The "Meet the Candidates"



forum will be held on January 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend and meet the 9 candidates running to serve on the VO Condo Board. There will be a question and answer session during which questions from the audience will be fielded by the candidates. Paper and pencil will be provided at the forum to advance your questions to the candidates. Please plan on attending and be thinking of questions to ask of the candidates.

The Annual Meeting will be held February 14th at 10:00 am in the Buena Vista Ballroom



Peter Gauthier

I was born in the early 1950's, the fifth of eight children. After high school I joined Canadian Armed Forces and was trained in electronics, specifically communications systems. I spent some time with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry repairing their communication equipment.

I left the army after 3 years to begin a career with an airline in Canada working on the electronics in airliners. I later spent the remainder of my career with the airline taking care of the communications systems required for communication from ground to air and vice versa. I spent 26 years with the airline.

While working for the airline I became a Reserve Constable for the Vancouver Police Department, retiring as a Reserve Sergeant.

After the airlines I worked with a start up company that supplied three services for the public. First the supplied the 9-1-1 service for about 60% of the population in the province of British Columbia. Next, they supplied emergency dispatch services to the public safety department in the same area. Lastly, they supplied radio communications services to all the police, fire and ambulance services in the area. I retired from that company in 2018 as the Director of Wireless Services.



Crystal Kennedy

I am running for a position on the VO Condo Board because I love our resort. Some of the reasons that our resort is appealing are; the sense of community, the history, culture, volunteerism and the joyful spirit of our residents. I believe that our community needs a strong financial foundation, a wisely planned infrastructure maintenance program, a comprehensive owner communication plan, and a resort that changes with the needs and desires of the residents, while maintaining the culture. I want to be part of helping our community to continue being appealing to our current and future residents.

In my career, I spent 45 years as an IT professional. During the last 20 years, at a Fortune 50 company, I played an executive role performing divisional strategic planning, budgeting, portfolio management, change management and audit coordination.

In my local community, over a 25-year term I served in many concurrent leadership roles in the BSA: Troop Scout Master, Den Leader, Executive Council Member, District Chair, Regional Adult Leadership Trainer, Summer Camp Program Director, Council Trainer.

In our VO community I participate in the Electronics Club (as a Tech), Sewing, Woodshop, Bocce, Pickleball, Darts, Member at Large of the Safety & Security Committee, and Mayor of 700 Douglas



Gerald (Gabby) Hayes

I am a full-time resident of Venture Out. My wife Linda and I have lived at Venture Out for four years. I received Bachelor's degrees in Computer Science, and Writing, and a Master's degree in Instructional and Performance Technology. I owned an IT consulting business for twenty-five years prior to retiring in 2023.

I was born in California, joined the Air Force after high school, and after my service, I lived in Europe, Idaho, Oregon, Michigan, and Colorado, before moving full time to Venture Out in 2023.

Professionally, I've been a computer programmer, technical writer, trainer, and systems designer. In addition, I have served on several Boards, including the Volunteer Board for the Boise, Idaho School District and the Crofton Park Master HOA, where I served as President for two years. I was also President of the Southern Idaho Society for Technical Writing, and Secretary of the Treasure Valley (Idaho) Association for Training and Development.

I look forward to joining the Venture Out Condo Board, where I can rely on my experience to help move Venture Out to a new and exciting future, while helping all who live here enjoy all that Venture Out has to offer.



Glen Stover

Diane and I have been in Venture Out for approximately 17 years.

When I retired in 2002, we went to Florida. The following year we came to AZ and the rest is history.

I was employed at a natural gas utility company for 36 years. I started out in the meter shop and progressed to a utility service rep. I held positions in the Union as Steward, Chief Steward and President, d uring which I negotiated contracts and grievances for members of the Union.

I am presently on the Condo Board and my three year term is up in 2024.

I am running again because I feel there are going to be many issues to deal with during the next three years. We will be tackling the issues of the wants, needs and some unknowns.

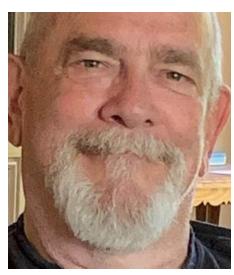
I believe I have shown, over my three year term that I represent the owner's of Venture Out and their interests.

Sincerely, Glen Stover



Dawn Joly

Hello, my name is Dawn Joly. I'm a mom of two and a grandmother of 2. My husband and I are current owners, second generation, here at venture out. I also reside part time in New York where I am a Medium. I have a long history with not only metaphysical aspects, but business as well. My company, An Angels Touch, has been in business since the early 2000's. I have experience with with being on radio stations as well as a few television networks. I often donate my time to local fundraisers and other non-for-profit events. Working for the public, has taught me to see problems from outside the normal perspective and leading to logical thinking and action. My journey is to accompany other people to help problem solve. I like to believe that I lead with logic and compassion. With that, I would love to help out our community here at venture out with the same directive. Thank you for taking the time and consideration. I look forward to working together to bring our community together.



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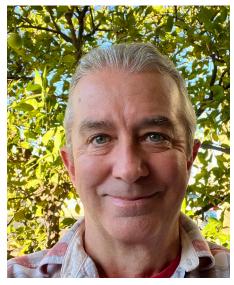
Joni and I have been lot owners since 2007 and reside here December through April every year. Our other residence is in Longville, MN. We have been happily married for over 40 years and have two children. We are both retired from public education careers.

I was a Superintendent of Schools in two Minnesota districts for a total of 18 years. Previously, I served as a business manager of a large district and later as a Vice principal and High School principal. I started my career as an English teacher and coach.

I served four years in the US Army (Infantry) and before that built boilers and painted houses. I have been active in leadership roles in the American Legion and the Lions Club in the past. I have served on church councils in three different churches, and I am a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Longville, MN.

While I have not actively participated in any VO Clubs, I have participated in the genealogy group and attended many events and activities in the park. I enjoy off-roading in the surrounding desert and want to start an off-road group in VO. I believe that I would be an objective Condo Board director as I am not beholden to any particular group, club or organization within the park.

I have served on many boards in my life. I understand the workings and psychology of working on a board, and I believe I can help the Condo Board succeed in its mission to meet the needs of VO residents as efficiently as fiscally possible.



Kirk Pittman

Preserving traditions and improving communications, with your help, will be the focus of my candidacy and my time on the Condo Board. A year-rounder, I moved from Las Vegas not because of what this park could be years into the future, but because of what those who came before me established.

In addition to volunteering with the VO Electronics Club, previous volunteer experience has included serving vets at a VA clinic, and at a non-profit, assisting seniors with everything from setup/use of medical equipment to household tasks.

As an Engineer supporting Costco's web site, I was also responsible for systems audits and regulatory compliance, collecting test evidence and developing corrective measures. Other corporate experience I would bring to the Condo Board includes managing projects, budgets and vendor selection for a casino with over \$1B in annual revenues. I have also handled sensitive employee issues through careful interviews and detailed information gathering.

My parents were both career military, and I served honorably in the US Air Force.

I look forward to putting my work experience and service to others in helping to ensure VO remains a resident-driven community, where their wishes are front-and-center, and where Condo Board decisions and the rationale behind them are always well communicated.

Kirk Pittman 902 Aero



Cindy Gould

"Complainer to understander" is my motto, after serving the past 3 years on the VO Board of Directors. I am a 3rd generation family member living in VO. My dad's motto was, "You want to have fun, stay out of the politics". I never considered the inner workings of VO, I just considered it a place to retire with lots of fun activities. Now that I have the knowledge and experience of what, how, and why VO has been and continues to be a premier place to retire I see things differently and would like to continue using my gained knowledge and skills to help keep VO Great.

Lifelong community volunteer and educator for 30 years hosting Special Olympics Events, Junior Class/Prom head sponsor, Auxiliary 4-H Board member, and tour guide for our local Opera House. In 2016 I implemented upper-level line dancing in VO, offering four different classes. Currently, I lap swim, attend concerts, dance events, and many other social gatherings in VO. This year I plan on joining clay arts for my new experience in the park.



Charlie Cutter

Change...It's hard to let go sometimes, but necessary for growth and success. Our VO "Mission Statement" talks of being "responsive to changing needs".

Having spent 42 years a Captain With Delta Airlines, leading the strike center for our strike in 1998, I can tell you, I am well versed in "change". Add to that a 30+ year in the EMS field, as a medic and firefighter, being able to adapt as you go is necessary for survival.

Relatively new to the park, having rented an RV spot for a few years, now buying our own place this past year, I have watched from the sidelines, now it's time for me to get in the game.

I bring a wealth of knowledge on organization, task completion and getting everyone IN THE WAGON, and not in a circle, shooting at each other.

If I have learned anything from my dealing with probably over a million passengers over my career—it's that communication and keeping people informed of what's going on is paramount in satisfaction and giving people a sense of control.

I hope to put these talents to work with the Condo board.