

Administration

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

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (480) 832-0200 VOGM @VentureOutRVResort.com 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Office Quiet Hours 3:30 - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday Closed Sat. & Sun. For notary service call the Administration office at 480-832-0200 to make an appointment.

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"Venture Out is an active 55+ retirement community where friendship, cooperation and volunteerism are highly valued, and where residents are involved in diverse activities, while keeping the park safe, secure, progressive, costefficient, and responsive to changing needs." TOWN HALL MEETING Tuesday • December 3 • 3:00 pm Buena Vista Ballroom

SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING Tuesday • December 3 • 1:30 pm • Oasis AGENDA

President's Comments: Lot owners' and/or visitors' comments addressing any agenda item or, at the pleasure of the chair, any other matter; may not last more than two (2) minutes per speaker and must be limited to one topic. Maximum time limit for any subject shall be five (5) minutes. Changes to Agenda: Approval of minutes: Correspondence: Club Liaison Reports: Condo Board Liaison Report: Old Business: New Business: Adjournment: Work Session to follow

CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING THURSDAY • DECEMBER 5 • 9:00 AM • OASIS

Invocation: President's Comments: General Manager's Report:

Lot Owners' comments, lasting not more than thirty (30) minutes dealing with any agenda item, or at the pleasure of the chair, on any other matter. Maximum time limit for any subject shall be five (5) minutes. You may speak on only one subject one time. Adoption of Minutes: Treasurer's Report: Correspondence: Social Board Report: Reports: Old Business: New Business: Recess Work Session: There is a fee for Notary service at the Administration Office. \$5.00 for the first stamp and \$10.00 (total any additional stamps)

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

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

CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION Thursday • December 12 • 9:00 am • Oasis

Notice: All offices will be closed, with the exception of Security, November 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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The Activity Office has temporarily moved to the Activity Director's old office located on the lower level of the Annex Building. Tickets, room reservations, ice and various other services available.

DVD Library not accessible.

Find Venture Out on Facebook!

Find the latest news and events pertaining to Venture Out on our official Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/Venture-Out-at -Mesa-AZ-219593798068409/ Please Note, Facebook also maintains locations such as neighborhoods. As such there is a Neighborhood entry labeled Venture Out as well. While you can check in to this entry, this second page is owned and maintained by Facebook, and Venture Out Staff have no ability to monitor or control this location page (Think of it as a google maps entry.)

2019-2020 HOLOGRAMS



Come to the Administration Office to get your 2019-2020 hologram for your badge. Make sure to

bring your badge. You can pick up someone else's hologram if you bring their badge with you.

> Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

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

- Send your submission to outlines@ventureoutrvresort.com or drop off a hard copy to the Activity Office.
- The deadlines for ALL articles: Noon by the Due Date listed below.

DUE DATE MONDAY

December 2 December 16 December 30 January 13

PUBLISH DATE FRIDAY

December 13 December 27 January 10 January 24

Deadlines in season are Noon on the Monday following the publication date. Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office

Safety & Security Committee

This message from The **Safety and Security Committee** will contain elements from last month's page, since many residents have arrived since it was published.

HOME SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY:

Every unit should have a fire extinguisher (Type A B C), that is checked annually. If you have to use your extinguisher remember <u>PASS</u>: **P**= *pull the pin to activate the extinguisher*; **A**= *aim at the fire*; **S**= *squeeze the handle to start the liquid*; **S**= *sweep the base of the fire with the liquid*.

Have smoke and CO detectors throughout your unit. Check batteries yearly even if they are hard wired.

Space heaters should be used with extreme caution. Only plug heaters into GFI outlets.

Charcoal grills are prohibited. Propane tanks are not to be stored in any structure.

FALL PREVENTION:

Remove loose throw rugs. Use night lights. Make an effort to utilize methods to improve your balance (stretching, toning and yoga, etc.). Use sturdy railings and grab bars in showers and along raised toilets.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

A FREE **Emergency Personal Information** kit is available at the Administration office. The magnetized plastic folder should be placed in an easy to find location in your unit.

The **Home Safety Education Program** is free to Mesa residents and aims at reducing risks of fire and falls and links you to outside resources as needed. Call 480-644-2200 to request your FREE home safety check. If needed, the volunteer will provide you with batteries and a smoke alarm(s).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Be sure to keep an extra set of keys at the administration building. Review and update your guest/vendor list with security.

Report any unusual activity, solicitors and scams to security.

V.O. Security Summer Accomplishments

1. New cameras and photo beams along the Northeast corner of the Sportsplex wall.

2. A KNOX system at the back gate for emergency vehicles to now use to EXIT the park

3. Installed an additional AED Station in the Main Ballroom. Now four **AED stations** in the park: **Veranda, EPC, Sportsplex Clubhouse and Main Ballroom**.

HOLIDAY Decorating

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



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Call or text Cheryl Epping at 248-925-0204

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 29 8:30 AM • BAJA BISTRO

Friday Night Dance

November 29 No Dance

December 6 Midnight Confessions (Oldies Rock)

December 13 Cowboy Up (Country Western)

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

Tickets \$8.00

50/25/25 Raffle Tickets available from the Activity Office beginning the Friday prior to the dance or at the door

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

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





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

TGIR - Thank God I'm Retired!

FRIDAY • NOV 29 & DEC 13 3:00 - 5:30 рм • Ваја Візтго

WORSHIP SERVICE

December 1 Speaker: Rev. Deborah Martinez from PICK. Offering to PICK (Phoenix Inner City Kids) **December 8** Speaker: Rev. Timothy Hall and Kids Choir from Sunshine Acres. Offering to Sunshine Acres Children's Home

GABFES 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

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



Pizza & Italian Ristorante "Dine In" for lunch or dinner and Vito's will **DONATE 20%** of sales to the Venture Out Social Club (donation excludes liquor, tax and gratuity) One check per table *Lunch Menu (11:00am – 4:00pm) *Full Dining Menu (4:00pm – 9:30pm) Prices range from lunch at \$4.50 to

Full dining menu at \$14.00 and up Vito's provides a gluten-free menu upon request

> MUST PRESENT FLYER FOUND IN THIS OUT-LINES!

SPONSORED BY THE PICKLEBALL CLUB

Sunday • December 1 1947 N. Lindsay Road – Mesa (480) 832-3311

WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CONCERT Tickets \$10.00

Available in the Activity Office and at the Door



Monday • December 2 7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

NEW IMAGE FASHIONS BY DON SCOTT

- Major brand fashions at 25%-75% off department store prices!
- Over 8,000 garments from many leading manufacturers such as Ruby Road, Lulu B, Jess & Jane, Maxine Swimwear & others
- Sizes to fit 4 petite -3X Women's
- Watch Batteries replaced for \$3.00



Bringing the store to you!

Monday • December 2 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Baja Bistro



SUNSHINE CARVERS MAKE & TAKE

Don't miss our next Make & Take Class on a Christmas Tree Ornament in Bark. Sign-up deadline is November 26, class

on December 2 at 9:00 am, Cost is \$5.00 Tools & cutout provided

Sign up in the

Center.

Sunshine Carvers

Facility at the Hobby



Monday • December 2 9:00 am • Sunshine Carvers Shop





5:00 PM & 6:30 PM

ED'S GRILL

Your Choice $$6^{00}$ Includes soda or bottle of water

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Specials

Special December 5 Italian style meatballs and zesty marinara sandwich Special December 12 Beer battered fish sandwich with tartar sauce served with creamy cole slaw

Special December 19 Open face roast beef sandwich with smashed potatoes & brown gravy

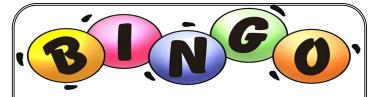
<u>Special</u> December 26 Teriyaki chicken served with wild rice

Table service included Specials are limited in number

THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM • BAJA BISTRO



11:00 AM – 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO



\$110.00 Regular Game

\$500.00 Money Ball

\$1,000.00 Last Game Progressive Blackout Consolation Prize - \$200.00

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

Please bring your own coffee mug! Concessions Available

THURSDAYS • 6:30 PM • BV BALLROOM DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM BINGO CLOSED NOVEMBER 28

vo library Used Book Sale

The Library thanks everyone for donations!





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

Come to the best used book sale in the Valley! Books for only 25, 50 and 75 cents. What a bargain!

Saturday • December 7 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Community Center Lobby



Holiday Lights Contest

Join your neighbors and friends again this year in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. **Decorate your lot, corner lot, or entire block**, in the spirit of the holiday season, and



then see who will fly the award -winning holiday banners! Awards presented at a Resident Christmas Party Wednesday, December 11. Application in this edition of the Out-Lines. Deadline to submit application Friday, December 6.

WIN... A DISPLAY BANNER PLUS CASH PRIZES 1ST \$50 • 2ND \$25 • 3RD \$15 for each: Individual Lot, Corner Lot & Block

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 8 7:00 - 8:30 PM



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

> Beverage Provided.

Everyone invited

Questions -Cheryl Epping 248-925-0204

Monday • December 9 5:00 pm • Baja Bistro



Tuesday • December 10 5:00 pm • Baja Bistro

FRENCH DÎP SANDWÎCHES Tickets \$7.00

Tickets Available from the Activity Office Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, December 4

MENU

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



Bring your own TABLE SERVICE

SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

Wednesday • December 11 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Baja Bistro



MarketPlace



It's a smorgasbord of jewelry, cosmetics, tools and other musthaves that you just-gotta-have!

Don't miss your chance to find that special unique item.

All licensed vendors!

Enjoy lunch at Ed's Grill!

Thursday • December 12 9:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro 11:30 am - 12:45 pm • Ed's Grill Open

Sílversmíth Make and Take

Our instructors will teach you to make a pair of beautiful sterling silver earrings. Come to the Silversmith Shop at the Hobby Center and pick out your pattern. Pay \$20.00 and sign up at the same time!



Questions? Contact Nicka Lockeman 480-832-9348

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 14 9:00 AM • SILVERSMITH SHOP



HOLIDAY POTLUCK & MYSTERY TOUR **GIFT EXCHANGE** Tickets: \$99 per person. With the "Cornerstone All inclusive with lunch Gospel Quartet" **ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT!** DORIS WILL BE AT BAJA BISTRO ON The holiday season is upon us and it's TUESDAYS AT 11:30 WHILE TICKETS time to celebrate! Pop into the Baja **REMAIN. OUESTIONS? CALL DORIS AT** 480-654-1858 Bistro for a delicious Potluck dinner, live music and holiday cheer as we enjoy the sounds of the season with Bring comfortable the Cornerstone Gospel Quartet. shoes, incidentals, and an inquisitive Bring a \$3.00 wrapped gift to mind participate in the Holiday Gift **Open to All!** Exchange. Bring a dish to share, your table service and beverage glass SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 18 TUESDAY • DECEMBER 17 Bus Loads 7:30 am **RETURN AROUND 6:00 PM** 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO **BUS LOADING ZONE** NEWCOMERS **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER REMINDER** ORIENTATION Hosts and Hostesses pick up your **Pre-Sliced Holiday Ham!** Should you be new to our beautiful community as a homeowner or a Your Christmas ham renter, please plan to attend a will be available for Newcomers' Orientation Friday, pick-up on Friday December 20, 9:30 am, Mojave December 20 between Room, located on the main level 9:00 -9:30 am in the of the Community Center. Feel Baja Bistro Kitchen free to bring any and all questions you may have regarding your new home at Venture Out! For more information contact 2019 Christmas Chairperson: Keith Gustafson (701) 201-0061 **FRIDAY • DECEMBER 20** FRIDAY • DECEMBER 20 9:00 - 9:30 AM 9:30 AM • MOJAVE ROOM **BAJA BISTRO KITCHEN**





Tickets \$15.75 Deadline Tuesday, December 24, 10:00 am



<u>MENU</u> Succulent Black Angus Prime Rib served with SautÉed Mushrooms Creamy Horseradish Sauce Crisp Caesar Salad Baked Potato with Butter & Sour Cream Dessert Beverage

Note: Prime Rib cooked to medium rare

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE Sponsored by the Recreation Department

Tuesday • December 31 5:30 pm BYOB Happy Hour 6:00 pm Dinner • Baja Bistro



TACO SALAD

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

> Limited Number of Tickets Available.

Tickets \$7.00 Available from the Activity Office until sold out. If not sold out, available at the door.

> Bring your own TABLE SERVICE



SPONSORED BY THE TENNIS CLUB

Thursday • January 2 11:00 am – 1:00 pm • Baja Bistro





31 CARDS Tom Croghan 402-553-3008 We play "31" cards on Wednesdays. Start time 7:00 pm in the Sonoran. See you there.••

500 CARDS Jean DeLoye 612-328-4383 Meet at Mojave Room Tuesdays at 1:00 pm for 500 cards. Any questions call Jean.•

500 CARDS Marg Jones 480-325-1030 Welcome Back! We play 500 Saturday nights at 7:00 pm in the Mojave Room. Please come early to pick your table.•

AMERICAN HAND AND FOOT Marilyn Orlob 480-924-1672 American Hand and Foot meets at 12:00 noon on Saturdays in the Mojave Room.

BOCCE BALL Janet Whitman 480-822-8444

26 teams are enjoying the fall Bocce League. December events calendar: Wednesday 4, 9:00 am Club Meeting Oasis; Saturday 7, 8:00 am singles Tournament; Wednesday 11, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm French dip Baja Bistro; Wednesday 18 Mystery Trip, 7:30 am departure; Saturday 21, 4:30 pm Christmas party Oasis; Saturday 28, 8:00 am Doubles tournament. The Bocce club will furnish ham, rolls and coffee for the Christmas party. Attendees furnish a side dish to serve 12. BYOTS and beverage of choice. Happy Hour 4:30 pm, dinner 5:30 pm. Please sign up in the club house indicating 1 or 2 persons so there is an

accurate count for setting up tables.

CELEBRATE SASKATCHEWAN Joyce Taylor 306-630-9375 Save the date February 11 for our annual Saskatchewan Party in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Details coming soon.

CHOIR REHEARSAL Bernadette Carlson 480-985-4060

Regardless of our age, music is good for us. With this in mind, consider joining the VO Choir. We meet every **Wednesday** at **9:00 am** in the **Music Room** located above the **Activity Office**. We sing an anthem at the worship service each **Sunday**. All levels of ability are welcome.

COURT WHIST Dale Laube 309-883-0316 Court whist is played on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm in the Sonoran. Easy game to play. Beginners welcome.•

CRIBBAGE Ruby Erickson 480-924-9125 Cribbage is 7:00 pm Tuesdays in the Mojave Room. 25c plus a \$1.00 pot is optional. Anyone wanting to learn cribbage, free lessons will be given. Call Ruby for details. No lessons given on Tuesday during regular cribbage.•

DARTS Barbara Henderson 208-604-1803 Darts will start again on

December 6 at 7:00 pm and continue through March 27 in the Class Room above the Activity Office. We have darts for you to use and no experience is necessary. It is a fun time. Contact Barbara Henderson with any questions.

DOMINOES Marilyn Orlob 480-924-1672 Dominoes meets Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Sonoran. Come join us for some fun. No talent needed.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE Lanny Paul 712-358-3091 Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Friday at noon in the Mojave Room.•

ELECTRONICS CLUB Ted Clark

406-656-1777 Before you attend a class please get signed in to the EClub wifi. Denta's doing another iPad for Seniors on December 5. Sign up at Electronics Building. EClub memberships are \$25/season or \$5/ week. Bill Lawrence will be available every other Tuesday (starting **December 3) from 10:00** am - 12:00 pm for individual help and conversion training on Mac computers: please sign up. We still need monitors. The sign-up sheet is next to the sink in the Electronics Building. We have 3-hour shifts and half shifts or you can buddy up with someone and monitor every other week. Monitor duties listed next to the sign-up sheet.

EUCHRE Dianne Doering 319-610-4190 Come at 6:00 pm for practice or lessons. Play at 6:30 pm Fridays in the Mojave Room.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP Alice Petersen 651-214-9790

Welcome to the first gathering of family researchers for the **2019-2020** season. We will have time to share our summer accomplishments and brick walls. Research forms for beginners and assistance will be available as needed. All interest and skill levels of family genealogists are welcome. The meeting will be held in the Cabana on Wednesday, December 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

GLASS ARTS Linda Hamilton 218-839-5455

Welcome back for another season in the glass arts shop. A variety of classes will be held **November through February**. Check the class schedule in the glass shop for dates. Club membership fee of \$25.00 includes the introductory class. A \$10.00 fee will be charged for each additional class. Come join us.•

GLEE GROUP Jodi Faith 403-580-6066

If you want to keep your brain engaged throughout the aging process, music is a total brain workout. Join us as we sing together for the fun of it! You might have a poem or song you'd like us to sing together. No memorization or musical notes required, but an email for music links would be helpful. Live music singalongs will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. We'll be presenting on December 6 at the Taco lunch: Christmas dinner on December 25 with Annette; our private Boxing Day potluck and party December 26; February 18 and March 17. Location to be determined.

HAMS AT HEART Vicki Postel 720-234-4036

Our production for 2020 is "Solid Gold VO," a musical variety show celebrating the past 50 years of entertainment. Our first meeting will be held **December 16** at **10:00** am in the **Cabana**, followed by a rehearsal for the chorus. If anyone is interested in being a part of our 2020 celebration production, please come to this brief meeting.•

HAPPY HARPERS lan Stenberg 480-452-3707

Happy Harpers are playing harmonicas every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **9:00 to 10:00 am** in the **Music Room**. Anyone interested in learning or just listening is always welcome. •

HIKING GROUP Jim Cox 515-999-9554 Valerie Paetz 250-208-9708

Want to do something "outside the walls" and experience the beauty of the Sonoran desert in which we live? The Venture Out Hiking Group meets most Monday mornings at the Recreation Center for hikes of varying distances, elevation and degrees of difficulty. We often go to places not in the guidebooks, leaving the crowded trails behind. Check the postings. updated each week, along the "Club Board" wall in the Post Office Hallway for details about upcoming hikes. Reasonably fit nonmembers are welcome. Group membership is a nominal \$5/season. Contact Jim Cox (jameslcox44@gmail.com) if you have questions..

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Linda Martin 480-812-5110 The Tuesday evening ladies Bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm in the Cabana meeting room at the EPC. Our study will be guided by the book "Seamless" by Angie Smith. Each study session features a video and small group discussion. Books can be ordered online at Lifeway Books (local store has closed) or Amazon; order the adult edition of "Seamless" not the teenage version. Study runs for 8 weeks until February 25. Invite friends to come with you!

LAWNBOWLING Mardal Flynn 431-336-1172

Welcome back, everyone, especially our Lawn Bowls Club members, to this beautiful park. We are at the greens already enjoying another season of bowls. Lawn Bowls is on the upswing in areas so become a new member; learning and playing the game is in fashion. Lessons are 10:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have upcoming potlucks and tournaments so come join the fun. See you on the green.•

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark Chandler 360-202-7177 Thursdays at 7:00 am in the Sonoran. We're starting at the beginning in the book of Genesis! We welcome you to join us! Coffee & Treats provide. Please call if you have ANY questions.• MONTANA PARTY Janet McCabe Sandy Wade 406-789-7471 or 406-531-3523 Save the date - March 13 – for our annual Michigan gathering. Our first planning meeting will be Monday, December 16 at 4:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. We need help and ideas, so please come join us.

NATIONAL MAH JONGG Vikki Lane Kunstman 920-246-5340

Welcome back, Mah Jongg players! If you have a 2019 National Mah Jongg card please bring it and join us in the **upstairs Classroom/ Music Room** starting at **6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings.** If you have only played Mah Jongg for a bit, come play with other beginners. Looking forward to seeing you there. •

ONTARIO PARTY AT THE OASIS Leah Mosher 613-316-2205

Save the date – Sunday, January 19 - to celebrate being from Ontario. Watch for more info in upcoming Out-Lines and in the Post Office Hallway. If you have any prize donations, please let us know. Looking forward to seeing you there!

OREGON PARTY Judy Sell 503-401-0182 Save the Date!! FEBRUARY 8 in the OASIS. We'll start selling tickets on Tuesday, January 21 in the Baja Bistro during the Ice Cream Socials. More info to follow!

PEO SOCIAL GROUP Cheryl Spear 712-490-6723

712-490-6723 All P.E.O's are invited to join with our social group on Monday, December 16. We meet in the Oasis from 9:30 am to 12:15 pm. Come and go as your schedule allows. Future dates are January 13, February 10 and March 9. If you have questions please contact Cheryl.

PET ASSOCIATION Chris Johnson 480-622-4171

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Pet Walk for Christmas on Monday, December 2 at 8:30 am. Christmas Tree Lighting is Saturday, December 7 at 4:30 pm at the Pet Walk Exit Gate. Luminaria will be done for pets that have passed this last year, submit the names to Chris. Blessing of the Pets will be held on Sunday. December 8 at 3:00 pm at the Pet Walk Exit Gate. Put your Pet's picture up on the board on the shed at the Pet Walk Entrance. The next Pet Association Meeting is Tuesday, December 10 at 2:30 pm in the Cabana. Need volunteers for the following committees: Tree Lighting, Annual Pet Party & Hot Diggity Dog / Costume Parade. Safety flashers and equipment is available. Contact Natalie Drake for both at 206-353-5743.

PICKLEBALL Toni Nelson 603-381-8484

vopickleball.com We are in full swing! Join the club, \$20 and you can play in any of the organized activities, scrambles, Sunday play, round robins, and more. It's a happening place of all abilities and all ages. Get involved, volunteers welcomed. Thank you, everyone who volunteers. In spite of weather the EV Tournament was a huge *(Continued on page 19)*

(Continued from page 18) success. Don't miss the Desert Classic In-House Tournament on **December 7 and 8**. Bring bucks, food available. Beginner lessons **Wednesday/Thursday at 11:00 am**. Shirt Shack hours **Monday/ Wednesday/Friday/ Saturday, 9:00 am-noon**. Happy 90th Birthday, Stanley Volkens. It's a time to be thankful, be a positive partner!

PINOCHLE Kathy Trogstad 701-770-7442 Welcome back. Pinochle is played Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in the Mojave Room. 50¢ to play. Starts December 2. Please come.

PLAY CROQUET! Mary Waitrovich

The croquet court and the equipment are available every day for open play. Start a game! Get practiced up and enter our annual tournament. Lessons and organized play in singles croquet Wednesday mornings 10:00 am. Doubles croquet play and lessons 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. Organized open play Saturday mornings 10:00 am. Sundays at 4:00 pm we have Happy Hour Croquet with music, snacks and drinks. You do not need to be a member of the Croquet Club to play.

SCANDINAVIAN GROUP CHRISTMAS SMORGASBORD Jim & Carol Wolf 253-263-6156

The Scandinavian Group Christmas Smorgasbord will be on Monday, December 2 at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Oasis. Festive food, punch and tableware are provided. Limited number of tickets for \$8.00 pp can be purchased from Carol or Jim Wolf at 253-263-6156 by **November 30** or until sold out. The menu: Swedish Meatballs and Roasted Potatoes, Carrots and of course, Lefse. Please bring your special holiday treats or sides for all to enjoy.•

SCRABBLE Carol Lid 480-358-7891 We will again meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays in the Sonoran. We have games and books to use.•

SEWING CLUB Linda StAndre 360-739-4409

Our Sewing Club is back in full swing. Please check in the sewing room for information or to join our club. The club Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Sewing room. There will be refreshments, door prizes and entertainment. Club meetings are held at 9:00 am on the second Monday of the month. Come and find out more about our programs, classes and opportunities for you to sew with great ladies!

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB Vicki VanSlyke

Vicki VanSlyke 509-703-2807 Welcome back, Shufflers. Mark vour calendars: Open draw every weekday morning 9:15 am sign-up. Every Saturday morning open draw 9:15 am signup, win a dime. Tuesday night open draw 6:15 pm sign-up. Bring a nickel, win a dime. Turkey shoot winners Dick Westphal 233, Ron Wright 208, Len Miller 186. Ladies Vicki VanSlyke 205, Doreen Torcov 177, Dawn Desautels 171.

Turkey shoot supper and social was well attended on **November 12**. Fun for all. League play started **November 15**. Spots still available on all teams. New happening **Wednesday 2:15 pm -** Lessons and Open Draw. Everyone welcome.

SILVERSMITH CLUB Nancy Wombacher

319-331-8758 So wonderful to see the shop buzzing with new projects including the 3-D printer popping out objects. We took in three new members from our Make and Take class with the next one scheduled for **December 14** for earrings. Remember your item for the silent auction is due by **December 31**.Our next club meeting is on **December 11** at 9:00 am. See you then.

SINGING CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000

Do you love singing Christmas carols? Join an enthusiastic group at VO's Christmas dinner in the BV Ballroom. We'll sing 15 minutes of the carols of our choice to guitar and/or piano accompaniment. Altos who can sing harmony are especially welcome. Text or email Annette Ripplinger at annette2000@gmail.com to get more information as to where and when practices will be held.

SING 'N STRUM Merle Heise 480-830-5951

Please join us if you play a stringed instrument and like to sing with a group. We gather in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** at **7:00 pm** every **Thursday**. Call Merle for more information.•

SOFTBALL Bob Faith 639-316-4800 Softball is practicing Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am at Sunshine Acres. There will be 5 teams of which one will be co-ed. League play will start early January so please come out to practice to allow coaches and managers to put you on a team at the appropriate

level.

SOLOS WEEKLY GATHERING Suzi Picotte 480-296-3010

We meet every **Thursday** at the **Oasis** at **4:00 pm** to socialize and have supper. The women bring a dish to pass serving 10 people. The men bring adult beverages, put the caps in their pocket to bring home again. Bring your own table service. Supper is served at **5:00 pm**. It is an excellent place to meet singles. It is open to all renters and owners.

SPADES

Fay Cummings 306-381-6448 Spades is played Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Mojave Room.•

SPLASHERS WATER VOLLEYBALL Robbie Oldemar 480-396-9987

Venture Out has a great way to meet people who like to have fun and laugh a lot! Senior Pool Volleyball is called "Splashers" and meets every **Monday-Wednesday** and **Friday** in the **West Pool** from **1:00 -2:30 pm**. Come join us - no previous experience necessary. Also remember to buy your Coyote Coupon Book from any Splasher of by calling Robbie.•

STITCH & CHAT Dianne Gilbert 480-993-7794

We are getting closer to the Christmas Angel season and hopefully you are all knitting some scarves and hats! We have a great group meeting Thursdays in the Mojave Room 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We are a come and go type of group so if you cannot come until 10:00 am it will work out fine - stitchers ioin and leave all morning long. Again, if you have extra yarn, we can certainly make good use of any you can donate. Please join us even if you do not stitch to see all we are doing and join in the chatting.

TABLE TENNIS PING PONG Al Manter 253-584-6307

We are hoping to have more members join our club so we can use our 3 quality tables at the Auxiliary **Ballroom**. We play there Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. We also play Thursdays from 3:15 until 5:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am until noon. Sunday is open play from 9:00 am until 4:15 pm. Our dues are \$10.00 a season. Please join us for a fun time.

TENNIS CLUB Janice Schwartz 507-251-9384

Super seniors 75+ will keep courts busy Saturday, November 30. Please sign at kiosk to serve taco salad Friday, December 2 (food handlers class December 3). Auction Friday, December 13 also needs volunteers. Bring donated treasures to front courts Thursday, December 1; furniture pickup call Butch Short 250-809-1028. Sign for Saturday, December 14 CM invitational and club Christmas social that evening. Drop-in tennis **3:30 pm** back courts **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**; beginners **3:30 pm court 5 Mondays**. See votennisclub.com.

TEXAS HOLD-EM Shirley Derrien 480-570-0804 Texas Hold-Em is on Wednesdays in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Starting time is 7:00 pm. Please be there by 6:50 pm. \$10.00 buy in. All monies are paid out each night. For more information call Shirley.•

WASHINGTON STATE PARTY Diane Miller 425-330-8101

The party planning is coming together, it's going to be a great time ! Save the date, **Tuesday**, **February 18**. Mark your calendars! Details will be coming out in the December Out-Lines! We also are posting in the mail room in the State section.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Betsy Klofstad 480-854-8883

Due to the **November** holidays, the group will not meet again until December 13. At that time we will be reviewing "Blue Highways" by Wm Least Heat Moon. This is an old book and probably available at all used book stores. On December 27 the book will be "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays at 9:30 am in the Mojave Room. Evervone Welcome.

CARDS & GAMES

31 Wed • 7:00 pm • Sonoran 500 Tue • 1:00 pm Mojave Sat • 7:00 pm Mojave American Hand & Foot Sat • 12:00 pm • Mojave Court Whist Sun • 6:30 pm • Sonoran Cribbage Tue • 7:00 pm • Mojave Darts 12-6 Fri • 7:00 pm • Class Room Dominoes Mon • 6:00 pm • Sonoran **Duplicate Bridge** Wed • 6:00 pm • Mojave Fri • 12:00 pm • Mojave **Eucher** 6:00 pm • Fri • Mojave Hand Foot & Toe Wed. • 12:30 pm • Mojave Men's Poker

5:30 pm • Card Room Mon - Thurs **Pinochle 12-2** Mon & Thurs • 6:30 pm Mojave

Scrabble Tue • 6:00 pm • Sonoran

Social Bridge Sun • 6:00 pm • Mojave Thurs • 1:00 pm • Mojave

Spades Thur • 7:00 pm • Mojave Texas Hold-em Wed • 7:00 pm • Aux Ballroom

GOLF SIGN-UPS 18-HOLE COURSES

WESTERN SKIES Play Monday 8:30 am Please sign-up at 605 Navajo Larry Booth 480-854-3696

ARIZONA GOLF RESORT

Play Thursday @ 10:00 AM Please sign-up at 306 Merlin Norm Lawrence 306-230-8597 gnlawrence@hotmail.com

9-HOLE COURSES

SUNLAND VILLAGE

Play Saturdays 11:00 am Shotgun Start Linda & Laz Tollas 480-807-7875

SUNLAND EAST

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

9-HOLE SIGN UP

7:45 am • Tuesdays Sonoran





All Out-Lines articles have a limit of 100 words, and must be turned in by the deadline found on the back of the Out-Lines submission sheet or the deadline list in the front of the Out-Lines (See pg 3).

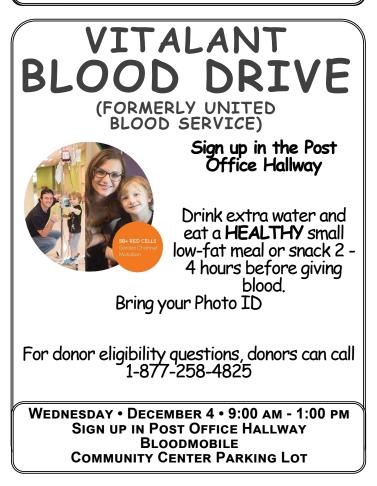
BLOOD PRESSURE Monitor your Blood Pressure

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a repeatedly elevated blood



pressure exceeding **130 over 80** mmHg. Have your blood pressure checked by Volunteers on Mondays in the main Lobby of the Community Center.

Blood pressure check Every Monday 9:45 - 11:15 am Community Center Lobby



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?

If so, you can 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 Certification good for 3 years.

Tuesday • December 3 10:00 am • Baja Bistro

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

"Changing Lives through Music"

Sun Joo Lee, a former opera singer from Seoul, Korea, came to the U.S., earned two master's degrees from Arizona State University and is now a Board Certified Neurological Music



Therapist . She serves as therapist and music director to Tremble Clefs Arizona, a choir comprised of performers with Parkinson disease. Sun Joo will discuss the positive effects of music on those suffering from neurological disease and how it improves overall well being. As a special addition the Tremble Clefs will sing and share their stories of how music has changed their lives.

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 5 1:00 PM • THE CABANA (EPC)

Electronics Class: iPad for Seniors



Be sure your device is able to connect to the EClub WiFi before attending this class. We will cover the calculator, clock and the calendar. We will also cover Google Maps which is great to use in the car along with the GPS function. We will learn how to download and delete apps from the App

Store as well as focusing on the Reading Apps (iBooks and Kindle).

\$10.00 for Electronics Club members, \$35 for non members (includes Club Membership) Class size limited to 21. Sign up & pay at the Electronics Club.

Monday • December 5 2:00 pm • Electronics



Free Dental Consultation

Meet with Dr. Pease & Associates Family Dentistry for a free dental consultation



Sign-up required on the bulletin board located in the Fitness Center

Keep that smile healthy!

Friday • December 6 11:00 am - 1:00 pm • EPC Therapy Room 2

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR

"Combining Western, Eastern and Natural Medicine"



Imbalances in your body can lead to chronic disease. Doctor of Chiropractic and Licensed Acupuncturist, Dr. Harvey Abrams from Aaaah...Wellness will discuss the

benefits of a "whole person approach". Discover the differences between Western, Eastern and Natural Medicine and how to utilize the combination to ease your ailments.





So much to see that the Homecoming Celebration!

7:30 AM WEST POOL EXERCISE Robbie Oldemar iris.lady@hotmail.com Please join us at 7:30 am in the West Pool Monday -Friday. Gentle aerobic exercise. We focus on core strengthening which is so very important as we mature. Start your morning off every weekday morning throughout the year. We're looking forward to meeting you!•

8:45 AM WEST POOL EXERCISES Irene Fuller 480-628-3019 Noodles 8:45 am. Water exercise 9:00 – 9:45 am Monday to Saturday. To keep healthy you need to eat well, exercise and spend time with friends. Water exercises stretch, build and maintain strength and help your balance for a full and active senior lifestyle. The friends you make and the music exercises give joy to our daily living. The Arizona Department for Senior Health reminds us to hydrate regularly. So, bring your water bottle and hydrate while you exercise. Come and join the fun...

9:00 AM MONDAY -SATURDAY EAST POOL WATER EXERCISE Carole Hewett 780-886-2831 10:00 AM MONDAY-FRIDAY Janis Seville 780-940-5416

Did you know that... Water provides 10-12 times more resistance than air, making it excellent for exercise and physical rehabilitation. Everyone is welcome to join our healthy living water aerobics classes. Using the natural resistance and buoyancy of the water against our bodies, these fun-filled classes target

KNOW YOUR GYM



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

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

specific muscle groups helping to increase energy, stamina, strength and balance. Come join our groups, meet new people and have lots of fun while getting in your daily exercise. All you need is a bathing suit, water for hydration (plastic bottle) and a smile. See you at the pool!•

10:00 AM WEST POOL WATER EXERCISE Jan Smith

612-280-4673 Gary Robertson will be starting the exercises on Monday, November 11. Excellent for arthritis, joint motion, an all-around "keep it moving" program. Work out as hard or easy as you want. Only requirement: swimsuits and smiles.••

ART OF MASSAGE Victoria VanDan 480-313-1556

Welcome back, Winter Visitors! I would like to introduce myself. I'm Victoria, originally from South Dakota. Massage Therapy has always been my passion and I'm in my 18^{th'} year working as a therapist in Arizona. I want to teach you the importance of keeping up with Massage Therapy since this is such an active community. I do many different modalities and your time with me will be geared toward your individual needs. Therapies start at \$69 per hour. I do have 60 and 90 minutes available. 480-313-1556. Tuesday and Thursday only, November and December.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS Mona Brandt 480-491-2393

Learn to dance with Shall We Dance! Mona Brandt is back for the season. teaching people to dance. every Monday in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Come out and learn West Coast Swing (1:00-1:50 pm), Waltz/Foxtrot (1:50-2:40 pm) and Latin/Swing dances such as Cha Cha, Rumba, Salsa or East Coast Swing (2:40-3:30 pm). Each class is \$7/ person or \$5/person if you take more than one. You do not need a partner, all are welcome, and these are drop-in classes so you may join any time. Learning to dance is fun and great exercise too! For information call 480-491-2393, email info@shallwedancephoenix .com or see www.shallwedancephoenix. com.•

BEADING CLASS Loralee Campbell 503-680-9136

Beading Classes will begin in January. During November and December come into the Sonoran on Mondays and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to work on your own projects. I will have a few kits available from last year's classes.

DANCE AEROBICS Em Williams 480-654-2141 Ann Fox 613-878-1167 Join us for dance aerobics Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Everyone welcome.••

FITNESS TRAINING F.I.I.T. WITH STACY *"FITNESS IN IT TOGETHER"* Stacy Huston (Personal Trainer)

480-861-9978 Exercise has an important role in how we age and how we stay healthy in our senior years. Each of us has unique goals and needs such as muscular strength/ flexibility, endurance, balance/fall prevention, or weight loss. Consider hiring the services of Certified Instructor Stacy Huston as she can help you to reach these wellness goals, in a supportive and positive manner. Individual or smallgroup sessions are offered. No matter how long you've been inactive, it's never too late to start moving again. Call Stacy or email FIITWithStacy@gmail.com for more details. •

FREE BEGINNER'S TENNIS CLINIC Joan Logan 403 851-0506 Holly Beattie 701-866-8871

Are you seeking fun, fitness, and friendship? Then ioin us for our upcoming Beginner's Tennis Clinic! Date: Saturday, January 11; Time: 10:00 am until 12 noon followed by a free lunch; Place: Courts 7 and 8 (behind the laundromat building). Enjoy learning a new sport and meeting other resort friends as you receive beginning instruction from exceptional players within this wonderful VO park club. Then free lessons are offered every Monday at 3:30 pm for the winter season to help you develop your skills and participation. Please wear sport footwear and comfortable clothing. Tennis racquets will be provided as needed. To register please call Joan Logan by January 9.

FREE WEDNESDAY DRAWING CLASS Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000

Come draw with an encouraging group every Wednesday until the end of March from 9:30 to 11:00 am 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. Total beginner? Not to worry! Your classmates are really supportive. Emphasis will be on observation, composition and technique. Please note the earlier time and start date on November 20.•

LINE DANCE Vicki Postel

720-234-4036 Thursday line dancing will begin on **December 5** in the Buena Vista Ballroom and will continue every Thursday until the end of March. Absolute beginner is from **12:15 to 12:30 pm**. This class will be to start learning the steps we use in our line dancing. Beginner/High Beginner will be from 12:30 to 1:15 pm. This class will incorporate the steps you just learned to an actual dance. High Beginner to Improver will be from 1:15 to 2:00 pm. Once you learn the steps and their names this will be the class for you. We encourage our newbies to at least watch and join in when you are sure of your steps and their names. Any questions, please call Vicki.

MASSAGE THERAPY Linda Font 402-429-2762

Welcome to Arizona, Land of Sunshine! I'll be a new therapist at Venture Out and I'm looking forward to meeting you. Massage is beneficial for everyday living, mind, body, soul. I tailor my massage to your needs. My days will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday with 60 and 90 minutes available. \$69 per hour, \$99 per 90 minutes. Raised my family in Lincoln, Nebraska, but have enjoyed living in Arizona since 2011. Give me a call to chat..

> REIKI LEVEL 1 COURSE Lynne Bigg 480-531-4928 Beverley Nugent 780-619-4035 reikigroup18

@outlook.com

Soothing...calming... relaxing...are some of the comments from people describing their experiences of Reiki treatment. You can learn this gentle practice. Join global Reiki leader Paul David Mitchell from Idaho in VO **January 23-26**. In Paul's course you will get lots of practice as you learn to treat yourself and others. Register by calling Lynne or Beverley. Fee \$165.00.

STRETCH AND TONE Joe & Kathy Blitgen

563-451-4828 Here are three ways in which you can take control of your health. You can exercise, eat healthy, and spend time with friends. If you come to Stretch and Tone, you check off two of those things. It will improve the quality of your life. So bring a mat and weights and come join us! Monday-Friday in the Buena Vista Ballroom at 8:00-8:30 am. (Continued on page 25)

(Continued from page 24) Weights on **Monday**, **Wednesday and Friday**. It's co-ed AND it's **FREE**!

SWEATIN' WITH THE OLDIES

Cheryl Epping 248-925-0204 Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45 - 9:45 am in the Buena Vista Ballroom for a fun workout with the Richard Simmons' Sweatin' to the Oldies series of aerobic workouts. This is a low impact, easy-to-follow workout that is guaranteed to make you smile and sing while you sweat away the pounds. There is no charge for this class. All you need to bring is a water bottle, a hand towel and your enthusiasm. Note that there will be no class November 29.••

TAI CHI Kathy Smith 403-547-2359

Tai Chi helps to improve balance and co-ordination, slowing bone loss and toning muscles. The movements are slow and gentle. Our practice is held in the Auxiliary Ballroom on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 until 10:00 am.

UKULELE CLASS Clare Algajer 480-463-1067 Ukulele class will practice from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on Mondays in the Music Room. We do not provide ukuleles. No previous knowledge is needed. Everyone welcome.

YOGA Vikki Lane Kunstman 920-246-5340 The many, varied benefits of regular Yoga practice continue to pour in from multiple sources. Come and discover for yourself at 7:15 am or 11:15 am Yoga in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a 1/4 inch yoga mat. Yoga practice includes breath work, physical poses (asanas), releases and relaxation (savasana). Yoga is unique in integrating the mind, body, spirit and also builds strength, flexibility, and body control. Through individual practice experience what yoga can provide as it relates to respiratory, digestive and cellular functioning. Sign-up to assist in starting the class DVD before class.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Stretch & Tone 8:00 am • Mon - Fri BV Ballroom Ballroom Dance Lessons Mon • 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Aux Ballroom Dance Aerobics Tue & Thur • 8:30 9:30 am BV Ballroom Sweatin'w the Oldies Mon, Wed, Fri 8:45 - 9:45 am BV Ballroom Tai Chi Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 10:00 am Aux Ballroom

WATER EXERCISE

East Pool Lap Swimming (Daily) • 6:00-7:30 am Water Aerobics 9:00 am • Mon - Sat Water Exercise 10:00 am • Mon - Fri

West Pool Water Walking 6:00 - 7:30 am Water Exercise 7:30 am • Mon - Fri Noodles 8:45 am • Mon - Sat Water Exercise 9:00 am • Mon - Sat Exercise 10:00 am • Mon - Fri Lap Swimming (Daily) • 7:00-8:00 pm



Music by the Pool and Root Beer Floats!







This and That

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

Rules:

- 1. Pets on 5 ft leash except when IN the Pet Walk.
- 2. Use Entrance Gate only to enter the Pet Walk.
- 3. Always pick up after your pet.

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



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





Way to go, Jeri Robbins

Jeri Robbins has been a resident at Venture Out for the last 25 years. In that time she has served the community in many ways. She has

volunteered in the Activity Office, proofread the Out-Lines and she was a Director on the Social Board. Jeri consulted on the Venture Out Solar project, as well as served as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. She is a co-chair for the Creative Writing Club, and is the Vice President of the Electronics Club. Thank you, Jeri.

50th Anniversary Renewal of Vows

This season the Recreation Department is sponsoring a "Renewal of Wedding Vows" for those married 50 years or more.



If you would like to participate in this event, please scan a wedding photo and send with your name and wedding date to recdir@ventureoutrvresort.com





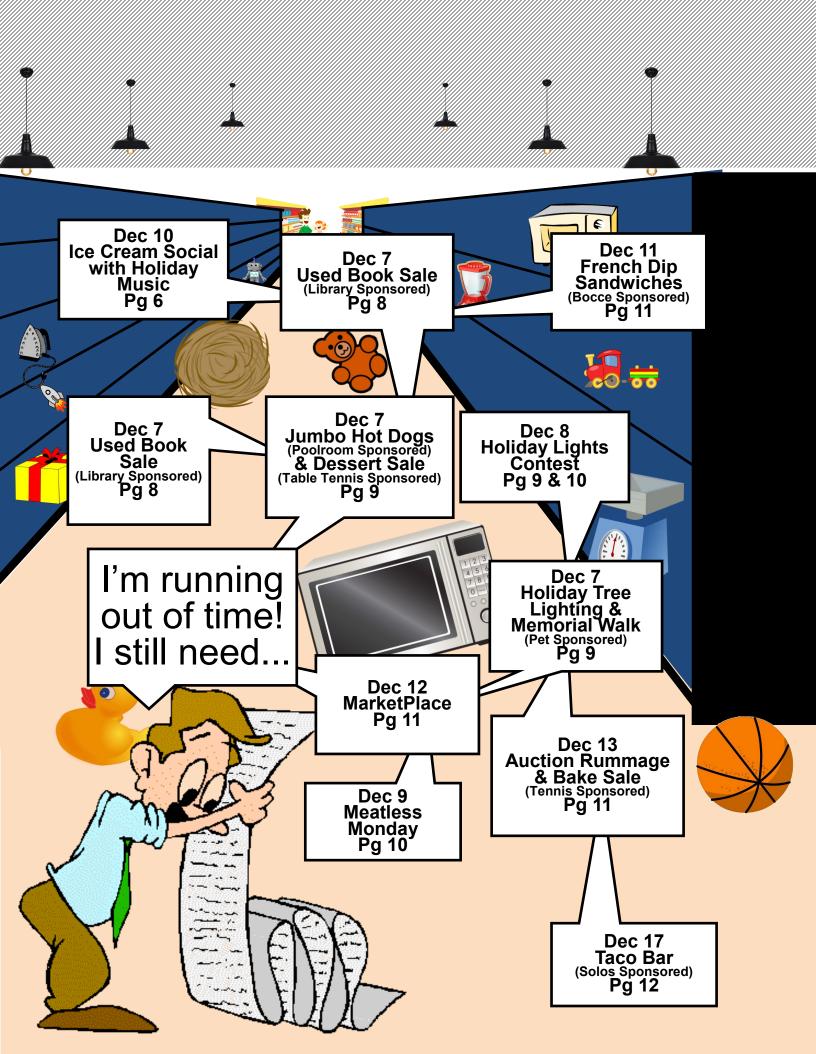
Many hands prepared the food for the Homecoming Celebration!

This and That



The 2019 Pickleball Tournament was a hit!





Venture Out Condo Board Presidents Comments for November 27, 2019

The time is just flying by, can you believe it is almost Thanksgiving?

Our **Town Hall meeting** is on December 3^{rd} at 3pm in the Ballroom. The agenda includes a review of projects completed this last summer, an update on easements and a review of what the Palm Tree committee – to be known in the future as the Arbor Committee – is all about. Of particular interest will be a financial overview and a brief presentation on the Reserves Account and the plans being put into place to address future needs. Please plan to attend as the agenda items do impact all of us.

The Board Standing Committees will be very busy this year. Some of their work includes the following (not all inclusive).

Communications committee will develop a social media policy that speaks to the management of the various sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others.

Green committee will stay on top of how we should manage our recycling program, given all of the City of Mesa changes.

Planning will look at the game zone area for highest and best use suggestions of that space.

Governing documents will review the current documents and give recommendations for managing the number and type of vehicles on a property. We are starting to see the one vehicle morphing into one vehicle and 1 or 2 golf carts, with the ATV (all terrain vehicle) along with the motorcycle. How many are enough on one lot?

Infrastructure is evaluating the outer wall for need of replacement and will reevaluate the park lighting options. Is solar an option?

Safety committee will look at evaluating the NE wall security now that we have cameras and motion detection there. They will also look at the issue of visitor/guest lists. Should we delete the entire list in the spring and start over in the fall? I suspect there would be some exceptions to this of course. But it is an area that leaves us vulnerable to people entering our park because their name is still on the list from 2 or 3 years ago.

Several of us attended an HOA (Home Owners Association) meeting last week that included 6 parks where owners also own their own land and have a governing Board like us. At these meetings we share information and find out what is going on in our different parks. One of the biggest concerns that I heard is that two parks had received notice from the Postal Service that their in park post office would no longer be supported. The USPS had declared them a business and thus would just deliver the mail to the park. In one of the parks, their post officer hours were decreased from 8 to 2 hours a day and mail is not being distributed to the individual owners boxes. As this is just happening, and the 2 parks are fighting it – we will wait and see what happens. Always something to worry about!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - eat lots – and if you are traveling be safe.

Alice Anderson, President Condo Board of Directors

Social Board President's Comments

November 27, 2019

It's been awhile since I've written comments in the Out-Lines, so let me begin with.... Welcome Back!

We held another very successful Homecoming on November 16th; and I wish to thank the Recreation Department, the Ham Radio Club, the Condo Board of Directors who assisted in the food line and the many, many other volunteers who helped make this event another warm and triumphant welcome home party.

Over the course of the next couple of months you will hear me continually speak of the many festivities that are planned in celebration of fifty years at Venture Out. It is my hope that you take part in the many events and activities and you enjoy each and every one of them!

The Clubs are all forging full steam ahead with the Social Board Club liaisons assisting at fundraisers and attending their meetings. It is the goal of the Social Board to keep the Clubs informed of various issues, to assist when concerns arise within the club membership and to ensure it is a positive and favorable season for all residents at Venture Out.

You may have seen your Social Board members wearing a green polo shirt this season. These shirts are being used as a means of identification. Many are unaware of the numerous meetings and events that the Directors must cover. Each Director is responsible for 3-4 clubs which requires them, as I have previously stated, to attend not only the club's meetings but to assist with their fundraisers. These individuals must also attend various Condo Board meetings, ad hoc meetings and be represented on various standing committees. We hope by wearing these shirts, the additional exposure will be able to readily identify a director should a resident have any questions or concerns.

It's not always easy to talk about the difficult things; but the only way you know is for me to tell you. Please remember that as owners, we all need to take care of the equipment and furniture throughout the park. Just because we jointly own all of these items doesn't mean that these items are your own "personal" property. You do not have a right to destroy or take items that are provided for all. We have already started the season with someone taking a propane tank from the Patio's firepit. By taking it, the rest of the residents are deprived of being able to use that firepit; and taking it is theft. If you see someone with a propane tank that has VO across it or any piece of property that belongs in the common area please ask them to return it. It will be appreciated by all.

Again, welcome home, enjoy the beauty of the park as the many volunteers help decorate it for the holidays, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Lorraine Hee Social Board President



Recreation Update

November 27, 2019

Applications for the Holiday Lights Contest will be accepted in the Activity Office until Friday, December 6 with judging to take place Sunday, December 8 between 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Awards will be presented at the Resident Christmas Party, the evening of December 11 in the Buena Vista Ballroom.

You will want to take the flyer from this edition of the Out-Lines and head to Vito's on Sunday, December 1 for some out-of-this-word pizza, or your favorite pasta dish. This event is sponsored by the Pickleball Club and 20% of your entire bill will be donated back to the Social Club.

Support the Lawnbowling Club in their sponsorship of a new, never-to-be seen at VO, professional holiday show complete with phenomenal vocals, dancing and a full back-up band on Monday, December 2. Doors open to the Buena Vista Ballroom at 6:30 pm with the performance kicking off at 7:00 pm sharp! Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from the Activity Office or at the door the evening of the performance.

Venture Out's annual Salvation Army Christmas Angel program begins Monday, December 2. By choosing a name from the Angel Tree, you will purchase a toy which will bring Christmas to an underprivileged child this holiday season. Keep in mind, if you can't get out to shop, cash donations are also accepted with Venture Out volunteers providing the shopping service. All gifts must be returned to the Baja Bistro by Friday, December 13.

French Dip Sandwich tickets are currently on sale in the Activity Office, but you had better hurry as the deadline to purchase is Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00 am.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve Bash featuring Chuck-E-Baby and the All Stars will be available for purchase in the Baja Bistro at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 4. A maximum of 2 tickets per badge may be purchased. If not sold out, tickets may be purchased from the Activity Office December 5.

Donations for the Christmas Angel Raffle are now being accepted in the Activity Office. New items, gift cards, gently used items, crafts, jewelry and even basketful of items would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds provided to our shoppers to purchase toys and bikes for the Christmas Angel program. The raffle draw is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 am following the Saturday Breakfast in the Baja Bistro.

The Tennis Club's fabulous Taco Salad will be available for lunch in the Baja Bistro on Friday, December 6. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from the Activity Office or at the door if not sold out. Don't take any chances and get those tickets in hand today.

The Poolroom will be grilling their famous quarter-pound jumbo hot dogs on Saturday, December 7 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm outside the Community Center. Tickets may be purchased at the event but please remember to provide your own table service. Be sure to bring some extra moo-la as the Library will host another of their popular Used Book Sales, the Table Tennis Club will sell ice cream, and Christmas Angel Raffle tickets will also be available.

Have you started working on your entry for the Artisans Showcase? The theme this year is a "heart" which must be displayed somewhere in your artwork. All mediums of art accepted but artwork must be original and only two entries per person are allowed. Cash prizes awarded.

Venture Out will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 4. The Blood Mobile will be in the Community Center Parking lot from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm so please donate and give the gift of life.

Join the Pet Association at the Hobby Center parking lot for the fifth annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party Saturday, December 7 beginning at 5:00 pm. The lighting of the tree will take place around 5:30 pm with free hot cocoa, homemade cookies, Christmas Carols and a visit from Santa Claus and his lovely wife! Feel free to bring an ornament to add to the tree and a donation for local no-kill shelters. Used blankets and towels as well as new toys, treats and pet food are greatly appreciated. You'll also get a chance to view the Memorial Luminairia in honor of Venture Out residents and long-time renters who passed away this past year.

'Tis the holiday season and you're invited to enjoy Santa's Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast in the Baja Bistro Saturday, December 14 from 7:30 - 9:00 am. Add scrambled eggs, juice and unlimited cups of coffee to those biscuits and sausage gravy and you have a real deal for only \$6.00. Tickets may be purchased at the event but please remember your table service and mug. Be on the lookout for Santa and Mrs. Claus as there's a strong possibility they might be in the mood for a bit of breakfast as well!

The Tennis Club Sponsored Auction, Rummage and Bake Sale is just around the corner on Friday, December 13 at the Patio. Need a slightly used sofa? How about a computer desk? Dishes or a potted plant? Preview at 8:00 am with the auction beginning at 10:00 am.

Join other health enthusiasts for the Fruitcake 5K Tuesday, December 10 in front of the Community Center. Warm up at 9:55 am with the walk, stroll, jog or run beginning at 10:00 am.

I am sad to report the Holiday Tea scheduled for December 9 has been cancelled due to health issues of the entertainer. Tickets may be returned to the Activity Office for a full refund.

More hostesses are needed for the Resident Christmas Dinner. Responsibilities include cooking a ham, decorating a table, collecting money and assigning side dishes from those joining your table. Not too overly difficult! In fact, it can be quite enjoyable. If interested contact Keith Gustafson. For those who wish to attend the dinner, please contact a hostess listed in the Resident Christmas Dinner ad in this edition of the Out-Lines.

Those individuals who have even number addresses are asked to bring a small plate of cookies to the Community Center kitchen by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, December 11 for the Resident Christmas Party. A can of food is the entry fee for the event and remember to view the Memorial Luminaria which will be on the upper deck of the lobby in the Community Center.

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 6 and head to the Ballroom for some of the best rock and roll music you will hear all year with the band Midnight Confessions. Tickets are \$8.00 and doors open at 6:30 pm with the band playing from 7:00 - 10:00 pm.

Chef Ed is conducting another Food Handler's class on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 am in the Baja Bistro. No studying! No test! No charge!

Don't forget this Friday, November 29 beginning at 3:00 pm in the Baja Bistro, it's VO Karaoke with Don and Ron! BYOB for the best party in town!

Teresa Beally

Activity Director recdir@ventureoutrvresort.com

Manager's Corner



November 27, 2019

This week's occupancy is 1182 or 67% vs 1071 at the last report and 1150 the year prior. There are currently 210 renters in the park.

The offices will be closed both Thursday and Friday this week, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be NO trash pick up on Friday. Please take

any excess garbage to the roll-offs and neatly dispose of them. This weekend is always a bad time for an accumulation of garbage. It would be much appreciated if residents avoided any large home improvement projects over these four days between garbage pickups, as the roll-offs are guickly filled with household garbage.

That brings up dumpster fees for construction projects. As one project can quickly fill a roll-off, there are fees that must be paid when any re-model project is undertaken in the park. Please get a copy of the architectural guidelines in advance before starting any project and see Keith Kettle/Architectural Supervisor if you need clarification on your plans and need any permits.

We are very happy to report that the new storm drain in the pet walk retention basin was a success. The water in all cases was at the bottom of the drain within a few hours of the storms. We received two inches of rain over a three-day period and normally that would result in a full basin that would take several days to pump dry. We did not have a storm event that can cause major flooding, so that remains to be tested, but thus far we are very happy with the results.

Next week Tuesday, December 3rd is the first Town Hall meeting of the season. It will be held in the afternoon at the Buena Vista Ballroom at 3:00 P.M. The Board wanted to try this option this year to see if we get a little higher attendance, since it won't cut into evening plans. Please look at the agenda posted in this week's Out-Lines, as the Board discusses the many items on their plates this year. Some of the items they are going to discuss that everyone wants to hear about are the plans for the West Pool, what to do with our Palm Trees as they continue to grow out of our reach and the reserve fund, looking forward to the future. We hope you will attend so everyone can be up to date on these important projects and more.

As we head into the Holiday Season and we have so many guests coming and going, please remember to always have them register at the ADMIN office and if it exceeds over two persons per unit, there is a nominal fee of \$2.00 per day. You may wonder why that fee is even necessary? During peak vacation times, especially the month of Spring Break, we will see water costs soar dramatically as much as \$10,000 in a month's time. That small \$2.00 per day fee helps offset that cost.

The new water machines are in and are working great. I've had several people thanking the Board for their purchase. Remember, you own these machines so treat them gently and you will get years of service. Report any problems with the machines to the office as soon as they occur.

Real Estate is HOT in Venture Out. In all the years I have been here, we have the lowest total number of units for sale in the Park. Sometimes they are sold as fast as they are listed. This follows the trend outside these four walls where inventory is also very low, and homes that are below \$300,000 are snapped up quickly. We continue to hear that people are coming in the park for all the great amenities and the fact that you own the land.

Have a wonderful Holiday Weekend and if you are traveling, do so safely.

Mary Schmit

General Manager vogm@ventureoutrvresort.com

The Following Tickets Are Now Available In The Activity Office

Current badges (with a Gold hologram) are required to purchase tickets

Event	Date of Event	Deadline	Amount	Qty.
Winter Wonderland	. M - Dec 2	Dec 2 (3:00 pm) Sold also at the door	.\$10.00	[]
Friday Night Dance (Midnight Confessions	s)F - Dec 6	Dec 6 (3:00 pm) Sold also at the door	\$8.00	[]
Taco Salad	. F - Dec 6	. Until Sold Out	\$7.00	[]
French Dip Sandwiches	. W - Dec 11	Dec 4 (10:00 am)	\$7.00	[]
Friday Night Dance (Cowboy Up)	F - Dec 13	Dec 13 (3:00 pm) Sold also at the door	\$8.00	[]
Taco Bar	. Tu - Dec 17	. Dec 11 (10:00 am)	\$6.00	[]
Taco Salad	. F - Jan 2	Until Sold Out	\$7.00	[]
Enchilada Dinner	. W - Jan 8	Until Sold Out	\$8.00	[]
Electric Boog-a-Loo	. Sa - Jan 11	Jan 10 (3:00 pm) Sold also at the door if available	.\$10.00	[]
Country Western Jamboree	. W - Jan 15	Jan 8 (10:00 am)	.\$11.75	[]
Loaded Baked Potatoes	. Th - Jan 16	Jan 8 (10:00 am)	\$5.50	[]

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

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

DAILY TIMETABLE

Baja Bistro

Aux Ballroom

BV Ballroom

Aux Ballroom

Music Rm

Ham Shack

Croquet

Mojave

Croquet

West Pool

Aux Ballroom

Sonoran

Sonoran

Mojave

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 7:30 am	East Pool			
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool			
Water Exercise	7:30 am	West Pool			
Stretch & Tone	8:00 am	BV Ballroom			
Sunshine Carvers Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunshine Carvers					
Water Aerobics	9:00 am	East Pool			
Electronics Membership	9:00 - 10:00 am	Electronics			
Library Locked Cases	10:00 am - 3:20 pm	Library			
Post Office	2:00 - 3:30 pm	VO Post Office			
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool			

Weekly Recurring Events

MONDAYS

Hiking	7:45 am	Baja Bistro
Sweatin 'w the Oldies	8:45 - 9:45 am	BV Ballroom
Tai Chi	9:00 - 10:00 am	Aux Ballroom
VO Grapevine	9:00 am	Baja Bistro
Blood Pressure Check	9:45 - 11:15 am	CC Lobby
Ham 20M -	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Ballroom Dancing	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Water Volleyball	1:00-2:30 pm	West Pool
Men's Poker	5:30 pm	Class Room
Dominoes	6:00 pm	Sonoran
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
TUESDAYS		
9-Hole Sign-up	7:45 am	Sonoran
Dance Aerobics	8:30 - 9:30 am	BV Ballroom
American Hand & Foot	12:00 pm	Mojave
500	1:00 pm	Mojave
Ice Cream Social	1:30-2:30 pm	Baja Bistro

Potlucks Scrabble Cribbage Table Tennis

WEDNESDAYS

Sweatin 'w the Oldies Tai Chi **Choir Rehearsal Croquet Singles** Ham 20M -Hand Foot & Toe **Croquet Doubles** Water Volleyball 31 Texas Hold'em

5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm 8:45 - 9:45 am 9:00 - 10:00 am

9:00 - 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00-2:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm

THURSDAYS

THURSDATS		
Dance Aerobics	8:30 - 9:30 am	BV Ballroom
Stitch & Chat	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mojave
Ed's Grill	11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Baja Bistro
Social Bridge	1:00 pm	Mojave
Table Tennis	3:15 - 5:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Solos Potluck	4:00 pm	Oasis
Bingo	6:30 pm	BV Ballroom
Spades	7:00 pm	
	7.00 pm	Mojave
<u>FRIDAYS</u>		
Sweatin 'w the Oldies	8:45 - 9:45 am	BV Ballroom
Tai Chi	9:00 - 10:00 am	Aux Ballroom
Ham 20M -	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Hand Foot & Toe	12:30 pm	Mojave
Water Volleyball	1:00-2:30 pm	West Pool
Eucher	6:00 pm	Mojave
Friday Night Dance	6:30-10:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Table Tennis		Aux Ballroom
	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Dail10011
<u>SATURDAYS</u>		
Lap Swimming -	6:00 - 7:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking -	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Table Tennis	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Water Aerobics	9:00 am	East Pool
Sunshine Carvers Oper	19:00 am - 4:00 pm Sui	nshine Carvers
Organized Croquet	10:00 am	Croquet
Ham Radio Mtg	10:00 am	Oasis
American Hand & Foot		Mojave
500	7:00 pm	Mojave
	•	West Pool
Lap Swimming -	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West POOI
<u>SUNDAYS</u>		
Lap Swimming -	6:00 - 7:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking -	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Gabfest	8:30 am	Baja Bistro
Worship Service	9:00 am	BV Ballroom
Table Tennis	9:00 am - 4:15 pm	Aux Ballroom
Organized Croquet	4:00 pm	Croquet
Social Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave
Court Whist	6:30 pm	Sonoran
Lap Swimming -	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool
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<u>c</u>	Special Events	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 27</u>	
Fleas & Bees Sale	9:00-1:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Collective Goods Sale	9:00-2:00 pm	Baja Bistro
Trash Treasures & DVD Sale	-	Baja Bistro
Ed's Grill-BBQ Chicken	11:30 am-12:45 pm	Baja Bistro
Out-Lines Published		

DAILY TIMETABLE

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 28

All Officed Closed 4:30 pm

8:30 am

9:00 am

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 29 All Officed Closed

DECEMBER 2

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Holiday Decorating Karaoke w/Don & Ron 3:00-5:30 pm No Friday Dance

Thanksgiving Dinner

MONDAY

FRIDAY

Make & Take New Image Fashions Out-Lines Deadline Winter Wonderland

TUESDAY

Food Handlers Class Social Board Mtg Town Hall Mtg

DECEMBER 3 10:00 am 1:30 pm 3:00 pm

Baja Bistro Oasis **BV Ballroom**

Sunshine Carvers

BV Ballroom

Baja Bistro

Baja Bistro

Baia Bistro

Activity Office

BV Ballroom

DECEMBER 4

9:00 am 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Salisbury Steak Dinner 5:00 pm 6:30 pm

Baja Bistro CC Parking Lot

Baja Bistro

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Taco Salad

SATURDAY

MONDAY

Used Book Sale

Jumbo Hot Doas

Meatless Monday

WEDNESDAY

French Dip

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

Blood Drive

NYF Bash Tickets

Condo Board Mtg Health Seminar

9:00 am 1:00 pm

DECEMBER 6

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

DECEMBER 7

CC Lobby Baia Bistro Pet Walk

Baja Bistro

DECEMBER 11 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

DECEMBER 12

Market Place Condo Work Session

9:00 am - 1:00 pm 9:00 am

Baja Bistro Oasis

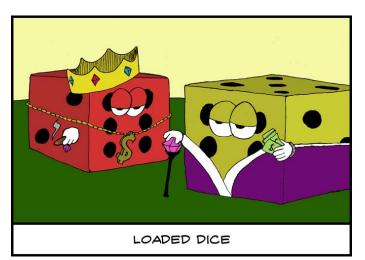
FRIDAY

DECEMBER 13

Out-Lines Published Auction/Bake Sale

8:00 am Preview 10:00 am

The Patio



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Sudoku

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		3				5		
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3				8		9		
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				7	9			
		5				6		
	7		6	5		3		1

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.

DECEMBER 5

Oasis Cabana

9:00 am - 1:00 pm 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Tree Lighting/Memorial 4:45 pm

DECEMBER 9

5:00 pm

Baja Bistro

Baja Bistro

December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship 1 Service	Out-Lines 2 Deadline 2 Blood Pressure Clinic	Town Hall Mtg 3 Social Board Mtg	NYE Bash 4 Tickets on Sale	Condo Board 5 Mtg	Christmas 6 Angels	Jumbo Hot Dogs7 & Ice Cream
Gabfest	Grapevine New Image Fashions	Food Handlers Class	Christmas Angels- Buy \$5 get 5 free	Ed's Grill featuring Christmas Angel	Taco Salad Dental Consult	Used Book Sale
Vito's Meal Deal	Sale Christmas Angel Program Begins with Free Ice Cream Coupons Winter Wonderland Holiday Concert	Ice Cream Social with Sing & Strum Potluck-Salvation Army Children's Choir	Vitalant Blood Drive Salisbury Steak Dinner	Special Health Seminar: Changing Lives Through Music Bingo	Dance: Midnight Confessions	Christmas Angels Tree Lighting & Memorial Luminaria Walk
Worship 8 Service	Grapevine 9 Blood Pressure	Ice Cream 10 Social with	Christmas 11 Angels	Condo Work 12 Session	Out-Lines 13 Published	Silversmith 14 Make & Take
Gabfest	Clinic	Holiday Music Christmas Angels	French Dip Lunch	Marketplace Ed's Grill Open	Christmas Angels Ends	Santa's Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast
Holiday Lights Contest	Christmas Angels Meatless Monday	Potluck- Arizona's Desert Plants	Resident Christmas Party with the East	Christmas Angels Health Seminar:	Tennis Auction & Bake Sale	Christmas Angels Raffle Draw
	Potluck	Fruit Cake 5k	Valley Pops Orchestra	Combining Western, Eastern & Natural	VO Karaoke with Don & Ron	
				Medicine Bingo	Dance: Cowboy Up	
Worship 15 Service	Out-Lines 16 Deadline	Social Board 17 Meeting	Mystery Trip 18	Breakfast with 19 The Doc	Newcomer's 20 Orientation	Hamburger 21 BBQ & Cake Sale
Gabfest	Blood Pressure Clinic	Taco Bar		Ed's Grill Open	Dance: Classic Example	with Santa in the House
Musical Jam	Grapevine	Ice Cream Social Holiday Potluck with the Cornerstone Gospel Quartet		Holly Jolly Bingo	Band	
Worship 22 Service	Grapevine 23 Blood Pressure	No Ice Cream 24 Social	Community 25 Christmas Dinner	Ed's Grill Open 26 Bingo	Out-Lines 27 Published	28
Gabfest	Clinic	No Potluck Candlelight Service			No Dance (स्	
Worship 29 Service	Out-Lines 30 Deadline	No Ice Cream 31 Social			. D	off 0
Gabfest	Grapevine	No Potluck	ROS	E BOW		20
	Blood Pressure Clinic	New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner New Year's Eve Bash With Chuck-e- Baby and the Allstars	PARA	ADE Bi - 12/29	is 🎐	

January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		ersmith t Auction	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 2020!!	Condo Board 2 Meeting Taco Salad	De-decorate All Classes Cancelled 8:00 -11:00 am 50th Trivia Party 50	Jumbo Hot 4 Dogs & Ice Cream -Horseshoe Used Book Sale
1/6 - 1/13 Sunshine Carvers Raffle 1/14 - 1/28			Bingo	Dental Consult Friday Seminar: Take a Tour of California Dance: Midnight Confessions	Continental Coffee	
Worship 5 Service Gabfest	Blood Pressure Clinic	Ask Eldon 7 Ice Cream Social	Fire Fighters 8 Pickleball Throw Down	Condo-Social 9 Planning- Infrastructure Meeting	Out-Lines Published10Food Handlers Class	Sirloin Tips & 11 Egg Breakfast with Sing & Strum
	New Image Fashion Sale Recreation Open House Silversmith Silent Auction Begins Concert Series: Ken Kaz	Harrah's Casino Outing Potluck: Rockin' with Roy Pollin Resolution 5K	Enchilada Dinner	Marketplace VO Diner Open Bingo Health Seminar: Got Afib?	VO Karaoke with Don & Ron Friday Seminar: Navigating the Valley Light Rail Dance: Johnny K & Kompany	Tennis Clinic- Beginners Electric Boog-a-Loo
Worship 12 Service	Out-Lines 13 Deadline	Meet the Condo 14 Board Candidates	Country 15 Western	Condo Board 16 Meeting	Newcomers 17 Orientation	Silversmith 18 Make & Take
Gabfest	Silversmith Silent Auction Ends Blood Pressure Clinic Grapevine	Social Board Mtg Ice Cream Social Karaoke Corner Sunshine Carvers Raffle Begins	Jamboree	Breakfast with the Doc Loaded Baked Potatoes Bingo	Zappones Meal Deal Name That Tune Friday Seminar: Israel - the Second Half	Hamburger BBQ & Ice Cream Sale
	VO's 50th Anniversary Celebration	Potluck- Kevin & Teri Whalen	*		Dance: Lonny Lynn Orchestra	
Worship 19 Service Gabfest	Grapevine 20 Blood Pressure Clinic Canadian Snowbird Association Seminar	Club Officers 21 Meeting Tia Rosa Meal Deal Ice Cream Social Artisan Showcase	ASU Hearing 22 Clinic Lasagna Dinner	Condo Board 23 Meeting Fleas & Bees Sale with Chili Bar & Ice Cream Health Seminar:	Out-Lines 24 Published Mystery Trip Electronics Club Open House VO Karaoke with Don & Ron	Eggs & Bacon 25 Breakfast Hobby Center Open House Putting Tournament 2 person Team
ST S	Concert Series: Garth Guy	Potluck: Odysea Aquarium		New Year, New You 50-50-50 Bingo!	Friday Seminar: Lin Sue Cooney Dance: Julie Lee Band	Lów Ball
Worship 26 Service	Out-Lines 27 Deadline	Social Board 28 Meeting	Poker Run 29	Condo Board 30 Meeting	East Pool with	
Gabfest Musical Jam Sing-a-Long	Grapevine - 1970's Zappones Cooking Class Blood Pressure Clinic	Ice Cream Social & Bake Sale Sunshine Carvers Raffle Draw Potluck: Nan	Glass Arts Open House Salmon BBQ	Taco Salad Health Seminar: Natural Solutions to Digestive Problems	Johnny R Friday Seminar: Trapped with Ms. Arias	
J.	Meatless Monday Potluck Special Performance Tribute to Tom Jones	California Dreaming with That Kool Band		Bingo	Dance: Uncorked-The Band	

ENTURE OUT DAY



Pizza & Italian Ristorante

1947 N. Lindsay Road – Mesa SE Corner of Lindsay & McKellips (480) 832-3311

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2019 11:00am – 9:00pm

"Dine In" for lunch or dinner and Vito's will **DONATE 20%** of sales to the Venture Out Social Club (donation excludes liquor, tax and gratuity) One check per table

*Full Dining Menu (11:00 am – 9:00 pm)

Full dining menu at \$14.00 and up

Vito's provides a gluten-free menu upon request

MUST BRING THIS FLYER!

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THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHISTINAS ANGEI PROGRAM

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



December 2 - December 13

Please be a part of this special event! Contact the Activity Office today-Sponsored by the Venture Out Social Club





Angel Selection & Raffle Schedule December 2 - 13

- Monday 12/2 Kick-off the Christmas Angel Program at the Grapevine and receive a "Free Ice Cream" coupon for those selecting Angels from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.
- Tuesday 12/3 Angels & raffle tickets are available 11:30 am 2:30 pm in the Baja Bistro. Enjoy an Ice Cream Social with music by Venture Out's own Sing & Strum at 1:45 pm.
- Wednesday 12/4 Angels & raffle tickets are available 9:00 am 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. Buy \$5.00 worth of raffle tickets and get 5 free!
- Thursday 12/5 Angels & raffle tickets available 9:00 am 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. Enjoy a Christmas Angel Lunch Special at Ed's Grill from 11:00 am 12:15 pm.
- Friday 12/6 Angels available from 10:00 am 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro and during the Taco Salad lunch.
- Saturday 12/7 Angels & raffle tickets available in the Baja Bistro from 9:00 am 1:00 pm. Jumbo Hot Dogs served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the Library Book Sale from 9:00 am 1:00 pm. All proceeds from the Book Sale donated to Angel program.
- Sunday 12/8 No Angels-Day of Rest.
- Monday 12/9 During and following the Grapevine, Angels & raffle tickets available from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.
- Tuesday 12/10 Angels & raffle tickets available from 11:30 am 2:30 pm with holiday music during the Ice Cream Social in the Baja Bistro from 1:30 2:30 pm.
- Wednesday 12/11 Angels & raffle tickets available 10:00 am 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro during French Dip Lunch.
- Thursday 12/12 Angels & raffle tickets available in the Baja Bistro between 9:00 am 1:00 pm during the Holiday Marketplace.
- Friday 12/13 Final return of Angel gifts to the Baja Bistro 9:00 am 12:00 pm. Raffle tickets still available.
- Saturday 12/14 Last Chance to get those raffle tickets during the Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast in the Baja Bistro between 7:30 9:00 am.

Raffle Draw Saturday December 14 9:00 am - Baja Bistro following the Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast





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Dec 14 CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

\$99 pp This is one of our most popular motorcoach trips! Experience the magnificent performance at Dream City Church, and enjoy dinner. (MC)

Dec 18 TLAQUEPAQUE SHOPPING



\$99 pp Spend time doing some shopping for gifts (or for yourself???) at Tlaquepaque in Sedona! This picturesque shopping area has something for everyone on your list! Includes voucher for lunch.

Dec 22 Besh ba Gowah Festival of Lights

\$99 pp This is a great day trip is you have visitors during the holidays! Enjoy the scenic drive through Devil's Canyon, and browse for a few gift ideas at the Pickle Barrel. The festivities, entertainment and luminaries at the pueblo will surely delight you and your friends! (MC)

Dec 24-26 LAUGHLIN CHRISTMAS



\$ 299 pp dbl; add \$80 single

3 days/2 nights at the River Lodge! Enjoy smaller, themed casinos with great dining and entertainment options! Includes daily breakfast and Christmas Dinner.

Contact **Robbie Oldemar** to Reserve Your Seats! (480) 396-9987 (h) (360) 425-4670 (c)

Sponsored by the Solo's, **Fired Clay Arts and Lawnbowling Clubs**

Dec 26th HOLIDAYS at the HEARD

\$99 pp Extend the holidays with a visit to the Heard



Museum. Take a guided tour of the exhibits, and enjoy popular demonstrations such as hoop dancers and fancy dancing. Lunch at a popular restaurant is included.

Dec 29, 2019 - Jan 1, 2020 ROSE PARADE

\$839 pp dbl, add \$280 for single Reserve your seat now with a \$100 deposit pp!



Accommodations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. Rancho Cucamonga with daily breakfast. All of our popular favorites: reserved Grandstand Seating for the Rose Parade, close up viewing of

floats, tour of the Reagan Library including lunch at the Air Force One Pavilion, tour of Warner, Brothers Studio with lunch and dinner at a local restaurant on New Year's Eve! (MC)

Dec 30 - Jan 1 PRESCOTT NEW YEAR'S

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\$439 pp dbl, add \$185 for single

at the Hassavampa is included.

3 Days/2 Nights at the historic, beautifully restored 1927 Hassayampa Inn! Join the festivities and celebrate



New Year's Eve with the Boot Drop on Whiskey Row! Breakfast



Jan 23 MYSTERY TRIP

\$99 pp Join the fun! Our Mystery Trips got rave reviews last year - the fun is in the mystery!

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Jan 28 – 30 LAUGHLIN



\$219 pp dbl; add \$40 single (at *the Edgewater*) or **\$ 295** pp dbl; add \$75 single (at the Aquarius)

3 Days/2 Nights at your hotel choice! Includes breakfast (at the Aquarius) or breakfast and pizza (evening) at the Edgewater! Which will you choose?

Feb 7 **TUBAC FESTIVAL OF ARTS**

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\$99 pp This popular day trip celebrates the 61st annual festival! Browse the vast exhibits, see artist demonstrations, and more! Includes breakfast voucher (stop en route). (MC)

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Feb 8 **TURF GOLD CUP**

POPULAR day trip! \$99 pp Enjoy lunch at Turf Paradise and reserved seating. Watch for the named race "Sinclair Travel Center!"



HOOP DANCING Feb 9



\$105 pp After a lunch stop in Tempe, visit the Heard Museum. Experience the beauty of the Native American Dancers during the 2020 World Championship Hoop Dance Competition Celebration! You'll also have time to browse the Heard Museum on your own.

Feb 13 **CHOCOLATE DAY!**



\$99 pp Tour Cerreta Fine Chocolates for an inside look at chocolate! You'll get to sample a bit, too. Then enjoy a delicious 3-course meal at the AZ Culinary Institute.

Feb 18 **MORE MYSTERY!**

\$99 Another day full of surprises! Join us on one of our fastest growing favorites!



Feb 19-21 LAUGHLIN RIVERSIDE

\$ 229 pp dbl; add \$40 single 3 Days/2 Nights at the Riverside, Laughlin's first Hotel & Casino!

Includes 2 breakfast buffets and 1 dinner buffet.



KARTCHNER CAVERNS



\$99 pp Nice day trip includes lunch at the Benson City Grille and a tour of the Big Room at Kartchner Caverns. (MC)

Feb 26-27 CASIND CRAWL

\$229 pp dbl; add \$60 single

2 Days / 1 Night The fun starts at Harrah's Ak Chin! In the afternoon, depart for the Desert Diamond in Tucson.



HOGS 'n Heat BBQ Feb 29

After breakfast, tour San Xavier Mission, then off to

Wildhorse Pass in Chandler, before returning to Mesa.

\$99 PP How about a BBQ and some great music?? Relax and enjoy at Rock Springs Café Hogs 'n Heat BBQ. It's all you can eat - don't forget about a slice of pie! Live music, too. Great Spring kick-off!

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VO Voices

A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

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Editorial

by Maureen Robertson

"No great achievement is possible without persistent work."

Bertrand Russell

Welcome back to all, and an especially warm welcome to our new residents. This year we celebrate a major achievement for Venture Out, our 50th Anniversary.

Many long-time residents will remember the challenges and changes wrought over the years by Administrative Staff and both the Condo and Social Boards. With these changes, multitudes of volunteers contributed hours of their time to bring about the Venture Out we enjoy today.

Over the past 50 years, we not only updated most of our facilities, such as the Center, the EPC the Sportsplex and the pull-throughs, but also added new recreational areas for Bocce and Pickle Ball players as well as new and/ or updated facilities for arts and crafts enthusiasts

For all of these efforts, the time for celebration has arrived. Watch the Outlines for notifications of events throughout the season and be sure to seek out former members of our Condo and Social Boards as well as Mary and Teresa to acknowledge their many contributions to our enjoyment of Venture Out. Some have likened the increase in our property values and the general ambiance in our community to these efforts as well.

Venture Out Fall Tennis Classic Tournament

by Marion Thiessen



The Venture Out Fall Classic Tennis Tournament earned its reputation as the best run tennis event in the Valley. It provides a unique experience by combining a three-game guarantee with excellent food services, first class court facilities, reliable registration and scoring procedures; a user friendly website, an efficient shuttle and parking service, as well as extras such as vendors, silent auction, and raffles.

The tournament relies upon the contributions of over one hundred volunteers, both club and nonclub members, some of whom arrive weeks ahead to prepare. The late October timing provides an opportunity for tennis players to get a welcome head start on the season.

The Fall Classic began as an inter-club event in 1998. The following year, hosting 74 players, the tournament expanded to include other clubs in the valley. Since then, the event evolved into a major fund raiser for Venture Out, contributing over \$150 000 to date. These funds come primarily from out -of-park guests. This year, the Tennis Club hosted 342 players and looks forward to continued success in the forthcoming years. Showcasing Venture Out during the tournament has proven to be an important bonus for the Park, as many prospective buyers return for tours.

The growth of the Fall Classic was insured by the addition of two courts built by the Park. The Veranda, constructed and paid for by tennis club members, provides a resource for the tournament, the club and the entire Park. The primary focus of the Tennis Club remains, that of providing an enjoyable, quality sporting experience for tennis players.

Recycle or Not

by Norm Thiessen

Many people have expressed their dismay that Mesa's recycling program, hence our park, has hit a major snag due to the unavailability of a market for recycled items. This is happening at a time when there are reports of over-flowing landfills, ocean floors laden with discarded trash, and plastics invading our food chain. Can an individual do something to help ease this situation?



The answer is "yes," if there is a belief that even a small move will make a difference. Carrying cloth bags in cars to carry groceries or other purchased items reduces the use of plastic. Paying attention to purchased food items that may be over packaged and being aware that pre-packaged foods use far more plastic than food prepared in kitchens will make a difference in our landfills. Do vegetables need to be placed into plastic bags when reusable net bags can be purchased or made? Should the convenience of plastic bottled water be replaced by carrying reusable containers? Customers using their own cups and refusing plastic straws will help to lessen waste. Can double bagging be justified?

Is it time to eliminate those stacks of newspapers when news is readily available electronically? Paperless banking, bills, and receipts reduce the amount of related waste. As well as placing usable items beside the dumpster, other such items can be donated to thrift stores or retained for our tennis auction. A good rule of thumb is to remember that every non-recycled item tossed in our trash is destined for the landfill.

While these suggestions are relatively easy to adopt, every individual is encouraged to examine their personal life style with the goal of reducing throw-away trash, particularly plastic. This is more critical than ever in that recycling is now limited to aluminum cans and cardboard. Those who share this concern for our environment are encouraged to contact county, state, or federally elected representatives to remind them that the loss of profitability for potentially recyclable material is not an acceptable reason to abandon our responsibility. In the meantime, sensible choices that don't contribute to the problem are needed.

Cubist Structure in the Park

by Keith Gustafson



Ray and Linda Danner have just completed an ultra-modern unit on Merlin. Built in the cubist architectural style, construction features unique shapes and forms. Each part of the building maintains a basic design referred to as a cuboid shape. The structure has sharp, clean lines, ensuring that the building can be viewed in perspective with ease. Even the rectangular shaped windows do not necessarily line up with each other as they would in a conventional building.

Upon entering the Danner residence from a front patio and through an entry that is actually a retractable door, the lofty, 16 foot height of the unit creates a striking feature. One wall of the Arizona room contains 6 square windows spaced vertically on each side of the fireplace. Delightful oriental screens display hand carved wooden transoms used in Japanese or Chinese homes above sliding doors.

Linda and Ray selected a beige color scheme for the exterior with espresso trim. The indoor color throughout the unit was selected from the large, Chinese screen. Wall color is a pastel sage green, while the tile floor features white and grey herringbone. Modern white kitchen fixtures fit in with a glass block window between the lower and upper cabinets. The unit sports a phenomenal master-bedroon suite with private bath and walk in closet. Even the utility room is stylish with built in lighting in the cabinets.

Whereas the interior of the unit is reminiscent of an upscale New York City condo, the back patio reminds one of a Steel Magnolia's movie set with brick flooring, comfortable chairs, several seating arrangements, and a built-in bar. Linda and Ray purchased the lot immediately behind so the entire alley between the units provides a spacious outdoor living area.

Unique to our park, the ultra-modern unit contributes to the variety of home designs which makes Venture Out the interesting community we all enjoy.

Donald Persinger, Navy Veteran

by Lt. Ray Danner, US Navy



Though not yet out of high school, Donald joined the Navy Reserves in Portland, OR., April 1,1938. Assigned to the fitting out of the "City of Baltimore", a 1919 passenger ship acquired by the Navy and renamed the USS Heywood, he joined a crew of 250 officers and enlisted men from Portland and Chicago. They would become lifetime friends and attended many follow up reunions after the war.

With barber chairs on the ship, Don spotted an opportunity to have access to the top brass and convinced his CO to allow him to go to Barber College. Normally a three month course, he talked the school into shortening it to two weeks. Don turned out to be a natural, and would go on to train many more barbers.

Fitting out completed, the ship was commissioned November 7, 1940. She sailed to Hawaii, then transited the Panama Canal to Charleston, N. Carolina, arriving June, 1941. She made two trips to Iceland carrying Garrison forces and occasionally, spotted subs.

"We ran over a sub, heard the SOS, but we never went back," recalled Don.

Suffering hull damage as a result of running over the sub, the ship landed in New York City for an overhaul permitting the crew opportunities to take in Broadway shows, and visit a multitude of bars. They enjoyed free passes and drinks on the house in most places. Donald even met Jimmy Durante on an elevator where he received a "Good luck, Sailor," comment and a strong slap on the back!

As a teenager, Donald acquired skills while working for locals who ran a still in Portland. With this shady background and his position as barber, he created official looking paper work to have the ship's fitters install steam and water lines and a ventilation system in a small closet beneath the stairs. From here he ran his own private distillery and developed excellent relations with many a captain.

In late 1941, within 4 days of being discharged for his reserve service, Pearl Harbour was attacked and Don went to war at the age of 20. The USS Heywood departed Norfolk, Virginia in April, 1942, with reinforcements for the Solomon Islands.

During air attacks at Guadalcanal in August 1942, Don recalls the shooting down of an enemy plane by his gunner who melted down the gun barrel and saved their ship. Don tried to have the gunner awarded a medal or citation, but sadly, none was forthcoming.

In January, 1943, the USS Heywood sailed from San Pedro, CA, to deliver weapons to the troops in the Aleutian Islands. While there, the ship evacuated over 500 wounded. During this evacuation, Don assisted with the amputation of frozen, gangrenous toes and fingers, using sewing skills he learned from his mother. He even showed the navy doctors a quicker way to amputate and sew the wounds. They agreed that Don's way would become Standard Operating Procedure from then on.

From 1943 to January 1945, the ship remained in the South Pacific participating in a number of well-known battles in Tarawa, the Marshall Islands, the Marianas, Tinian, Leyte Gulf and Lingayen Gulf.

Toward the end of the war in the Pacific, Don was assigned a 16 mm movie camera to record action, hoping he could film an enemy ship blown out of the water. Don filmed multiple reels of action and his film footage was seen by many, and used in a number of war movies.

Back in San Francisco, Don assumed Naval District Post Master's Duties. Requesting a transfer, he was asked about which action he had seen. He replied that he had been part of 15 major assaults in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. He was granted his transfer.

Donald Persinger, Navy Veteran, continued

by Lt. Ray Danner, US Navy

After 6 years of service, Persinger, Donald Lavell, Ship's Service Man Barber First Class, was honorably discharged on the 28th day of August, 1945. He went on to the University of Oregon under the GI Bill where he received a degree and started his own business.

PS. I drink beer on Tuesdays with Don at around 1600. If you prime the pump just a bit you may hear amazing stories of life at war and a





life well lived. And I get to tell my stories too...



Chef Ed

by Jean DeLoye

Few of us know the difference between a cook and a chef. As Chef Ed explains, a cook learns and develops with no formal education but a chef must attend a Culinary School for two years and then spend one year of internship, or "free labor". At Culinary School, a chef learns about equipment, food types and costs, labor costs, purchasing and rotation of products and one's responsibility to the Health Department.

Ed's parents owned what he refers to as "a 24 hour, 7 day a week, nightmare coffee shop". When he was 7 or 8, he washed dishes, cleaned floors and learned how to cook from Mom and Dad.

Ed graduated from the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, OR. 31 years ago. Here, an \$8000 fee is assessed whether or not the student passes or fails. Of 65 students in Ed's year, only 11 graduated with Ed as one of them. Unsure whether he wanted to work at a resort or coffee shop, he chose as his internship a 6 month job at Timberline Lodge in Mt. Hood, OR, and 6 months in a coffee shop in Portland where he enjoyed both experiences.



Since graduation, Ed has held only 3 jobs, a demonstration of his tenacity and perseverance. When asked what he likes about working at VO, his first response, without reservation was, "It reminds me of Mom and Dad." He also enjoys the variety of people from all over and especially values the friendliness of Venture Out residents.

In the summer months, Ed cleans, repairs and maintains the equipment to ensure it is in good working order for the next season. Ed's father said, "Why pay someone when you can fix things yourself," teaching Ed to do likewise.

Ed and his wife, Connie, have been married somewhere between 11 and 15 years. Three dogs keep them occupied in their spare time while Ed enjoys working in his herbal garden and Connie in her flower garden.

Thanks Chef Ed, for sharing your talent, expertise and cheerful personality here at Venture Out.

Thanksgiving: When did the Tradition begin?

By Maureen Robertson

A common theme in our Thanksgiving celebrations refers back to the early Pilgrims of Plymouth in 1621 who celebrated their first harvest with the Wampanoag Indians who provided deer for the feast. While we consider this the first Thanksgiving, other places in the US and Canada vie for the distinction. Texans claim the first celebration occurred at San Elizaro in 1598, when the Spanish conducted a religious service. But Saint Augustine in Florida goes back even earlier to a Thanksgiving service held by the Spanish on September 8, 1565.

Even the French settlers in Quebec celebrated harvests in the 1600's. But this is not surprising. The European settlers were accustomed to having religious services at any time of year where they either fasted or gave thanks for a variety of events, primarily the end of wars, or floods and plagues. In addition, for centuries, people all over the world celebrated the harvests in a variety of ways, feasting, dancing, praying and providing offerings to their gods.

Early settlers in North America feasted upon cornmeal, succotash, pumpkin, venison, and wild fowl (no sweet potatoes as they had not yet been introduced to North America). Turkey, as part of the meal, did not become popular until more than 250 years after the Pilgrims celebrated their first feast. Irish and Scottish immigrants who fled the US as United Empire Loyalists and settled in parts of Canada at the end of the Revolutionary War included the turkey with their traditions.

Thanksgiving as we know it today, can be more closely related to a proclamation by President George Washington, who called for the first nationwide Thanksgiving celebration in America, marking November 26, 1789, "...as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer..."

Thanksgiving continued in the United States, but as a regional event, celebrated on a variety of dates until in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving on the final Thursday in November. This declaration was meant to recognize the bounties that had fallen upon the Union and for its military successes in the Civil War.

Not until December 26, 1941, did President Franklin D. Roosevelt sign a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday.

Now we celebrate the traditions passed to us from centuries before. We not only give thanks for the bounties we receive, but also, and more importantly, for the fellowship we value in our community.





(Repeat Nov. 2018)

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. Store in the fridge.

Safety on the Streets at Venture Out

by Maureen Robertson



The lovely evenings we enjoy tempt many of us to walk around the park. In the darkness, walkers can put themselves in danger unless they follow a few simple safety procedures.

Illumination at night is foremost for everyone on the street, whether you walk, bike or drive. Walkers and cyclists should choose light colored clothing and wear a reflective vest for best protection. They should also be illuminated both front and back. A flashlight facing forward does not illuminate from the back.

* Walkers should stay on the sidewalks where ever possible, avoiding vehicles which protrude from driveways

* Cyclists should ride with the traffic flow and obey the usual rules of the road.

* Vehicles should adhere to the 10 mph speed limit and obey both Stop and Yield signs.

- * All vehicles should indicate through hand signals or flashers their intentions to turn.
- * And last of all, do not drive, cycle or walk while involved with a cell phone.

A few minutes of preparation prior to leaving your home could make the difference!

Good lights and illuminated vests are available on-line for a reasonable cost.

Check with members of the Pet Association who may have these items and others for sale.

Enjoy our lovely desert evenings, but keep yourself safe!

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.

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 of 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.



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