

# Venture Out-Lines

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5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

February 9, 2018

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday • March 6 • 7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom



Feb 28  
Chicken Parmesan  
Dinner  
(Glass Sponsored)  
Pg 8




Feb 24  
Denver Style  
Eggs  
Pg 7

Feb 26 & 27  
VO's Got Talent  
(Hams Sponsored)  
Pg 7



Feb 28  
Music by the Pool  
with Root Beer Floats  
(Pickleball sponsored)  
Pg 8



Mar 2  
Year-End Auction/  
Rummage & Bake  
Sale  
(Tennis Sponsored)  
Pg 8



Mar 5  
High Tea & Fashion Show  
& Shopping with Calle  
Rose  
(Sewing Sponsored)  
Pg 10

Mar 1  
Annual Fine Art Show  
& Sale  
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Mar 4  
Ribs N' Bibs Dinner  
Show  
(Shuffleboard Sponsored)  
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Mar 7  
Steak Fry  
(Softball Sponsored)  
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# Administration

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

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**  
 (480) 832-0200  
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@VentureOutRVResort.com  
 8:00 am - 3:30 pm  
 Monday - Friday  
 Office Quiet Hours  
 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
 Closed Sat. & Sun.  
 Notary Available  
 Mon 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Friday 8:00 - 11:30 am  
 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
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 (480) 832-9000  
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 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Monday - Saturday  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET SESSION

Friday • February 23  
 1:30 pm • Cabana

### CONDO BOARD BUDGET SESSIONS

February 26 - March 2 • 9:00 am • Oasis

### SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET SESSION

Tuesday • February 27  
 1:30 pm • Cabana

### SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET SESSION

Thursday • March 1  
 1:30 pm • Cabana

### CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday • March 1 • 9:00 am • Oasis  
**AGENDA**

#### Invocation:

#### President's Comments:

#### General Manager's Report:

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

#### Adoption of Minutes:

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Correspondence:

#### Social Board Report:

#### Reports:

#### Old Business:

#### New Business:

#### Recess

#### Work Session

### SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tuesday • March 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:

#### Adoption of minutes:

#### Correspondence:

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Planning Report:

#### Transmittal Report:

#### Liaison Reports:

#### Condo Board Liaison Report:

#### Old Business:

#### New Business: Star Volunteer

#### Karaoke Request

#### Adjournment:

#### Work Session to follow

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday • March 6 • 7:00 pm  
 Buena Vista Ballroom

### CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday • March 8 • 9:00 am • Oasis  
**AGENDA**

#### Invocation:

#### President's Comments:

#### General Manager's Report:

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

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#### Social Board Report:

#### Reports:

#### Old Business:

#### New Business:

#### Recess

#### Work Session

### 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

### 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@ventureoutvrresort.com](mailto:outlines@ventureoutvrresort.com)

- The deadlines for ALL articles: Noon by the date listed below.

DUE DATE	PUB DATE
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Feb 26	Mar 9
Mar 12	Mar 23

Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office



# Administration

## ATTENTION RESIDENTS



Please remember that it is imperative that emergency vehicles be able to get to their destination without any obstacles. This means that you may park on only **one** side of the street. If you or your company need to park on the street and there is already someone else parked somewhere down the street, please be sure you park on the **same side** of the road as they did. Parking directly across from each other is a bad idea and could increase response time. Ask your company to move if needed. Also, please do not walk or bicycle down the center of the streets. Please follow all street rules inside our resort as well as outside. This is for your own safety.

--from Mesa Fire Department

Thank You  
Brandon Fowers  
Chief of Security

## 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. •

## CREATION OF COMMUNICATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Membership is needed to participate in the creation of a new standing committee focusing its effort toward improvement of our communication channels used at Venture Out.

Members will initially receive information gathered by the current Ad Hoc communications committee that will be decommissioned when this committee is formed and understand the Ad Hoc committee's previous work.

The committee should meet at least twice each season or as often as needed to effectively monitor and support all channels. They would include a liaison from Condominium Board of Directors and resident membership knowledgeable in major communication channels. Its duties should include but not be limited to the following:

a. Work closely with those already providing the service. Develop guidelines and flowcharts for each communication channel using information gathered by the AD HOC committee.

b. Routinely evaluate the effectiveness of existing communication channels, recommend changes for improvements thru the liaison to the condominium board, and provide feedback to initiate approved changes. Those interested in participating in this committee please contact Gene Waters, Kenneth Dowlin, Terry Farris or Robert Hayes, who are current members of the Ad Hoc committee.

Gene Waters  
Condo Board Director •

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED CONDO BOARD MEMBERS!



Ken Winters



Beryl Willerton

Your officers are:

Alice Anderson –  
President

Gary Johnson –  
Vice President

Bert Sebastian –  
Treasurer

Terry Farris –  
Secretary



Gail Miller

## 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. ••

## GREEN COMMITTEE

Remember to separate out your aluminum beer and soda pop cans for the Shriners to collect for their charity. They have lots of barrels at both recycling collection sites, both pools, bath house #1, the laundry room, and the realtors' office, for you to fill. Remember, to be one of the best resorts in Mesa, we need do our part to recycle, reuse, and conserve.



# Administration

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

The Venture Out Social Club, Inc. Annual Meeting and Election will be held **Tuesday, March 20, 2018** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. Five (5) candidates will be elected. Three directors will serve three (3) year terms and two (2) will serve two (2) year terms. All active members of the Social Club (which includes each lot owner and spouse) are eligible for one (1) ballot each. In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws, only one (1) vote each (for up to five candidates) will be accepted on the ballot. To clarify who is entitled to a ballot for the Social Club, Inc. we would remind you that the Social Club is made up of people, not lots. Each person has one ballot. If ownership of the unit is in the name of husband, or wife only, the spouse shall also be an active member of the Social Club and allowed to vote. **Polls will be open for voting from 12 noon until 1:00 pm the day of the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Ballots are also available at the Activity Office, beginning Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 until 3:30 pm Monday, March 19, 2018 for those unable to vote on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.** Ballots are not allowed to leave the Activity Office. Should there be a hardship, contact the Activity Director. She will schedule a ballot delivery. **Be sure to wear your owner's badge when voting.**

All contracted classes & club events are not scheduled from **12:00 noon until the close of the meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018**, the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. The Activity Office will close for the day at 12 noon.

**A quorum of 25% of the active members is required for transaction of any business and election. Please make every effort to vote.**

## Sudoku

### SECURITY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER, 2017

Security Chief, Brandon Fowers 480-832-0200

The Security Staff logged in **8,543** vehicles at the front gate for the month. The total amount of gate access by residents, contractors and visitors totaled **111,519**. The total number of cars does not represent the total number of persons inside the cars. The original **111,519** cars should be multiplied by an average of 2 persons equaling a total of **223,038** people the staff assisted during the month of January.

Outside Guest for Activities – 3,661	Work Orders - 55
Medical Alert requiring ambulance - 0	Alarms - 2
Suspicious persons/activity calls - 2	
Total Incident Reports - 53	
Assistance to residents - 819	911 Calls - 15

Total Violation Notices - 49  
 Violation letter sent with fines - 0  
 Parking - 15      CC&R - 25  
 Speed - 3      Failure to stop - 1  
 Damage to property - 3  
 Suspicious person(s)/Cars/Events – 2

\*Speed Violation Notices does not include verbal warnings given to violators by Security monitoring traffic every day. This is strictly citations served.



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			2		4			
	2							9
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3			9				6	
			4			8		

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.



## VENTURE OUT GOVERNANCE STUDY

**The following remarks were presented to residents at the Annual General Meeting on February 14, 2018.**

As many of you will already know, I have been appointed to chair a Governance Study for our park. Kay Hanks, John Jones, and I form an initial Steering Committee to sort through the opinions being expressed in the park and to suggest a governance plan for VO that is fair, clear, unequivocal, and will withstand the test of time.

This search for an effective and efficient governance model for Venture Out is neither a negotiation or mediation designed to find some middle ground that will temporarily satisfy supporters of what has become a partisan issue. This type of conflict is not new in our park. We ask you to put aside loyalties, preconceptions, misconceptions, personality biases, etc. and focus only on the kind of structure that will best serve us all into the future. There should be no "winners" or losers" in this process.

Let me be perfectly clear at the outset that this ad hoc Committee was not formed to inject itself, or be distracted by, the budget approval controversy that has assailed us in 2017/18. That issue is up to our Boards to decide using the existing 2012 Agreement as a guide. Our task is to suggest some adjustments to our present governing structure that will eliminate, or at least significantly reduce, future jurisdictional conflict. If I accept the trending results of my personal interviews conducted with average residents over the past ten days, our study will have to include an evaluation of our present two board structure.

We are a multi-million dollar corporation with some of our hard earned retirement dollars invested in it. Do we, as owners, think it should be led by two elected Boards or by one? If two, what is the mechanism to resolve disagreement in philosophy or priority. If one, what should be the formal relationship with the other without compromising the invaluable contributions we now enjoying. We are looking for the right long term answer. There is no intent to convene a group equally represented by supporters of the Condo Board and the Social Club Board and resume yet another negotiation. Similarly, we are not intending large group sessions at this time, sessions that tend to favor those who are most comfortable with an audience. We want to speak to you as individuals in a comfortable setting to obtain your opinion. We will report out our emerging findings on our website, prior to proposing any new model, hopefully in early April. Recognizing that not everyone is comfortable with the website, we will seek other ways to communicate with you.

We have asked for a calm, reflective approach from all residents in resolving this very important governance issue. We are not necessarily asking you to describe a precise model, but rather, should the governance model be adjusted, to let us know "what worries you" or "what do you fear may be lost". No one on the Committee is even remotely interested in doing away with the Social Club and its vital contributions to our lifestyle. When each of you has thought about it carefully, objectively, intellectually, without bias or passion, the Steering Committee is ready to hear from you. Later, we intend to enlarge the Committee and do group sessions after we have a clearer perception of the feelings of individuals who love Venture Out. In October and November, we plan round table discussions to refine whatever models may be presented. Finally, in November, we hope to make a recommendation that represents the general consensus within our park.

Please stay in contact with the emerging thoughts of the Committee, by logging onto the park website, [ventureoutrvresort.com](http://ventureoutrvresort.com), then click HOA Committees, then vogovstudy, where you will find our reports and the emails and phone numbers of the Steering Committee. While we will obviously accept phone calls, personal contact or emails are much preferred. I, due to travel arrangements made over a year ago, will be out of park during much of March, but will be available by email. Kay and John, also available by email, will be here in the park.

Wish us luck. Our only agenda is to improve life in Venture Out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norm Thiessen,  
Governance Study Chair.

# **INFORMATIONAL ARTICLE # 1 from the Governance Study Committee IN PLAIN TERMS**

The Social Club, a club comprised of all residents of Venture Out, was formed in 1977 to assist the governing body of Venture Out in the provision of recreational activities to its residents. In 1978, it was granted 501(c)(7), Social and Recreation Clubs tax exempt status, permitting it to conduct fund raising activities without having to report receipts from admissions, membership fees, dues, assessments, and club investments as income.

Organizations who receive tax exempt status must maintain a separate identity and conduct its affairs independently. In our park, the Condo Board may enter into agreements with the Social Club, allow it to use its facilities and staff as may be required, but cannot impose operational practices other than those specified in an Agreement.

The Social Board requires the use of the Condominium Association's facilities, meeting rooms, and staff to conduct its business. In return for this privilege, the Social Board contractually promises to annually provide the Condo Board with its budget that outlines expected expenditures of the revenue obtained from clubs, including any ear-marked projects. The methodology is described in the 2012 Agreement, which requires the Social Board to report its expected income, operating expenses, line item contributions, equipment replacement needs and the disposition of year-end excess funds to the Condo Board. It also affirms that the budget cannot become effective until approved by the Condo Board. The 2012 Agreement, or relevant sections thereof, are available upon request.

The Study Committee does not question the right of the Social Board to independently develop and maintain internal procedures that protect the Social Club's tax exempt status, including rules of how funds are raised, accounted for, and how they are planned to be used for the benefit of all residents of Venture Out. Similarly, the Committee does not question that the Condo Board has the right to ensure that the budget, outlining the intended expenditure plan, presented to them for approval is a realistic portrayal of annual expectations based on previous years' performances, and is consistent with current park priorities and practices. This, after all, is the Agreement.

Nothing in the development of the relationship between the Social Club and the Condominium Association ever envisioned power struggles, name-calling, turf wars, or the use of park funds to cover legal costs to resolve disputes. The Social Club was simply constituted and contracted to assist the Condominium Association with the provision of recreational activities. It has become apparent that in the delivery of these services by its Boards, residents have come to question "who is in charge" or "two Boards are confusing and may be ill-advised".

Is it reasonable to suggest that we, the members of the Social Club, insist that our elected Social Board develop language to create amendments to its Bylaws that clear up these confusions? This review could include the consideration of a name change for the Social Board; the method of selection of the Board; and a reexamination of budget preparation processes. Each change should continue to value the worth and prestige of the Social Board, while at the same time, acknowledging that the Condo Board has the ultimate and final authority in the management of all aspects of our park.

These suggestions do not affix blame to either party but simply suggest that the Social Club may be in the best position to finally resolve the confusion that is impacting relationships in our park. The Condo Board does not have unilateral authority to dictate how the Social Board conducts its affairs, other than requiring the submission of a fully transparent budget for approval.

We will provide further specific thoughts on these questions in future articles and continue to seek your reaction.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Thiessen (Chair), Kay Hanks, and John Jones.



# Special Events

## Glass-Art Club RAFFLE

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

**Raffle Draw  
Following the  
Jumbo-Hot Dog-BBQ  
March 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

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



Available at various VO events  
Quilt displayed at time of ticket sales & in the Sewing Room

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

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

## DENVER STYLE EGGS

Those 90 and over eat free

\$5.00 Per Person  
tickets available at event

### MENU

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



Everyone welcome!

**BRING YOUR OWN TABLE  
SERVICE AND COFFEE MUG**

**SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 24  
7:30 - 9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

## VO's Got Talent!

# Sold Out



**BYOB & Snacks**

**Ice & Water Provided  
Sponsored by the Hams at Heart**

**MONDAY • FEBRUARY 26 AND  
TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 27 • 7:00 PM  
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

# Special Events

## MUSIC BY THE POOL WITH ROOT BEER FLOATS

**ROOT BEER FLOATS \$2.50**

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club

\*In case of nasty weather, event will be rescheduled

**Music  
by  
Dr. Dave**



**WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 28  
2:00 - 4:00 PM • EAST POOL**

## CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER



### MENU

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

**BYOB**

*BRING YOUR OWN  
TABLE SERVICE*

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

Sponsored by the Glass Art Club

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

## Annual Fine Art Show & Sale

All Original Work • All Mediums

View the work of creative VO artists! Original art in various mediums on display and for sale. 10% of all sales goes to the Social Club. **Participant applications may be picked up at the Post Office, or 903 Debonair. Return application to Joyce Bell by February 23 at 903 Debonair.** Questions, call Elma Becker at 480-396-6147.



**THURSDAY • MARCH 1  
9:00 AM – 1:00 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  
Clyde Baum 480-218-5121

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 28



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**



# Special Events

## Electronics Club Raffle



Tickets available March 3 - 17 at the Electronics Club, special events at the Baja Bistro or call Nick Perrin at 403-606-9079 or Leah Mosher at 480-432-6007. Raffle drawing March 17 at 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.

Don't miss out on our fantastic prizes:

- 2 50" Samsung Smart HDTV
- Dell 15.6' i3 Notebook
- iPads Air 2
- A Flight in a PT Stearman
- Mystery Prizes

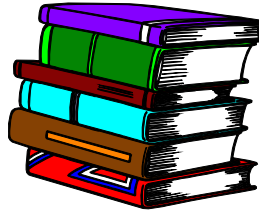


Tickets 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20  
You do not need to be present to win! Good luck!

**TICKETS AVAILABLE MARCH 3  
DRAW ON MARCH 17 • 1:00 PM  
BAJA BISTRO**

## VO LIBRARY Used Book Sale

The Library thanks everyone for donations!



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

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

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

## 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



With music by Keith Beyers

*BRING YOUR OWN  
TABLE SERVICE*

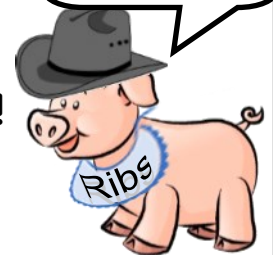
**SATURDAY • MARCH 3  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

## 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

*BRING YOUR OWN  
TABLE SERVICE*



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**

# Special Events

## Sew Much Color "High Tea with Style"

*Fashion Show Sale  
Quilt Show & Raffle  
Catered Tea Sandwiches  
and Desserts*

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

## Ladies! Lets Shop!

*With Calle Rose -*



Clothing, jewelry,  
purses  
and more!  
Open to everyone  
even if you are not  
attending the High  
Tea and Fashion  
Show.  
One and a half  
hours to shop to  
your hearts  
content!

Sponsored by the Sewing Club

**MONDAY • MARCH 5**  
11:00 AM -12:30 PM  
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

## OPEN TO EVERYONE CASINO RUN

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

*Cost of \$10.00 must be  
paid by February 26  
at 308 Navion to Carolyn  
Graft 260-668-0457.  
A minimum of 40  
people are needed to reserve  
the Bus.*

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

*Sign-up sheet in the Post  
Office Hallway*

Sponsored by the Pickleball Club



PHOENIX AK-CHIN CASINO RESORT  
harrahs.com

**Bingo!**  
**900 Slots**  
**Table Games**  
**Great Buffet!**

**TUESDAY • MARCH 6**  
BUS LOADING ZONE • COMMUNITY CENTER  
DEPART 10:00 AM • RETURN 4:30 PM

## STEAK FRY

### 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

SPONSORED BY THE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Tickets \$10.00  
Available from the  
Activity Office  
Deadline 10:00 am,  
Wednesday, February 28



**BRING YOUR OWN  
TABLE SERVICE**

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

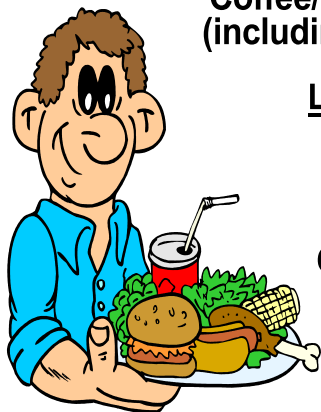


# Special Events

## 70 Diner

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

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



Lunch: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

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

Pie by the slice \$2.00

Table Service Provided  
Sponsored by the Fired Clay Art Studio

**THURSDAY • MARCH 8**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

## BLUEBERRY PANCAKES BREAKFAST

\$5.00 Per Person  
Tickets available at event

Special  
Performance by  
The Kitchen Band



### MENU

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

Everyone  
welcome!

*BRING YOUR OWN TABLE  
SERVICE AND COFFEE MUG*

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

Back by  
Popular  
Demand!

## SPECIAL DANCE FLIPSIDE-45



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

*50/25/25 Raffle*

**Tickets \$10.00**

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

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

**FRIDAY • MARCH 9**  
**7:00 – 10:00 PM**  
**BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

## MUSIC BY THE POOL

With music by  
Chuck-e-Baby



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



BYOB in plastic  
containers only!

**SATURDAY • MARCH 10**  
**2:00 - 4:00 PM • EAST POOL**

# Special Events

## PIEOLOGY®

### MEAL DEAL



You choose the toppings. You choose the crust. Make your personal pizza just how you like it! You can also select one of the Chef's inspired pies for a sure bet. Single serve Pizzas & Custom Salads are \$8.29 (Gluten Free & Pie Rise crust available for an additional cost)

Present full page flyer found in next Out-Lines at Pieology and a percentage of your dining bill of March 11 will be donated to the Venture Out Social Club

*SPONSORED BY THE GLASS ART CLUB*

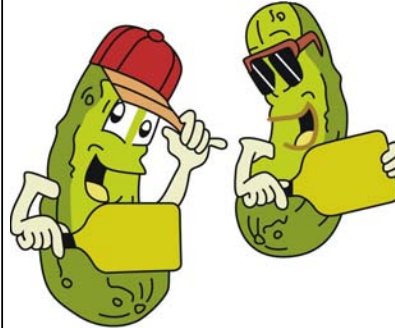
**SUNDAY • MARCH 11**  
**1766 S GREENFIELD RD #103, MESA, AZ 85206**  
**11:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

## SUPER SENIOR PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

### Schedule

Monday • Women's Doubles  
 Tuesday • Men's Doubles  
 Wednesday • Mixed Doubles

Meals available each day for \$7.00



**Monday & Tuesday:** hamburger or chicken sandwich, chip, cookie and drink  
**Wednesday:** roasted chicken, coleslaw, cookie and drink

**MONDAY- WEDNESDAY • MARCH 12-14**  
**8:00 AM • NE SPORTSPLEX**

## ENCHILADA DINNER

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



### MENU

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

*BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE*  
 Sponsored by the Electronics Club

**MONDAY • MARCH 12**  
**5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

## Bluegrass Concert Featuring "Murphy's Law"

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



Conceived by nationally known mandolinist and band leader Billy Parker, Murphy's Law presents an eclectic and unique mix of Bluegrass, Americana, and original acoustic music from a group of highly regarded and exhilarating musicians. With over a combined century of performance experience throughout the US and abroad, this band will present you with a variety of styles on banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and string bass. The creativity and diversity of this band makes for a show that you will not want to miss!

**Sponsored by the Silversmith Club**

**MONDAY • MARCH 12**  
**7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**



# Special Events

## JUKE BOX JIVE DANCE

**\$10.00 Tickets**

Available from the Activity Office & at the Door

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

Return appearance by the **8 - Tracks**



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

Sponsored by the Fired Clay Arts Studio

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 14**  
**DOOR OPENS 6:30 PM • 7:00 - 10:00 PM**  
**BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

## ANNUAL YEAR-END CHAMPIONSHIP PUTTING TOURNAMENT!

**Participants:**

John Rhoad	Ev Crane
Mavis Wheatley	Ray Wasyliw
Garry Whyte	Margaret Clark
Mary Christensen	Doug Hamilton
Del Johnson	Jeanette
Sharon Carr	Dempewolf
John Grieman	Larry Michels
Nan Larson	Marion Loda
John Grier	Ted Holmberg
	Andrea Melton

Be sure to bring...  
• **Putter**  
• **Ball**  
• **\$1.00 for participants only**



**Everyone is welcome to watch and cheer for your favorite golfer!**

Chairpersons: Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

**THURSDAY • MARCH 15**  
**10:00 AM - SHOTGUN START**  
**PUTTING GREENS**

## TACO SALAD

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

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

*BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE*



Limited Number of Tickets Available

*SPONSORED BY THE TENNIS CLUB*

**THURSDAY • MARCH 15**  
**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**



Past and present residents of Bellevue Iowa celebrating together at Venture Out.



The Venture Out Hiking Group on the Picket Post Trail

# Special Events

## IT'S ANOTHER... MYSTERY TRIP

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

# SOLD OUT!



Wear comfortable shoes & bring a warm jacket.

**Open to All!**

SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

**FRIDAY • MARCH 16**  
**BUS DEPARTS 7:30 AM**  
**BUS LOADING ZONE**

## 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

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

Sponsored by the  
Croquet Club

Music by  
Reign-N-Country



**BRING YOUR OWN  
TABLE SERVICE**

**Purchase at event.**

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

## ★ ★ ★ 2018 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Concert Series ★ ★ ★

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

**BUENA VISTA  
BALLROOM**

## Free Free **FORT McDOWELL** *Casino*

### CASINO OUTING BY BUS!

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

Sign up in the Activity Office.

**Minimum of 18 needed to  
reserve the bus**

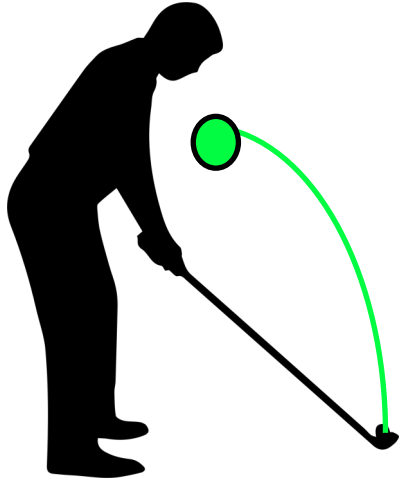
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**TUESDAY • MARCH 20**  
**3:30 PM • BUS LOADING ZONE**  
**DEPART CASINO 10:30 PM**

# Special Events

## TeeUp FORE Night Golf

\$1.00 Entry Fee at event



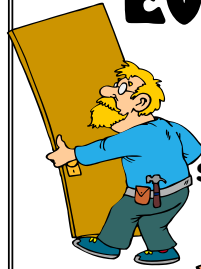
Crazy, obstacle night putting tournament!  
Shot Gun Start!  
Prizes for "Best Lit Golfer"  
Cash & Trophies

Must sign up in the Activity Office for 4-somes or individuals

Start planning your "night wear" today!

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 21  
7:00 PM • PUTTING GREEN**

## "Everything Goes Sale!"



With the VO Diner sponsored by the Pickleball Club

Last Sale of the Season



Flea Market, Vendor Sale and Craft Sale combined!  
Shop to your heart's content!!!

Sale Tables available for Residents \$8.00

Sign up & pay in the Activity Office Today!

**THURSDAY • MARCH 22  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

## The Freddie & Sheila Show

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

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



Sponsored by the Woodshop Club

**MONDAY • MARCH 26  
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

## CHICKEN ALFREDO DINNER

Tickets \$8.50 available from the Activity Office  
Deadline: 10:00 am  
Wednesday, March 28

### MENU

Chicken Alfredo  
Tossed Italian Salad  
Cheesy Bread Sticks & Beverage



*BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE*

SPONSORED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**WEDNESDAY • APRIL 4  
BYOB HAPPY HOUR 4:30 PM  
5:00 PM DINNER • BAJA BISTRO**



# ANNUAL WEENIE ROAST

TUESDAY • WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 20 • MARCH 21  
6:30 PM

BEHIND OASIS (RETENTION BASIN)

IT'S  
FREE!

In case of rain watch  
bulletin boards for  
updates!



Pick up your complimentary  
ticket from the Activity Office  
by Monday, March 19

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

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

GUESTS \$3.00 EACH

No Wood  
Donations  
Needed

Fireside Music by  
Pioneer Pepper  
and the  
Sunset Pioneers

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

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

# Clubs and Organizations

## LIBRARY SERVICE CLUB

Primarily a service club organized to promote and maintain our 8,000 book library. Activities include 6 hours of coverage during weekdays to answer questions, assist in locating books and providing general information to residents. We also shelve returned books, process donated books and select books for book sales. In addition we purchase books as our budget allows and maintain the locked case. Book sale volunteers sort and display books, put up signs, aid purchasers in finding books, and run a cashier station at sales. We schedule two informational meetings a year and a Spring Luncheon.



### CONTACT AN OFFICER FOR MORE INFO!

Ruby Erickson..	480-924-9125
Sheila Lahman.	480-695-6009
Marianne Speck	480-830-8953

### 8-BALL - MIXED COUPLES DOUBLES

**Marie Austin**  
480-396-8766

Don't miss Mixed Couples 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

Calling all Albertans and friends to the annual party **Saturday, March 10** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Western theme, prizes, 50/50 draw, music and dance. Sign-up sheet for appetizers and desserts is posted in the **Post Office** hallway. Please bring your own table service and

beverages. Come help set up your table for **4:30 pm** start up time.

### 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, distances and leaders vary. Most rides are 14 to 16 miles on flat surfaces. Have your bike tires aired up and ready to go. Wear your helmet; bring water and a snack for our breaks. This is an ongoing activity for the season. Join the fun.

### COLORADO/ WYOMING PARTY

**Colleen Beyer**  
303-651-2816

**Saturday, March 3** at **5:00 pm**, we celebrate living in our beautiful states of Colorado and Wyoming! Meet at the **EPC Cabana** for a Mexican Fiesta! Mexican food, entertainment, door prizes, games and dancing! Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from Joanne Moquin 970-980-7722, Vickie Ross 307-899-0606

or Colleen Beyer 303-651-2816. Please bring your own place setting and BYOB! See you there. Deadline for buying tickets is **Wednesday, February 28**.

### CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN

**Lin Rigg**  
480-218-5024

We meet every **Tuesday** at **1:00 to 3:00 pm** in the **Music Room**. It is an informal gathering of singing and conversation. Join us. You do not have to be fluent in German. •

### CREATIVE WRITING

**Linda Wallace**  
208-596-2748

Our club of writers are busily working with an eye to our Public Readings on **Saturday, March 24**, in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. Some of the prompts that we have attempted are "An Incredible Journey," "Mission Impossible," and "If I Had to Do It All over Again." If this catches your imagination, come and join us on **Thursdays** from **1:00 to 3:00 pm** in the **Sonoran**. For more

information, contact Linda Wallace at 616 Merlin.

### CROQUET

**Mary Waitrovich**

The members of the croquet club are eager to play croquet with you and teach you the official rules. 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** and **Saturdays** at **10:00 am**. The croquet court and the equipment are available every day for open play; you do not have to join the club to play. All skill levels may enter our annual croquet tournament. Croquet singles tournament started **February 19**; the doubles tournament will start on **February 26**.

### FIRED CLAY ARTS STUDIO

**Edna Hopkins**  
480-830-6341

Available to all VO Residents, two special

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# Clubs and Organizations

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classes: **February 28** learn to paint flowers, butterflies, dragon flies etc. using your finger, **March 7** learn to layer color to create a beautiful desert succulent box. Cost for each class is \$20.00. This includes products used in class, instruction and firing. Both classes are on a **Wednesday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. The Studio is open **Mondays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and Thursdays 1:00 – 4:00 pm**. This is when a teacher is available to answer any questions. Stop by and see what is available for members.

## GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

**Alice Petersen**  
651-214-9790

The final gathering of the season will be on **Wednesday, March 7**. See you there.

## GLASS ART STUDIO

**Janis Seville**  
780-940-5416

Oh, my golly; there is so much creativity happening at the Studio! Our Open House was a huge success; thanks to Renee Knox and her team of organizers and members - well done! Newcomers are welcome to drop by the Studio where Monitors will welcome you and offer a tour of our beautiful facility; check out what members are working on and be amazed by their beautiful creations. Beginner-advanced classes are ongoing, thanks to and facilitated by members eager to share their talent. Upcoming Events: Raffle to **March 3**, Chicken Dinner Fundraiser **February 28**, Fine Arts Show **March 1**, Year End Party **March 13**.

Volunteers needed. **KEEP SOCIAL CLUB ALIVE, STRONG AND INDEPENDENT**

## GOLF ASSOCIATION – 9 HOLE GOLFERS

**Judy Sell**  
503-407-0182

Sign-ups are **Tuesday** mornings at **7:45 am** sharp in the **Sonoran**. There are coordinators for three different courses: John Lloyd, 480-329-1439, for Royal Palms GC on **Tuesday** afternoons; Charney/Pat Jones, 306-688-0309, for Sunland Village GC on **Wednesday** afternoons; Dick/Marj Skinner, 480-924-6164, for Sunland Village East GC for **Thursday** mornings. The 9-hole tournament will be played at SVE on **March 8 and 15**. The last day to sign up for the tournament is **February 27**. Cost is \$4.00 per player. Ticket sales for the Wind-up Party on **Saturday, March 17** will be sold on **Tuesdays, February 27, March 6 and 13**, from **8:00 to 9:00 am** only. \$10/person. Door prizes, 50/50, tournament awards.

## GOLF ASSOCIATION – 18 HOLE

**Larry Booth**  
480-854-3696

Annual 18-Hole VO Golf Tournament will be held **March 12** at Western Skies Golf Club. **8:00 am** shotgun start. Entries by **March 7** to Larry Booth 480-854-3696.

## HAM RADIO CLUB

**Paulette Thompson**  
480-807-1791

Thanks to the instructors who conducted the radio classes for the past 5 weeks and to the Volunteer

Examiners who tested the students. Congratulations to the new FCC-licensed amateur radio operators. Howard Heithoff KF6JTT will be explaining facts we need to know about the ham shack in the coming weeks. At a recent **10:00 am Saturday** meeting Terry Laduke W7RNF entertained us with a recap of QuartzFest and also provided more information about antennas. Snowbird Field Day will be held at Red Mountain Park on **Wednesday, February 28 from daybreak until after lunch**. Join us for radio fun!

## HAMS AT HEART Dottie Johnshoy

406-544-1338

It is not too late to get your general admission tickets for this year's Hams at Heart production, VO's Got Talent, **February 26 & 27**. Ticket sales are brisk and we usually sell out by show time. Hope to see lots of friends and neighbors at the show.

## HANDYMAMS

**Pam Klocke**  
763-516-6214

Our last meeting for this season will be **Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 am** in the **Oasis**. All members are urged to attend as we plan for next year.

## HAPPY HARPERS

**Ian Stenberg**  
480-452-3707

Always looking for new members; also a part-time piano player. We practice every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am** in the **music room** and welcome visitors to listen or join us. We have harmonicas available if you wish to play. We do this for fun and nobody takes us seriously.

## HIKING

**Valerie Paetz**  
480-290-8275

**Jim Cox**  
515-999-9554

Meet at the **Baja Bistro Mondays at 7:45 am** SHARP, **7:15 am** starting in **March**. Wear hiking boots or good heavy ribbed soled shoes. Gloves and hiking stick recommended. Bring water, lunch and \$5.00 for gas. Ratings: "A" easy "D" tough. "D" hikes often have an easier alternative. (T) Trail (B/W) Bushwhacking. **Post Office** hallway has detailed descriptions, schedule and guidelines. **February 23** Hiking Group Potluck Social in the **Oasis**, Happy Hour **5:00 pm**, Dinner **6:00 pm**. **February 26**: Picacho Peak 4 miles "C" hike (T). **March 5** Barnhardt Trail. 8 miles "B/C" hike (T).

## KITCHEN BAND

**David Dagenais**  
708-710-6349

Your much acclaimed VO Kitchen Band practices every **Monday at 3:00 pm at the Oasis**. We are always looking for new members. The requirements are (1) being able to breath; and (2) being able to hum. Our last big show was at the Tuesday Pot Luck, to a standing crowd. I think it was enjoyed by all. Well, the saga of the Heiny Wine continues. Phillip A and Anita Little are not out of rehab yet. Harry and Seymore Heiny continue to fill in. Their two children, Lucie and Thor Heiny stop by to taste-test the wine every day. Remember, "If you want to get the party going, grab a little Heiny."



# Clubs and Organizations

## LAWN BOWLING

**Mardal Flynn**  
431-336-1172

If you like to have fun and enjoy great people, come try Lawn Bowling. Lessons **Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:15 am** at the bowling greens. We play every day at **8:45 am and 12:45 pm**. Come a bit early as we make the teams up each game. It is a good way to meet new people each time you play. There is no commitment, just come and play when you wish and we will be very glad to have you. •

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## LIBRARY

**Ruby Erickson**  
480-924-9125

In **January** there were 1,627 books signed out. This doesn't include any from the locked cases. PLEASE SIGN OUT ALL BOOKS. Large print Westerns are now in the Western section; large print Christian books are in the Christian section. There might be some of these in the locked case as well. Thanks to all who donate. All books on the open shelves may be taken out. Locked case books and Audios have to be checked out with a Librarian and returned to a Librarian. You must have a badge. If no one is on duty, put them in the drop box at the end of the large print open shelves.

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## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Pat Sullivan**  
320-809-9250

The Venture Out Men's Bible Study Group meets every **Thursday** morning from **7:00 to 8:00 am** in the **Sonoran**. Come and join us

for great fellowship. Meet men from many states and provinces. Rev. Don Bierle will be our guest speaker and Rev. Paul Harrington in **February**. Come and walk with us and enrich your knowledge of the Bible. •

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## MICHIGAN GATHERING

**Ann Diehm**  
231-878-0614

Our state gathering will be **Friday, February 23 at 6:00 pm** in the **Cabana Room EPC**. The planning committee has chosen 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.

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## NATIONAL MAH JONGG

**Vikki Lane Kunstman**  
920-246-5340

Welcome back, Mah Jongg players! If you have a 2017 National Mah Jongg card, please bring it and join us in the upstairs **Card Room/ Music Room** starting at **6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings**. Looking forward to seeing you there. Lessons: Those interested in learning to play Mah Jongg can come to the same room on **Tuesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** starting **February 13 - March 6**. •

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## NEBRASKA STATE PARTY

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

The Nebraska State Party will be held on **Sunday, February 25 in the Oasis**. Happy hour starts at **4:30 pm**. Taste sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, brownies, coffee and water will be provided. Please bring your own table service and BYOB. Entertainment & door prizes. \$5.00 donation per person at door. Door prize donations welcome. Look for sign-up sheet on the **Post Office** bulletin board. •

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## NORTH DAKOTA PARTY

**Pat and Walt Just**  
480-325-0138

All past and present North Dakotans are invited to gather at the **Oasis** on **Tuesday, February 27 at 4:30 pm** for happy hour and pot luck dinner at **5:15 pm**. Ham and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own table service and wear your VO name badge. A \$5.00 charge will be collected at the door. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the **post office** to let the committee know what you plan to bring to share. •

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## PET ASSOCIATION

**Forrest Simmons**  
480-532-1813

The next Pet Association meeting is on **Tuesday, March 6 at 2:30 pm** in the **Cabana** at the **EPC**. Please come, as we'll be voting in officers for next year. Thank you to all for your help with

a successful Home & Art Tour. Flashers are still available for sale; call Forrest. **Keep your Social Club alive, strong and independent.**

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## PICKLEBALL

**Toni Nelson**  
603-381-8484

Hello, Pickleballers. Greetings to all the new players. At the courts, **Thursday's** new Happy Hour, **4:00 – 6:00 pm**, is a good way to visit with each other, meet someone new, and enjoy the music. **March 6/7** is the annual VO Desert Classic, our in-house tournament. Sign up, challenge yourself; it's all about fun. Beginner's lessons are **Wednesdays/ Thursdays**. Please be aware, an AED has been installed at the clubhouse. Check out our website [www.vopickleball.com](http://www.vopickleball.com) for more info. Life is good! Get some exercise. Keep your paddle up and stay light on your feet.

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## ROCK AND GEM

**Sue Nobles**  
505-205-7894

There are a lot of activities still happening at the shop. Classes are offered at varied costs. Stone Carving is going on in the back of the building on **Tuesdays**. The year-end party is **February 28** at the **Oasis**. Happy hour at **4:00 pm**, dinner at **5:00 pm**. The VO diner is **March 22**. We will serve soup and sandwiches. Please sign up in the shop to help out. Elections for the club are in **March**.

# 2018 Social Board

## **VOTE** **FOR YOUR** **SOCIAL** **BOARD** **DIRECTORS**

**Vote in the**  
**Activity Office**  
**Monday,**  
**March 5 to**  
**Monday,**  
**March 19 or**  
**from 12:00 -**  
**1:00 pm**  
**March 20 in**  
**the**  
**Buena Vista**  
**Ballroom**

**A Quorum is**  
**needed for**  
**this important**  
**election!**



**Carol Stiers, 321 Aero, We** have been snowbirds for 14 years. Three years ago we sold our home in Iowa and moved permanently to Venture Out. I received a BA from Illinois State University.

I taught English for three years at United Township High School in East Moline, Illinois. During that time I also worked on a Masters Degree. In 1970 Ron and I married and moved to Thousand Oaks, California. We had two children. I finished my MA degree from California Lutheran College. I also substitute taught at that time. We lived for a short time in Rushville, Nebraska before moving to Iowa City, Iowa. There I worked at a fabric shop in Iowa City. We bought an existing craft shop in 1974. So I became an "accidental" business woman. We ran a very successful craft and needlework shop for 20 years. I was in charge of hiring out help as well as the day to day work of running the needlework side of the business. Because of the University, we had a new crop of applicants every year. Some years we had excellent applicants. Some years the qualifications were that they were upright and breathing. We are enjoying living at Venture Out full time. It would be an honor to serve on the Social Board. This would be a way to give back for the wonderful lifestyle that is found at Venture Out.



Gary Robbins, 217 Debonair,

After living in Montana, Wyoming, Utah and California, the Robbins settled on a farm in Idaho where Gary learned the value of hard work. After graduating from high school, Gary joined the army and went on to become a paratrooper with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne stationed in Okinawa. Returning home he alternated working with going to college, finally graduating in 1968 with a degree in Accounting. He worked for a few years for both Price Waterhouse and Ernst and Ernest before joining two others to form their own accounting firm. He is a Certified Public Accountant. While in college, Gary was president of the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi and Student Senator from the College of Business. The first year they were married, he and his wife, Jeri, used the money for the next semester's tuition to make a down payment on the four-plex where they lived. They managed to still go to school but it was a very lean year. By the time Gary graduated they owned 11 rental units.

Over the years Gary has sold real estate, owned an artesian hot water swimming pool/campground, dairy farmed and bought and sold property. While farming he was Chairman of the local Volunteer Fire Department and served on the Soil Conservation Board. He was active in both Elks and Rotary. In 1984 Gary was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives and served 6 years. His first year he was named Outstanding Freshman. One of his achievements was to bring the Idaho Conservation League and the ranchers to the table to find common goals. For the last twenty four years Gary has had an on-line book business specializing in hyper-modern, signed, first editions.

He and his wife have been coming to Venture Out for over 20 years. Jeri is second generation in VO. Gary has been a member of electronics, helped out in the activity office and been active in pickleball. He was elected to the Condo Board twice and chosen to be president twice. In his first year he agreed to carry the proposal to separate the water coming into the park and bring it to a vote. This saves the park thousands of dollars every year. Also, while president, the front entry to the park and the pull-throughs were redone and after 15 years of negotiations, SRP finally agreed to pay for the bulk of rewiring of the park.

Gary is running for the social board because it is currently difficult to find residents willing to run. He believes that volunteerism is the life blood of Venture Out. It is vital that people be willing to step up and continue this tradition which has made Venture Out such a great place for 50 years.

# Board Nominees



My name is Kay Biediger. 120 Navajo. I was born and raised in Houston, Texas. I received my B.S. from University of Houston in biology and M.S. in Physical Therapy from Texas Women's University. After graduating from Physical Therapy and working one year in the Texas Medical Center of Houston, I decided the mountains were calling my name. I moved to Missoula, MT and never left. I loved the small town in the valley surrounded by five mountain ranges, home to the University of Montana and all the recreational activities you could participate in year-round.

My career opportunities included teaching at the University of Montana in Physical Therapy for six years. Besides my teaching responsibilities, I was Coordinator of Clinical Education, as well as, Coordinator of our onsite Physical Therapy Clinic. As Coordinator of Clinical Education, I planned, organized and arranged for various clinical sites throughout the northwest to accept our students as interns and oversaw their progress during their internships. As Coordinator of our Physical Therapy Clinic, I managed and supervised student clinical practice.

After leaving the University, I accepted a supervisory position at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula and became Director of Rehabilitation Services 3 years later. In my responsibilities as Supervisor and Director, I managed staff, created budgets, wrote policies and procedures, participated in various committees and volunteered for numerous activities within the hospital. My leadership and organizational skills served me well in my health care career. As health care changed over the years, we changed also to meet the needs of the people we served. My career in health care was both rewarding and challenging, but one consistency for me was I loved being involved and "doing".

Upon retiring, I never thought I would be a "snowbird". Missoula friends encouraged us to come to Venture Out for a couple of months last year. We did and fell in love with the Venture Out people and recreational opportunities. We felt immediately welcomed and a part of a large family. Within a couple of weeks, we were looking to purchase a park model. During our first season, I joined the Pickleball Club, Glass Arts and Golf Club. I attended Grapevines and various concerts and tried my skill at lawn bowling, shuffleboard, bocce ball and table tennis. Our current season, I joined Pickleball Club, Glass Arts, Women's Softball, Pet Association. I became a Glass Arts monitor as the club needed monitors to keep our building open for our members. I participate in yoga classes on occasion and love the dances and concerts Venture Out offers.

Even though I am a new owner at VO, I have chosen to run for the Social Board because I enjoy meeting people, participating in various activities and want VO to continue being a place people enjoy and want to live. I want to learn more about the governing boards and Venture Out. I believe my desire to be involved and to participate is what the Social board is looking for in members. I would be honored to serve on the Social Board.



I am Lorraine Hee, I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii but my career landed me in Washington State where I worked in both western and eastern Washington. As a school administrator one of my jobs included directing the Associated Student Body. Besides managing the budget and creating/supervising activities; I was instrumental in developing leadership camps for high schools in the league, middle schools in the district and staff. My style of leadership is that of a team approach. I truly believe in the concept of **"People tend to support that which they help to create"**; and this has allowed me to be successful in my career.

I am in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of my first term on the Social Board. While on the board I served as a liaison for several clubs; sunshine carvers, silversmith, golf, bocce, splashers, and solos. During this time, I got to know and appreciate many of the members and the incredible talent they have as can be seen by the many pieces they have created. I have juggled my time on the social board with volunteering in the Activity office. As a year round resident, I have also assisted with some of the events of the summer. I have also been heavily invested in trying to close the gap between the two boards as I have been on the ad hoc negotiating committee.

I have chosen to run for a second term because I believe in what the Social Board does for the clubs and residents of VO. For the most part, it has been a fun adventure and I have definitely learned a lot about Venture Out and its governing body; and believe that I can help to make a difference on the board and VO.



Robert Hayes, 919 Aztec, My wife Jeanette and I have been in the park since 2005 and full time since 2007. In my past life I was a pharmacist and worked in a variety of settings including consulting, hospital, retail and long term care. I retired in 2006 after having spent 47 years dispensing drugs. I decided early on that I wanted to be involved in the volunteer program here in this wonderful park. My first involvement was with Hams at Heart. I was still working as a part time pharmacist with Walgreens pharmacy and did not have a lot of time. However, I was hooked. After all this time, I am still with Hams at Heart and am president of this fantastic group of people. I had no idea what lay ahead. My next move was to volunteer as a candidate for the Condo Board. I began attending meetings and felt I might be able to bring some of my experience to the Board. As it happened, I was elected and re-elected and spent a total of 6 years on the board, one year as president. These were special years, as I was involved with the solar project, the EPC project, the Glass Arts project and more. What a way to learn the workings of the park and be involved in what was going on. In 2012, I had a vision that VO needed more communication in the park. I proposed, with Denta Persinger, a plan to have a dedicated channel to videotape both board meetings and other important meetings and events. Mary Schmit endorsed the idea and Channel 17 came into being and has aired since. I am very proud of this contribution to VO's communication system. I have in the past, with my never tiring wife, Jeanette and others, chaired over 10 years of Thanksgiving and Christmas annual dinners. I am chair of the Election standing committee a past member of the Green Committee and a member of the ad hoc committee for communications in the park which has been made a standing committee. Some of my other volunteer involvements have included, Ask your Pharmacist, Past President of Bocce, a number of committees, and the wise guy behind the camera at the Grapevine. I have attended most Social Board meetings over the years and am familiar with how it functions. Having served on the Condo Board I feel I would be an asset to the Social Board. I support the Social Board and the Social Club and what their goals are. The Social Board is an important part of our lifestyle. If elected, I will work hard to assure that the Social Board continues to provide the leadership it has since 1979. Thank you for your consideration.



# Clubs and Organizations

## SCRABBLE

**Carol Lid**  
**480-358-7891**

Welcome to our game. We meet **Tuesdays** in the **Sonoran at 7:00 pm**. Bring books if you have them, we have the game boards. Call if you have questions. •

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## SEWING

**Karen Frank**  
**206-391-9594**

The Sidewalk Sale and Open House are behind us, and now our efforts are directed to the High Tea and Fashion Show which is on **March 5**. The committees have been working hard. The quilt is ready to be raffled off. Tickets for the raffle are available in the Sewing Room. The next AZB4Ks and potluck lunch will be **March 19**. Elections will be held at the **March 12** meeting. Think about running. The pay is not too great, but the rewards are good. We will have our end-of-season party on **March 14**. More information later.

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## SHUFFLEBOARD

**Dan Stuehrenberg**  
**480-325-4880**

Lessons every **Wednesday** at **9:15 am**. Mentors assist novices **Thursdays** at **9:15 am**. Congratulations to Gold Cap winners, Irene Sereda and Lucie Wood. Sign up to play under the lights in a ladder tournament beginning **February 28** at **6:30 pm**. The next Turkey Shoot will be **March 6**. Sign up at the courts to help with the **March 4** Ribs & Bibs Dinner Show. The Venture Out Couples Tournament will be **March 12-14** – sign up individually and then you will be paired with a partner.

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## SOFTBALL

**Wayne Colbeck**  
**480-641-5984**

We are now at the half way point of our league schedules. Come out for a sunshine-filled game and watch one of VO's five teams in action. For more information, ask us at the **Grapevine** every **Monday** morning. New players are always welcome. •

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## SOLOS

**David Dagenais**  
**708-710-6349**

A big thank you to all the Solo members who helped put on the terrific cabaret show with Nicole Pesce last **Wednesday**. We are a club for all singles young at heart, meeting every **Thursday at the Oasis at 4:00 pm** for an hour of fun and maybe a drink or two. **Five o'clock** is time for a great meal provided by some of the best chefs in the park – The one night I have a decent meal! We are always looking for new friends to join us.

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## 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.

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What are you watching for? Many things are happening now, and others still have to happen before He comes again. ••

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## SPLASHERS

**Robbie Oldemar**  
**480-396-9987**

Have you ever played "Water Volleyball"? Well, forget everything you learned when you come play at Venture Out! No previous experience is necessary to play our brand of "water volleyball"! We are in the **West Pool on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**, come join us and have a lot of fun. We have a very limited number of Coyote Coupon Books available. They are a win-win fund raiser for us. You win with all the 2-for-1 coupons and we win because it is our club fundraiser. We appreciate your support. They are always available at the pool on game days or from Robbie - 480-396-9987. •

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## STAMP COLLECTORS

**Rich Kantak**  
**206-931-4284**

Have you ever been, are now, or thought about collecting stamps? We'd like to meet informally in Venture Out, or even at a local Mesa stamp club. Please call for more information.

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## STITCH AND CHAT

**Dianne Gilbert**  
**480-993-7794**

We are enjoying an awesome group, doing all types of stitching. Join us **Thursday morning from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Mojave Room** for a lot of

stitching and / or chatting. If you have any extra yarn, please donate it for our charity knitting.

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## SUNSHINE CARVERS

**Bill Lees**  
**406-531-5657**

The Beginning Gourd Class 101 was completed and a great success. A Make and Take just concluded. Look for the March class, date to be determined. The peach faced love birds are coming to life with paint, eyes, feet and habitat being added. Drop in to see the results and look at all varied independent projects being worked on. Look for the posting of the Ice Cream Social Carve-Off winner from February 20. Come down and check out the subject. **Remember, keep your Social Club alive, strong and independent.**

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## TABLE TENNIS / PING PONG

**Al Manter**  
**253-584-6307**

We had our annual meeting **February 9**. Our new officers are Al Manter – President, Diane Zastrow – Vice President, and Dorothy Telford – Secretary-Treasurer. We play at the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 until 9:00 pm, and Thursday from 3:00 until 5:15 pm**. **Saturday** we play from **9:00 am until noon**. **Sunday** is open play from **9:00 am until 2:30 pm**. Come join us for a great time and good exercise.

# Clubs and Organizations

## TENNIS CLUB

**Janice Schwartz**  
507-251-9384

Enjoy friendly competition here tomorrow,

**February 24**, as we host Greenfield. Then it's the last week of league play with team windup parties to thank our awesome captains for many hours of scheduling, phone calls, and hugs! Next weekend we sell our baked goodies and second-hand treasures at the big spring auction **Friday, March 2**. Enjoy extra court time when not cheering the VO teams at SVE **March 5-10**. Check the kiosk for fun tennis sign-ups. Info at [votennisclub.com](http://votennisclub.com).

## WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP

**Laurie Horan**  
480-993-7878

Welcome all widows. Our next potluck lunch will be on **Wednesday, March 28 from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm** in the **Activity Office** conference room located at the end of the breezeway on the left. Please bring a dish to share and BYOTS. Beverage will be provided. Call Laurie for questions.

## WISCONSIN STATE PARTY

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

It's time for The Wisconsin Party! **Saturday, February 24 in the Oasis, 5:00 pm** social and dinner at **6:00 pm**. **If you didn't purchase a ticket already, you are too late!** But we will see the ticket holders on **Saturday!** Come enjoy the brats! Remember to bring a salad or dessert, your own table service,

beverage (if desired), and WI-related door prize (optional). May win prizes or cash! Will meet friends!

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

**Betsy Klofstad**  
480-854-8883

There are only two books left for review this season. On **February 23**, Anne Schultz will be moderating a discussion of "The Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah. The book for **March 9** is "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. Our meetings are held on **Friday mornings at 9:30 am** in the **Mojave Room** and everyone is welcome. Remember to bring suggestions for the Summer Reading list.

## WORLD OF WARCRAFT

**Rich Kantak**  
206-931-4284

Alliance? Horde? The Battle for Azeroth soon begins. Casual playing – perhaps start an informal guild. Please call for more information.

## GOLF SIGN-UPS 18-HOLE COURSES

### ARIZONA GOLF RESORT

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

### 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 Lloyd  
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

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Wed • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

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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

**Pan**

Sat • 8:30 am • Classroom

Mon • 1:00 pm • Classroom

**Scrabble**

Tue • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

**Social Bridge**

Thur • 1:00 pm

Sun • 6:00 pm

Mojave

**Spades**

Thur • 7:00 pm • Sonoran

**Texas Hold'em**

Wed • 6:30 pm • Aux

Ballroom

**Women's Texas Hold'em**

Sun • 6:30 pm • Baja Bistro



# It's a Weekly Thing

## NAME THAT TUNE TRIVIA

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

*Listen to short excerpts of 10 songs in each group and guess the titles*  
**BYOB & Snacks!**



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

## Friday Night Dance

February 23  
**Myron Sommerfeld**  
(Big Band)  
March 2  
**Midnight Confessions**  
(Oldies Rock)  
March 9  
**Special Dance**  
**Flipside- 45**  
**\$10.00**  
(Classic Rock & Roll)  
*50/25/25 Raffle*



**Tickets \$8.00**

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

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

**FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 23**  
**3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

**FRIDAYS • DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM**  
**7:00 - 10:00 PM**  
**BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

## WORSHIP SERVICE

February 25 Speaker: Rev. Ben Sanders  
Offering: C3 Ministries  
March 4: Speaker: Pastor Joan Gray from PICK  
Offering: PICK-PhoenixInnerCityKids

## 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

## It's the VO "GRAPEVINE"



**Free Coffee & Donuts!**

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

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

**MONDAYS**  
**9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO**



# It's a Weekly Thing

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- Vanilla
  - Chocolate
  - Mystery Flavor
- \$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 "Latifa Returns"



Venture Out resident, Annette Ripplinger spent her summer traveling and refining her veil dancing techniques! Veil dance is one of the most glamorous and visually stunning genres of bellydance. Its expressive language conveys a wide range of moods - mysterious, romantic, celebratory and spiritual Annette brings to you her newest dance moves and even more stunning costumes this season!

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

**TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 27  
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**



## Ed's Grill

**Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers  
and**

**— Special of the Day —  
Menu items subject to change.  
All lunches include a soda.**

### March 1

2 Meatball sliders & cole slaw

### March 29

Liver & onions with mashed potatoes

Limited time special: Bratwurst topped with sauerkraut served with chips and a soda. \$4.00

Your Choice

**\$5<sup>00</sup>** Table service included.  
Bring your own container for left-overs.

**THURSDAY • MARCH 1  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**



**What a show by Sing and Strum!**



# It's a Weekly Thing

## BINGO

**I'M  
GONNA WIN  
THIS TIME!**



**\$110.00 Regular Game**

**\$500.00 Money Ball**

**Betty Boop Special Game**

**\$900.00 Last Blackout**

Please bring your own coffee mug! *Concession Stand Available*

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

**THURSDAYS • 6:45 PM • BV BALLROOM  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM**



Mmmmm! Strawberry pancakes!



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

## DON'S CLASSIC KARAOKE



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

TGIR - Thank Goodness I'm Retired!

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

## Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring "INSPIRE"

Inspire Entertainment brings a group of their most talented students to Venture Out to "inspire" you with dance solos, group songs, musical solos and duets.



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

**TUESDAY • MARCH 6  
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**



# It's a Weekly Thing



**Congratulations to John Dahmer for winning the Poker Run with three Queens!**

## **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 GOD IM RETIRED**

**FRIDAY • MARCH 9**  
**3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**



## Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and local police officers for a cup of coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers who work in our neighborhood!

**Sign up required in the Post Office Hallway**  
**Bring Your Own Mug**  
**Coffee Provided**

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 14**  
**8:00 - 10:00 AM • MOJAVE**

**Bring your favorite "meatless" dish to serve 8 and your table service. Beverage provided.**

**Everyone invited!**

**Questions - Cheryl Epping**  
**248-925-0204**

**MONDAY • MARCH 19**  
**5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**



# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## **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, 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. Remember, exercises done in the water are less stressful on the body and produce great results. And, remember, **Wednesdays** are Fashion Hat Day at the **West Pool**. Our Banquet is scheduled on **Friday, March 9 at 1:30 pm** at the **Oasis**. If you have questions, call me.

## **ADVANCED LINE DANCE** **Cindy Gould** **308-830-3383**

Advanced line dance consists of true intermediate-level line dances from **1:00 to 2:00 pm or 2:30 pm**. This class is for dancers who can handle many syncopated 8 count patterns, lots of turns, tricky footwork and possible tags with restarts in the dances. Easy intermediate line or improver class **2:30 to 3:30 pm** for those who want to make the transition from beginner line dancing to the intermediate. The pace will be much slower, with more repetition and

easier dances. Current world dances with fun music. If you are up for challenging both your mental and foot memory, come on over. Free - **Wednesdays** in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. •

## **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**, by reservation only, from **1:30 - 4:00 pm** in the **Sonoran**. Sign-up is on "Sign Up Genius"; contact Lorelee to get on the e-mail list. Beading Kits are available for purchase and include everything you need to complete the project. Prices range from \$10.00 - \$25.00. Drop in begins at **2:30 pm** for anyone wanting to complete projects from previous classes. First Time Beading Class is offered occasionally at the **2:30 pm** time. Contact Lorelee for dates. Hope you can join us!

## **TUESDAY CHAIR YOGA** **Vikki Lane Kunstman** **920.246.5340**

Come and join Chair Yoga on **Tuesdays at 8:45 am** in

**Auxiliary Ballroom**. Chair Yoga is for those unable to participate in regular Yoga but desiring to reap the benefits of Yoga. Participants practice moving seated on a chair doing breath work, warm ups, asanas (physical poses), sitting, standing, balancing, and finishing with savasana (relaxation). Yoga integrates mind, body and spirit and builds strength, flexibility, and body control. Through regular Yoga practice one can experience multiple respiratory, digestive and cellular functioning benefits. Come experience Yoga for yourself. Please bring a ¼ inch Yoga mat and water. Classes vary from 45 minutes to an hour. **Keep your Social Club alive, strong and independent.**

## **DANCE AEROBICS** **Ann Fox & Em Williams** **480-654-2141**

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

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

Come draw with an encouraging group every **Wednesday until March 28th from 10:00 am - noon** in the **Sonoran** in the **Bistro**. Bring a pencil, paper, eraser, and a smile. We'll practice a different subject every week chosen by the class. Last year we drew faces, palms, vegetables, umbrellas, cacti, trees, and landscapes, in the park and out of the park. Classes start with a 30-minute lesson filled with pointers and examples, leaving 90 minutes to practice on site, weather permitting. Are you a total beginner? Not to worry! Your classmates are really supportive. Emphasis will be on observation, composition and technique. •

## **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.\*\*

## **GUIDED MEDITATION** **Gretchen Bickert**

Introduction to meditation and sound healing. **March 6 & 27 from 11:30 am - 12:20 pm** in the **Cabana**, 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. Each Class is \$5 and 5 person minimum. Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the EPC.

## **LEARN TO DANCE WITH SHALL WE DANCE!**

**Mona Brandt**  
**480-491-2393**  
[info@shallwedancephoenix.com](mailto:info@shallwedancephoenix.com)  
[shallwedancephoenix.com](http://shallwedancephoenix.com)  
Mona Brandt is back on **Monday** afternoons in the

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# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

(Continued from page 28)

**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.\*\*

## MASSAGE THERAPY

**Maryanne Schuster**  
210-287-4719

The health benefits of water, but exactly how does water help? Did you realize that your body uses water in all the cells and is approximately 60% of your body's weight? Water helps regulate its temperature and maintain other bodily functions. The body loses water through breathing, sweating and digestion, so keep rehydrated by drinking fluids and eating foods that contain water. The amount of water you need depends on a variety of factors: climate, physical activity, even having health problems. Call for your massage 210-287-4719, \$50.00 one hour. Remember to drink water after 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!** Sign-up 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.\*\*

## STONE CARVING

**Jean Bachynsky**  
480-907-5910

Have you ever wanted to try something you've never done before? Try stone carving! Classes are held at the **Lapidary** shop every **Tuesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. We welcome all newcomers and returning carvers. We hope to see you!\*

## STRETCH AND TONE

**Joe & Kathy Blitgen**  
563-451-4828

Calling all men and women to a **FREE** Stretch and Tone Class. Come join us at the Buena Vista Ballroom **Monday-Friday 8:00-8:30 am**. Weights on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. All you need to do is bring your mat and weights!

## 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

Yoga is offered in the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday through Friday** at either **7:15 or 11:15 am**. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a 1/2" yoga mat arriving early enough to be on your mat and ready at the starting time. If you are new to yoga, come and watch before participating. Practice begins with breath work, warm-ups, asanas (poses), releases and savasana (relaxation). Benefits of yoga include flexibility, balance, strength and body control. Through individual practice you too can experience positive gains in cellular functioning, digestive and respiratory health. Come and join the VO Yogis. Thanks to our volunteers who set up for yoga practice each day. **Keep your Social Club alive, strong and independent.**

## 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. \$5.00 per class. **Mondays from 8:00 to 9:00 am and Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Cabana.**

## EXERCISE CLASSES

### Co-ed Exercise

7:25 am • Mon - Fri  
BV Ballroom

**East Pool Water Aerobics**  
9:00 am • Mon - Sat

**East Pool Water Aerobics**  
10:00 am • Mon - Fri

**Exercise at the West Pool**  
7:30 am • Mon - Fri

**Exercise with Noodles at the West Pool**  
8:45 am • Mon - Fri

**Free Beginners Tennis Clinic**

1:15 -3:15 pm • Mon  
Courts 7 & 8

**Lap Swimming**  
(every day)

6:00-8:30 am • East Pool  
7:00-8:00 pm • West Pool

**Pickleball Lessons**  
Wed & Thur

11:00 am 12:00 pm  
Pickleball Courts

**Qigong**

10:30-11:30 am • Wed  
Cabana

**Stretch & Tone**

8:00 am • Mon - Fri  
Buena Vista Ballroom

**Tai Chi**

10:00 am • M,W,F  
Aux Ballroom

**Water Walking**

6:00 - 7:30 am • West Pool  
**West Pool Water Exercise**

10:00 - 11:00 am • M-F

**Zumba Gold**

Mon • 8:00 am  
Wed • 12:00 pm • Cabana



# Classes, Seminars & Wellness



Beginning Gourding class recently held by Sunshine Carvers. The creativity of the attendees is evident in the finished gourds.



## 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**

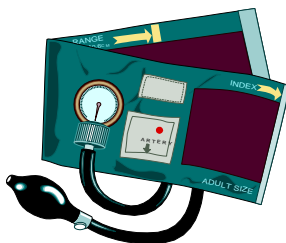
Look for individuals at the EPC desk wearing a "Volunteer" badge. Please understand these are volunteers, not certified trainers.

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

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Monitor your Blood Pressure

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a repeatedly elevated blood pressure exceeding **140 over 90** mmHg. 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**

## Do Your Eyeglasses Need to be Adjusted?



Resident Barbara Hauck has volunteered

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

**FRIDAYS • EXCEPT MARCH 9  
9:30-10:30 AM  
THERAPY ROOM #2 (EPC)**



# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

FRIDAY SEMINAR

## “Northern Lights”

The Northern Lights-the Aurora Borealis-is an amazing and colorful natural phenomenon.

Many myths have been spun about its origin, and only lately have we

gained a scientific understanding of its dramatic appearance. This discussion will demonstrate, through photos and videos, how our explanations for this “light show” have changed over time. Your presenter, Per A. Aannestad, Ph.D., received his undergraduate degree in astronomy from the University of Oslo, Norway, and his graduate degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.



FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 23

1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

## BREAKFAST WITH THE DOCTOR

“Understanding COPD”

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a combination of lung damage and mucous production that makes it hard to breathe. COPD is a chronic condition that worsens over time. Because it is slow to onset, the symptoms may not be noticeable until they are severe enough to interrupt daily activities.

Currently, there is no cure for COPD. However, COPD can be controlled with proper treatment and management. Free breakfast provided.

Sign up on the EPC Bulletin Board **Free Event!**  
Sponsored By

Limited to 50 participants as specified by Banner Health.



Banner Health®

THURSDAY • MARCH 1

9:00 AM • CABANA

## Free Dental Consultation

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



Sign-up required on the bulletin board at the EPC

Keep that smile healthy!

FRIDAY • MARCH 2

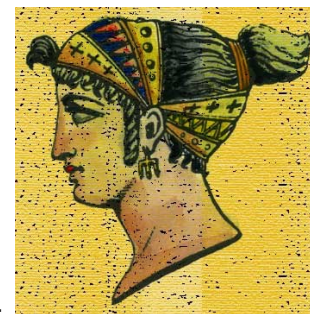
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • EPC THERAPY ROOM 2

FRIDAY SEMINAR

## “Women of the Ancient World”

Arizona State University Professor Dr. Sarah Bolmarcich examines the most influential women of the ancient world.

These women were not just “goddesses, wives and slaves,” but often powerful political, cultural, and economic influences that were essential to the functioning of the societies of Greece and Rome. How much power did women have during that time? The answer might surprise you!



FRIDAY • MARCH 2

1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

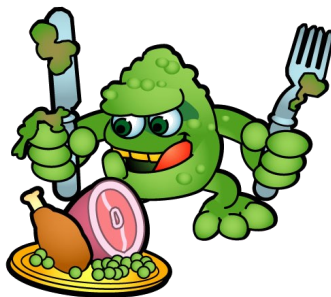
# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS

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

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

No Studying Required! No Test! No Cost!



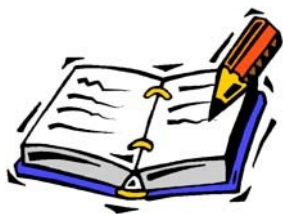
No need to go off property to take a test.

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

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 7  
10:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

## THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

### “Journaling for your Health”



Journaling is not the “Dear Diary” of our youth. It can be an immense stress reducer and a great source of inspiration. Be informed of the “how-tos” and the health benefits of this popular activity called “Journaling”. Your presenter, BeAnne Lane, has a Master's Degree in Counseling and is a certified Life Coach.

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

## FRIDAY SEMINAR

### “Politics in the Gilded Age”



Former history teacher and resident, Ron Gumm returns to discuss one of America's most corrupt time periods; the Gilded Age. The Administration of President Ulysses S. Grant was a cesspool of corruption, Treasury Department officers demanded bribes from

importers if they wanted their goods to be processed efficiently. The Naval Department awarded contracts on the basis of favoritism rather than competitive bidding. The Secretary of War accepted bribes from merchants interested in lucrative trading franchises on Indian lands. Even Grant's personal secretary conspired with whiskey distillers to avoid excise taxes. Ron will also examine key players such as Jay Gould, “Boss” Tweed, Thomas Nast, the “bloody shirt” and Grandfather Claus.

**FRIDAY • MARCH 9  
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM**

## Come to a Painting Party!



Join us for an unforgettable evening of friends, fun, drinks and painting! Go home with a completed piece of art painted by you. Pinot's Palette provides everything you need for a great night out.

\$40 per person  
Minimum of 15 needed to hold this class. Sign up in the Post Office Hallway (Pay at event)  
All painting supplies included • No experience needed  
BYOB & Snacks

**FRIDAY • MARCH 9  
6:00 PM • SONORAN**

# Classes, Seminars & Wellness

## Zappone's Italian Cooking Class

Conducted by Chef Salvatore Zappone of Zappone's Italian Bistro

### "Back to the Classics"

Fennel & arugula salad, olives, walnuts, vinaigrette

Lasagna • Pork Milanese

Affogato & almond biscotti cookies

BYO Wine - Ice Tea & Water Provided

Last of the Season



Monday March 12  
11:00 am  
in the Sonoran

20 person Minimum  
30 person Maximum

\$38.<sup>00</sup> includes instruction,  
lunch & recipes

Sign up & pay in the Activity Office  
Deadline 10:00 am, Friday, March 9

## THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

### "Refrigerator to Pantry 101"

When the refrigerator is full and nothing "looks good," expanding food choices and creating a master grocery list are key steps to healthier eating. "Pantry and Refrigerator 101" helps you solve the "nothing looks good" dilemma we sometimes face at home. Strategies like "a salad bar" in your refrigerator, and healthy alternatives for "favorites" are included.



Sharon Madson, a Nutrition Consultant, Author, IHeart Radio show host and Public Speaker, will help you create a "keep it or ditch it" list for foods you're not sure about. Food shelf life, storage and food safety are also covered. Shopping, stocking and pre-preparing high nutrient food for the week, will help you get healthier and save money.

**THURSDAY • MARCH 15**  
**1:00 PM • THE CABANA (EPC)**

## FRIDAY SEMINAR

### "Situational Awareness & Active Violence"

Were you or someone you know in Las Vegas when a gunman opened fire on a crowd of 22,000 concertgoers? Would you have known what to do or how to have stayed safe? Officer Jeff Jacobs has been a police officer for over 26 years and is a certified instructor for "Civilian response to active shooter events." He will define awareness for the purpose of recognizing and responding to violence.

Learn about the FBI / Homeland Security protocol called "Run, Hide, Fight" and how to best respond to situations happening right under your nose. This is not intended to teach people how to fight, but rather develop the proper mindset for survival in an active shooter situation.



**FRIDAY • MARCH 16**  
**1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM**

## Healthy Eating Cooking Class

Conducted by Chef Joseph Turley

\$12.<sup>00</sup> includes instruction,  
samples & recipes

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

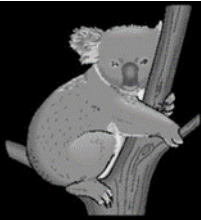


### Immunity Boosting Meals

We will show you how to strengthen your resistance to illness through whole foods cooking

**MONDAY • MARCH 19**  
**11:00 AM • THE SONORAN**





2017 – 2018

All Trips include Deluxe Motorcoach and a Professional Tour Director

**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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 splendor 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.

# This and That



PHOTO DIRECTORY

2017

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

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

**Cats:**  
Seasonal: \$10.00  
Monthly: \$5.00



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

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	T	6:30 pm	Lauren Decker	309-945-7455	Entrusted-II Timothy (Beth Moore)
M/W	W	8:00 am	Bob Burkhart	360-652-0444	Biblical Prophecy (Sons of Issachar)
W	W	9:30 am	Blanch Rasmussen	480-325-9429	Connecting with God
W	W	9:30 am	Jean Sanders	608-778-4520	Connecting with God (Prayer)
W	TH	1:30 pm	Jean Sanders	608-778-4520	Growing in the Christian Life (James)

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

Star Volunteer



Laurie Horan serves Venture Out by overseeing the assembly and delivery of the Out-Lines. She also volunteers with the Widows

Fellowship group, she's a Saturday Breakfast volunteer and works with the Christmas Decorating committee. She also leads a bible study and volunteers for the Prayer and Praise Group.

Way to go, Laurie Horan!

# This and That

**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  
SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING  
FEBRUARY 27**

## *CONTINENTAL COFFEE HOUR ANNUAL POTLUCK*

Inspirational speaker Dr. Maddy Paschal "the Perfect Little Girl - What Happened?" Perfection isn't all it's cracked up to be-(2010 Ms. Senior Arizona, educator, TV talk host, B&B owner) Special music by Dr. Maddy and Pastor John on the saxophone (professional saxophone player who has played for presidents and Billy Graham)



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

Questions contact Jean Sanders 608-778-4520

**SATURDAY • MARCH 3  
5:00 PM  
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

## MarketPlace

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



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

**All licensed vendors!**

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

**THURSDAY • MARCH 8  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO  
11:00 AM - 12:45 PM • ED'S GRILL OPEN**

## *KARAOKE KORNER WITH RON & DON*



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

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

**FRIDAY • MARCH 9  
6:30 - 9:00 PM • OASIS**



# This and That

## 2018 - 2019 CLUB OFFICERS

To be completed by club president

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

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

Month officers are elected \_\_\_\_\_ When term becomes effective \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ACTIVITY OFFICE**

### PUTTING TOURNAMENT

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



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

All invited to participate!  
No experience necessary!  
Chairpersons:  
Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

**SATURDAY • MARCH 10  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM • PUTTING GREEN**

### Musical Jam



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

For more info call  
Diana McCallum 480-478-3032

**SUNDAY • MARCH 11  
1:00 - 4:00 PM  
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

# This and That

## “Sing-a-Long”

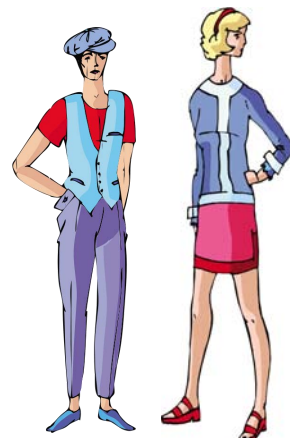
Join residents Carolyn & Don Royan for a good-old-fashioned but modern sing-a-long. The evening will also offer additional special musical features. Everyone welcome!



**SUNDAY • MARCH 11**  
**6:59 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

## 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!*

**THURSDAY • MARCH 15**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**BAJA BISTRO**

### Putting Tournament Winners for February 10

Prizes can be picked up at the Activity Office



<b>Men:</b>	
<b>1st Flight Winner</b>	
Doug Hamilton	73
<b>2nd Flight Winner</b>	
Larry Michaels	79
<b>3rd Flight Winner</b>	
Ted	88
<b>High Score</b>	
Dave Gilkes	
<b>Ladies:</b>	
<b>1st Flight Winner</b>	
Jeanette Dempewolf	74
<b>2nd Flight Winner</b>	
Marion Loda	84
<b>3rd Flight Winner</b>	
Andrea Melton	93
<b>High Score</b>	
Peggy Ogborn	
<b>Aces Men:</b>	
Paul DeMerchant	6
Dave Gilkes	6
<b>Aces Ladies:</b>	
Jeanette Dempewolf	5
Donna Goebel	4

**Borrow up to 2  
DVDs for a  
2-day period. Free!**

New Movies!

- Road Less Traveled
- Homesman

New Movies!

- Once Upon a Time in Venice
- Bone Tomahawk

New Movies!

- Eat Pray Love
- Different Story

# This and That

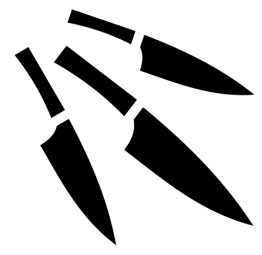
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 Connie Langemeier Feb 25  
 Murray Rigg Feb 28  
 Karen Watters Mar 7  
 Bev Goodno Mar 13  
 Laverne Wilger Mar 15  
 Sandy Jackman Mar 17



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
 Dick & Helen Utterback  
 Mar 8 65 yrs  
 Dave & Diane Obert  
 Mar 9 55 yrs

**WANTED:**  
**Jerry Formsma**  
**480-924-8586**  
 Someone who has sung tenor in a Barbershop Quartet and would be willing to try again. •

## Knife Sharpening at the Woodshop



Have your knives & Scissors sharpened (No serrated blades) Wednesdays from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. In the woodshop \$1.00 per blade

## VENTURE OUT TURNS 50 IN 2020

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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Recdir@ventureoutrvresort.com)

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

## NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION



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

## 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.



### NEW OWNERS

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| Michael & Francis Toms<br>214 Merlin                       | Doretha F<br>209 Debonair                               |
| Wendy Strachan<br>120 Aztec                                | Bradley & Victoria Elvin & Charles White<br>136 Douglas |
| Bruce & Linda Stevenson<br>312 Aero                        | Frands & Jude Jensen<br>416 Merlin                      |
| Jerome & Lavonne<br>Patterson & Lloyd Spiegel<br>612 Aztec | Karen & Rolan Facette<br>918 Aztec                      |
| Kathy<br>818 Aztec   | Forrest & Jan Simmons<br>224 Navajo                     |
| Sharon Gupton & Ronald Bogle<br>840 Navajo                 | Myers Family Trust<br>338 Douglas                       |

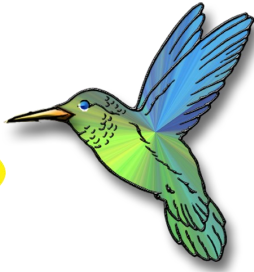


**Marketplace is where you go for the good stuff**





**Mar 5**  
**Quilt Raffle**  
(Sewing Sponsored)  
**Pg 7**



**Mar 3 - 17**  
**Electronics Club**  
**Raffle**  
**Pg 9**



**Mar 3**  
**Book Sale**  
(Library Sponsored)  
**Pg 9**



**Mar 6**  
**Harrahs Casino Run**  
(Pickleball Sponsored)  
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**Mar 3**  
**Jumbo Hot Dogs**  
(Poolroom Sponsored)  
**& Cake Sale**  
(Croquet Sponsored)  
**Pg 9**

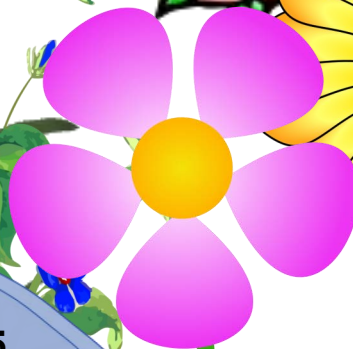


**Mar 8**  
**VO Diner**  
(Clay Sponsored)  
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**Mar 3**  
**Glass Art Raffle**  
(Glass Sponsored)  
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**Mar 9**  
**Flipside-45**  
**Pg 11**





# **Recreation Update**

**February 23, 2018**

**Ballots for the Social Club election will be available from the Activity Office Monday, March 5 through Monday, March 19. Each homeowner is entitled to one vote in this election regardless as to how many units are owned. Voting will also take place from 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom on March 20 prior to the Social Club Annual Meeting.**

Join Gordy Klofstad along with DJ's Ron O'Genski and Larry Binne for one of the seasons' favorite "Name that Tune Trivia" on February 23 beginning at 3:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. BYOB and snacks. Water, ice, songs and fun provided.

If you're 90 years' age or older you're invited to a free breakfast in your honor Saturday, February 24 from 7:30 - 9:30 am in the Baja Bistro. Those under that golden age will pay the low, low price of only \$5.00 for a breakfast of scrambled eggs loaded with cheese, ham and green peppers served with hash browns, toast, juice and bottomless cups of coffee!

Mark Thursday, March 1 on your calendar and head to the Baja Bistro between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm for the resident Fine Art Show and Sale. You will not only be amazed at the talent displayed, you just might find that one special piece of art for which you've been searching. Bring a bit of extra cash as Ed's Grill will be open for lunch.

The Hams at Heart production of VO's Got Talent is sold out for both evenings! Check the Ticket Resale Board in the Post Office Hallway for possible ticket opportunities.

The weather on February 28 is going to be beautiful so you'll want to join the Pickleball Club for some music and root beer floats at the East Pool between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. The floats are \$2.50, the music is free. In case of terrible, awful, freezing, windy weather the event will be rescheduled.

Those innovative Shuffleboard members will be at it again with their Ribs and Bibs Dinner Show scheduled for March 4. Complete with a full BBQ baby back pork rib dinner and a stage show featuring the national performing tribute artist Dave Karl as Kenny Rogers, it will be an evening you won't want to miss!

The last Tennis Auction and Bake sale of the season is Friday, March 2 behind the laundry facility. One never knows what treasures can be found at this bargain sale. The Rummage and Bake Sales begin at 8:00a m with the auction slated for 10:00 am sharp.

If you are new to our beautiful community and are interested as to the who, what, where, when and the why's of Venture Out plan to attend the Newcomers Orientation on March 2. The meeting is at 9:30 am in the Mojave Room which is on the main floor of the Community Center.

Ladies! Even if you are not planning to attend the Sewing Clubs High Tea and Fashion Show March 5, you can still shop before the event as sales are available to everyone! Open shopping hours are from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Clothing of all sizes, purses and the most beautiful jewelry you'll see this season will all be available for you at fabulous prices Credit cards accepted so there's no excuse not to pick up an outfit or two and some new bling! Again...open for everyone to shop from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm.

The Poolroom Association will host their last Jumbo Hot Dog BBQ of the season on Saturday March 3. The Croquet Club will sell cake and the Library has another of their famous used book sales on that day as well. As a special treat Keith Beyers will entertain for your listening pleasure. The action all takes place in the Community Center with the BBQ from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and the book sale from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm with the Glass Art Club will hold their raffle draw at 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.

The last Food Handler's class of the season is Wednesday, March 7 at 10:00 am in the Baja Bistro. Take a look at the sticker on your badge to see if it's time to renew.

I just love a good, juicy steak dinner with all the fixins. How about you? If you agree then you'll want to pick up tickets for this annual Softball Association sponsored March 7 dinner soon as the deadline to do so is Wednesday, 10:00 am, February 28.

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

Now's the time to sign up for our first ever "Tee Up Fore Night Golf Putting Tournament." Groups of fours twosomes or individuals may sign up and pay in the Activity Office. Then you can start planning your glow in the dark costume for this crazy event! Prizes for "Best Lit Golfer" plus cash winnings for this shotgun event. No experience necessary! Just need to be a little zany!

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

The 8-Tracks Band was such a hit at last season's Ceramics Club special dance they were invited for a return engagement this year. Tickets are now on sale for the Wednesday, March 14 Juke Box Jive from the Activity Office or at the door the evening of the dance.

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

It's outlandish! It's outrageous! It's the Outlandish Outrageous Olympus and it's time to get your team together for this year's event scheduled for April 3-4-5 Olympics! Guaranteed to be outlandish, outrageous, wild and fun!

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

There's still time to sign up for the March 6 Harrah's Casino bus outing sponsored by the Pickleball Club. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Post Office Hallways.

**Teresa Beally**

Activity Director

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# **Manager's Corner**

*February 23, 2018*

This week's occupancy is 1567 or 90% vs 1633 the prior count and 1156 the year before. There are currently 369 renters in the park.

Next Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Oasis, the Condo Board starts their budget process. For those of you who have never sat through this process, it is long and involved, but an excellent example of the detail that the Board undertakes to review each line item before presenting the final budget at the March Town Hall meeting. Probably the biggest item on their plates this year, will be how to determine to get as many transmittals through the process, within the \$90,000 cap. For those of you who have no idea what a transmittal is, that is the document that generally a club will submit for some kind of capital improvement for their facilities. This year there are 45 transmittals that we are currently working on, I expect the Board to review about 25 of them, the others are more long term or are already in process.

Also on the budget table is the projected street work this year. Most of the west side is slated for seal coat. If your road isn't seal coated (on the west side), it's because the street consultant has projected it for replacement in the near future. Again, that information will be presented at the March town Hall meeting, you can also find the street consultants entire analysis of the roads on the web site.

Additionally, included in this year's budget will be a new street light plan. Two test street lights were installed last summer on the 800 block of Merlin and I understand to the general approval of the homeowners along that street. Our street lights are of course 50 years old on the west side, (the lights are newer), but the biggest problem is that all of the wiring is direct buried, and it is starting to fail. Planning ahead to get a new system installed has been spearheaded by the infrastructure committee and it was also an item that bubbled to the top of the last Long Range Plan survey.

We are nearing spring break time in the park. It is always a busy time. We ask that everyone please pay attention to the rules so that grandchildren and residents can live in peaceful coexistence. One item that came up last year was the pool rules, (who would guess), and if that meant that children were not allowed within the fenced area during hours that children are not allowed. The answer to that is yes, people do expect to have the pool deck as well as the pool, to themselves during those hours. We do think however that between the two pools there should be ample opportunity for children to swim.

This is also the time of year that our water bill spikes by about \$10,000 due to all of the visitors. Please ask your guests to be mindful of the bathhouse hours and not try to use them when the janitorial crew is cleaning them and help you out by not taking those 30 minute showers!

Olivia and Lynette are busy now assigning RV storage and RV rentals. We have 18 people on a wait list for our RV overnight spots. I guess you can say they are popular.

I hope that everyone can get out and enjoy this beautiful weather and have a great weekend.

**Mary Schmit**

General Manager

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# DAILY TIMETABLE

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
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	8:30 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 Toumy	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
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
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
Scrabble	6:30 pm	Sonoran 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		
Singles	10:00 - 12:00 pm	Croquet
Doubles	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Croquet
Qigong	10:30 - 11:30 am	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
Line Dance		
Adv/Intermediate	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Improver/Easy Int.	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom
Scrabble	7:00 pm	Sonoran
Duplicate Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Texas Hold-em	7:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
31	7:00 pm	Sonoran

### THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Sonoran Café
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	Outside 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
Shuffleboard, mentors	9:15 am	Shuffleboard
Lawn Bowl Lessons	10:30 am	Lawn Bowl Court
Line Dance Beginners	12:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Creative Writing	1:00 - 3:00 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 - Dinner	Oasis
Pickleball Happy Hr	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	PB Courts
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

### FRIDAYS

Croquet Organized Play	9:00 am	Croquet
Tai Chi	9:00 - 10:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Eyeglass Adjustment	9:30 - 10:30 am	Therapy #2
Women's Book Club	9:30 am	Mojave Rm
Duplicate Bridge	12:00 noon	Mojave Rm
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Ham 2M	1:00 pm	Ham Shack
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Beading	1:30 - 4:00 pm	Sonoran
Friday Seminar	1:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
T.G.I.R.	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Baja Bistro
Euchre	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm

# DAILY TIMETABLE

Friday Night Dances	7:00 pm	Buena Vista Ballroom
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Music Room
Darts	7:00 pm	Classroom
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

## SATURDAYS

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Water Aerobics	8:45 am	West Pool
Table Tennis	9:00 am- 12:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Lawnbowling	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Lawnbowling
Croquet Organized Play	10:00 am	Croquet
Ham Radio Mtg	10:00 am	Oasis
Lunch Bunch	11:15 am	Baja Bistro
Children's Swimming	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Swimming	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	West Pool
Duplicate Bridge	12:00 noon	Mojave Rm
Hand and Foot	1:00 -4:00 pm	Sonoran
Children's Swimming	4:00 - 7:00 pm	East & West Pool
Men's Poker	5:50 pm	Classroom
SNL	6:15 pm	Pool RM
500	7:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

## SUNDAYS

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Gabfest	8:30 - 9:00 am	Baja Bistro
Worship Service	9:00 am	BV Ballroom
Lawnbowling	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Lawnbowling
Table Tennis Open Play	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Children's Swimming	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Swimming	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Swimming	4:00 - 7:00 pm	East & West Pool
Social Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave
Court Whist	6:30 pm	Sonoran
Woman's Tex-Holder	6:30 pm	Mojave Rm
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

## Special Events

### FRIDAY

Social Board Budget Mtg	1:30 pm	Oasis
Michigan Gathering	6:00 pm	Cabana EPC

### SATURDAY

Denver Style Brkfast	7:30—9:00 am	Baja Bistro
Wisconsin State Party	Social Hour 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm	Oasis

### MONDAY

Condo Bd Budget Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
VO's Got Talent	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

### TUESDAY

Condo Bd Budget Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
Social Bd Budget Mtg	1:30 pm	Oasis
North Dakota Party	4:30 pm Happy Hour 5:15 pm Pot Luck Dinner	Oasis
VO's Got Talent	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

### FEBRUARY 23

### FEBRUARY 24

### FEBRUARY 26

### FEBRUARY 27

## WEDNESDAY

Condo Bd Budget Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
Learn to Paint	9:00 am—12:00 pm	Fired Clay Studio
Music by the Pool	2:00—4:00 pm	East Pool
Chicken Parm Dinner	4:30 & 6:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Rock & Gem Year End	Happy Hour 4:00 pm Dinner 5:00 pm	Oasis
Shufflebrd Ladder Tour	6:30 pm	Shuffleboard

## FEBRUARY 28

## THURSDAY

Condo Bd Budget Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
Social Bd Budget Mtg	1:30 pm	Oasis
Fine Art Show/Sale	9:00 am—1:00 pm	Baja Bistro

## MARCH 1

## FRIDAY

Condo Bd Budget Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
TC Bake/Rummage Sale	8:00 am	Behind Laundry
New Comers Orientation	9:30 am	Mojave Room
Tennis Club Auction	10:00 am	Behind Laundry

## MARCH 2

## SATURDAY

Used Book Sale	9:00 am—1:00 pm	Community Center
Jumbo Hot Dog Sale	11:00 am—1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Glass Arts Raffle Draw	1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Colorado/Wyoming Party	5:00 pm	Cabana EPC
Continental Ann Potluck	5:00 pm	Buena Vista

## MARCH 3

## SUNDAY

Ribs & Bibs Dinner	Happy Hour 4:30 pm Dinner 5:30 pm	BV Ballroom
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## MARCH 4

## MONDAY

High Tea With Style	11:00 am Shopping 12:30 pm Program	BV Ballroom
Sewing Club Raffle Draw	After program	BV Ballroom
Concert Series	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom

## MARCH 5

## TUESDAY

Social Board Mtg	1:30 pm	Oasis
Harrah's Casino Run	Depart 10:00 am Return 4:30 pm	Bus loading zone
Town Hall Budget Mtg	7:00 pm	

## MARCH 6

## WEDNESDAY

Learn to Layer Color	9:00 am—12:00 pm	Fired Clay Studio
Food Handlers Class	10:00 am	Baja Bistro
Steak Fry	4:30 & 6:00 pm	Baja Bistro

## MARCH 7

## THURSDAY

Condo Board Mtg	9:00 am	Oasis
VO Diner	8:00 am—1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Marketplace	9:00 am—1:00 pm	Baja Bistro













## MARCH 8

## FRIDAY

Painting Party	6:00 pm	Sonoran
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## MARCH 9

# February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Condo Board Mtg 1 Taco Salad Health Seminar - Breakfast with Banner - Skin Cancer Bingo	Newcomers Orientation 2 Free Dental Consult Food Handlers Class Don's Variety Show Seminar - Bonsai Trees Friday Night Dance - Midnight Confessions	Jumbo Hot Dogs & Cake Sale with VO Combo 3 Used Book Sale Bike Registration Continental Coffee 
Gabfest 4 Worship Service Big Bowl Party 	Grapevine 5 New Images Fashion Woodshop Raffle Begins Concert Series - Piano Men Generations	All City Pickleball Tournament 6 Social Board Mtg Ice Cream Social Artisan Showcase Potluck - Kitchen Band	All City Pickleball Tournament 7 Pork Loin Dinner Round Dance 	All City Pickleball Tournament 8 Marketplace VO Diner Open Health Seminar - Don't Use it You Lose it Bingo	Out-Lines Published 9 Trivia Blast 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course Seminar - Ordeal of Reconstruction 1865 -1877 Friday Night Dance - Cowboy Up	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast with Sing & Strum 10 Silversmith Make and Take Fired Clay Arts Studio & Sewing Open House & Sidewalk Sale Putting Tournament
Gabfest 11 Worship Service Home Tour Mobile Nobles Dinner Dance 	Club Budgets Due Grapevine 12 Zappone's Cooking Class Out-Lines Deadline Special Performance - Late Night Catechism	Valentine's Party - TowerPoint Band 13 Ice Cream Social & Valentine's Special Flower Sale Potluck - Diana McCallum Karaoke Korner	Ash Wednesday 14 Annual Condo Mtg & Election Mahi Mahi Dinner 	Condo Board Organizational Mtg 15 Motor Expo & Car Show with Chili Dogs & Ice Cream Health Seminar - Hip & Knee Pain Bingo	Condo Board Orientation 16 Zappone's Meal Deal Seminar - Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors Don's Classic Karaoke Friday Night Dance - Flipside 45	Hamburger BBQ & Ice Cream 17 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 Mtg 20 Ice Cream Social Sunshine Carvers' Carve Off Ft. McDowell Casino Outing Potluck - The Jems	Social Board Budget Mtg 21 Poker Run French Dip Sandwiches We3 Cabaret Show	Condo Board Work Session 22 Blood Mobile It's a Woman's World Salad Bar Collective Goods Bistro Sale Health Seminar-P.I.T. Bingo	Social Board Budget Mtg 23 Out-Lines Published Seminar - Northern Lights Name That Tune Friday Night Dance - Myron Sommerfeld	Denver Style Eggs Breakfast - 90 & Over Eat Free 24 
Gabfest 25 Worship Service 	Condo Budget Mtg 26 Grapevine Out-Lines Deadline VO's Got Talent 	Condo Budget Mtg 27 Social Board Budget Mtg Ice Cream Social Potluck - Teri Whalen VO's Got Talent	Condo Budget Mtg 28 Music by the Pool with Dr. Dave & Root Beer Floats Chicken Dinner Round Dance 	<b>Woodshop Raffle February 5 - 19</b> <b>Sewing Club Quilt Raffle February 19 - March 5</b> <b>Glass Arts Raffle February 17 - March 3</b>		



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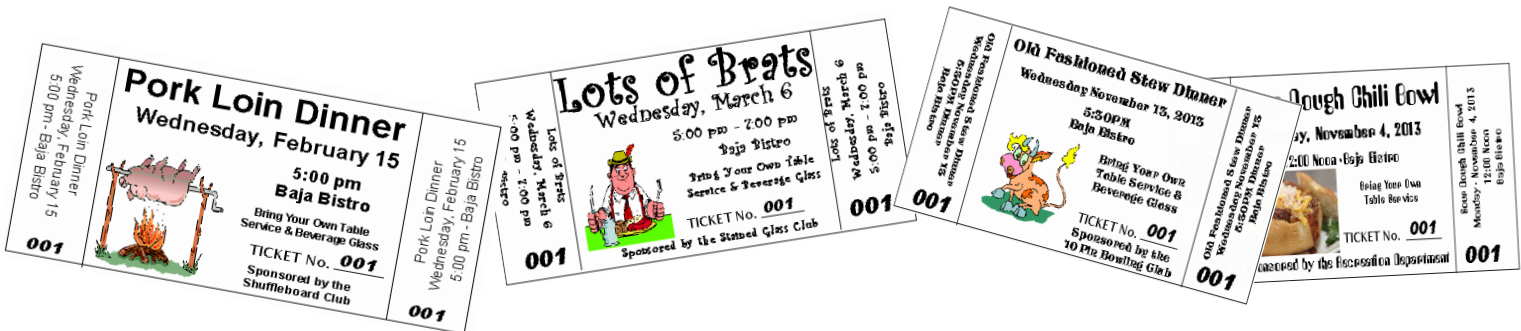
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<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: white; display: inline-block;"> <b>Electronics Club Raffle March 3 - 17</b> </div>				Condo Budget Mtg 1 Social Board Budget Mtg Fine Art Show & Sale Ed's Grill Open Health Seminar-Breakfast with Banner - COPD Bingo	Auction & Bake Sale 2 Free Dental Consult Condo Budget Mtg Newcomers Orientation Seminar - Women of the Ancient World Don's Classic Karaoke Friday Night Dance - Midnight Confessions	Jumbo Hot Dogs & Cake Sale with Music by Keith Beyers 3 Glass Arts Raffle Draw Bike Registration Used Book Sale Electronics Raffle Begins Continental Coffee
Gabfest 4 Worship Service Ribs & Bibs Dinner Show with Kenny Rogers Tribute 	Grapevine 5 Dessert Fashion Show & Boutique Sale Sewing Club Raffle Draw Concert Series - Scott Record	Social Board Mtg 6 Ice Cream Social Harrah's Casino Outing Potluck-Inspire Town Hall Budget Mtg	Food Handlers Class 7 Steak Fry	Condo Board Mtg 8 Marketplace VO Diner Open Health Seminar - Journaling for Your Health Bingo	Out-Lines Published 9 Trivia Blast Seminar-Politics in the Gilded Age 1869-1896 Friday Night Dance - Flipside 45	Blueberry Pancakes Breakfast with Kitchen Band 10 Music by the Pool with Chuck E Baby Duo Putting Tournament
Gabfest 11 Worship Service Pieology Meal Deal Musical Jam Sing-a-Long	Super Sr. Pickleball Tournament 12 Grapevine Zappone's Cooking Class Out-Lines Deadline Enchilada Dinner Bluegrass Concert with Murphy's Law	Super Sr Pickleball Tournament 13 Ice Cream Social Potluck - Sing-N-Strum 	Super Sr Pickleball Tournament 14 Coffee with a Cop Juke Box Jive with 8-Tracks	Condo Board Mtg 15 Championship Putting Tournament Taco Salad New Image Fashions Health Seminar - Refrigerator to Pantry 101 Bingo	Mystery Trip 16 Seminar - Situational Awareness & Active Violence Don's Classic Karaoke Friday Night Dance - Cowboy Up	Hamburger BBQ & Ice Cream with Music by Reign-n-Country 17 Electronics Raffle Draw 
Gabfest 18 Worship Service 	Grapevine 19 Healthy Eating Cooking Class - Immunity Boosting Meals Meatless Monday Potluck Concert Series - Rock Me Gently	Annual Social Board Mtg & Election 20 No Ice Cream Social Ft. McDowell Casino Outing Potluck - Studio 3 Crazy Dazy 5k Weenie Roast with Pioneer Pepper	TeeUp FORE 21 Night Golf Weenie Roast with Pioneer Pepper 	Tentative Condo Board Mtg 22 Everything Must Go Sale VO Diner Open Health Seminar - Inflammation Bingo	Social Board Orientation 23 Out-Lines Published Zappones Meal Deal Seminar - Phoenix Burning Book Release Happy Hour with Billy Marovich Friday Night Dance - Julie Lee Band	It's a Wrap Breakfast 24 Used Book Sale Creative Writing Annual Reading
Last Gabfest of the Season 25 Worship Service	Last Grapevine 26 New Image Fashion Out-Lines Deadline Freddie & Sheila Show	Social Board Mtg 27 Ice Cream Social Potluck - Veil Dancing Street Dance with Hooked on a Feeling Round Dance	ASU Philharmonia Potluck & Concert 28 	Ed's Grill Open 29 Health Seminar - Caregivers after Dementia Diagnosis Bingo	Good Friday 30 Happy Hour at the West Pool Seminar - The Hohokam People Friday Night Dance - Johnny K & Kompany	31 

# The Following Tickets Are Now Available In The Activity Office

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

Friday Night Dance (Myron Sommerfeld) . F - Feb 23.....	Feb 23 (3:00 pm).....	\$8.00	[ ]
<small>Sold also at the door</small>			
Friday Night Dance (Midnight conf).....	F - Mar 2.....	Mar 2 (3:00 pm) .....	\$8.00 [ ]
<small>Sold also at the door</small>			
Steak Fry .....	W - Mar 7.....	Feb 28 (10:00 am)...	\$10.00 [ ]
Special Friday Night Dance (Flipside-45) F - Mar 9.....	Mar 9 (3:00 pm) .....	\$10.00	[ ]
<small>Sold also at the door</small>			
Enchilada Dinner .....	M - Mar 12.....	Until Sold Out.....	\$8.00 [ ]
<small>\$1.00 more at the door</small>			
Bluegrass Concert.....	M - Mar 12.....	Mar 12 (3:00 pm) ....	\$10.00 [ ]
Juke Box Jive .....	W - Mar 14.....	Mar 14 (3:00 pm) ....	\$10.00 [ ]
Taco Salad.....	Th - Mar 15.....	Until Sold Out.....	\$6.50 [ ]
Weenie Roast.....	Tu - Mar 20.....	Mar 19 (3:00 pm)	Residents: free [ ] Guests: \$3.00
Weenie Roast.....	W - Mar 21.....	Mar 20 (3:00 pm)	Residents: free [ ] Guests: \$3.00
Freddie & Sheila Show.....	M - Mar 26.....	Mar 26 (3:00 pm) ....	\$10.00 [ ]
<small>Sold also at the door</small>			
Chicken Alfredo Dinner.....	W - Apr 4.....	Mar 28 (10:00 am).....	\$8.50 [ ]



### Reserved Seating Tickets

Ribs N Bibs .....	Su - Mar 4.....	Feb 28 (10:00 am)...	\$20.00 [ ]
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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.

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

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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.



# 2019 CONCERT SERIES

## Credit Card Option

To further streamline the processing system for the 2019 Concert Series, the Recreation Department is now accepting credit card information. This is information to keep on file in a secure terminal and does not reserve any seat or give priority over any other resident request. **You will still need to fill out the Concert Series form that will be published in the Annual Newsletter sent out by the Administration Department this summer.** Be sure to keep a note of which card you submit. On the summer form we will ask for the last (4) four digits and expiration date of the card you have on file with us. If it does not match, you will be contacted for updated information.

To ensure your personal financial information is secure, this form will only be accepted by staff in the Activity Office.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

### Credit Card Information for Concert Series

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email  
\_\_\_\_\_

Summer phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa credit or debit card # \_\_\_\_\_

CVV code (3-digit code on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ **All information will be entered into a secure terminal. Once entered this form will be shredded.**

Venture Out Condominium Board Report  
2/23/2018

I am honored to have been elected as President of your Condominium Board of Directors at last weeks organizational meeting. **Your officers this year** are as follows:

Alice Anderson – President

Gary Johnson – Vice President

Bert Sebastian – Treasurer

Terry Farris – Secretary

Newly elected Directors include Gail Miller, Beryl Willerton and Ken Winters. John McDonald and Gene Waters are returning Directors, each in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the Board.

You should know that I believe in Venture Out and in our lifestyle. And I am optimistic that as the Governance Study Group continues with their work, that we will be able to discern what the Venture Out of the future might look like. Norman Thiessen, Kay Hanks and John Jones intend to keep us all updated, so do refer to the study groups website by going to our Venture Out website, log in, go to HOA Information and then to Committees to read any of their updates. I know the study group **wants to hear from all of us**, so please get involved and tell them what you think! You can contact them at [vogovstudy@ventureoutrvresort.com](mailto:vogovstudy@ventureoutrvresort.com)

**My personal plea** to everyone is to NOT just react to every rumor you hear that starts with ‘you know what they want to do now’ or ‘you won’t believe....’ or ‘I heard...’. Go find the facts – listen to both sides – before believing everything you hear! You owe it to yourself and to others to not spread rumors. I do ask you to trust that I do not want to do away with our great clubs system or the activities that we all moved here to enjoy. But also, why not take a look?

Now as for the present. At the **Town Hall** meeting last week we heard from retiring Board members Dot Baker, Randy Lopaschuk and Bruce Johnston. Please thank them for their service and to see what they had to say, you can view the annual meeting on Channel 17.

We also heard from our **Standing Committees**. Each shared a wealth of information about the work they are doing on behalf of all of us. Topics ranged from sewer pipes, recycling, what is new with the legislature, roads, safety issues and transmittals. I was so impressed by the amount of work these volunteers do on behalf of all of us. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, go to their meeting, check it out and talk with the Chairman.

Speaking of **Transmittals**, we have 40+ to consider in budget workshops next week. Most relate to something that a club would like to see done. Some examples are Pet Association would like a new bridge at the Pet Walk area, Shuffleboard would like a tuff shed with a small kitchen and a unisex handicapped bathroom and the VO Foundation

submitted a transmittal for a pedestrian gate on Broadway, near the bus stop. Given that the Condo Board is capped at spending \$90,000 dollars annually on those transmittal requests – the decisions are never easy. Please plan to attend and see how your money is being spent. Budgeting starts on February 26<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 2<sup>nd</sup> unless we finish early. We meet in the Oasis from 0900 until approximately 12 noon. I hope to see you there!

The **Long Range Planning** Committee has been working hard and will be presenting their report to the Condo Board at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The input that you gave us in the 2016 survey is the primary driver of the recommendations that you will see presented. Given time constraints, the plan will be presented to all Residents at a general session this fall. This is exciting stuff!

The Safety and Security committee is conducting a **Parking Survey**. You may have received a ‘Survey Monkey’ in which you were able to answer their questions on line. There is also a paper copy of the survey in this weeks Out-Lines if you were unable to complete one electronically.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the **Social Board candidates** at the 2/19/18 meet the candidates forum. I was glad to hear that we all want what is best for Venture Out and will look forward to working with them.

As your President, I now have a **Venture Out email**. It is [president@ventureoutrvresort.com](mailto:president@ventureoutrvresort.com) You are welcome to contact me and can expect a response if requested – or sometimes even if not requested. Mind you I do not have all the answers, I don’t think any of us do, but I may be able to connect you to someone who does. And, if you identify a problem, I invite you to identify a potential solution!

I also want to let you know that **I go on vacation** starting 2/28. The trip was planned long before I ever thought about running for the Board and as I said to someone, no my cruise ship does not have e-mail. I will be back on 3/23. So if you do write, it may take awhile for me to get back to you. Gary Johnson, Vice President will be acting in my place so VO business will go on. I leave knowing that there are very capable people to carry on and that I will barely be missed.

So thank you again for allowing me to represent you. And lets all enjoy these wonderful days at Venture Out.

Alice Anderson, President  
Venture Out Condominium Association



# Venture Out Parking Survey

We need your input!. The Safety and Security Committee is looking at issues surrounding parking of a second vehicle. To do a thorough study of the issue, we need to know what you think. Thank you in advance for participating in our survey. Lowell Butman, Chairman, Safety and Security Committee.

1. Do you own or rent your home in Venture Out

- Own
- Rent

2. How many months of the year do you live in VO?

- 1 - 3 months
- 4 - 6 months
- 7 - 9 months
- 10 - 12 months

3. How many vehicles does your household have in VO?

Vehicles are defined as cars, SUV's and Pickups. Do not count motor homes, RV's golf carts, motorcycles and ATV's

- one
- two
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where do you park your second vehicle?

- Do not have a second vehicle
- Outside the park
- SE corner parking
- On my own corner lot
- NE corner parking
- Rent a driveway
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many people in your household work outside VO?

- 0
- 1
- 2

6. We are exploring options for parking of 2nd vehicles.

Would you support any of the following: (VO parking rules can be found in our VO Rules and Regulations 2.1 Recreational Vehicles and 6. Motor Vehicles.)

A. No change in our VO Parking rules.

- yes
- No



# VO Voices

A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

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## Editorial

by Maureen Robertson

*"The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and encouragement."*

Charles Schwab

This month we welcome a new writer to our fold, Jeri Robbins. Jeri brings a long history of engagement in the writing and editing process and we look forward to her contributions in this and future issues.

VO Voices began in the 1990's under the outstanding leadership of Florence Brownridge. Many in the park will remember the multitude of contributions made by Florence and Bob to Venture Out. Today they reside in White Rock, BC.

Over the years, VO Voices presented articles by a wide variety of talented writers, some of whom no longer abide with us. Today's group, as talented as any, began their contributions many years ago and their efforts continue to inform and entertain our readers. They appreciate the kind words and appreciation that frequently comes their way and those words often provide the inspiration and encouragement needed to carry on.

In addition, we value the many readers who kindly suggest ideas for our writers. We like to know about your reading interests and try to accommodate as many requests as possible.

I thank our amazing writers, and Maria Campbell, our formatter extraordinaire, all of whom spend hours creating draft after draft to satisfy our editing minutiae. VO Voices could not exist without all of you!

## So You're Thinking about a Remodel or ReBuild

by Jeri Robbins

You need plans. If you have a contractor, he may have a drafter he uses or you need to find one on your own. Once you have a preliminary drawing, show it to your friends. They may see things you didn't think about, like:

1. Can you see the toilet from your AZ room? Maybe you need to trade places with the sink.
2. Do you want a built-in ironing board?
3. How about a switch when you come in that turns on the bottom half of your plug-ins? If you have your lamps plugged in to the bottom half, they come on with one switch (and are turned off the same way.)
4. Are you going with a walk-in shower? If you put the turn-on valve where you can reach it without getting into the shower, you won't get hit with a blast of cold water. Brrrrr.
5. If your kitchen sink is a distance from your bathroom, a small water heater under the sink or under the park model gets you almost instant hot water. No more wasting water waiting for it to get hot! Or you may want a recirculating system.
6. Add to your storage by dropping the ceiling over your 120 ft "storage area" to 8 feet and put in a drop down ladder. Great for that 32 cup coffee pot, luggage and Christmas decorations.

Last but definitely not least, put a finish date in your contract. A contractor may say it will be done in five days, but that may turn out to be one day a week for five weeks if he has several jobs going. There is a major shortage of construction people as so many have gone to rebuild in Texas, Florida and California.





## Surprise Connections

by Jean DeLoye



Venture Out is a great place to appreciate the warm Arizona weather and all the activities available in the winter months; however there is an added benefit which Carol Sue Butts and Linda Swanson experienced. They found V.O. is not only for enjoying the numerous amenities but also to rekindle friendships of the past.

They were sorority sisters in Minot, North Dakota, 40 years ago. While they were members of the Sigma Sorority, they marched in the Rose Parade as flag girls, lived in the same sorority house and enjoyed parties, but lost contact with each other for 40 years.

It happened at the Taco Salad luncheon. Both were in attendance and Linda recognized Carol Sue. She immediately went up to her and said, "Your face hasn't changed, but the rest of you has gone to hell!"

Carol Sue at first thought Linda was one of her past students, (that's how young Linda looked). While she didn't recognize Linda's physical appearance, she did realize the humor had to belong to Linda Swanson, the life of the party at the social gatherings years ago.

Linda went on to be a first grade teacher in Minneapolis, Minnesota for 34 years and Carol Sue spent 40 years in education as a University Professor, Dean and Vice- President. At the end of her final year, she retired as an Interim President of the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, WI.

Carol Sue had another surprise connection. When she was a young student in Stanley, ND, she had a music teacher, Eldon Stompro, who taught her how to play the trumpet. She found his name in the V.O. directory, and visited him to see if he was her teacher years ago. He was. They now enjoy the pool together with his wife, and Linda plays Bridge with Eldon on a regular basis.

Linda and Sue attend a sorority mini-reunion once a year with other snow-birds in the area, laughing and having a good time renewing old memories. A surprise connection at Venture Out.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Century Prayer

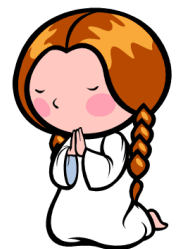
submitted by Jeri Robbins

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint, some of them are so hard to live with, but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen



## Less Than a Lifetime Away

by Norm Thiessen

I read with interest a short article submitted by Stanley Volkins, an Iowan senior, entitled "Life in the 30's". I was struck by the similarities to my Saskatchewan upbringing chronicled in my article, "I'm Glad I am 80", recently published in the Voices. Our countries, while evolving into two distinct nations, share a rich, yet simple beginning where families did what they had to in order to make a living for themselves and their children.

Stanley, as I, reminisced about our family farms, with rutted mud roads, no electricity, no running water, outhouses, coal, wood and corn-cob fueled stoves. Little did we realize that our grandchildren would have no such recollections as we watch them navigate their lives through this electronically driven time. We knew there would be change, but this much?

We both remembered hard, but fulfilling lives, where eggs were traded for groceries; farm animals were home butchered for meat; and large vegetable gardens maintained for food preservation. Cows were hand-milked for milk, cream, and churned butter, and soap was made from rendered lard. We could not foresee the rows of Saran wrapped packaged products available in our supermarkets of today. There was little talk about sugar content, organic farming, lactose-free products or GMOs.

We generally respected the value of schools, churches, and government. Our parents provided support and encouragement for the often meagrely trained teachers working in single room schoolhouses. Country and small town churches provided the social and cultural hub of neighbourhoods. We trusted our electives representatives who seemed to be more interested in their constituents than the partisan politics we witness today.



Stanley wistfully concluded that life was different less than a lifetime away

## California Beach House

by Keith Gustafson

Ron and Sharon Laursens' unit on Douglas is reminiscent of a lake or ocean home. The unit has a contemporary architectural style and sports a gorgeous, wrap-around covered deck. The deck is furnished with deluxe wicker furniture including a gliding love seat, several roomy side chairs, ottomans, glass-topped coffee table and end tables. There are two ceiling fans with wicker blades in addition to a bar with stools, built-in BBQ, and fire pit. A large television attached to one of the exterior walls adds a perfect party-room touch for the annual Super Bowl party they host.

The interior of the unit consists of a spacious Arizona room with open access to the dining room and kitchen. The flooring used throughout is a stunning beige Wilsonart tile that matches all of the pastel tones used in the furniture and walls. The fireplace has an interesting curved design, built-in display areas with a large-screened television above it. Abundant sunlight is provided by arched windows in a bow-window arrangement adorned with large slat wooden blinds in a complimentary color. Used as an accent color, red is eye-popping when contrasted with the neutral pastel shades of the room.

The dining area is a favorite spot with an entire wall of windows. Window treatments and color schemes are the same as the Arizona Room resulting in a continuous flow of floor space. The cream colored Italian Provincial buffet and matching table and chairs adds a formal old-world look. The kitchen cabinets were selected with a rustic age-worn look in a color identical to the dining room furniture.

The bedroom and bathroom areas continue with the smooth flowing colors and feel of the rest of the unit. A delightful feature of this unit is a large dressing room for Sharon with an entire wall of mirrored closets, a large window for natural light and a vanity or dressing table. The adjoining utility room has a wall of cabinets with a stacked washer/dryer, closet, half bath, and door to the deck. Considering the serene beauty of so many of the spaces in the unit and on the deck, it would be difficult to decide where to visit with guests.



## Don't Miss the Dance

by Roger Stoufer

Be sure to scribble, "Street Dance - March 11<sup>th</sup> intersection of Grumman and Navajo," on your calendar. For the past three years Neil and Brenda Vanderputten have organized this event. When they finished building their new home at that site, they agreed that meeting and befriending the neighbors was the next step to advance their quality of life at Venture Out.

Hosting a block party seemed a partial resolution for this goal, but both Brenda and Neil felt that their "neighbors" included a larger area and volume than just the 300 block of Navajo. Also, their family included more than just the two of them. Their plan for "The Gathering" grew. Brenda, Neil, their children, grandchildren, and any residents of VO who enjoy the music of the sixties and seventies would have the opportunity to mix and mingle. To accomplish this grand plan, they decided to host a street dance that featured husband and wife team, Ron and Carol Sabo. The Sabos, known as "The Road Runners," have been playing classic rock-n-roll of that era at events like this for the past twenty-five years.

While The Road Runners include most of the top hits of the era, my favorites include, "Oh what a Night," and "Run Around Sue." My younger sister is named Sue, and as a youngster I loved the night.

Since the Vanderputten's deck, the stage for the performance, is directly across the street from our front drive, we park in the back, and set out chairs to help host the dancers and listeners. This also provides us with the opportunity to "horn-in" on the Vanderputten's night. It's a cheap way to make new VO friends.



## Paying it Forward

by Marion Thiessen

Opportunities to pay a good deed forward can occur at any time. Recently, after dropping off friends at PHX, I went in search of the terminal's "Lost and Found". On the way, I bumped into a distraught gentleman from Buffalo who had forgotten to return his rental car fob to the rental agency, a potentially costly error. Although we were strangers, I offered to take the key fob back to the car rental company. Totally relieved, and after exchanging names and phone numbers, he dashed off to catch his flight to the snowy north.

It should have been a simple task to return the fob. However, I did not factor in the complexities involved. My husband's cell phone battery was dead when I relied on it to reconnect at the busy terminal. Eventually, we managed to find each other by independently arriving at our usual airport pick-up location. Next, we navigated the maze-like design of the car rental building and maneuvered our way to the front of a long lineup of impatient customers. Here, we returned the fob, much to our relief. Then, after taking the wrong three storey return escalator back to our car, we finally began to make our way home.



I had neglected to turn off the GPS that directed us to the airport, so before leaving the area, an insistent command instructed us to do a U-turn. Obediently, my husband made the U-turn in the middle of the street which took us up a one way ramp back into the rental car building and trapped us in a lineup of exiting rental cars. It took another half-hour before we finally escaped this building which was not designed for confused seniors, but our good deed was done.

I texted my new friend from Buffalo to let him know the mission was complete. He was most appreciative, offering to take us to dinner or host us at his home city near Niagara Falls.

We simply responded, "No problem, happy to do it, just pay it forward".



## February Advice

by Maureen Robertson

I discovered this notice on a bulletin board but could find no one to whom it may be attributed. However, I felt it may be a timely message.

### Hugs

Hugging is healthy. It helps the body's immune system. It counteracts depression. It reduces stress. It rejuvenates the body. It has no unpleasant side effects. It is God's miracle drug. It is all natural. It contains no chemicals, artificial ingredients, no pesticides and no preservatives.

Hugging is practically perfect! There are no parts to break down, no monthly payments, non-taxable, non-polluting, and of course, fully refundable.

A big hug is the best gift anyone can give. The joy is that you can be a giver and a taker at the same time.



See this  
HUG?  
It's for  
U!

## Making a Left Turn

submitted by Norm Thiessen



Do you wonder just where to wait when making a left turn? Is it in the intersection, or at the crosswalk?

This is the ruling from the Arizona Department of Transport, Motor Vehicle Division.

### Making a left turn:

When making a left turn at an intersection, enter the intersection when the light turns green and wait for a safe time to turn. Do NOT wait at the stop line of the left turn lane and turn when the light is yellow or red.

In consideration for other vehicles wishing to make a similar turn, it is appropriate to pull into the intersection as far as possible, thereby permitting a second vehicle to wait while fully within the intersection. You are not permitted to straddle the pedestrian lines when waiting.

We hope this helps to clarify the issue.

## Hanging Out the Wash

discovered and submitted by Anne Delbrouck

### REMEMBERING MOM'S CLOTHES-LINE

*Tattered Tidbits: Alpine Historical Society*

1. You have to hang the socks by the toes, NOT the tops.
2. You hang pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs, NOT the waistbands.
3. You have to WASH the clothes-line(s) before hanging any clothes—walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the line.
4. You have to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang “white” with “whites,” and hang them first.
5. You NEVER hang a shirt by the shoulders—always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide your “unmentionables” in the middle (perverts and busybodies, you know!).
8. It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero weather, clothes will “freeze-dry.”
9. A long wooden pole is needed to push the clotheslines up so that longer items don't brush on the ground and get dirty.
10. ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes. Pins left on the lines are “tacky.”
11. If you are efficient, line the clothes up so that each item does not need two clothes pins, but share one of the clothes-pins with the next washed item.
12. Clothes must be off the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket and ready to be ironed.
13. IRONED? Well, that's another subject altogether.



## Croquet Lesson

by Keith Gustafson

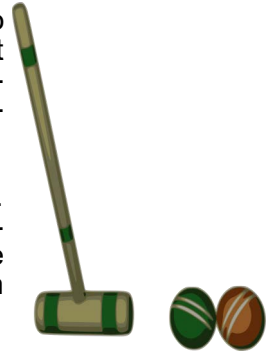
Every year during the annual open house for the Recreation Department I commit to trying something new. Considering that I have no motor coordination or artistic talent, it is quite a challenge to find activities other than cards and the pool. This year while perusing the activities offered, I was intrigued by two options available considering my limited abilities; pottery and croquet.

I spent several minutes watching a potter at work on his wheel spinning a vase or bowl. It was interesting watching how his hands were used to shape the bowl, frequently wetting the glob and then continuing with the hand work. I envisioned myself performing the task and then having the entire structure implode back into the original lump of clay. On to learn about croquet.

Bob and Peggy Bechtold are enthused about their club and quickly signed me up for a lesson. I hadn't played croquet since grade school so had forgotten all the rules. My memory of croquet was that of a genteel game played by aristocratic individuals while sipping on Mint Julips. When I arrived, I found a couple also there for their first lesson and one other person who was a second year player. My illusions of the civilized nature of the game were suddenly ended soon after the game began. You get as many shots as you need to make it through the first two wickets. But then you are on your own to make it through all of the succeeding wickets with only one shot per turn, unless you make it through a wicket. Then you get an extra shot.

Each mallet has a sequence of colors for your turns which are easy to follow if you can remember to read it from top to bottom. If you play out of turn, something bad happens to you. I'm sure there is a croquet jail somewhere in the croquet shed! The violence of the sport was soon articulated when Bob told us of the rule that you can hit any opponent with your ball after you begin playing. It is rewarded by giving you two free turns for each ball you hit. The glitch is that you can only hit each opponent once until you have gone through another wicket. Then your slate is erased and you can go at each of them again. Needless to say we made it through each successive wicket, hitting each other as many times as possible. You also learn techniques for hitting your friends. If you hit them hard enough, you can drive them way off course retarding their efforts to get back to their wicket. Since you have two free turns, you have ample opportunity to get back to where you want to be before they catch up to you.

The second year student finished far in advance of the three novices who kept jockeying for rank. When you finally pass through the last two wickets, you cannot hit the final goal post or stick. If you do, you have to start the game all over again. Before you can finally finish, you must go back and hit each player still in the game one final time, then return and hit the goal post. Aggression until the very end! I did thoroughly enjoy my lesson and joined the club for the season.



### Maureen's Toffee Sauce Recipe

1 stick (1/2 cup) butter  
 1 cup whipping cream  
 1 cup dark brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup  
 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine all in a saucepan and mix over medium heat until mixture comes to a simmer. Lower heat and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes.

Serve over just about anything, or just eat it from the jar.



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# Venture Out Parking Survey

We need your input!. The Safety and Security Committee is looking at issues surrounding parking of a second vehicle. To do a thorough study of the issue, we need to know what you think. Thank you in advance for participating in our survey. Lowell Butman, Chairman, Safety and Security Committee.

1. Do you own or rent your home in Venture Out

- Own
- Rent

2. How many months of the year do you live in VO?

- 1 - 3 months
- 4 - 6 months
- 7 - 9 months
- 10 - 12 months

3. How many vehicles does your household have in VO?

Vehicles are defined as cars, SUV's and Pickups. Do not count motor homes, RV's golf carts, motorcycles and ATV's

- one
- two
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where do you park your second vehicle?

- Do not have a second vehicle
- Outside the park
- SE corner parking
- On my own corner lot
- NE corner parking
- Rent a driveway
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many people in your household work outside VO?

- 0
- 1
- 2

6. We are exploring options for parking of 2nd vehicles.

Would you support any of the following: (VO parking rules can be found in our VO Rules and Regulations 2.1 Recreational Vehicles and 6. Motor Vehicles.)

A. No change in our VO Parking rules.

- yes
- No



B. Resident is responsible for finding a 2nd parking spot such as renting a driveway.

- yes
- no

8. C. Allow a 2nd vehicle to park in driveway if the driveway meets certain criteria. Criteria, such as size and depth, would be developed by the Architectural and Safety and Security committees.

- Yes
- No

9. D. Rent out a defined # of parking spaces in the Sports Plex area (Northeast corner) along the north side of (main street) wall.

- Yes
- No

10. E. Allow owners to rent spaces for cars in the SE corner along with RV's/Trailers/5th wheels.

- Yes
- No.

11. Again thank you for assisting us in our exploration of the parking issues at Venture Out. Please add any comments below.

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