval does not jeopardize their tax status.

It takes a lot to upset me. But when I heard that Lynn Krupnik, the Social Board attorney had called Laura Lo Bianco, our mutual attorney and that Social Board was now NOT going to honor our tentative agreement, even though their question had been answered, but instead was proposing new language, I got upset. Probably why I was up at 3:15 in the morning writing out these concerns.

I did ask myself why I should care about having budget approval. To me, it is needed because of the large amounts of money that had NOT been approved by Condo, that HAD been spent over the past 5-6 years. And by the fact that we were put into a position of having to retroactively approve that spending so as to not jeopardize both Boards D&O insurance. I also believe that I have stewardship responsibility for the over \$600,000 dollars that we as residents contribute so the Social Club can function.

I do not regret the past few months of time spent with our Social Board Directors. I learned a lot. I hope they learned something about us too.

I do not take my Board responsibility lightly and I do not think that you would want me to.

So, given the above – I came to the conclusion that I could no support going forward with the new agreement.

I am optimistic about the future. I believe that Residents with Condo and Social Board representatives can objectively look at other models, pick and choose the best parts of them and develop something that would work here in Venture Out. Something that would allow us to keep the lifestyle that we all enjoy – the great activities and clubs and friendships. I am committed to working with Social Board Directors to keep us the premier resort that we are.

Thank you for listening to me.

1/25/18 CONDO BOARD Questions and Answers

The following are questions that we have commonly been asked over the past week.

Why could you not come to an agreement?

Social Board would not agree to Condo Board having approval of their budget.

Why does Condo want that?

Given the recent past experience of Social Board spending money that was not in their Condo approved budget we felt that we needed to continue to be involved. We also feel that we should practice good stewardship over the \$600,000+ that the Condominium Association contributes annually to enable the Social Club to run.

Why does the Social Club care if the Condo Board has budget approval?

You will have to ask the Social Club that question. The Condo Board has always approved the Social Club budget. Only after receiving a letter in March 2017 from the Social Board attorney, L.Krupnik, did the Condo Board Board investigate the budget, which led to our identifying spending beyond what was approved by the Condo Board.

Will condo being involved in budget approval jeopardize the tax exempt status of the Social Club?

No. The attorney that we both agreed to use is a tax expert in this area, and she said that budget approval by Condo Board does not jeopardize the Social Club tax exempt status.

What happens now?

We will go back to the 2012 agreement, so Social Club can continue to operate. We do not want in any way to see any of the activities we all enjoy stop.

You talk about a new model, I like the model we have now and am afraid that it may change my lifestyle if we go to another model.

I like our lifestyle too, and like you do not want it to change. But please be objective and stay informed and get involved when we do start exploring other models.

Was the attorney Laura LoBianco mutually selected by both boards?

Yes. Both boards searched for an independent attorney that was an expert in non-profit and tax-exempt organizations. Both boards agreed to her selection. Ms LoBianco required a list of all 18 board member names to look for potential conflict of interest before accepting the assignment.

Does my annual condo assessment contribute to the support of the Social Club?

Yes. Approximately \$350 of your annual assessment goes to support Recreation payroll and other Social Board support costs.

On graph #2 what does the orange color that represents other activities/events consist of?

Other activities and events include such things as the Friday night and other dances, the concert series, and other special events put on by Recreation Department.

Was there theft?

We are not aware of any.

NOTE: If you have other questions please write them down and hand them to a Condo Board member or drop it off in Administration in care of Pam Byfield, Condo Board Secretary.

The Following Tickets Are Now Available In The Activity Office

Event Date of Event Deadline Amount Qty.

Current badges are required to purchase tickets
Friday Night Dance (Julie Lee)F - Jan 26 Jan 26 (3:00 pm)\$8.00[]
Legacy Quartet Gospel ConcertSa - Jan 27 Jan 26 (3:00 pm) \$11.00[]
Salmon BBQ & PotluckM - Jan 29 Until Sold Out\$8.50[]
Paul McDermand ConcertM - Jan 29 Jan 29 (3:00 pm) \$11.00[]
California DreamingTu - Jan 30 Until Sold Out\$12.00[]
Taco SaladTh - Feb 1 Until Sold Out\$6.50[]
Friday Night Dance (Midnight Confs)F - Feb 2 Feb 2 (3:00 pm)\$8.00[]
Big Game PartySu - Feb 4 Jan 31 (10:00 am)\$10.00[]
Pork Loin DinnerW - Feb 7 Jan 31 (10:00 am)\$8.50[]
Friday Night Dance (Cowboy Up)F - Feb 9 Feb 9 (3:00 pm)\$8.00[]
Mahi Mahi Fish DinnerW - Feb 14 Feb 7 (10:00 am)\$8.50[]
French Dip SandwichesW - Feb 21 Feb 14 (10:00 am)\$7.00[]
VO's Got Talent Gen ADM - Feb 26 Feb 26 (3:00 pm)\$8.00[]
VO's Got Talent Gen ADM - Feb 27 Feb 27 (3:00 pm)\$8.00[]
Chicken Parmesan Dinner.W - Feb 28 Feb 21 (10:00 am)\$8.50[]
Steak FryW - March 7 Feb 28 (10:00 am)\$10.00[]
Reserved Seating Tickets
The Cabaret (We3) W - Feb 21 Feb 21 (3:00 pm) \$10.00[]
VO's Got Talent Reserved. M - Feb 26 Feb 26 (3:00 pm)\$10.00[]
VO's Got Talent Reserved. M - Feb 27 Feb 27 (3:00 pm)\$10.00[]
Ribs N Bibs Su - Mar 4 Feb 28 (10:00 am) \$20.00[]

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

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

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VO Voices

A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

Editorial

by Maureen Robertson

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"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". Lao Tzu

Happy New Year to all and welcome back to those just arriving. January always presents an opportunity to begin anew, to refresh ourselves and look forward to whatever the future may hold.

At the Open House for the clubs in January, one could not help but become awed at the sheer number of residents visiting the many tables. At each one, representatives from the clubs provided information and encouragement for all who had the good fortune to stop by.

A friend recently noticed that here, at Venture Out, we live the lives we used to believe were available only to the wealthy; those for whom a day at the office seemed reserved for mere workers who struggled to put food on the table.

But for all of us, we can look back upon our "salad days" as those times that enabled us to enjoy our years in retirement. How fortunate that we found our way to Venture Out and all it offers to us. Here, with all the opportunities available to us, we can take that single step to begin a new and exciting journey each year.

Many of us look forward to the celebration of significant events in 2018, and may the year bring health, happiness and peace to all.

Senior Olympics

by Keith Gustafson

The Senior Olympics, held in April of each year, was introduced to our park in 2013 by Elma and Eldon Becker, and is patterned after a similar event in which they participated in Show Low the summer before.

The Olympics consist of six teams of twelve people who engage in a total of 8 games played over a four day period. Each team member has the opportunity to compete in every game. The games are selected by a committee of twelve individuals, designed to be enjoyable, and in many cases, humorous. Examples in-



clude throwing toilet bowl plungers with feathers through hoola-hoops, a ladder toss, bean bag toss, scavenger hunts, and poker run. More traditional activities such as shuffle-board, bocce ball, horseshoe toss, among others are included to acquaint team members with activities currently available in the park. Participants are as enthusiastic as any Olympic contestant based on the amount of laughter and squeals of delight that accompany the efforts. All activities are selected in order to provide competition for people with varying physical abilities. A water cart and first aid station travels with the teams for the comfort of contestants.

The teams develop a culture of their own to express their competitiveness and individuality. This often includes Tee-shirts, coordinated hats, mascots, cheers, or even team songs. Closing ceremonies on the Friday of Olympics week highlight the eccentricities of the teams. The Senior Olympics are advertised via the Outlines and Grape Vine. If you have a team of 12 people on your block or in your social group, an easy one-page form needs to be submitted. Your team will have a lot of fun and may even earn Gold!

Meet the Beckers

by Keith Gustafson

Eldon and Elma Becker, a fascinating, high energy couple residing in VO, began vacationing here in 1995 after spending 55 years in Denver Colorado with careers in Accounting (Elma), and Building and Grounds Supervision (Eldon). The Beckers rented for several seasons and purchased their own unit on Douglas in 2003. They sold their home in Colorado in 2009 and moved to VO as year-round residents.

Few people can keep up with the Beckers' enthusiasm and varied interests. Elma, an artist at heart with a passion for pottery, china painting, quilting, and interior design, teaches forms of origami including Iris and tea bag folding during the months of January and February. Eldon is best known for his "Ask Eldon" seminars. In addition to his home-improvement sessions, he is an invaluable resource for homeowners' questions about any aspect of home building and maintenance. Both are avid Bocce Ball players and in addition, they take care of over 30 houses and 14 golf carts for friends during the summer season.

The Beckers are the epitome of volunteerism. Elma has served on and chaired many committees. She is the chairperson for the annual Art Show which showcases the work of numerous artists within the park. Elma was responsible for redefining the scope of "art" to include multiple mediums such as pottery, wood carving, lapidary, silversmithing, etc. The Beckers have been in charge of decorating the center for Christmas for many years. In addition to performing their annual volunteer decoration, Elma has created manuals for the exact replication of patterns and designs which include written directions and photographs.

The Beckers' enthusiasm for their retirement life style is also evident in their efforts to bring new ideas into the park. They vacation in Show Low during the summer months in a resort similar to VO and were responsi-

ble for bringing the concept of the Monday morning donuts and coffee session, known as the Grape Vine, to the park after reporting on the success of the concept in Show Low. Other concepts adopted include adding music to the water aerobics class that Elma conducts daily and the Senior Olympics.

The Beckers are both ordained pastors in their nondenominational church and have conducted weddings and memorial services in the park. They host a "Prayer and Praise" group in their home every Monday morning and have a Bible Study group that meets on Thursday evenings. They are involved with a local Mesa church which provides services to the homeless and disenfranchised populations. The Beckers are a valuable resource which all new residents of the park should access for information on purchasing a unit, tips for remodeling and decorating, as well as volunteer activities. People in the park know that when the Beckers agree to do a job, it will get done in style.



Surprise Connections

by Jean DeLoye



Introduced to VO by a cousin, Shirley and Joe Ebli came to Venture Out from Bloomington, MN in 1994. They liked it so much that they immediately bought a unit. In 1999, they sold the original unit and bought another one from Bob Nelson.

Bob Nelson, from San Jose, CA, was a golfer with a good sized motor home. His friend, Hank McGaugh, lived in VO at the time so Bob, his wife and a friend, came to AZ for some golf and visiting. They stayed in the park in Bob's motor home and while golfing was the main objective, they wouldn't turn down an invitation to a block party. Everyone at the block party had such a good time they decided to extend the fun and climbed into Bob's motor home heading for a pizza place. While it got a little crowded, it didn't hamper the enjoyment of the evening.

They enjoyed VO so much, that on the way back to San Jose, Bob and his wife called VO's real estate office to buy a unit and they lived in it from 1981 to 1999 when he sold it to Shirley and Joe Ebli.

Bob's wife passed away in 2007 and he came back on his own to VO to visit friends. Since it was his birth-day, they planned to celebrate but wanted an even number of guests. Bob decided to invite the previous buyer of his home, Shirley Ebli. Her husband had passed away in 2002, and while she had to break a date with another person, she agreed to go with Bob, even though she wasn't sure that she remembered him when he came to the door.

Later, Shirley visited Bob in San Jose, and Bob visited Shirley in Bloomington. They soon became a couple and have been together for 10 years. Now Bob is back living in VO in the same house he sold to Shirley in 1999! When they reach the age of 100 in the year 2030, they plan to get married--a long engagement! They expect their friends to attend--if they're still alive. Another surprise connection.

If you have a "Surprise Connection", Jean would like to hear from you.

She can be reached at 612 328 4383

Meet Your Neighbors

by Jean DeLoye



There are many second generation owners at Venture Out, and Bob and Judy Parks are among them. Bob's parents, John and Irene Parks, bought in VO in 1989 when Bob was 29 years old. They had vacationed in Hawaii and Palm Springs for a number of years, and then decided to visit friends at VO instead. They were taken on a tour of the facilities and were so impressed with the park, they bought a unit the same day! No more Hawaii or Palm Springs for them. That says a lot for VO. John is no longer able to come, but at 95 years old, he still drives, keeps fit and attributes his longevity to an active retirement at VO.

As a young man, Bob enjoyed coming to visit his parents once a year and sometimes, twice, if vacation time allowed. He says he was often referred to as "the Kid" by older residents.

Bob worked for Safeway Stores in Vancouver and clocked over 40 years under his belt as manager of the meat department. He met his wife, Judy, when she also worked at Safeway as the floral manager and they married in 1998.

Bob planned to retire at 57, just old enough to be a legal resident at VO, and that is exactly what he did. And it didn't take his wife, Judy, long to love VO, either. She says that by the second day she was won over. Since they are now retired, Bob and Judy hope to be more involved in activities. He plans to golf, play baseball and bocce ball. Judy is interested in yoga, water exercise, and wants to join more activities as time permits.

Bob and Judy have two daughters and one of them loves to come with her family to visit her parents and to enjoy the weather and amenities offered here. Bob says she no doubt will be a third generation owner someday.



A Night at the Movies

by Maureen Robertson



A popular diversion for our evening's entertainment occasionally includes a night out at the movies. But life is not as simple as it once was. We used to pay 15 cents for a newsreel, serial (usually The Lone Ranger), a couple of cartoons and the feature show. Not only that, but for a quarter, we could buy a few chocolate covered ice cream Bonbons.

Attending a movie now requires a degree in computer technology and a large bank account.

Arriving at the theater, especially selected for its power reclining seats, my friend, who is less technically challenged that I, proudly presented her cell phone to the ticket taker. She had cleverly purchased our tickets on-line, and all we needed to do was to present the cell phone with the validated tickets.

The young man in charge of ticket taking took the phone and pronounced in a rather flat tone of voice, "Your phone is off."

Not a problem. My friend retrieved her phone, turned it on and presented it to him once again. I won't use the word, "snatched", but the ticket taker did take the phone rather quickly from my friend's hand and firmly punched the surface a few times. He had not only discovered the elusive on-line tickets, but also kindly brightened the screen lighting, turned off the "Do not disturb" feature (thus solving the problem of why the phone never rang), and found the app for the theater chain. Returning the phone to my friend, he pointed down the hall and with a whispered mutter and quick toss of the head, directed us to the correct theater. One of our group who suffers with a slight hearing problem, asked, "Where do

I believe I caught a slight rolling of the eyes as our charming young friend repeated in a distinctly loud voice, "DOWN THE HALL AND TO THE LEFT."

We followed his clear directions with a brief stop at the refreshment bar. It was truly brief when we discovered that a cold drink would set us back almost \$7.00. For this we could buy 2 dozen Diet Pepsi at Fry's! We didn't even ask about the popcorn.

Eventually we found our seats, reclined them fully and soon fell fast asleep.

Perhaps the early evening news and a feature on Turner Classic Movies might suit us better.



by Roger Stoufer Addiction

Daily, newspapers across the country warn of the dangers of addictions. In California, there are concerns with the legalization of marijuana. In Minnesota, a law is being passed raising the legal age from eighteen to twenty-one to purchase cigarettes. Florida has criminally charged numerous MD's for over-prescribing opioid pain killers. Government and the media seem intent on saving us from our weaknesses, but nobody warned us of the possibility of becoming addicted to spending all our future winters at Venture Out.

Last year, having spent fourteen wonderful winters at VO, my wife, Bev, and I reviewed the arguments for and against returning for another season. These included the usual stuff; concerns with our health, our diminished driving skills and the harshness of winters in Minnesota. While she leaned toward returning for another

year, I felt our time at Venture out should come to an end.

When the decision was finally made to sell our home here and spend the remainder of our winters in Minnesota, I was aware that Bev would use her charm and skills to convince me to reconsider. Following in the footsteps of Odysseus, when he returned from the Trojan War, I tied myself to the mast of my ship and prepared myself not to be steered off course by her enchantment.

I was completely caught off guard last April when we left the park for our return to Minnesota. In February, when we made the decision, I experienced no tremors or withdrawal. Likewise when we listed our home for

sale, I was free of symptoms.

But the experience of leaving Venture Out was traumatic. Again, following the footsteps of Odysseus, I secured my seatbelt as tightly as I could, stared straight ahead and resisted being seduced by the last look at our friend's homes, the palm trees, the bougainvillea and all the desert beauty that had surrounded me for the past fourteen winters.

In early December, Mary Stouffer, our long term VO friend, called us. She was interested in our plans for the winter. She probably sensed that we were struggling with our decision. When Clancy and Mary left VO, they withdrew from their addiction to VO over an extended period of time. They sold their home, and then bought another. When they sold that one, they rented a unit for two more years.

Other VO friends also encouraged us to withdraw more slowly. Their Facebook stories were the sirens that teased us to return this winter to the pleasant nonnarcotic ecstasy that is a daily part of life here.

Next year? Who knows!



Tour of Homes

by Keith Gustafson



The Tour of Homes, an annual event sponsored by the Pet Association, will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Approximately 80 invited guests are escorted through 8-10 properties in the park. The homes are selected based on multiple criteria that showcase emerging trends, new construction techniques, decorating styles, and alternatives for older units. The variety selected provides ideas for almost every person whether they intend to build a new unit, remodel or redecorate.

The process for selection as a guest consists of entering a lottery in the Activities Office. If your number is selected, you have the opportunity to purchase a ticket for the home show. During the day of the show, you arrive at the center and are assigned to a driver who escorts you with a small

group to each home. Staggered teams consist of a limited number of participants at each home at any given time. After completion of the tour, coffee and cookies are served to the homeowners and guests in the center. This provides an opportunity to visit with homeowners about your favorite unit and solicit additional ideas, tips and resources for your project.

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Mexican Salad Leafy greens, salsa fresca, bell pepper, cabbage, cheese, avocado, and choice of dressing add beef, pork, or chicken

Salmon Salad Leafy greens, grilled salmon, red onion, seasonal fruit with our house cinnamon basil dressing

Shrimp Salad Leafy greens, sautéed shrimp, pineapple salsa, with our house poppy seed dressing

Crab Salad Leafy greens, mango, avocado, tomato, mixed peppers, red onion, with our house poppy seed dressing

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Feb 6 – 8 OAKRIDGE BOYS \$298 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 59th 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 Includes 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 pp 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 40th 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 6 SUNSET CRATER

\$139 pp

Bring your cameras!! This long day trip starts with lunch at a local favorite spot in Flagstaff, then on to the Sunset Crater Visitor Center. Visit the Wupatki National Monument for a short walking tour of the ruins. Next we stop at the Cameron Trading Post for dinner, and time for shopping. Return to Mesa approx. 10pm.

Mar 8 ARIZONA HERITAGE CENTER

\$89 pp Relaxing day trip in the Valley! Visit the Arizona Heritage Museum to explore the vast collections, including the "Footprints On The Desert"" exhibit of Frank Lloyd Wright design and buildings in Arizona. Then stop for happy hour at The Thirsty Lion, for a drink and hors d'oeuvres in our private room! (Be sure to have a big breakfast at home – no stop for lunch.)

Mar 13 CHASE FIELD TOUR

\$89 pp Enjoy a guided tour of Chase Field, one of the most unique MLB facilities in the U.S.! Then we'll stop for lunch at TGI Friday's Front Row before returning to Mesa.

Mar 15 ZELMA BASHA SALMERI GALLERY \$79 pp The Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery draws visitors from around the world, and is home to The Eddie Basha Collection. Stroll through the contemporary collections of Western American and Native American Art. Next enjoy lunch at Black Bear Diner, before returning to Mesa.

DR PHIL SHOW !!! March 2018

Coming in March – dates to be announced soon! We're moving this fun trip to March – watch for the new dates. You'll be in the studio audience for the taping of 2 SHOWS!

Mar 16 - 18 St PATTY'S DAY

\$298 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!

Mar 27-29 GRAND CANYON & BEARIZONA \$459 pp dbl, add \$125 for single

3 Days / 2 Nights of Grand Canyon spendour along the South Rim. Includes the IMAX presentation "Grand Canyon Hidden Secrets," a private, guided, tour of the Rim, and a stop at Bearizona!

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.

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VENTURE OUT ANNUAL FINE ART SHOW & SALE March 1, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

In the interest of making this art show one of the best in the Valley, please follow all directions on the Participant Information sheet.

- 1. Show only *your own, original* art, (including all media), <u>original</u> prints, paintings, sculptures, cards, wood, or stained glass. Club Tables welcome to show or sell
- 2. Each participant is required to contribute to the "raffle" table. NFY (Not For Sale) participants are still required to contribute to the Raffle Table. Contributions should be brought before 8:30 a.m.
- 3. Space per artist is allocated in order of sign up. Please indicate your requirements. Participants are allowed one (1) table each. THERE ARE NO HANGING BOARDS FOR PAINTING DISPLAYS
- 4. A sign with your name will be on your space. **Do not bring your art before 8:00 am. as it is confusing before the tables with names are set up.** Let us know the exact number of tables required. DO NOT expand into other's spaces.
- 5. Tables will be set up around the room starting at 8:00 a.m. Have your art in place before 9:00 a.m. Standard "Artist" cards will be provided for your use. Include a card for each piece of art with a description (title, medium and price). Make any other tags of your own display to display on the art. Be creative! Bring your own display materials.
- 6. Allocation of space will be assigned by the coordinator. The coordinator will try their best to accommodate your needs as you have indicated. Take down is at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to clean up your area.
- 7. Individual sales for items under \$20.00 each are to be handled by the artist. 10% of all sales are to be given to the treasurer at 1:00 p.m. Sales desk will NOT have change. Bring change to deal with purchases under \$20.00 and to pay your 10% allocation to the cash table for the Social Board at the end of the sale.
- 8. Artists or their representatives **MUST** be in attendance throughout the show.

Please return attached form and information to 903 Debonair by February 23, 2018 & Pick up sales tags

ANNUAL FINE ART SHOW AND SALE March 1 - Baja Bistro PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Submit to 903 Debonair by FEBRUARY 23, 2018

ARTIST NAME:		
ADDRESS: _	-	
PHONE:		
Description of yo Coloring Books	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ng all mediums, cards, magnets, Adult

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

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